

Math 260 HW # 7

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Section 3.3

(2) For the following homogenous system of linear equations, find the dimension of and a basis for the solution set :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } 2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 &= 0 \\ x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

First let's find the solution set...

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


Thus we have

$$x_2 - x_3 = 0 \implies x_2 = x_3$$

$$x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0 \implies x_1 = 0$$

Hence, since x_3 is a free variable we let $x_3 = t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus a basis for the solution set is the singleton $\{(0, 1, 1)\}$ and that implies that the dimension of the solution set is 1. 

(3) Find all solutions to the following system :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } 2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 &= 5 \\ x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= 1 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_3 &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 & 4 \end{array}\right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 3 \end{array}\right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right)$$

$$x_2 - x_3 = 1 \implies x_2 = 1 + x_3$$

$$x_1 - (1 + x_3) + x_3 = 1 \implies x_1 = 2$$

Letting $x_3 = t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \otimes$$

Section 3.4

(2) Use Gaussian elimination to solve the following system of linear equations :

$$\text{c) } x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_4 = 6$$

$$3x_1 + 5x_2 - x_3 + 6x_4 = 17$$

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 = 12$$

$$2x_1 - 7x_3 + 11x_4 = 7$$

Solution:

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & -1 & 6 & 17 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 12 \\ 2 & 0 & -7 & 11 & 7 \end{array}\right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -7 & 7 & -5 \end{array}\right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 7 & -1 \end{array}\right)$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array}\right)$$

Using back substitution we have

$$x_4 = -1$$

$$x_3 - 2(-1) = 0 \implies x_3 = -2$$

$$x_2 + (-2) = 1 \implies x_2 = 3$$

$$x_1 - 2(-2) + 2(-1) = 4 \implies x_1 = 2$$

Hence our solution is $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ✨

Section 4.4

(4) Evaluate the determinant of the following matrix by using any legitimate method :

g) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 11 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence } \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & 11 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now we simplify this further

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & 11 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & 11 \\ 0 & 19 & -43 \\ 0 & 19 & -38 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & 11 \\ 0 & 19 & -43 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence finally we have

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & 11 \\ 0 & 19 & -43 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot 19 \cdot 5 = 95 \quad \star$$