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1. (10 points) Define the following vectors:

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Showing all your work, compute the following:

- (a) $-2\mathbf{v}$
- (b) v 3u
- (c) $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$

Solution.

(a)

$$-2\mathbf{v} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} -4\\1\\5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8\\-2\\-10 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b)

$$\mathbf{v} - 3\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -4\\1\\5 \end{pmatrix} - 3\begin{pmatrix} 3\\-2\\0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4\\1\\5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 9\\-6\\0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4-9\\1-(-6)\\5-0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -13\\7\\5 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c)

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = 3(-4) + (-2)1 + 0(5) = -12 - 2 + 0 = 10$$

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2. (10 points) Define the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 6 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 9 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \qquad C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -7 & -9 \\ 3 & 6 & 5 \\ 8 & -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Compute B^T .
- (b) Showing all your work, compute -2C.
- (c) Showing all your work, compute C A.
- (d) Explain why one cannot form the product AB.

Solution.

(a)
$$B^{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 9 & -6 \end{pmatrix}^{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 9 \\ 8 & 0 & 3 & -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b)
$$-2C = -2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -7 & -9 \\ 3 & 6 & 5 \\ 8 & -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 14 & 18 \\ -6 & -12 & -10 \\ -16 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c)
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -7 & -9 \\ 3 & 6 & 5 \\ 8 & -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 6 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 - 1 & -7 - 0 & -9 - 3 \\ 3 - 2 & 6 - (-1) & 5 - 4 \\ 8 - 0 & -2 - 6 & -3 - (-2) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -7 & -12 \\ 1 & 7 & 1 \\ 8 & -8 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(d) If A is a $m \times n$ matrix and B is a $r \times s$ matrix, then the product AB can only be formed if n = r. If so, the resulting product will have dimension $m \times s$. We know A has dimension 3×3 , i.e. m = n = 3, and B has dimension 4×2 , i.e. r = 4 and s = 2. Because $n = 3 \neq 4 = r$, the product AB cannot be formed.

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3. (10 points) Consider the system of linear equations shown below:

$$2x + 3y = 1$$
$$4x + 5y = 5$$

Let A be the coefficient matrix and $\mathbf b$ be the constant vector associated to the system of equations above.

- (a) Write the system of equations above in the form Ax = b.
- (b) Explain why A^{-1} exists and find A^{-1} .
- (c) Use A^{-1} to find the solution to the system of equations above.

Solution.

(a) We choose the order of the variables given by the 'alignment' of the variables in the system of equations above. The matrix *A* is the matrix with columns given by the coefficients of the variables in the selected order. The vector **x** is the 'variable' vector (in the chosen order). The vector **b** is the constant vector. But then we have...

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

But then the given system of equations can be rewritten in the form Ax = b as...

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) We know that a square matrix, M, has an inverse if and only if $\det M \neq 0$. To check that A has an inverse, we need only check that $\det A \neq 0$. But we have...

$$\det A = \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = 2(5) - 3(4) = 10 - 12 = -2 \neq 0$$

Therefore, A^{-1} exists. However, we know the 'form' of the inverse for a two-by-two matrix, M, with $\det M \neq 0$. The general form is shown below. We use this to compute A^{-1} .

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \Longrightarrow M^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det M} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \Longrightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) We know that if we have an equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ and A^{-1} exists, we can multiply on the left on both sides of the equation by A^{-1} . This yields $A^{-1}A\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$. Because A^{-1} is the inverse of A, we know $A^{-1}A = I_2$. But $I_2\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$. Therefore, we know that $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$. We simple compute this below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 5(1) + (-3)5 \\ -4(1) + 2(5) \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 - 15 \\ -4 + 10 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, we know the solution is (x, y) = (5, -3), i.e. x = 5 and y = -3.

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4. (10 points) The matrix below is the initial augmented matrix coming from a system of linear equations. Find the original system of equations.

$$\begin{pmatrix}
3 & -1 & 5 & 2 & 8 \\
7 & 0 & 2 & 8 & -11 \\
4 & 1 & -1 & 6 & 15
\end{pmatrix}$$

Solution. Adding a dashed line to separate matrix entries representing coefficients and those representing constants in the augmented matrix, we have...

