Homework 2

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Problem 1.

Find the simplest possible formula in terms of positive integers $m \geq 1$, $n \geq 1$ and $p > 1$ which counts the number of matrices :
a) of size $m \times n$ in REF and whose entries are taken from the set $\{0, 1, \cdots, (p-1)\}$.
b) of size $m \times n$ in RREF and whose entries are taken from the set $\{0, 1, \cdots, (p-1)\}$.
c) of size $n \times n$ in REF, invertible and whose entries are taken from the set $\{0, 1, \cdots, (p-1)\}$.

Problem 2.

Show that for any nonzero matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$

$$0 < \text{Rank}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \min\{m, n\}.$$

Problem 3.

Using the permutation expansion of the determinant of an $n \times n$ matrix $\mathbf{A}$ expressed by :

$$\sum_{\sigma \in \text{ permutations of } 1, \cdots, n.} (-1)^{\# \text{ of inversions in } \sigma} \prod_{1 \leq i \leq n} \mathbf{A}[\sigma(i), i].$$

Show that $\det \mathbf{B} = \det \mathbf{A}$, if the $n \times n$ matrix $\mathbf{B}$ is obtained from $\mathbf{A}$ via the row linear combination operation described by

$$k \cdot \mathrm{R}_{n-1} + \mathrm{R}_n \to \mathrm{R}_n.$$

Problem 4.

Given data points $\{(x_1 = 1, y_1 = -5), (x_2 = -1, y_2 = 1), (x_3 = 2, y_3 = 7)\}$ set up a linear system of equation to solve for the variables a_0, a_1, a_2 such that for all $1 \leq i \leq 3$ we have

$$y_i = a_2 \cdot (x_i)^2 + a_1 \cdot (x_i)^1 + a_0 \cdot (x_i)^0$$

Problem 5.

Set up the following chemical balance equation as a system of linear constraints in order to find the coefficients $\{x_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq 4}$ via Gauss-Jordan elimination

$$x_1 \, \mathrm{NaOH} + x_2 \, \mathrm{H_2SO_4} \rightarrow x_3 \, \mathrm{Na_2SO_4} + x_4 \, \mathrm{H_2O}$$