

Topics: \mathbb{R}^n , subspaces, linear independence, rank of a matrix, solvability of linear systems using rank.

1. Suppose that the *state of land use* in a city area in 2003 was

1 (Residential) 30percent

2 (Commercial) 20percent

3 (Industrial) 50percent

Estimate the states of land use in 2008, 2013, 2018, assuming that the transitional prob-

abilities for 5-year intervals are given by the stochastic matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.7 & 0.2 \\ 0.0 & 0.1 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$, where

$(i, j)^{th}$ entry is the probability for the i^{th} type to change to the j^{th} type. (For e.g. 0.2 is the probability for commercially used land to become industrial in a 5-year interval.)

Solution. Let R , C and I denote the residential, the commercial and the industrial usage respectively in percentages. The given stochastic matrix represents schematically,

the probabilities of the transitions: $\begin{bmatrix} R \mapsto R & R \mapsto C & R \mapsto I \\ C \mapsto R & C \mapsto C & C \mapsto I \\ I \mapsto R & I \mapsto C & I \mapsto I \end{bmatrix}$. Clearly, after 5 years

$$[R \ C \ I] = [R_0 \ C_0 \ I_0]S.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} [R \ C \ I]_{2008} &= [30 \ 20 \ 50] \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.7 & 0.2 \\ 0.0 & 0.1 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [26 \ 22 \ 52] \end{aligned}$$

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[R \ C \ I]_{2018} &= [23.0 \ 23.2 \ 53.8] \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.7 & 0.2 \\ 0.0 & 0.1 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= [20.72 \ 23.92 \ 55.36]
\end{aligned}$$

Remark 0.0.1. Note that $[R \ C \ I] = [12.5 \ 25.0 \ 62.5]$ gives the equilibrium solution.

2. Find whether the following sets of vectors are linearly dependent or independent:

(i) $[1, -1, 1], [1, 1, -1], [-1, 1, 1], [0, 1, 0]$.

(ii) $[1, 9, 9, 8], [2, 0, 0, 3], [2, 0, 0, 8]$.

Solution. (i) $2[0, 1, 0] = [1, 1, -1] + [-1, 1, 1]$ hence linearly dependent.

Aliter:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence dimension lin span = 3 < 4 \implies lin DEpendent.

Aliter-2:(changing to colulmns)

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

Hence dimension lin span = 3 < 4 \implies lin DEpendent. Moreover, on dropping the fourth vector we get a linearly independent set, since the fourth column is pivot-free

(ii) $a[1, 9, 9, 8] + b[2, 0, 0, 3] + c[2, 0, 0, 8] = [0, 0, 0, 0]$

$\implies a + 2b + 2c = 9a = 8a + 3b + 8c = 0 \implies a = 0, b = 0, c = 0$. Hence linearly independent.

Aliter:(changing to colulmns)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

No. of pivots = 3 = no. of vectors, hence lin. INDependent.

3. Find the ranks of the following matrices:

$$(i) \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 \\ 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (ii) \begin{bmatrix} m & n \\ n & m \\ p & p \end{bmatrix} \quad (m^2 \neq n^2), \quad (iii) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution. (i) By row operations, $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 \\ 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Rank is 1.

(ii) $\begin{bmatrix} m & n \\ n & m \\ p & p \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} m+n & n+m \\ n & m \\ p & p \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ n & m \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{m-n} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Rank is 2.

Remark 0.0.2. We used the fact that $m \pm n \neq 0$.

(iii) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -11 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{4} & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Rank is 3.

4. Solve the following system of linear equations in the unknowns x_1, \dots, x_5 by GEM:

$$\begin{array}{rrrrrr} (i) & 2x_3 & -2x_4 & +x_5 & = & 2 \\ & 2x_2 & -8x_3 & +14x_4 & -5x_5 & = & 2 \\ & x_2 & +3x_3 & & +x_5 & = & \alpha \end{array} \quad (ii) \quad \begin{array}{rrrrrr} & 2x_1 & -2x_2 & +x_3 & +x_4 & = & 1 \\ & & -2x_2 & +x_3 & +7x_4 & = & 0 \\ & 3x_1 & -x_2 & +4x_3 & -2x_4 & = & -2 \end{array}$$

Solution. (i) Augmented matrix is $\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 & 14 & -5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 & \alpha \end{array} \right]$.

A REF is $\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 0 & \boxed{1} & 3 & 0 & 1 & \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{16-2\alpha} \end{array} \right]$. Hence no solutions if $\alpha \neq 8$.

For $\alpha = 8$, the REF is $\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 0 & \boxed{1} & 3 & 0 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$ and the solution set is $x_3 = 1 + x_4 - x_5/2$, $x_2 = 5 - 3x_4 + x_5/2$; x_1, x_4, x_5 being arbitrary.

(ii) Augmented matrix $\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 7 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 & -2 & -2 \end{array} \right]$.

A REF is $\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{2} & -2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{-2} & 1 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$. Hence the solution set is $x_3 = -x_4 - 1$, $x_2 = 3x_4 - 1/2$; $x_1 = 3x_4 + 1/2$; x_4 being arbitrary.

