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# Reduced Row Echelon Form

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When we reduce an  $n \times m$  matrix  $A$  to reduced row echelon (rref) form, not only do we learn about the null space of  $A$ , but we also learn how the dependent columns of  $A$  are linear combinations of the independent (pivot) columns and how to factor  $A$  as  $CR$ , where  $C$  contains the independent columns of  $A$  and  $R = \text{rref}(A)$ .

In this assignment you can use the function "rref" on a matrix to reduce it to reduced row echelon form. For example, if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

then

$$\text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{11}{17} & \frac{19}{17} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-29}{17} & \frac{21}{17} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{-48}{17} & \frac{16}{17} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Helper Functions

I've created several helper functions to aid in completing this assignment. They are:

- `randmat()`: returns a matrix  $A$  and a vector  $b$  in the equation  $Ax = b$  for your problem.
- `id(n)`: Returns the  $n \times n$  identity matrix
- `testsoln(A,X,xp,b)`: Here  $A$  is the matrix returned by `randmat()`,  $X$  is the matrix of null space basis vectors,  $xp$  is a particular solution to  $Ax = b$ , and  $b$  is the vector returned by the `randmat()` function. This function tests five random solution vectors  $x = x_p + (\text{linear combination of nullspace vectors})$  in the equation  $Ax = b$ . If the vector solves the equation, it returns "true", otherwise it returns "false".

For each problem below, you must:

- Find matrices  $C$  and  $R$ , then show that  $A = CR$
- Find a particular solution to  $Ax = b$
- Find the matrix  $X$  of null space basis vectors
- Use the `testsoln` function to check your answers. You should get five "true" results.

## Example

Consider the matrix  $A_0$  below:

```
1 A0, b0 = randmat();
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} -8 & 8 & -16 & 32 \\ 5 & -7 & 14 & -30 \\ 3 & -4 & 8 & -17 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 A0 = [-8//1 8//1 -16//1 32//1;
2       5//1 -7//1 14//1 -30//1;
3       3//1 -4//1 8//1 -17//1]; latexify(A0)
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ 20 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 b0 = [-16//1; 20//1; 11//1]; latexify(b0)
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} -8 & 8 & -16 & 32 & -16 \\ 5 & -7 & 14 & -30 & 20 \\ 3 & -4 & 8 & -17 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 A0b0 = [A0 b0]; latexify(A0b0) # Augmented matrix
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 5 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 A0b0rr = rref(A0b0); latexify(A0b0rr) # Reduced row echelon form of augmented matrix
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 A0rr = A0b0rr[:,1:4]; latexify(A0rr) #
```

## The matrix $C$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -8 & 8 \\ 5 & -7 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 C = A0[:,[1,2]]; latexify(C) # Columns are basis of column space of A0
```

## The matrix $R$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 Arr = A0rr[1:2,:]; latexify(Arr) # Reduced row echelon form of A0
```

## Checking that $A = CR$

```
true
```

```
1 A0==C*Arr # A0 factored as C * Arr
```

## A particular solution $x_p$ to $Ax = b$

```
xp = [-3//1, -5//1, 0//1, 0//1]
```

```
1 xp = [-3//1; -5//1; 0; 0] # particular solution to Ax = b
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 F = Arr[:, [3,4]]; latexify(F)
```

The matrix of null space basis vectors; each column is a basis vector of  $N(A)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 2 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 X = [-F; id(2)]; latexify(X) # Columns are basis of null space
```

Using the "testsoln" function to check our answers

```
[true, true, true, true, true]
```

```
1 testsoln(A0,X,xp,b0) # Check that general solution satisfies Ax = b
```

## The Problems

For each problem, copy the  $A$  matrices and the  $b$  vectors into the same variables after disabling the cell containing the randmat() function.

## Problem 1

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```
1 A1, b1 = randmat();
```

Get A and b

```
A1 = 3x4 Matrix{Rational{Int64}}:
  -6//1  -3//1   6//1  21//1
 -32//1  -7//1  -4//1  31//1
 -26//1  -7//1   2//1  37//1
```

```
b1 = [3//1, 61//1, 43//1]
```

Matrix C

$$\begin{bmatrix} -6 & -3 \\ -32 & -7 \\ -26 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 C1 = A1[:,1:2]; latexify(C1)
```

Matrix R

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 R1 = rref(A1)[1:2,:]; latexify(R1)
```

