

Matlab Group Assignment #1

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1. Write the system of equations below in matrix form, then solve using matrix division in Matlab:

$$\begin{aligned}x - y + 3z - 2w &= 10 \\-2x + 4y - 3z + w &= 5 \\3x - y + 10z - 4w &= 29 \\4x - 3y + 8z - 2w &= 6\end{aligned}$$

2. Repeat for the following system of equations. In the space below, explain Matlab's warning and what is actually happening (if you are not sure, try using the **solve** command as well).

$$\begin{aligned}3x + 6y - 9z &= 15 \\2x + 4y - 6z &= 10 \\-2x - 3y + 4z &= -6\end{aligned}$$

3. Repeat for the following system of equations. In the space below, explain Matlab's warning and what is actually happening.

$$\begin{aligned}2x - 4y + z &= -4 \\4x - 8y + 7z &= 2 \\-2x + 4y - 3z &= 5\end{aligned}$$

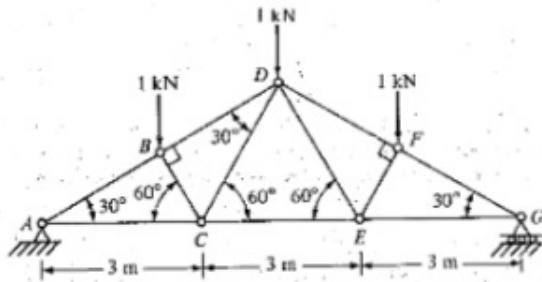
For the remainder of this lab, we will be applying matrices and systems of equations to Engineering applications. **CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS TO SOLVE.** Use the principles stated to set up a system of equations and solve in Matlab.

Truss Problem (for MEEN, CVEN, AERO, PETE majors especially)

Basis for this type of problem: Newton's Law $\sum F_x = 0, \sum F_y = 0$

The triangular truss is subject to three vertical loads as shown in the figure below. Find the forces in each of the bars, plus the (vertical) reaction forces at A and G.

(HINT: For an example of how to set up the equations, see Gilat, p130 #22-23)

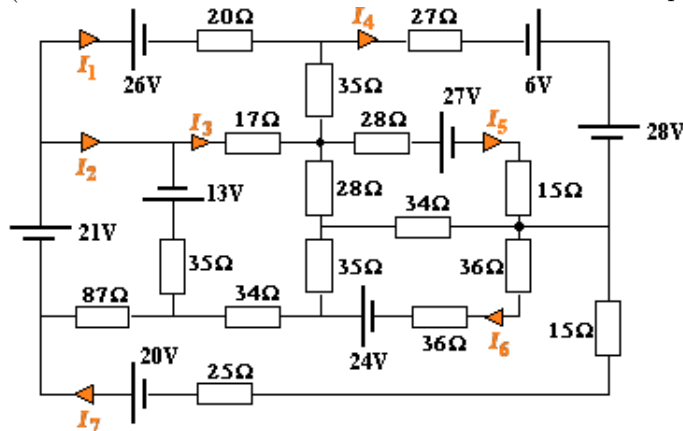


Resistive Circuit Problem (for ECEN, CPSC majors especially)

Basis for this type of problem: Kirchoff's Law $\sum V = 0, V = IR$

The electrical circuit shown consists of resistors and voltage sources. Determine the current in each resistor.

(HINT: The mesh current method is illustrated in Gilat p83)



(Problem choices continue on next page)

Mass-Balance Reactor Problem (for CHEN, BIEN, BICH majors especially)

Basis for this type of problem: Given a conservative material passing through a solution in a reactor, $\sum input = \sum output$ and $m = Qc$ (mass = flow rate times concentration). For further explanation, see <http://www.math.tamu.edu/~dmanuel/math151/ChemReactorFlow.pdf>.

The reactor below consists of 9 interconnected reactors. The flow rate (in m^3/min) and concentrations (in g/m^3) are shown below (F_{ab} =flow rate from reactor a to reactor b):

If the concentration and flow into reactor 1 are each 10 and the concentration and flow into reactor 6 are each 8, find the concentration of solutions in each of the reactors.