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccccc}
3 & -1 & 5 & 2 & 8 \\
7 & 0 & 2 & 8 & -11 \\
4 & 1 & -1 & 6 & 15
\end{array}\right)$$

There are five columns. The last column corresponds to the constants while the rest correspond to the variables. Therefore, there are four variables. We label our variables x_1 , x_2 , x_3 , and x_4 . The first four columns represent the coefficients in each equation for the variables x_1 , x_2 , x_3 , and x_4 , respectively. Then writing out the equation corresponding to each row yields...

$$3x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 + 2x_4 = 8$$
$$7x_1 + 2x_3 + 8x_4 = -11$$
$$4x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 6x_4 = 15$$

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5. (10 points) The matrix shown below is the RREF of an augmented matrix coming from a system of linear equations. Does the corresponding system of equations have a solution? If so, find the solution(s). If not, explain why.

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3
\end{pmatrix}$$

Solution. The original system of equations has a unique solution. Adding a dashed line to separate matrix entries representing coefficients and those representing constants in the RREF augmented matrix, we have...

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3
\end{array}\right)$$

There are five columns. The last column corresponds to the constants while the rest correspond to the variables. Therefore, there are four variables. We label our variables x_1 , x_2 , x_3 , and x_4 . The first four columns represent the coefficients in each equation for the variables x_1 , x_2 , x_3 , and x_4 , respectively. Then writing out the equation corresponding to each row yields...

$$1x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 + 0x_4 = 4$$
$$0x_1 + 1x_2 + 0x_3 + 0x_4 = 0$$
$$0x_1 + 0x_2 + 1x_3 + 0x_4 = -5$$
$$0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 + 1x_4 = 3$$

But then we have...

$$x_1 = 4$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$x_3 = -5$$

$$x_4 = 3$$

Therefore, the solution to the original system of equations is $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (4, 0, -5, 3)$, i.e.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 4 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = -5 \\ x_4 = 3 \end{cases}$$

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6. (10 points) The matrix shown below is the REF of an augmented matrix coming from a system of linear equations. Does the corresponding system of equations have a solution? If so, find the solution(s). If not, explain why.

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 9 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{pmatrix}$$

Solution. The original system of equations does not have a solution. Adding a dashed line to separate matrix entries representing coefficients and those representing constants in the REF augmented matrix, we have...

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 9 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right)$$

There are four columns. The last column corresponds to the constants while the rest correspond to the variables. Therefore, there are three variables. We label our variables x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 . Then writing out the equation corresponding to each row yields...

$$x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 = -1$$
$$0x_1 + x_2 + 0x_3 = 9$$
$$0x_1 + 0x_2 + x_3 = 2$$
$$0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 = 1$$

But then we have...

$$x_1 = -1$$

$$x_2 = 9$$

$$x_3 = 2$$

$$0 = 1$$

But examining the last equation, we see that this is impossible. Therefore, there is no solution to the original system of equations. The original system of equations was inconsistent.¹

¹Given the first three equation corresponding to the first three rows of the REF, the original system of equations 'wants' there to be the solution $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (-1, 9, 2)$. These values for x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 satisfy three of the original four equations. However, while they satisfy these three equations, they do not satisfy the fourth. Moreover, there is no set of values that satisfy the original four equations.

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7. (10 points) The matrix shown below is the RREF of an augmented matrix coming from a system of linear equations. Does the corresponding system of equations have a solution? If so, find the solution(s). If not, explain why.

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 2 & 0 & 5 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix}$$

Solution. The original system of equations has infinitely many solutions. Adding a dashed line to separate matrix entries representing coefficients and those representing constants in the RREF augmented matrix, we have...

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 2 & 0 & 5 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right)$$

There are four columns. The last column corresponds to the constants while the rest correspond to the variables. Therefore, there are three variables. We label our variables x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 . From the last row, we see that there is at least one free variable. A column with a leading one is a pivot column. We label the pivot columns below.

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 2 & 0 & 5 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right)$$

The first column corresponds to x_1 , the second column corresponds to x_2 , and the third column corresponds to x_3 . We see that x_1 and x_3 correspond to pivot columns, so that their values are fixed or we fix them in terms of the free variables. The second column is not a pivot column so we choose that to be a free variable. Then writing out the equation corresponding to each row yields...

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 0x_3 = 5$$
$$0x_1 + 0x_2 + x_3 = 4$$
$$0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 = 0$$

But then we have...

