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Assignment 8

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Abstract—This is a simple document explaining how to determine the nullspace solution from the Row Reduced Echelon Form of a coefficient matrix.

Download all and latex-tikz codes from

svn co https://github.com/gadepall/school/trunk/ ncert/geometry/figs

1 Problem

Find all solutions to the following system of equations by row-reducing the co-efficient matrix:

$$\frac{1}{3}x_1 + 2x_2 - 6x_3 = 0 ag{1.0.1}$$

$$-4x_1 + 5x_3 = 0 ag{1.0.2}$$

$$-3x_1 + 6x_2 - 13x_3 = 0 (1.0.3)$$

$$-\frac{7}{3}x_1 + 2x_2 - \frac{8}{3}x_3 = 0 ag{1.0.4}$$

2 Explanation

The coefficient matrix is:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 2 & -6 \\ -4 & 0 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & -13 \\ -\frac{7}{3} & 2 & -\frac{8}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.1)

The number of rows of this coefficient matrix is m = 4 and the number of columns is n = 3, So in this

case, n < m. Now the row operations are:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 2 & -6 \\ -4 & 0 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & -13 \\ -\frac{7}{3} & 2 & -\frac{8}{3} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_4 \leftarrow R_4 \times 3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & -18 \\ -4 & 0 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & -13 \\ -7 & 6 & -8 \end{pmatrix} (2.0.2)$$

$$\stackrel{R_3 \leftarrow R_2 + R_3}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 6 & -18 \\
-4 & 0 & 5 \\
-7 & 6 & -8 \\
-7 & 6 & -8
\end{pmatrix}
\stackrel{R_4 \leftarrow R_4 - R_3}{\longleftrightarrow} (2.0.3)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & -18 \\ -4 & 0 & 5 \\ -7 & 6 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 7R_1]{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + 4R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & -18 \\ 0 & 24 & -67 \\ 0 & 48 & -138 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (2.0.4)$$

$$\stackrel{R_3 \leftarrow R_3/2}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 6 & -18 \\
0 & 24 & -67 \\
0 & 24 & -69 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix}
\stackrel{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_2}{\longleftrightarrow} (2.0.5)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & -18 \\ 0 & 24 & -67 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow \frac{R_3}{(-2)}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & -18 \\ 0 & 24 & -67 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (2.0.6)$$

$$\stackrel{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{R_2}{4}}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & -18 \\ 0 & 6 & -\frac{67}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - R_2}{\longleftrightarrow} (2.0.7)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{5}{4} \\ 0 & 6 & -\frac{67}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{R_2}{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{5}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{67}{24} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.8)

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + \frac{67R_3}{24}} \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix} (2.0.9)$$

Now,

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \tag{2.0.10}$$

So,

$$1x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 = 0 (2.0.11)$$

$$0x_1 + 1x_2 + 0x_3 = 0 (2.0.12)$$

$$0x_1 + 0x_2 + 1x_3 = 0 (2.0.13)$$

The coefficient matrix for these equations is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I_3 \text{ and it is invertible.}$$

As the coefficient matrix is invertible, so

$$I_3 x = 0 (2.0.14)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \tag{2.0.15}$$