5. Determine the equilibrium solution ($D_1 = S_1$, $D_2 = S_2$) of the two-commodity market with linear model (D, S, P) = (demand, supply, price):

$$\begin{array}{rcl} D_1 & = & 40 - 2P_1 - P_2 \\ D_2 & = & 16 + 5P_1 - 2P_2 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{rcl} S_1 & = & 4P_1 - P_2 + 4 \\ S_2 & = & 3P_2 - 4. \end{array}$$

Solution. Equilibrium condition implies

$$40 - 2P_1 - P_2 = 4P_1 - P_2 + 4$$

$$16 + 5P_1 - 2P_2 = 3P_2 - 4$$

$$\implies P_1 = 6, P_2 = 5.$$

6. For the following linear systems, find solvability by comparing the ranks of the coefficient matrix and the augmented matrix. Write down a basis for the solutions of the associated homogeneous systems and hence describe the general solution of each of the systems.

$$(i) \quad \begin{array}{cccc} -2x_4 & +x_5 & = & 2 \end{array} \quad (ii) \quad \begin{array}{cccc} 2x_1 & -2x_2 & +x_3 & +x_4 & = & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 2x_2 & -2x_3 & +14x_4 & -x_5 & = & 2 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{cccc} -2x_2 & +x_3 & -x_4 & & = & 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 2x_2 & +3x_3 & +13x_4 & +x_5 & = & 3 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{cccc} x_1 & +x_2 & +2x_3 & -x_4 & = & -2 \end{array}$$

Solution. (i) The augmented matrix $A^+ = \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 14 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 13 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$.

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 14 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 13 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] &\mapsto \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 0 & 2 & 3 & 13 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 14 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \\ &\mapsto \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 0 & \boxed{2} & 3 & 13 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{-5} & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{-2} & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\rho(A^+) = 3 = \rho(A)$ and the system is solvable. The homogeneous system has solutions $x_4 = 0.5x_5$, $x_3 = -0.3x_5$, $x_2 = -3.3x_5$; x_1, x_5 arbitrary. A basis of the homogeneous solutions is $\{[1, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T, [0, 3.3, 0.3, -0.5, -1]^T\}$. A particular solution of the given system is $[0, 8, 0, -1, 0]^T$. The general solution is

$$[s, 8 - 33t, -3t, 5t - 1, 10t]^T; \ s, t \text{ arbitrary.}$$

(ii) The augmented matrix $A^+ = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right]$.

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right] &\mapsto \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right] \\ &\mapsto \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & -4 & -1 \end{array} \right] \mapsto \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{2} & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & \boxed{-2} & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{5} & -5 & 1 \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\rho(A^+) = 3 = \rho(A)$ and the system is solvable. The homogeneous system has solutions $x_3 = x_4$, $x_2 = 0$, $x_1 = -x_4$; x_4 arbitrary. A basis of the homogeneous solutions is $\{[-1, 0, 1, 1]^T\}$. A particular solution of the given system is $-[0.5, 1.1, 0.2, 0]^T$. The

general solution is

$$\left[-t - \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{11}{10}, t - \frac{2}{5}, t \right]^T ; t \text{ arbitrary.}$$

7. Is the given set of vectors a vector space?

(i) All vectors $[v_1, v_2, v_3]^T$ in \mathbb{R}^3 such that $3v_1 - 2v_2 + v_3 = 0$, $4v_1 + 5v_2 = 0$. (ii) All vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 with components less than 1 in absolute value.

Solution. (i) YES. (ii) NO.

8. For $a < b$, consider the system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 1 \\ ax + by + 2z &= 3 \\ a^2x + b^2y + 4z &= 9. \end{aligned}$$

Find the pairs (a, b) for which the system has infinitely many solutions. **Solution.** For a square matrix A , $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ to have infinitely many solutions, a necessary (but not sufficient) condition is that $\det A = 0$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & 2 \\ a^2 & b^2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \implies \det A = (b-a)(2-a)(2-b) = 0. \text{ Hence } a = 2 \text{ or } b = 2 \text{ since } b-a \neq 0.$$

Case 1:(a=2) The augmented matrix is

$$A^+ = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & b & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & b^2 & 4 & 9. \end{array} \right]$$

Elementary row operations give

$$\begin{aligned}
 A^+ &\mapsto \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & b-2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & b^2-4 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \right] \\
 &\mapsto \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} \boxed{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{b-2} & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{3-b} \end{array} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

For existence $\rho(A^+) = \rho(A) \implies b = 3$. Thus $a = 2, b = 3$ will give infinitely many solutions.

Case 2:(b=2) Solving similarly, we find that $a = 3$ which is inadmissible since $a < b$.

9. Show that the row space of a matrix does not change by row operations. Show that the dimension of the column space is unchanged by row operations.

Proof:

- (i) The new rows are linear combinations of previous rows and *vice versa*.
(ii) Suppose that C_1, \dots, C_n are the columns of a matrix. If an ERO is applied through a matrix E , then the new columns are EC_1, \dots, EC_n . If C_{j_1}, \dots, C_{j_r} are lin. ind. then so are $EC_{j_1}, \dots, EC_{j_r}$ and *vice versa* due to invertibility of E .