

**Tutorial exercise for the Week commencing 20230814**

1. Reduce the following matrix to an RREF matrix using elementary row operations:

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 0 & \\ \hline 2 & 4 & -2 & 2 & \\ \hline 3 & 6 & -4 & 1 & \end{array} \right]$$

2. Reduce the following matrix to an RREF matrix using elementary row operations:

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & 3 & -1 & \\ \hline 2 & -1 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 3 & 1 & 2 & 3 & \end{array} \right]$$

3. Explicitly describe all non-zero  $2 \times 2$  RREF matrices. You may also try to do this for  $2 \times 3$  and  $3 \times 3$  RREF matrices.
4. Verify that row-equivalence is an equivalence relation on the set  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  of all  $m$  by  $n$  matrices with real entries.
5. Show that if  $E$  is an equivalence relation on a set  $X$ , then any two distinct equivalence classes must be disjoint. Also, show that every element of  $X$  has to belong to an equivalence class. NB: the equivalence class of any element  $a \in X$  is the set of all elements of  $X$  which are related to  $a$ ; the formal definition is:
- $$[a] = \{ x \in X : x E a, \text{ i.e. } x \text{ is related to } a \text{ under the relation } E \}$$
6. Show that if  $\mathbb{P}$  is a partition of a set  $X$ , then there exists an equivalence relation  $E$  on  $X$  such that the equivalence classes correspond to the parts of the given partition  $\mathbb{P}$ . (*Q6 is the converse of Q5.*)
7. Define a relation  $T$  on the real number system  $\mathbb{R}$  by  $xTy$  if  $y - x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the set of integers. Is  $T$  an equivalence relation? Justify your answer. If yes, can you find a special representative in each equivalence class, just as we could do for row-equivalence of matrices?