

Solution for homework #2

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• Exercices 2.2

$$13 \quad (a) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 4 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - (2/3)R_1 \\ R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - (4/3)R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1/3 & -1/3 \\ 0 & -1/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{3R_2 \\ R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + 2R_2 \\ (1/3)R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$14 \quad (a) \quad \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -4 & 7 \\ -3 & -6 & 10 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - (3/2)R_1 \\ R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + (1/2)R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -4 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -4 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + 14R_2 \\ (-1/2)R_1 \\ -2R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

17 Applying Gauss-Jordan elimination to each matrix, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + R_2 \\ (-1/2)R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - (1/3)R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + 3R_2 \\ (1/3)R_1 \\ 3R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since we can convert I back to B by reversing the elementary row operations, we can convert $A \rightarrow I \rightarrow B$ as follows:

- (1) $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 3R_1$
- (2) $R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + R_2$
- (3) $(-1/2)R_2$ (Now A is converted to I . We need to convert I back to B .)
- (4) $(1/3)R_2$
- (5) $3R_1$
- (6) $R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 3R_2$
- (7) $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + (1/3)R_1$

- 21 $3R_2 - 2R_1$ is not an elementary row operation since it cannot be represented by any of three elementary row operations. But it can be represented by two elementary operations as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - (2/3)R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 10/3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{3R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & -6 & 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 & -8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 + 2R_1 \\ R_3 + R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{(1/3)R_2 \\ (1/2)R_3 \\ R_3 + R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore

- the leading variable are x_1 and x_2 and
- the free variables are x_3 and x_4 .

$$\begin{aligned}
-x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 + 4x_4 &= 0 \\
&- x_3 + 2x_4 = -1 \\
\rightarrow x_3 &= 2x_4 + 1 \\
x_1 &= 3x_2 - 2x_3 + 4x_4 = 3x_2 - 2(2x_4 + 1) + 4x_4 = 3x_2 - 2
\end{aligned}$$

Setting $x_2 = s$ and $x_4 = t$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3s - 2 \\ s \\ 2t + 1 \\ t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & k \\ 2 & -1 & 4 & k^2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 - 2R_1]{R_2 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 & k - 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 & k^2 - 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 & k - 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & k^2 - k - 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The system has no solution if $k^2 - k - 2 = (k - 2)(k + 1) \neq 0$, i.e., $k \neq 2$ and $k \neq -1$. Otherwise ($k = 2$ or $k = -1$) the system has infinitely many solutions since there is one free variable (z). Note that the system cannot have a unique solution due to the free variable.

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The system

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

has infinitely many solutions.

– The system

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

has a unique solution.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} s - 2t &= -4 \\ -3t &= 0 \\ s - t &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

Applying Gaussian elimination,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 + (1/3)R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore the linear system has no solution and two lines do not intersect each other.

• Exercices 2.3

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$$x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying Gaussian elimination,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The solutions are $x = 3$ and $y = -1$. Therefore \mathbf{v} is a linear combination of \mathbf{u}_1 and \mathbf{u}_2 .

8 We need to check if the following linear system has a solution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 11 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Applying Gaussian elimination,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 10 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 11 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 - 7R_1]{R_2 - 4R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 10 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & -29 \\ 0 & -6 & -12 & -58 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 10 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & -29 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The linear system has infinitely many solutions, hence consistent, therefore \mathbf{b} is in the span of the columns of the matrix A .

10 We need to show that, for an arbitrary vector $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ the following equality holds.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In other words, we need to show that the following linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

has at least one solution (consistent) regardless of x and y .

Applying Gaussian elimination,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & x \\ -2 & 1 & y \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 + (2/3)R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & x \\ 0 & 1 & y + (2/3)x \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution is

$$c_1 = x/3 \text{ and } c_2 = 2x/3 + y$$

and therefore

$$\text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \mathbb{R}^2.$$

21 Let

$$\mathbf{w} = c_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + \cdots + c_k \mathbf{u}_k$$

and

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = d_{11} \mathbf{v}_1 + d_{12} \mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + d_{1m} \mathbf{v}_m$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = d_{21} \mathbf{v}_1 + d_{22} \mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + d_{2m} \mathbf{v}_m$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\mathbf{u}_k = d_{k1} \mathbf{v}_1 + d_{k2} \mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + d_{km} \mathbf{v}_m.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w} &= c_1(d_{11} \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + d_{1m} \mathbf{v}_m) + \cdots + c_k(d_{k1} \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + d_{km} \mathbf{v}_m) \\ &= (c_1 d_{11} + \cdots + c_k d_{k1}) \mathbf{v}_1 + (c_1 d_{12} + \cdots + c_k d_{k2}) \mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + (c_1 d_{1m} + \cdots + c_k d_{km}) \mathbf{v}_m \end{aligned}$$

therefore \mathbf{w} is a linear combination of $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$. In other words, if $\mathbf{w} \in \text{span}(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k)$ then $\mathbf{w} \in \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m)$ therefore $\text{span}(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k) \subseteq \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m)$.

25 It can easily be shown that the second vector is the sum of others. Therefore three vectors are linearly dependent. Therefore

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

30 The vectors are linearly independent if the following homogeneous linear system has the trivial solution only.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The Gaussian elimination is easily done by reversing the order of rows:

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

Since the linear system has a unique solution, it should be the trivial solution and therefore the vectors are linearly independent.

