

SLE Example
Solve this system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} a + 2b + 3c + 5d &= 0 \\ 2a + 4b + 8c + 12d &= 6 \\ 3a + 6b + 7c + 13d &= -6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 & 12 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 & 12 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 & 13 & -6 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 - 2R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 & 13 & -6 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 = R_3 - 3R_1}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & -6 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 = R_2/2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & -6 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 = R_3 + 2R_2}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 = R_1 - 3R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \text{ RREF}$$

Pivot cols Free cols

X_{particular}

- Set all free variable to zero

$$b = 0, d = 0$$

$$c + d = 3 \Rightarrow c = 3$$

$$a + 2b + 2d = -9 \Rightarrow a = -9$$

$$\Rightarrow X_p = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

X_{nullspace}

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

1x1 have 2 special solutions s_1, s_2 because we have 2 free

columns

- Set $b=1$ and $d=0$ for s_1

$$s_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Set $b=0$ and $d=1$ for s_2

$$s_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_n = \alpha s_1 + \beta s_2 = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$$

Complete Solution

$$x = x_p + x_n = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$$