## MathQuest: Linear Algebra

## Dimension and Rank

1. Let $A=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}5 & 4 & -8 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & 4 & 1\end{array}\right]$. The reduced row echelon form of $A$ is $\left[\begin{array}{cccc}1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right]$. What is the rank of $A$ ?
(a) 0
(b) 1
(c) 2
(d) 3
(e) 4
2. Suppose a $4 \times 4$ matrix $A$ has rank 3 . Are the columns of $A$ linearly independent?
(a) Yes, they are linearly independent.
(b) No, they are not linearly independent.
(c) We do not have enough information to decide.
3. Suppose a $4 \times 4$ matrix $A$ has rank 4. How many solutions does the system $A x=b$ have?
(a) 0
(b) 1
(c) Infinite
(d) Not enough information is given.
4. Suppose a $4 \times 4$ matrix $A$ has rank 3 . How many solutions does the system $A x=b$ have?
(a) 0
(b) 1
(c) Infinite
(d) Not enough information is given.
5. Suppose a $4 \times 4$ matrix $A$ has rank 3. If it is known that $(4,5,0,1)$ is a solution to the system $A x=b$, then how many solutions does $A x=b$ have?
(a) 1
(b) Infinite
(c) Not enough information is given.
6. Suppose a $5 \times 5$ matrix $A$ has rank 3 . If it is known that $(-1,4,2,0,3)$ is a solution to the system $A x=b$, then how many parameters does the solution set have?
(a) 0
(b) 1
(c) 2
(d) 3
(e) 4
(f) Not enough information is given.
7. True or False If $A X=B X$ for all matrices $X$ where the products are defined, then $A$ and $B$ have to be the same matrix.
(a) True, and I am very confident
(b) True, but I am not very confident
(c) False, but I am not very confident
(d) False, and I am very confident
8. True or False If $A x=B x$ for all vectors $x$ where the products are defined, then $A$ and $B$ have to be the same matrix.
(a) True, and I am very confident
(b) True, but I am not very confident
(c) False, but I am not very confident
(d) False, and I am very confident
