

Practice Problems in Linear Algebra

Rank, Consistency, and Gauss Elimination

Prepared for Practice

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Chapter 1

Rank of a Matrix

Problems

Problem 1.1. Find the rank of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Problem 1.2. Find the rank of $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & -2 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Problem 1.3. Find the rank of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Problem 1.4. Find the rank of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

Problem 1.5. Find the rank of $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 9 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Problem 1.6. Find the rank of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Problem 1.7. Find the rank of $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Problem 1.8. Find the rank of $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Problem 1.9. Find the rank of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$.

Problem 1.10. Find the rank of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Chapter 2

Consistency of Systems

Problems

Problem 2.1. Solve consistency for system:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 6 \\2x + 3y + z &= 10 \\x + 2y + \lambda z &= \mu\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.2. For what values of λ does the system $\begin{cases} x + 2y = 3 \\ 2x + 4y = \lambda \end{cases}$ have unique, infinite, or no solution?

Problem 2.3. Check consistency of:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 1 \\2x + 3y + z &= 2 \\3x + 4y + z &= 3\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.4. Find conditions for λ for:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= 2 \\2x + 2y &= \lambda\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.5. Check consistency of:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 3 \\2x + 3y + z &= 5 \\3x + 4y + z &= 6\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.6. Find consistency for system:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= \mu \\x + 2y + 3z &= \lambda \\2x + 3y + 4z &= 5\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.7. Check for solution types:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= 1 \\2x + 2y &= \lambda\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.8. Find λ, μ for consistency:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= \lambda \\2x + 3y + 4z &= \mu \\3x + 5y + 6z &= 10\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.9. Check consistency:

$$\begin{aligned}x - y + z &= 1 \\2x - 2y + 2z &= 2 \\3x - 3y + 3z &= 3\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.10. Find λ for:

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y + 3z &= 1 \\2x + 4y + 6z &= 2 \\3x + 6y + 9z &= \lambda\end{aligned}$$

Chapter 3

Gauss Elimination Method

Problems

Problem 3.1. Solve using Gauss elimination:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 6 \\2x + 5y + z &= 10 \\2x + 3y + 4z &= 13\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.2. Solve using Gauss elimination:

$$\begin{aligned}2x + y - z &= 8 \\-3x - y + 2z &= -11 \\-2x + y + 2z &= -3\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.3. Solve using Gauss elimination:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= 2 \\2x - y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.4. Solve using Gauss elimination:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 3 \\2x + 3y + z &= 5 \\3x + 4y + 2z &= 7\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.5. Solve using Gauss elimination:

$$\begin{aligned}x - y + z &= 2 \\2x + y - z &= 3 \\3x + 2y + z &= 6\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.6. Solve using Gauss elimination:

$$\begin{aligned}2x + 3y + z &= 1 \\4x + 7y + 3z &= 2 \\6x + 9y + 4z &= 3\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.7. Solve using Gauss elimination:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= 5 \\x - y &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.8. Solve using Gauss elimination:

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y + z &= 4 \\2x + 5y + z &= 9 \\3x + 6y + 2z &= 12\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.9. Solve using Gauss elimination:

$$\begin{aligned}2x + y &= 5 \\4x + 2y &= 10\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.10. Solve using Gauss elimination:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 1 \\2x + 2y + 2z &= 2 \\3x + 3y + 3z &= 3\end{aligned}$$