

## 6.2 Inconsistent Systems and Dependent Equations

### ❖ Special Cases

**At any time in the process of solving a system of equations using Gauss-Jordan Elimination:**

- 1.) If a row becomes all ZEROs on the left side of the vertical line, and a NON-ZERO number on the right side of the vertical line, then the system has **no solution**.
- 2.) If a row becomes all ZEROs, then the system has **infinite number of solutions**.  
(Your solutions will be equations. Two equations express  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of  $z$ .)

Ex. Solve each system of equations using Gauss-Jordan Elimination. State the solution.

$$\text{a.) } \begin{cases} 2x - 4y + z = 3 \\ x - 3y + z = 5 \\ 3x - 7y + 2z = 12 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{b.) } \begin{cases} x + y - 10z = -4 \\ x - 7z = -5 \\ 3x + 5y - 36z = -10 \end{cases}$$

### ❖ Non-square Systems

**Square Systems**: the number of equations = the number of variables

**Non-Square Systems**: the number of equations  $\neq$  the number of variables

Ex. Solve each system of equations using Gauss-Jordan Elimination. State the solution.

$$\begin{cases} -2x - 5y + 10z = 19 \\ x + 2y - 4z = 12 \end{cases}$$

Ex. (#49) An accountant checks the reported earnings for a theater for three nightly performances against the number of tickets sold.

Night	Children Tickets	Student Tickets	General Admission	Total Revenue
1	80	400	480	\$9,280
2	50	350	400	\$7,800
3	75	525	600	\$10,500

- a.) Let  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  represent the cost for children tickets, student tickets, and general admission tickets, respectively. Set up a system of equations to solve for  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ .
- b.) Set up the augmented matrix for the system and solve the system. (*Hint: To make the augmented matrix simpler to work with, consider dividing each linear equation by an appropriate constant.*)