

Using Gaussian elimination, find the set \mathcal{S} of all solutions of the following inhomogeneous linear systems $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, where \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{b} are defined as follows:

a

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

considering an augmented matrix

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad (2)$$

note that we can produce the particular solution by considering

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \leftarrow -R_0 + R_2 \quad (3)$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \leftarrow -R_1 + R_0 \quad (4)$$

note we have $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ as pivots, so the particular solution is

$$[0 \ 2 \ 0 \ -1 \ 0 \ -1]^T \quad (5)$$

and we can easily find the general solutions, note there's no need to find the coordinates for the zero vector

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

so the general solution, remember that must follow this form $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}$

$$[0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ -1 \ 0]^T \quad (7)$$

so our final solution is

$$\left\{ (x \in \mathbb{R}^5, \lambda_1 \in \mathbb{R}), \mathbf{x} := \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad (8)$$

b

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$