

# 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:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z + w &= 10 \\3x - 2y + z + 4w &= 18 \\2x + 3y - 5z - w &= -11 \\x + 4y - 2z + 3w &= 15\end{aligned}$$

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).

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 1 \\x + z &= 1 \\2x + y + 2z &= 0\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 3 \\2y + z &= 4 \\x - y &= -1\end{aligned}$$

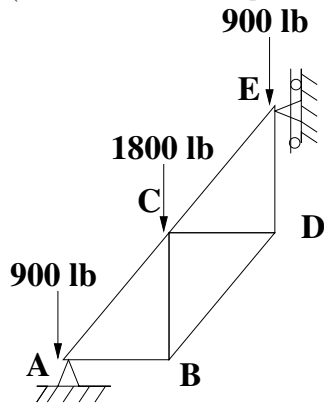
For the remainder of this lab, we will be applying matrices and systems of equations to Engineering applications. **CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS TO SOLVE.** Use the principles stated to set up a system of equations and solve in Matlab.

**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 truss below was built to support an escalator with the loads shown. Horizontal bars are 1m long; vertical bars are 1.3m long. Find the force in each bar of the truss, and the reaction forces at points A and E. (NOTE: there is no vertical reaction force at E, only horizontal. There is a horizontal and vertical reaction force at A.)

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

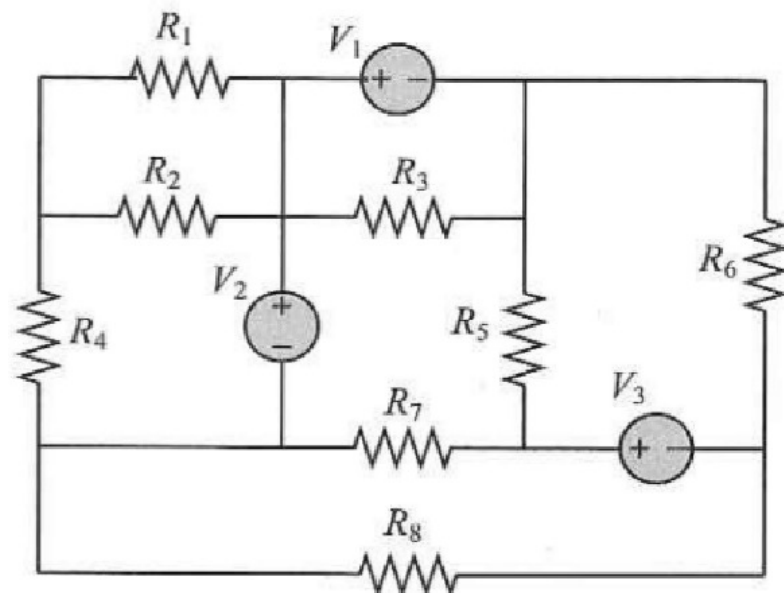


**Resistive Circuit Problem (for ECEN, CPSC majors especially)**

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)



$V_1 = 38V, V_2 = 20V, V_3 = 24V$

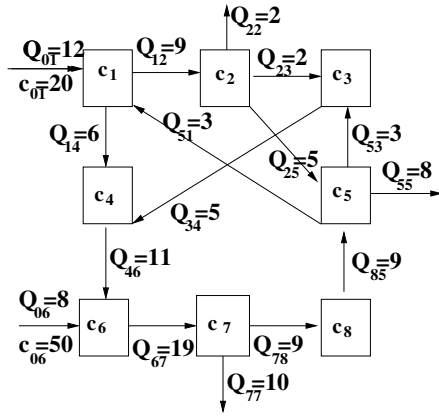
$R_1 = 15\Omega, R_2 = 18\Omega, R_3 = 10\Omega, R_4 = 9\Omega, R_5 = 5\Omega, R_6 = 14\Omega, R_7 = 8\Omega, R_8 = 13\Omega$

(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 8 interconnected reactors. The flow rate (in  $m^3/min$ ) and concentrations (in  $g/m^3$ ) are given below. Find the concentration of solutions in each of the reactors.



### Steady-State Markov Processes (for INEN and non-engineering majors especially)

Basis for this type of problem: if  $M$  is a probability matrix, the steady-state value of  $X$  is found by solving  $(M-I)X = 0$  along with  $sum(X) = 1$ . See [www.math.tamu.edu/~dmanuel/math151/Markov.pdf](http://www.math.tamu.edu/~dmanuel/math151/Markov.pdf) for more details.

The credit department of Wal-Markov has analyzed repayment habits of their charge account customers. Customers are labeled “Paid”, “Overdue 1 month”, “Overdue 2 months”, etc., up to 6 months, after which time their account is written off as “Unpayable”. Customers can lower their overdue number by paying back a portion of their charge account. (See

<http://www.crc.man.ed.ac.uk/conference/archive/2011/Kellett-Dan-Presentation-UK-Credit-Card-Loss-Forecasting-Using-Markov-Chain-Models.pdf> for a practical example)

A summary of the data is given below.

- 70% of paid accounts remain paid the next month.
- 60% of accounts one month overdue are paid the next month; 25% remain one month overdue
- 50% of accounts two months overdue are paid the next month; 20% reduce to one month overdue; 10% remain two months overdue
- 40% of accounts three months overdue are paid the next month; 15% reduce to one month overdue; 5% reduce to two months overdue; 23% remain 3 months overdue
- 30% of accounts four months overdue are paid the next month; 10% reduce to one month overdue; 10% reduce to three months overdue; 32% remain four months overdue
- 20% of accounts five months overdue are paid the next month; 5% reduce to one month overdue; 5% reduce to three months overdue; 15% reduce to four months overdue; 35% remain five months overdue
- 10% of accounts six months overdue are paid the next month; 14% reduce to four months overdue; 14% reduce to five months overdue; 37% remain six months overdue
- 10% of unpayable accounts are able to reduce to six months overdue

Find the probability matrix  $M$  and determine the steady-state. What percentage of accounts will end up unpayable in the long term?