Verify  $A = CR$ 

true

```
1 A1==C1*R1
```

Particular Solution  $x_p$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} -6 & -3 & 6 & 21 & 3 \\ -32 & -7 & -4 & 31 & 61 \\ -26 & -7 & 2 & 37 & 43 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 Aug1 = [A1 b1]; latexify(Aug1)
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & -9 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 rrefAug1 = rref(Aug1); latexify(rrefAug1)
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 xp1 = [-3//1; 5//1; 0//1; 0//1]; latexify(xp1)
```

Verify solution vector

true

```
1 A1*xp1==b1
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -4 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 F1 = R1[:,[3,4]]; latexify(F1)
```

Null Space  $\text{null}(A1) = X1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 2 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 X1 = [-F1; id(2)]; latexify(X)
```

Check answers

```
[true, true, true, true, true]
```

```
1 testsoln(A1,X1,xp1,b1)
```

## Problem 2

```
1 A2, b2 = randmat();
```

A2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & -2 & 36 & 24 & 4 & -18 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & 3 & 27 & 0 & -9 \\ -2 & -2 & 6 & -14 & -12 & 1 & 6 \\ 9 & -9 & 4 & -9 & -87 & -3 & 27 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 A2 =[
2  4//1  6//1 -2//1  36//1  24//1  4//1 -18//1;
3 -3//1  3//1 -2//1  3//1  27//1  0//1 -9//1;
4 -2//1 -2//1  6//1 -14//1 -12//1  1//1  6//1;
5  9//1 -9//1  4//1 -9//1 -87//1 -3//1  27//1
6 ]; latexify(A2) # (4x7)
```

b2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 102 \\ 13 \\ -43 \\ -56 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 b2 =[
2 102//1;
3 13//1;
4 -43//1;
5 -56//1
6 ]; latexify(b2)
```

C2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & -2 & 24 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & 27 \\ -2 & -2 & 6 & -12 \\ 9 & -9 & 4 & -87 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 C2 = A2[:,[1,2,3,5]]; latexify(C2) # (4x4)
```

R2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -\frac{3}{4} & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 R2 = rref(A2); latexify(R2) # (4x7)
```

Verify  $A2 = C2 \cdot R2$

true

```
1 A2==C2*R2
```

Particular solution for  $x_{p_2}$  given  $Ax_{p_2} = b$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & -2 & 36 & 24 & 4 & -18 & 102 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & 3 & 27 & 0 & -9 & 13 \\ -2 & -2 & 6 & -14 & -12 & 1 & 6 & -43 \\ 9 & -9 & 4 & -9 & -87 & -3 & 27 & -56 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 Aug2 = [A2 b2]; latexify(Aug2)
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 14 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -\frac{3}{4} & -3 & -\frac{3}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{4} & 0 & \frac{7}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{9}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 rrefAug2 = rref(Aug2); latexify(rrefAug2)
```

Pivot:  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_5$

Free:  $x_4, x_6, x_7$

$$x_1 + 3x_4 + x_6 = 14$$

$$x_2 + 4x_4 + \frac{-3}{4}x_6 + -3x_7 = \frac{-3}{4}$$

$$x_3 + \frac{3}{4}x_6 = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$x_5 + \frac{1}{4}x_6 = \frac{9}{4}$$

Let  $x_4, x_6, x_7 = 0$

$$x_1 = 14$$

$$x_2 = \frac{-3}{4}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$x_5 = \frac{9}{4}$$

Therefore,  $x_{p_2}$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ -\frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{7}{4} \\ 0 \\ \frac{9}{4} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

```

1 xp2 = [
2 14//1;
3 -3//4;
4 7//4;
5 0//1;
6 9//4;
7 0//1;
8 0//1
9 ]; latexify(xp2)

```

Verify that  $x_{p_2}$  is a solution

true

```
1 A2*xp2==b2 # (4x7) x (7x1) == (4x1)
```

Get  $X_2$   $null(A_2)$

Get  $I$  and  $F$

```

P2 = 7x7 Matrix{Rational{Int64}}:
 1//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1
 0//1  1//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1
 0//1  0//1  1//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1
 0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  1//1  0//1  0//1
 0//1  0//1  0//1  1//1  0//1  0//1  0//1
 0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  1//1  0//1
 0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  1//1

```

Need to swap columns

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -\frac{3}{4} & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 IF_2 = R2*inv(P2); latexify(IF_2)
```

F2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -\frac{3}{4} & -3 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 F2 = IF_2[:,5:7]; latexify(F2)
```

X2

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & -1 & 0 \\ -4 & \frac{3}{4} & 3 \\ 0 & -\frac{3}{4} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 X2 = P2*[-F2; id(3)]; latexify(X2)
```

