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MA101: Linear Algebra and Matrices  
Tutorial 2.

1. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that A is row

equivalent to identity matrix by finding  
elementary matrices  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k$  such that  
 ~~$E_k E_{k-1} E_{k-2} \dots E_1 A = I$~~ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - \frac{1}{2}R_3$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + \frac{1}{3}R_3$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 6R_2$$

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + \frac{1}{6}R_3$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow 2R_2 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}R_3$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, A is row equivalent to identity matrix.

### Elementary matrices

$$E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left( \text{By applying } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \text{ to identity matrix} \right)$$

$$E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left( \text{By applying } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1 \text{ to identity matrix} \right)$$

$$E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left( \text{By applying } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - \frac{1}{2}R_3 \text{ to identity matrix} \right)$$

$$E_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left( \text{By applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + \frac{1}{3}R_3 \text{ to identity matrix} \right)$$

$$E_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left( \text{By applying } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 6R_2 \text{ to identity matrix} \right)$$

$$E_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1/6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left( \text{By applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + \frac{1}{6}R_3 \text{ to identity matrix} \right)$$

$$E_7 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left( \text{By applying } R_2 \rightarrow 2R_2 \text{ to identity matrix} \right)$$

$$E_8 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \left( \text{By applying } R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}R_3 \text{ to identity matrix} \right)$$

Hence,  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_8$  are elementary matrices such that  $E_8 E_7 \dots E_1 A = I$

2. Find the reduced row echelon form (RREF) of following matrices

a) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 6 & 7 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 5 & 7 & 9 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 4R_1$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 6R_1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & -9 \\ 0 & -5 & -10 & -15 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{3}R_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & -10 & -15 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 5R_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2$

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

Hence, RREF of A is

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

b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 5 & 7 & 9 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , let A be rref of given matrix

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 5R_1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & -12 \\ 0 & -8 & -16 & -34 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{4}R_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -8 & -16 & -34 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 8R_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{10}R_3$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix A is RREF of given matrix

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3. Find all solutions of following linear system:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 - 3x_3 &= 8 \\2x_1 + 2x_2 + 9x_3 &= 7 \\x_2 + 5x_3 &= -2\end{aligned}$$

The augmented matrix for the given system is

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 2 & 2 & 9 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 15 & -9 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 15/2 & -9/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 15/2 & -9/2 \\ 0 & 0 & -5/2 & 5/2 \end{array} \right]$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 3R_3$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -5/2 & 5/2 \end{array} \right]$$

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Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{2}{5}R_3$

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

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + 3R_3$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

Hence, solution to given linear system is

$$x_1 = 5, x_2 = 3 \text{ and } x_3 = -1.$$

b)  $x_1 - 3x_2 = 5$

$$-x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 = 2$$

$$x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

The augmented matrix for given system is

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + \frac{1}{2}R_1$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 7/2 & 7/2 \end{array} \right]$$

~~the~~ system of equations is reduced to

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 3x_2 &= 5 & \text{---(1)} \\ -2x_2 + 5x_3 &= 7 & \text{---(2)} \\ \frac{1}{2}x_3 &= \frac{7}{2} & \text{---(3)} \end{aligned}$$

Eq<sup>n</sup> (3) gives  $x_3 = 1$

Substituting  $x_3 = 1$  in eq<sup>n</sup> (2)

$$-2x_2 + 5 = 7$$

$$x_2 = -1$$

Substituting  $x_2 = -1$  in eq<sup>n</sup> (1).

$$x_1 - 3(-1) = 5$$

$$x_1 = 2$$

Hence, solution to given system of equations  
 is  $x_1 = 2$ ,  $x_2 = -1$  and  $x_3 = 1$

4. Determine which matrices are in Reduced Row Echelon Form (RREF) and which others are only in Row Echelon Form (REF).

$$(a) A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

~~(b)~~  $a_{ij}$  is element of  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  column

Since  $a_{11}$  is 1, and all other elements in column 1 are zero. We leave row 1 and column 1 and find next non-zero column,

which is column 3. Since  $a_{23}$  is 1 and all entries below it in column 3 are zero, leave row 2 and column 3, and move to next row. Since next row is zero ( $a_{31}$  only), the given matrix is in Reduced Row Echelon Form.

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

$a_{ij}$  is element of  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  column.

Since  $a_{11}$  is 1 and all other elements of column 1 are zero, leave row 1 and column 1.

Next we move to  $a_{22}$ , which is also 1, and elements of column 2 below  $a_{22}$  are 0.

Leaving row 2 and column 2,  $a_{33}$  is 1 and there are no more rows below it.

Hence, given matrix is in Row Echelon Form (REF)

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

$a_{ij}$  is element of  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  column.

$a_{11}$  is 1, but elements in column 1 below  $a_{11}$  are not zero.

Hence, given matrix is neither RREF nor REF.

