

Assignment 12

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The link to the solution is

<https://github.com/Adarsh1310/EE5609>

Abstract—This documents solves a problem based on Row Echelon form.

1 PROBLEM

Suppose \mathbf{R} and \mathbf{R}' are 2×3 row-reduced echelon matrices and that the system $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}=0$ and $\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{X}=0$ have exactly the same solutions. Prove that $\mathbf{R}=\mathbf{R}'$.

2 SOLUTION

Since \mathbf{R} and \mathbf{R}' are 2×3 row-reduced echelon matrices they can be of following three types:-

- 1) Suppose matrix \mathbf{R} has one non-zero row then $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}=0$ will have two free variables. Since $\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{X}=0$ will have the exact same solution as $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}=0$, $\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{X}=0$ will also have two free variables. Thus \mathbf{R}' have one non zero row. Now let's consider a matrix \mathbf{A} with the first row as the non-zero row \mathbf{R} and second row as the second row of \mathbf{R}' .

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$\mathbf{R}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & c & d \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.2)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{R} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}' \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.4)$$

Let \mathbf{X} satisfy

$$\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X} = 0 \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{X} = 0 \quad (2.0.6)$$

Now multiplying \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{X} and substituting (2.0.3).

$$= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$= \left(\mathbf{R} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}' \right) \mathbf{X} \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$= \mathbf{R}\mathbf{X} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}'\mathbf{X} \quad (2.0.9)$$

From (2.0.5) and (2.0.6)

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = 0 \quad (2.0.10)$$

Now, reducing \mathbf{A} ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.11)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & c-a & d-b \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.12)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{d-b}{c-a} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.13)$$

Thus, \mathbf{A} in it's reduced form must have one non-zero row which is possible only when the rows of \mathbf{A} are equal because leading entries in both the vectors equals one. Hence, $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}'$.

- 2) Let \mathbf{R} and \mathbf{R}' have all rows as non zero.

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.14)$$

$$\mathbf{R}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & d & e \\ 0 & 1 & f \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.15)$$

Now let's consider another matrix \mathbf{A} whose first two rows are from \mathbf{R} and last two rows are from \mathbf{R}'

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}' \quad (2.0.16)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 1 & d & e \\ 0 & 1 & f \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.17)$$

Let \mathbf{X} satisfy

$$\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X} = 0 \quad (2.0.18)$$

$$\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{X} = 0 \quad (2.0.19)$$

Now multiplying \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{X} and substituting (2.0.16).

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} \quad (2.0.20)$$

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}' \right) \mathbf{X} \quad (2.0.21)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}\mathbf{X} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}'\mathbf{X} \quad (2.0.22)$$

From (2.0.18) and (2.0.19)

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = 0 \quad (2.0.23)$$

Now,bringing, reducing \mathbf{A}

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 1 & d & e \\ 0 & 1 & f \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.24)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & d-a & e-b \\ 0 & 0 & f-c \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.25)$$

Therefore row reduced echelon form of \mathbf{A} must have two non-zero rows, which implies the rows of \mathbf{R} and \mathbf{R}' must be a linear combination of each other. It is possible only when the leading coefficients of the first row of \mathbf{R} and \mathbf{R}' occur in the same column. By similar argument, the leading coefficients of the second rows must also occur in the same column. Thus, the only way the rows of \mathbf{R} and \mathbf{R}' are linear combination of one another is that the respective rows coincide and hence $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}'$.

- 3) Suppose matrix \mathbf{R} have all the rows as zero then $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}=0$ will be satisfied for all values of \mathbf{X} . We know that $\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{X}=0$ will have the exact same solution as $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}=0$ then we can say that for all values of $\mathbf{X}=0$ equation $\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{X}=0$ will be satisfied hence, $\mathbf{R}'=\mathbf{R}=0$.