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Question

Given $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 6 & 4 & 7 \\ 4 & 6 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$. Which of the following statements is/are correct:

- ① The rank of \mathbf{M} is 2
- ② The rank of \mathbf{M} is 3
- ③ The rows of \mathbf{M} are linearly independent
- ④ The determinant of \mathbf{M} is zero.

Theoretical Solution

Upon row reduction of matrix **M** to Row Echelon form (REF),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 6 & 4 & 7 \\ 4 & 6 & 14 \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow[R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2 \times R_1]{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 3 \times R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & -5 & -14 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

\implies (a) The rank of **M** is 2

(b) The determinant of **M** is 0

C Code -Finding REF of a matrix

```
#include <stdio.h>

#define ROWS 3
#define COLS 3

void row_echelon_form(double A[ROWS][COLS]) {
    int pivot_row = 0;

    for (int pivot_col = 0; pivot_col < COLS; pivot_col++) {
        int pivot = -1;
        for (int r = pivot_row; r < ROWS; r++) {
            if (A[r][pivot_col] != 0.0) {
                pivot = r;
                break;
            }
        }
        if (pivot == -1) continue;
    }
}
```

C Code -Finding REF of a matrix

```
if (pivot != pivot_row) {
    for (int c = 0; c < COLS; c++) {
        double tmp = A[pivot_row][c];
        A[pivot_row][c] = A[pivot][c];
        A[pivot][c] = tmp;
    }
}
for (int r = pivot_row + 1; r < ROWS; r++) {
    if (A[r][pivot_col] != 0.0) {
        double factor = A[r][pivot_col] / A[pivot_row][
            pivot_col];
        for (int c = pivot_col; c < COLS; c++) {
            A[r][c] -= factor * A[pivot_row][c];
        }
    }
}pivot_row++;
if (pivot_row == ROWS) break;
}
```

C Code -Finding REF of a matrix

```
int matrix_rank(double A[ROWS][COLS]) {
    int rank = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < ROWS; i++) {
        int nonzero = 0;
        for (int j = 0; j < COLS; j++) {
            if (A[i][j] != 0.0) {
                nonzero = 1;
                break;
            }
        }
        if (nonzero) rank++;
    }
    return rank;
}
```

C Code -Finding REF of a matrix

```
void solve_ref(double *out, int *rank_out) {  
    double A[ROWS][COLS] = {  
        {2, 3, 7},  
        {6, 4, 7},  
        {4, 6, 14}  
    };  
  
    row_echelon_form(A);  
    *rank_out = matrix_rank(A);  
  
    // Flatten into output buffer  
    int k = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; i < ROWS; i++) {  
        for (int j = 0; j < COLS; j++) {  
            out[k++] = A[i][j];  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
import ctypes
import sympy as sp

lib = ctypes.CDLL("./libref_solver.so")
lib.solve_ref.argtypes = [ctypes.POINTER(ctypes.c_double), ctypes
    .POINTER(ctypes.c_int)]

result = (ctypes.c_double * 9)()
rank = ctypes.c_int()

# Call C function
lib.solve_ref(result, ctypes.byref(rank))

ref = sp.Matrix(3, 3, result)
print("Row Echelon Form (REF):")
sp.pprint(ref)
print("\nRank of matrix:", rank.value)
```


Python code

```
import sympy as sp

A=sp.Matrix([[2,3,7],[6,4,7],[4,6,14]])

ref_A=A.echelon_form()
print("Row Echelon Form:")
sp.pprint(ref_A)
rank=A.rank()
print("Rank of the matrix=",rank)
```