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5. If A and B are square matrices and  $I - AB$  is invertible, then show that  $I - BA$  is also invertible. Use Hint

$$B(I - AB) = (I - BA)B$$

Let  $C = (I - AB)^{-1}$

Given,  $(I - BA)B = B(I - AB)$

Multiplying by C from right

$$(I - BA)BC = B(I - AB)C$$

$$B = (I - BA)BC \quad \left\{ \because C \text{ is } (I - AB)^{-1} \right\}$$

$\rightarrow I = I - BA$

Multiply by A from right

$$BA = (I - BA)BCA$$

$$\rightarrow I + I + BA = (I - BA)BCA$$

$$I = I - BA + (I - BA)BCA$$

$$I = (I - BA)(I + BCA)$$

$\therefore (I - BA)(I + BCA) = I$ ,  $(I + BCA)$  must be inverse of  $(I - BA)$

6. Find the interpolating polynomial

$$P(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 \text{ whose graph}$$

will pass through  $(1, 12)$ ,  $(2, 15)$  and

$(3, 16)$ . Does there exist a cubic polynomial which will pass through these points? What about degree  $n$  polynomial.

$$P(t) = a_2 t^2 + a_1 t + a_0$$

$$12 = a_2 + a_1 + a_0 \Rightarrow a_0 + a_1 + a_2 = 12$$

$$15 = 4a_2 + 2a_1 + a_0 \Rightarrow a_0 + 2a_1 + 4a_2 = 15$$

$$16 = 9a_2 + 3a_1 + a_0 \Rightarrow a_0 + 3a_1 + 9a_2 = 16$$

Augmented matrix for given system of equations is,

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 12 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 15 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 & 16 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\cdot R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} R_3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

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System of equations is reduced to

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 + a_1 + a_2 &= 12 & \text{(1)} \\ a_1 + 3a_2 &= 3 & \text{(2)} \\ a_2 &= -1 & \text{(3)} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $a_2 = -1$  in (2)

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 - 3 &= 3 \\ a_1 &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $a_1 = 6$  and  $a_2 = -1$  in (1)

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 + 6 - 1 &= 12 \\ a_0 &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, required polynomial is

$$P(t) = 7 + 6t - t^2$$

for a three degree polynomial

$$P(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 t^3$$

$$12 = a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3$$

$$15 = a_0 + 2a_1 + 4a_2 + 8a_3$$

$$16 = a_0 + 3a_1 + 9a_2 + 27a_3$$

Augmented matrix for given system of equations is

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 12 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 & 15 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 & 27 & 16 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \quad \text{and} \quad R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 7 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & 26 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 7 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 12 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

the given system of equation's is reduced to

$$a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 12$$

$$a_1 + 3a_2 + 7a_3 = 3$$

$$2a_2 + 12a_3 = -2$$

Here,  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are dependent variables and  $a_3$  is arbitrary. we can put any value of  $a_3$  and find  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ .

Hence, there exist some three degree polynomial which will pass through the given points.

for n degree polynomial)

$$P(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + \dots + a_n t^n$$

$$a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_n = 12$$

$$a_0 + 2a_1 + \dots + 2^n a_n = 15$$

$$a_0 + 3a_1 + \dots + 3^n a_n = 16$$

Augmented matrix for these equations is

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 12 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & \dots & 2^n & 15 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 & \dots & 3^n & 16 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \quad \text{and} \quad R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$$

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & \dots & 2^n-1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & \dots & 3^n-1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & \dots & 2^n-1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & \dots & (3^n-1)-2(2^n-1) & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

Now in this system of equations variable  $a_3, a_4, \dots, a_n$  are arbitrary and  $a_0, a_1, a_2$  can be found using back substitution.  
Hence, there exist  $n$  degree polynomials which will pass through given points ( $n \geq 2$ ).

7. Choose  $h$  and  $k$  such that the system has (a) no solution, (b) unique solution and (c) infinitely many solutions.

$$x_1 + h x_2 = 2$$

$$4 x_1 + 8 x_2 = k$$

(a) Augmented matrix for given system is

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & h & 2 \\ 4 & 8 & k \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 4R_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & h & 2 \\ 0 & 8-4h & k-8 \end{array} \right]$$

for no solution, pivot entry  $\delta - 4h$  must be zero and aug.  $k-\delta$  should not be equal to zero.

$$\text{i.e. } \delta - 4h = 0 \\ h = 2$$

$$\text{and, } k-\delta \neq 0 \\ k \neq \delta$$

Hence, for no solution  $h=2$  and  $k \neq \delta$ .

b) 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & h & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & K \end{array} \right]$$
  
 $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 4R_1$   

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & h & 2 \\ 0 & \delta - 4h & K - \delta \end{array} \right]$$

~~R<sub>2</sub>~~  $\rightarrow$  ~~R<sub>1</sub>~~

for unique solution, pivot column entry should be non-zero

$$\therefore \delta - 4h \neq 0 \\ h \neq 2$$

Hence, for unique solution to exist  $h \neq 2$  and  $k$  can be anything.

c) 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & h & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & K \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 4R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & h & 2 \\ 0 & \delta - 4h & K - \delta \end{array} \right]$$

for infinitely many solutions one of the pivot entry should be zero and corresponding row element of b should also be 0.

i.e.  $8 - 4h = 0$  and  $k - 8 = 0$

Hence, for infinitely many solutions to exist  
 $h = 2$  and  $k = 8$ .

Q. Suppose a  $3 \times 5$  matrix (coefficient matrix) for a system has three pivot columns. Is the system consistent? Why or why not?

Since, the coefficient matrix is  $3 \times 5$  and there are three pivot columns.

Since, there is one ~~entry~~ pivot entry in each row and it is given that they are non-zero. So we cannot obtain a row of the form  $[0, 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 | b]$  where  $b$  is part of augmented matrix.

As we can not obtain a row of the form  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 | b]$ , the given system of equation is consistent.

9. Suppose a system of linear equations has a  $3 \times 5$  augmented matrix whose fifth column is the pivot column. Is the system consistent? Why or why not?

Here it is given that the  $3 \times 5$  matrix is augmented i.e. first four columns are represent variables.

Since, fifth column is pivot column, we may obtain a row of the form of

$$[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ | \ b]$$

As a system with a row of augmented matrix  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ | \ b]$  will not have any solution, hence, such a system would be inconsistent.