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 5$$
$$x_3 = 4$$
$$0 = 0$$

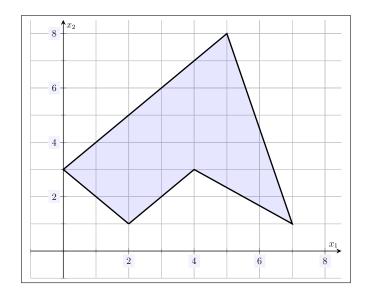
The last equation is obviously true. Because we fix the value of x_1 and choose x_2 to be free, we solve for x_1 in terms of x_2 in the first. This yields $x_1 = 5 - 2x_2$. The third equation clearly indicates $x_3 = 4$. Therefore, the solutions are of the form...

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 5 - 2x_2 \\ x_2 \colon \text{ free} \\ x_3 = 4 \end{cases}$$

Because each choice of x_2 yields a solution, there are infinitely many solutions. For instance, choosing $x_2 = 2$ yields the solution $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (1, 2, 4)$ while choosing $x_2 = -3.853$ yields the solution $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (12.706, -3.853, 4)$.

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8. (10 points) Consider the function $f(x_1, x_2) = 3x_1 - x_2$ on the region shown below.



Find the maximum and minimum values of $f(x_1, x_2)$ on the region above—if they exist. Be sure to fully justify your answer.

Solution. First, observe that the region is nonempty. For instance, the region contains the point (4,4) or (2,1). Second, observe that the region shown is bounded. For instance, it is contained in the rectangle $[0,8] \times [0,8]$. Third, observe that the region is closed. Lastly, observe that the function $f(x_1,x_2)=3x_1-x_2$ is linear. Therefore, the Fundamental Theorem of Linear Programming states that the function $f(x_1,x_2)$ has a maximum and minimum on the region and that these must occur at a corner point. Therefore, we need only list the corner points and evaluate the function at each of these points.

Corner Point	$ f(x_1,x_2) $
(0,3)	f(0,3) = 3(0) - 3 = 0 - 3 = -3
(5, 8)	f(5,8) = 3(5) - 8 = 15 - 8 = 7
(7, 1)	f(7,1) = 3(7) - 1 = 21 - 1 = 20
(4, 4)	f(4,4) = 3(4) - 4 = 12 - 4 = 8
(2, 1)	f(2,1) = 3(2) - 1 = 6 - 1 = 5

Therefore, the minimum value is -3 and it occurs at $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 3)$, and the maximum value is 20 and it occurs at $(x_1, x_2) = (7, 1)$.

$$\min f(x_1, x_2) = -3 \text{ at } (0, 3)$$

$$\max f(x_1, x_2) = 20 \text{ at } (7, 1)$$

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9. (10 points) Find the initial simplex tableau corresponding to the maximization problem shown below.

$$\max z = 2.1x_1 + 6.8x_2 - 4.9x_3$$

$$1.1x_1 + 4.8x_2 - 9.0x_3 \le 17.5$$

$$2.8x_1 + 15.8x_3 \le 19.4$$

$$7.4x_1 - 5.6x_2 + 6.8x_3 \ge -18.7$$

$$3.1x_1 + 8.8x_2 - 3.1x_3 \ge 14.9$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3 \ge 0$$

Solution. First, observe that this optimization is not in standard form because the third inequality is not ' \leq ' (and the constant term is negative) and the fourth inequality is ' \geq .' We cannot multiply both sides of the fourth inequality by -1 because this would make the constant term negative. So instead, we will introduce a surplus variable for this inequality. Multiplying both sides of the third inequality by -1 (and making sure each variable is present in each inequality, in the proper order in the second), we have...

$$\max z = 2.1x_1 + 6.8x_2 - 4.9x_3$$

$$1.1x_1 + 4.8x_2 - 9.0x_3 \le 17.5$$

$$2.8x_1 + 0x_2 + 15.8x_3 \le 19.4$$

$$-7.4x_1 + 5.6x_2 - 6.8x_3 \le 18.7$$

$$3.1x_1 + 8.8x_2 - 3.1x_3 \ge 14.9$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3 > 0$$

Now introducing slack variables into the first three inequalities and a surplus variable in the fourth inequality, we have...

Moving things to the 'z'-side of the equality in the function, we have $z - 4.6x_1 - 3.1x_2 - 7.9x_3 = 0$. Adding this to the table yields...

