

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = 2$$

1. For this system of equations: $x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 = 4$

$$3x_1 + 6x_2 + 4x_3 + x_4 = 8$$

- (a) Write down its **augmented** matrix.
- (b) Using *only* elementary row operations convert the augmented matrix to **reduced** echelon form. Please indicate what EROs you are performing.
- (c) State which variables are leading variables. State which variables are free variables.
- (d) Find all solutions of the system. Express your solutions (if any) as **column vectors** with parameters substituted for the free variables .

Ans:

(a) $\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 8 \end{array} \right)$ (b) $\xrightarrow[R_3 - 3R_1]{R_2 - R_1} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[R_1 - R_2]{R_3 - R_2} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$.

(c) x_1 and x_3 are lead variables; x_2 and x_4 are free.

(d) From the reduced form: $\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_2 - 5x_4 = 0 \\ x_3 + 4x_4 = 2 \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = -2x_2 + 5x_4 \\ x_3 = 2 - 4x_4 \end{cases}$.

Set $x_2 = \alpha$ and $x_4 = \beta$, then solve for the others in terms of α and β :

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2\alpha + 5\beta \\ \alpha \\ 2 - 4\beta \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}, \text{ all } \alpha, \beta \text{ in } \mathbb{R}.$$

2. For each of the following augmented matrices, convert it to echelon form using *exactly one* elementary row operation, and then determine whether the corresponding system of equations has no solutions, one solution, or infinitely many solutions.

(a) $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 & 3 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$ (b) $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 4 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$

(c) $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 - 3R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$ (d) $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{(1/2)R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{2} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$

Number of solutions: (a) **one** (b) **infinitely many** (c) **none** (d) **one**

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3. For the matrices $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and

$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, find the following. When one is not possible, write 'not possible'.

- (a) $CA + B^T$ (b) BA (c) $C - 2A$
 (d) $C^T + C^2$ (e) AC (f) $B(C - I)$

Ans: (a) $\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 2 & 7 \\ 5 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 3 & 10 \\ 6 & 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 7 & -1 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$

(c) not possible

(d) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 9 \\ 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 10 \\ 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$

(e) not possible

(f) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$

4. For the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, find A^{-1} using elementary row operations.

Ans: $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\begin{array}{l} R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 - 2R_1 \end{array}]{R_2 - R_1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$

$\xrightarrow{R_2 + 2R_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 - 2R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 11 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right).$

So $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & -2 & -4 \\ -5 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

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5. Given partitioned matrices $A = (A_1 | A_2)$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{pmatrix}$, satisfying

$$A_1B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } A_2B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix},$$

answer the following:

(a) How many rows does A have?

Ans: 3, the same as the number of rows of A_1B_1 AND A_2B_2 .

(b) How many columns does B have?

Ans: 2, the same as the number of columns of A_1B_1 and A_2B_2 .

(c) Find AB .

$$\mathbf{Ans: } AB = A_1B_1 + A_2B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 \\ 8 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

6. Find the following determinants. Please produce completely simplified numerical results.

$$(a) \begin{vmatrix} 9 & 5 & 7 & -8 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 11 & -16 & 10 & 9 \end{vmatrix} \quad (b) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 7 & -12 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 9 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad (c) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Ans: (a) Two identical rows, so the determinant is 0.

(b) Using cofactors of the last row, then cofactors of the second row, this determinant is

$$-2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -2(2) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -4(12 - 10) = -8.$$

(c) This determinant equals the product of the upper-left and lower-right determinants:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (6 - 3)(6 - 4) = 6.$$