

# 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  $2 \times 3$  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  $2 \times 3$  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  $\mathbf{R}'$ .

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

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

$$(2.0.3)$$

Let  $\mathbf{X}$  satisfy

$$\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X} = 0 \quad (2.0.4)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{a}^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$x + \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{y} = 0 \quad (2.0.6)$$

where

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{X} = 0 \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{b}^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (2.0.9)$$

$$x + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y} = 0 \quad (2.0.10)$$

where

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.11)$$

Subtracting (2.0.10) from (2.0.6),

$$x + \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{y} - x - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y} = 0 \quad (2.0.12)$$

$$(\mathbf{a}^T - \mathbf{b}^T) \mathbf{y} = 0 \quad (2.0.13)$$

Since  $\mathbf{y}$  is a  $2 \times 1$  vector,

$$\Rightarrow y_1 \mathbf{a} - y_2 \mathbf{b} = 0 \quad (2.0.14)$$

Which can be written as,

$$\mathbf{a} = k\mathbf{b} \quad (2.0.15)$$

where,  $k = \frac{y_2}{y_1}$  assuming  $y_1 \neq 0$ . Now, Substituting (2.0.15) in (2.0.6)

$$x + k\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y} = 0 \quad (2.0.16)$$

Comparing (2.0.16) with (2.0.10)

$$x + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y} = 0 \quad (2.0.17)$$

$$x + k\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y} = 0 \quad (2.0.18)$$

Hence  $k=1$  which means  $y_1=y_2$  and from this we can say that  $\mathbf{a}=\mathbf{b}$ . If in the above case we take  $y_1=0$  then

$$y_1 \mathbf{a} - y_2 \mathbf{b} = 0 \quad (2.0.19)$$

$$y_2 \mathbf{b} = 0 \quad (2.0.20)$$

Hence for the (2.0.20) to be always true  $\mathbf{b}$  should be zero. Now from (2.0.15) we will see that  $\mathbf{a}$  will also be 0. Hence,  $\mathbf{R}=\mathbf{R}'$

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

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.21)$$

$$\mathbf{R}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & e \\ 0 & 1 & f \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.22)$$

Let  $\mathbf{X}$  satisfy

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

$$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{R}^T = 0 \quad (2.0.24)$$

Here,

$$\mathbf{R} = (\mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{a}) \quad (2.0.25)$$

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.26)$$

$$\mathbf{R}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{a}^T \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.27)$$

Let,

$$\mathbf{X}^T = (\mathbf{y}^T \quad z) \quad (2.0.28)$$

where  $z$  is a scalar constant. Now, substituting (2.0.28) and (2.0.25) in (2.0.24)

$$(\mathbf{y}^T \quad z) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{a}^T \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (2.0.29)$$

$$\mathbf{y}^T + z\mathbf{a}^T = 0 \quad (2.0.30)$$

Now for,

$$\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{X} = 0 \quad (2.0.31)$$

$$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{R}'^T = 0 \quad (2.0.32)$$

Here,

$$\mathbf{R}' = (\mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{b}) \quad (2.0.33)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} e \\ f \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.34)$$

Let,

$$\mathbf{X}^T = (\mathbf{y}^T \quad z) \quad (2.0.35)$$

where  $z$  is a scalar constant. Now, substituting (2.0.35) and (2.0.33) in (2.0.32)

$$(\mathbf{y}^T \quad z) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{b}^T \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (2.0.36)$$

$$\mathbf{y}^T + z\mathbf{b}^T = 0 \quad (2.0.37)$$

Subtracting (2.0.37) from (2.0.30)

$$\mathbf{y}^T + z\mathbf{a}^T - \mathbf{y}^T - z\mathbf{b}^T = 0 \quad (2.0.38)$$

$$(\mathbf{a}^T - \mathbf{b}^T)z = 0 \quad (2.0.39)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^T = \mathbf{b}^T \quad (2.0.40)$$

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,  $\mathbf{R}'=\mathbf{R}=0$ .