This yields the following initial simplex tableau:

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10. (10 points) Below is the initial simplex tableau corresponding to some maximization problem. Find the corresponding maximization problem.

Solution. First, we introduce a line to delineate between the variables and the constants and the equalities and the functions.

$$3x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 + s_1 = 22$$

$$x_1 + 6x_3 + 9x_4 + s_2 = 15$$

$$-2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - x_4 - s_3 = 4$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 + s_4 = 16$$

By assumption, we know that $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \ge 0$. Writing out the inequalities corresponding to the equalities above, we know the original maximization problem was...

$$\max z = 4x_1 - 3x_2 + 5x_3 - x_4$$
$$3x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 \le 22$$
$$x_1 + 6x_3 + 9x_4 \le 15$$
$$-2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - x_4 \ge 4$$
$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 \le 16$$
$$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \ge 0$$

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11. (10 points) Below is the final simplex tableau corresponding to some maximization problem. Find the solution to the original optimization problem.

Solution. Each row of the tableau 'corresponds' to an inequality with the exception of the last row which 'corresponds to the function.' But then there were 5-1=4 inequalities in the original system (ignoring the non-negativity inequality). Because we introduce a slack/surplus variable for each inequality, there were four slack/surplus variables. Each column of the tableau 'corresponds' to a variable in the system with the exception of the last column which 'corresponds to the solutions. Therefore, there were 9-1=8 variables in the system. But because there are four slack/surplus variables, there were 8-4=4 'original' variables in the system of inequalities. We label the original variables x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 , the slack/surplus variables s_1, s_2, s_3 , and s_4 , and the function s_2 . Therefore, we need find the maximum value of s_3 along with the values of the variables—namely, the values for s_3 and s_4 and 'naming' the columns, we have...

We indicate the pivot positions above. From these pivot positions, we can observe $x_3 = 16.21$, $x_2 = 22.78$, and $x_1 = 45.55$, and $s_4 = 24.34$. All remaining variables have value 0. The maximum value is 220.34. Therefore, the maximum value is 220.34 and occurs at $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4) = (45.55, 22.78, 16.21, 0, 0, 0, 0, 24.34)$.

$$\max z = 220.34 \text{ at}$$

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4) = (45.55, 22.78, 16.21, 0, 0, 0, 0, 24.34), \text{ i.e.}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 45.55 \\ x_2 = 22.78 \\ x_3 = 16.21 \\ x_4 = 0 \\ s_1 = 0 \\ s_2 = 0 \\ s_3 = 0 \\ s_4 = 24.34 \end{cases}$$

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12. (10 points) Find the dual problem to the minimization problem shown below.

$$\min z = 3x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3$$

$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 \ge 9$$

$$2x_1 - 5x_2 + x_3 \ge 11$$

$$x_1 - x_3 \ge 6$$

$$x_2 + x_3 \ge 3$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3 \ge 0$$

Solution. First, observe that the given minimization problem is in standard form; that is, the function is linear, all the inequalities are ' \geq ' a non-negative number, and the variables are non-negative. Because there are variables missing in the inequalities, we introduce them—being sure to keep the x_1 , x_2 , x_3 'order.'

$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 \ge 9$$

$$2x_1 - 5x_2 + x_3 \ge 11$$

$$x_1 + 0x_2 - x_3 \ge 6$$

$$0x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \ge 3$$

Now we write the 'matrix associated' to this minimization; that is, we create a matrix with rows corresponding to the equality version of the inequalities (with the exception of the non-negativity inequality) with the function being the last row. This yields matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 1 & -1 & 9 \\
2 & -5 & 1 & 11 \\
1 & 0 & -1 & 6 \\
0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\
3 & 1 & 5 & 0
\end{pmatrix}$$

We now find the transpose of this matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 9 \\ 2 & -5 & 1 & 11 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -5 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 5 \\ 9 & 11 & 6 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We now find the standard maximization problem corresponding to this matrix:

$$\max w = 9y_1 + 11y_2 + 6y_3 + 3y_4$$
$$y_1 + 2y_2 + y_3 \ge 3$$
$$y_1 - 5y_2 + y_4 \ge 1$$
$$-y_1 + y_2 - y_3 + y_4 \ge 5$$
$$y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4 \ge 0$$