

Magical Square

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1 Issue

5	b	c
d	e	4
g	h	6

In the this square we want to find some values for the unknown variables to satisfy the restriction of a "Magical Square". This will be solved with row reduction.

The restriction of a Magical Square is:

There is a variable T for which the sums of each column, the sums of each row and the sums of each diagonal have the same value as T.

2 Approach

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \\ f \\ g \\ h \\ i \\ j \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -4 \\ -6 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ -10 \\ -11 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The following operations have been applied to the matrix, in order to get as close as possible to the identity matrix:

R1 = R1-R6

R2 = R2-R7

$$\begin{aligned}
R5 &= R5-R3-R8+R6 \\
R3 &= (R3-R5)+R1+R7 \\
R4 &= R4-R3(\text{New}) \\
R6 &= R6 \\
R7 &= R7 \\
R8 &= R8-R7-R3(\text{New}) \\
R9 &= (R9-3R7)/2
\end{aligned}$$

All variables T are brought to zero with R9

$$\begin{aligned}
R6 &= R6+R9 \\
R8 &= R8-R9 \\
R7 &= R7+R9 \\
R3 &= R3+R9
\end{aligned}$$

The rows are ordered to finish the Echelon Form:

In order from top to bottom: R1,R6,R8,R4,R2,R7,R3,R5,R9

Now the matrix is capable of defining every unknown variable, without using other unknown variables:

$$\begin{bmatrix}
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
* \begin{bmatrix}
a \\
b \\
c \\
d \\
e \\
f \\
g \\
h \\
i \\
j \\
t
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
5 \\
6.5 \\
6.5 \\
7 \\
7 \\
5.5 \\
4.5 \\
6 \\
16.5
\end{bmatrix}$$

3 Result

5	5	6.5
7	5.5	4
4.5	6	6

The Magical Square can be solved with the matrix. The sum of the columns, rows and diagonals are 16.5, so the Magic Square is correct.