# Rutgers Math250 Intro to Linear Algebra

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Homework - 1

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## Problem 1.1.3

Find the point  $(x_1, x_2)$  that lies on the line  $x_1 + 5x_2 = 7$  and on the line  $x_1 - 2x_2 = -2$ .

Solution: Firstly we get augmented matrix from them:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 7 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then process it:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 7 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 - R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 7 & 9 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{1/7R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 9/7 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 + 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 9/7 \\ 1 & 0 & 4/7 \end{bmatrix}$$

where:

$$x_1 = 4/7$$
 and  $x_2 = 9/7$ 

So the point (4/7, 9/7) is such a point lies on the both two lines

#### Problem 1.1.7

The following augmented matrix of a linear system has been reduced by row operations to the form shown. In each case, continue the appropriate row operations and describe the solution set of the original systems.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution: From provided augmented matrix we can notice one thing:

the  $R_3$  means this system has a built-in contradiction. There is no values of variables could satisfy the  $R_3$  equation because 0 = 1 is never true. So this system is inconsistent, it has no solution.

#### Problem 1.1.9

The same problem with \*Problem 1.1.7\* but the matrix is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution: We continue to process the provided augmented matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{1/2R_4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 + 3R_4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 + 3R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the solution set of the original system can be describe as:

$$x_1 = 4$$
,  $x_2 = 8$ ,  $x_3 = 5$ ,  $x_4 = 2$ 

## **Problem 1.1.13**

Solve the systems:

$$x_1 - 3x_3 = 8$$
$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + 9x_3 = 7$$
$$x_2 + 5x_3 = -2$$

Solution: We get the augmented matrix from the provided equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 2 & 2 & 9 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then we process it:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 2 & 2 & 9 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 15 & -9 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{1/5R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 + 3R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the solution set of the system is:

$$x_1 = 5, \ x_2 = 3, \ x_3 = -1$$

### **Problem 1.1.19**

Determine if the system is consistent. Do not completely solve this system.

$$x_1 + 3x_3 = 2$$

$$x_2 - 3x_4 = 3$$

$$-2x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 = 1$$

$$3x_1 + 7x_4 = -5$$

Solution: First we can get the augmented matrix from these equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 7 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then we process it:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 7 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{3R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -6 & 9 & 6 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 7 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

We get the equations from  $R_2$  and  $R_3$ , we find:

$$x_{2} - 3x_{4} = -6x_{2} + 9x_{3} + 6x_{4} = 3$$

$$x_{3} = 7/9x_{2} - 4/3x_{4}$$

$$x_{2} = 6x_{4} + 3$$

$$3x_{4} + 3 = 3$$

$$x_{4} = 0$$

At this point, we know  $x_4$ . Were we to substitute the value of  $x_2$  and  $x_1$  into equation 2 and 4 separately, then we could compute  $x_3$  from equation 1. So a solution exits, the system is consistent.

## **Problem 1.1.23**

Determine the values(s) of h such that the matrix is the augmented matrix of a consistent linear system.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & h & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution: First we process the matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & h & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3h & 12 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 - R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3h - 6 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

So from matrix, we get equation:

$$(3h-6)x_2 = 4$$

The matrix is the augmented matrix of a consistent linear system, so we have:

$$3h - 6 \neq 0$$
$$h \neq 3$$

So the values(s) of h is  $h \in (-\infty, 3) \cup (3, +\infty)$ 

#### **Problem 1.1.25**

The same problem with \*Problem 1.1.23\* but the matrix is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -4 & h & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution: First we process the matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -4 & h & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-4R_1} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -12 & 8 \\ -4 & h & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -12 & 8 \\ 0 & h + 12 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So from matrix, we get equation:

$$(h+12)x_2=0$$

The matrix is the augmented matrix of a consistent linear system, so we have:

$$h+12 \neq 0$$

$$h \neq -12$$

So the values(s) of h is  $h \in (-\infty, -12) \cup (-12, +\infty)$ 

#### Problem 1.2.1

Determine which matrices are in reduced echelon form and which others are only in echelon form.

$$a. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} b. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} c. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} d. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

For a:

The leading entries in  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  are all 1. And also each leading 1 is the only nonzero entry in the column. So the matrix a is in reduced echelon form.

#### For b:

The leading entries in  $R_1, R_2, R_3$  are all 1.And each leading entry of a row is in a column to the right of the leading entry of the row above it. All entries in a column below a leading entry are zeros. But in the  $C_3$ , there are two leading 1.

So the matrix b is only in echelon form.

## For c:

The  $R_3$  is a all zeros row, but  $R_3$  is above on  $R_4$  which is nonzero row.

So the matrix c is not in echelon form.

#### For d:

Each leading entry of a row is in a column to the right of the leading entry of the row above it. And all entries in a column below a leading entry are zeros. But the leading entries of  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$  is not 1. So the matrix d is only in echelon form.

## Problem 1.2.3

Row reduce the matrices to reduced echelon form. Circle the pivot positions in the final matrix and in the original matrix, and list the pivot columns.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution: We process it:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-1/5(R_3 - 6R_1)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-1/3(R_2 - 4R_1)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2, R_1 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The pivot position in final matrix and original matrix is  $(R_2, C_2)$ ,  $(R_1, C_1)$  separately. The columns 1 and 2 are pivot columns.