35 Applying Gaussian elimination to the matrix which rows are the given vectors,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} R_1^1 \leftarrow R_3 \\ R_3^1 \leftarrow R_1 \\ (R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3) \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1^1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3^3 \leftarrow R_3^2 - R_2^2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{0} = R_3^3 = R_3^2 - R_2^2 = R_3^1 - (R_2^1 - R_1^1) = R_1 - (R_2 - R_3) = R_1 - R_2 + R_3$$

where

$$R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } R_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

40 Applying Gaussian elimination to the matrix which rows are the given vectors,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_1^1 \leftarrow R_4 \\ R_2^1 \leftarrow R_3 \\ R_3^1 \leftarrow R_2 \\ R_4^1 \leftarrow R_1 \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since there is no zero row at the bottom, the rows are linearly independent.

- 46 Let's assume that if any subset is linearly dependent. Specifically, for the linearly independent set $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$, without loss of generality, assume that $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$ ($k \leq n$) are linearly dependent. Then there are coefficients c_1, \dots, c_k , where at least one is nonzero, satisfying

$$c_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + c_k \mathbf{u}_k = \mathbf{0}.$$

Now the equality

$$d_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + d_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + d_k \mathbf{u}_k + d_{k+1} \mathbf{u}_{k+1} + \dots + d_n \mathbf{u}_n = \mathbf{0}$$

holds if

$$\begin{aligned} d_1 &= c_1 \\ d_2 &= c_2 \\ &\vdots \\ d_k &= c_k \\ d_{k+1} &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ d_n &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since at least one of c_1, \dots, c_k is nonzero, hence at least one of d_1, \dots, d_n is nonzero. This means that $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$ are linearly dependent and this contradicts the fact that they are linearly independent.

• Exercises 2.4

- 4 (a) Let x_1 , x_2 and x_3 each denotes the number of nickels (\$0.05), dimes (\$0.1), and quarters (\$0.25), respectively. From the description we can build a linear system as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rrrrrr} x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 20 \\ 2x_1 & - & x_2 & & & = & 0 \\ 0.05x_1 & + & 0.10x_2 & + & 0.25x_3 & = & 3 \end{array}$$

Applying Gaussian elimination,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 20 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.05 & 0.1 & 0.25 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_2 - 2R_1 \\ 20R_3 \\ R_3 - R_1 \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 20 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 & -40 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 40 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 + (1/3)R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 20 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 & -40 \\ 0 & 0 & 10/3 & 80/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution is

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 4 \\ x_2 &= 8 \\ x_3 &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Without the second equation,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 20 \\ 0.05 & 0.1 & 0.25 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} 20R_3 \\ R_3 - R_1 \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 20 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 40 \end{bmatrix}$$

With $x_3 = t$ as a free variable,

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= t \\ x_2 &= 40 - 3t \\ x_1 &= 20 - x_2 - x_3 = 20 - (40 - 3t) - t = 2t - 20 \end{aligned}$$

Since x_1 , x_2 , and $x_3 = t$ are nonnegative integers,

$$\begin{cases} 0 \leq x_3 = t \\ 0 \leq x_2 = 40 - 3t \\ 0 \leq x_1 = 2t - 20 \end{cases} \rightarrow 10 \leq t \leq 13$$

Therefore the solutions are

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 10 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}, \right\}$$

17 (a) We can build a linear system as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rrrrrr} f_1 & + & f_2 & & & = & 100 \\ & & f_2 & + & f_3 & - & f_4 & = & 150 \\ & & & & f_4 & + & f_5 & = & 150 \\ f_1 & & & - & f_3 & & & - & f_5 & = & -200 \end{array}$$

Applying Gauss-Jordan elimination,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 100 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 150 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 150 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -200 \end{bmatrix} &\xrightarrow{R_4 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 100 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 150 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 150 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -300 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 - R_2 \\ R_4 + R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & -50 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 150 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 150 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -150 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 - R_3 \\ R_2 + R_3 \\ R_4 + R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -200 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 300 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 150 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Setting $f_3 = s$ and $f_5 = t$, the solutions are of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ f_4 \\ f_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s + t - 200 \\ 300 - s - t \\ s \\ 150 - t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) This means that $f_5 = t = 0$. In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= s + t - 200 \geq 0 \rightarrow s \geq 200 \\ f_2 &= 300 - s - t \geq 0 \rightarrow s \leq 300 \\ f_3 &= s \geq 0 \rightarrow s \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

therefore,

$$200 \leq f_3 \leq 300.$$

1. If DB is closed, f_5 should be at least 200. But since the flow-out on C is only 150, this is not possible.

This is verified in the solution since

$$f_4 = 150 - t \rightarrow t \leq 150$$

but if $s = 0$ then

$$f_1 = s + t - 200 = t - 200 < 0.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= s + t - 200 \geq 0 \rightarrow s + t \geq 200 \\ f_2 &= 300 - s - t \geq 0 \rightarrow s + t \leq 300 \\ f_3 &= s \geq 0 \rightarrow s \geq 0 \\ f_4 &= 150 - t \geq 0 \rightarrow t \leq 150 \\ f_5 &= t \geq 0 \rightarrow t \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

From the conditions for f_1 and f_2 ,

$$200 - t \leq s \leq 300 - t.$$

But since $0 \leq t \leq 150$,

$$50 \leq f_5 = s \leq 300.$$