

Answer on Question #56376 – Math – Algebra

9. If you were to solve the following system of equations by using a matrix, which of the following would be your coefficient matrix?

$$5x - y = 18$$

$$3x + 8y = 15$$

A: [5 18]

[3 15]

B: [5 -1 18]

[3 8 15]

C: [5 -1]

[3 8]

D: [5 3]

[-1 8]

Solution

C: [5 -1]

[3 8]

10. It is possible for a system of linear equations to have an infinite number of solutions

A: True

B: False

Solution

It is possible for a system of linear equations to have an infinite number of solutions. Example of a system that has infinite solutions:

$$\begin{cases} y = 2x + 1, \\ 2(2x + 1) = 4x + 2; \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} y = 2x + 1, \\ 2(2x + 1) = 4x + 2; \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2(2x + 1) &= 4x + 2; \\ 4x + 2 &= 4x + 2; \\ 4x - 4x &= 2 - 2; \\ 0 &= 0, \text{ for any values of } x \end{aligned}$$

Answer: A: True

11. Let $y = 3t + 6$ be a linear function representing the distance from home for an ant t minutes after starting out from a location near its home. What does the number 3 represent in this function.?

A: The ant is 3 feet from its home after t minutes.

B: The ant started out 3 feet from its home.

C: The ant is crawling at 3 feet per minute.

D: The ant is moving 3 feet every 6 minutes.

Answer: C: The ant is crawling at 3 feet per minute.