

Linear Algebra, Week 2

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Definition (Free indices)

An index $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ is called *free* if it is not a leading index. Write $F \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ for the set of free indices.

Theorem

If A is m -by- n in reduced echelon form with k nonzero rows and leading indices j_1, \dots, j_k then the general solution to

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}$$

exists if and only if $b_{k+1} = \dots = b_m = 0$, has $n - k$ free variables x_p , $p \in F$, and k dependent variables

$$x_{j_m} = b_i - \sum_{p \in F} A_{ip} x_p.$$

Echelon form theorems

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$$(E_{ij}(\lambda))^{-1} = E_{ij}(-\lambda)$$

$$(E_i(\lambda))^{-1} = E_i(1/\lambda)$$

$$\text{and } (M_1 \cdots M_k)^{-1} = M_k^{-1} \cdots M_1^{-1}.$$