Verify answers

```
[true, true, true, true, true]
```

```
1 testsoln(A2,X2,xp2,b2)
```

## Problem 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 & 8 & -7 & -22 & -9 \\ -1 & 6 & 5 & 9 & -21 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & -7 & -16 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 A3, b3 = randmat(); latexify(A3)
```

A3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 & 8 & -7 & -22 & -9 \\ -1 & 6 & 5 & 9 & -21 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & -7 & -16 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 A3 = [  
2     0//1     8//1     8//1    -7//1    -22//1    -9//1;  
3    -1//1     6//1     5//1     9//1    -21//1     0//1;  
4     2//1    -2//1     0//1    -7//1    -16//1    -9//1  
5 ];latexify(A3)
```

**b3**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 68 \\ -25 \\ 82 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 b3 =  
2 [  
3     68//1;  
4    -25//1;  
5     82//1  
6 ];latexify(b3)
```

**Find matrices  $C$  and  $R$**

Get R3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-1383}{79} & \frac{-405}{79} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-324}{79} & \frac{-81}{79} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{-122}{79} & \frac{9}{79} \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 R3 = rref(A3); latexify(R3) # C3 has 3 columns
```

Get C3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 & -7 \\ -1 & 6 & 9 \\ 2 & -2 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 C3 = A3[:,[1,2,4]]; latexify(C3)
```

**Show that  $A = CR$**

true

1 `A3==C3*R3`Find a particular solution to  $Ax = b$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 & 8 & -7 & -22 & -9 & 68 \\ -1 & 6 & 5 & 9 & -21 & 0 & -25 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & -7 & -16 & -9 & 82 \end{bmatrix}$$

1 `Aug3 = [A3 b3]; latexify(Aug3)`

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-1383}{79} & \frac{-405}{79} & \frac{2983}{79} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-324}{79} & \frac{-81}{79} & \frac{486}{79} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{-122}{79} & \frac{9}{79} & \frac{-212}{79} \end{bmatrix}$$

1 `rrefAug3 = rref(Aug3); latexify(rrefAug3)`Pivot:  $x_1, x_2, x_4$ Free:  $x_3, x_5, x_6, x_7$ 

$$x_1 = \frac{2983}{79}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{486}{79}$$

$$x_4 = \frac{-212}{79}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2983}{79} \\ \frac{486}{79} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{212}{79} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

```

1 xp3 = [
2 2983//79;
3 486//79;
4 0//1;
5 -212//79;
6 0//1;
7 0//1;
8 ]; latexify(xp3)

```

Verify the x vector solves the equation

true

```

1 A3*xp3==b3

```

**Find the matrix  $X$  of null space basis vectors**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1383}{79} & -\frac{405}{79} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{324}{79} & -\frac{81}{79} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{122}{79} & \frac{9}{79} \end{bmatrix}$$

```

1 latexify(R3)

```

```

P3 = 6×6 Matrix{Rational{Int64}}:
 1//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1
 0//1  1//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1
 0//1  0//1  0//1  1//1  0//1  0//1
 0//1  0//1  1//1  0//1  0//1  0//1
 0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  1//1  0//1
 0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  1//1

```

```

1 P3 =
2 [
3 1//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1;
4 0//1  1//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1;
5 0//1  0//1  0//1  1//1  0//1  0//1;
6 0//1  0//1  1//1  0//1  0//1  0//1;
7 0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  1//1  0//1;
8 0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  0//1  1//1
9 ]

```

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{-1383}{79} & \frac{-405}{79} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & \frac{-324}{79} & \frac{-81}{79} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-122}{79} & \frac{9}{79} \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 IF_3 = R3*inv(P3); latexify(IF_3)
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{-1383}{79} & \frac{-405}{79} \\ 1 & \frac{-324}{79} & \frac{-81}{79} \\ 0 & \frac{-122}{79} & \frac{9}{79} \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 F3 = IF_3[:,4:6]; latexify(F3)
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & \frac{1383}{79} & \frac{405}{79} \\ -1 & \frac{324}{79} & \frac{81}{79} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{122}{79} & \frac{-9}{79} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 X3 = P3*[-F3; id(3)]; latexify(X3)
```

**Use the testsoln function to check your answers.**

```
[true, true, true, true, true]
```

```
1 testsoln(A3,X3,xp3,b3)
```