

1 Suppose $\lambda + 1 = 0$.

2 Thus,

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] = \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} L_4 \rightarrow L_1 - L_4 \\ L_3 \rightarrow L_1 - L_3 \end{array} \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad (2)$$

$$L_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}L_2 + L_1 \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad (3)$$

$$L_1 \rightarrow L_1 - L_2 \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad (4)$$

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3 Let $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}$ be such that $Ax = b$ for the augmented matrix $(A|b)$ above ,

4 and let α be equal to x_3 and β to x_4 .

5 Therefore, from the matrix in row echelon form above,

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - \alpha + \beta = 1 \\ x_2 + \alpha = 2 \end{cases}$$

6 Therefore, the solution set is generated by the solutions in the form

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \alpha - \beta \\ 2 - \alpha \\ \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

7 Suppose $\lambda = 0$.

8 Thus,

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] = \quad (6)$$

$$L_4 \rightarrow L_1 - L_4 \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad (7)$$

$$L_2 \rightarrow L_2 + L_1 \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad (8)$$

$$L_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(L_2 - L_3) \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad (9)$$

$$L_3 \leftrightarrow L_2 \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad (10)$$

- 9 Let $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}$ be such that $Ax = b$ for the augmented matrix $(A|b)$ above, and let μ
 10 be equal to x_4 .
 11 Therefore, from the matrix in row echelon form above,

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + \mu = 3 \\ x_2 + \mu = 3 \\ x_3 = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

- 12 Therefore, the solution set is generated by the solutions in the form

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Suppose now $\lambda \neq 0$.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -\lambda & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & \lambda & 1 \\ -\lambda & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & \lambda^2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] = \quad (11)$$

$$L_1 \rightarrow \lambda L_1 \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \lambda & -\lambda^2 & 0 & \lambda & 3\lambda \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & \lambda & 1 \\ -\lambda & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & \lambda^2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad (12)$$

$$L_3 \rightarrow \lambda L_1 + L_3 \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \lambda & -\lambda^2 & 0 & \lambda & 3\lambda \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda^2 & 0 & 1 + \lambda & 3(1 + \lambda) \\ 1 & \lambda^2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad (13)$$

$$L_2 \rightarrow \lambda L_4 + L_2 \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \lambda & -\lambda^2 & 0 & \lambda & 3\lambda \\ 0 & 1 + \lambda^2 & 2 & 1 + \lambda & 4 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda^2 & 0 & 1 + \lambda & 3(1 + \lambda) \\ 1 & \lambda^2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad (14)$$

$$L_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda(1 + \lambda)}(-\frac{1}{\lambda}L_1 + L_4) \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + \lambda^2 & 2 & 1 + \lambda & 4 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda^2 & 0 & 1 + \lambda & 3(1 + \lambda) \\ 1 & \lambda^2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} L_2 \rightarrow L_2 - (1 + \lambda^2)L_1 \\ L_3 \rightarrow L_3 - (1 - \lambda^2)L_1 \\ L_4 \rightarrow L_4 - \lambda^2 L_1 \end{array} \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 + \lambda & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 + \lambda & 3(1 + \lambda) \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad (16)$$

$$L_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(L_2 - L_3) \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(1 - 3\lambda) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 + \lambda & 3(1 + \lambda) \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad (17)$$

$$L_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{1 + \lambda}L_3 \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(1 - 3\lambda) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad (18)$$

$$L_4 \rightarrow L_4 - L_3 \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(1 - 3\lambda) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad (19)$$

$$L_4 \uparrow L_1 \mid = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(1 - 3\lambda) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad (20)$$

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13 Let $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}$ be such that $Ax = b$ for the augmented matrix $(A|b)$ above.

14 Therefore, from the matrix in row echelon form above,

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = \frac{1}{2}(1 - 3\lambda) \\ x_4 = 3 \end{cases}$$

15 Thus, for a specific λ there is only one solution given by the following formula:

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{3\lambda}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$