

## EXERCISES 1.2

**GOAL** Use Gauss–Jordan elimination to solve linear systems. Do simple problems using paper and pencil, and use technology to solve more complicated problems.

In Exercises 1 through 12, find all solutions of the equations with paper and pencil using Gauss–Jordan elimination. Show all your work.

1. 
$$\begin{cases} x + y - 2z = 5 \\ 2x + 3y + 4z = 2 \end{cases}$$

2. 
$$\begin{cases} 3x + 4y - z = 8 \\ 6x + 8y - 2z = 3 \end{cases}$$

3.  $x + 2y + 3z = 4$

4. 
$$\begin{cases} x + y = 1 \\ 2x - y = 5 \\ 3x + 4y = 2 \end{cases}$$

5. 
$$\begin{cases} x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 + x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

6. 
$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 7x_2 + x_5 = 3 \\ x_3 - 2x_5 = 2 \\ x_4 + x_5 = 1 \end{cases}$$

7. 
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_4 + 3x_5 = 0 \\ x_3 + 3x_4 + 2x_5 = 0 \\ x_3 + 4x_4 - x_5 = 0 \\ x_5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

8. Solve this system for the variables  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$ , and  $x_5$ .

$$\begin{cases} x_2 + 2x_4 + 3x_5 = 0 \\ 4x_4 + 8x_5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

9. 
$$\begin{cases} x_4 + 2x_5 - x_6 = 2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_5 - x_6 = 0 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 - x_5 + x_6 = 2 \end{cases}$$

10. 
$$\begin{cases} 4x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 = 4 \\ 5x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 - x_4 = 4 \\ -2x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 = -3 \\ 11x_1 + 6x_2 + 4x_3 + x_4 = 11 \end{cases}$$

11. 
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_3 + 4x_4 = -8 \\ x_2 - 3x_3 - x_4 = 6 \\ 3x_1 + 4x_2 - 6x_3 + 8x_4 = 0 \\ -x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 = -12 \end{cases}$$

25. Suppose you apply Gauss–Jordan elimination to a matrix. Explain how you can be sure that the resulting matrix is in reduced row-echelon form.
26. Suppose matrix  $A$  is transformed into matrix  $B$  by means of an elementary row operation. Is there an elementary row operation that transforms  $B$  into  $A$ ? Explain.
27. Suppose matrix  $A$  is transformed into matrix  $B$  by a sequence of elementary row operations. Is there a sequence of elementary row operations that transforms  $B$  into  $A$ ? Explain your answer. See Exercise 26.
28. Consider an  $n \times m$  matrix  $A$ . Can you transform  $\text{rref}(A)$  into  $A$  by a sequence of elementary row operations? See Exercise 27.
29. Is there a sequence of elementary row operations that transforms

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{into} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} ?$$

Explain.

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## EXERCISES 1.3

**GOAL** Use the reduced row-echelon form of the augmented matrix to find the number of solutions of a linear system. Apply the definition of the rank of a matrix. Compute the product  $A\vec{x}$  in terms of the rows or the columns of  $A$ . Represent a linear system in vector or matrix form.

1. The reduced row-echelon forms of the augmented matrices of three systems are given here. How many solutions does each system have?

a. 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

b. 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

c. 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

Find the rank of the matrices in Exercises 2 through 4.

2. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

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