

Problem 1. Find the solution set for the given system:

$$\begin{aligned}2x_1 - x_2 - x_3 &= 0, \\5x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 &= 1, \\x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2. Find the solution set for the given system:

$$\begin{aligned}2x_1 - 4x_2 + 6x_3 &= 0, \\3x_1 - 6x_2 + 9x_3 &= 0, \\x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= 0, \\5x_1 - 10x_2 + 15x_3 &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3. Decide whether each statement below is **TRUE** or **FALSE**. If true, give a brief reason. If false, give an example or explanation to show that it is false.

- (a) If a matrix A has more rows than a matrix B , then $\text{rank}(A) \geq \text{rank}(B)$.
- (b) The columns of the row-echelon of $A^\#$ that contain the leading 1s correspond to the free variables.
- (c) For $n \times n$ matrices A and B , we have

$$(A + B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2.$$

Problem 4.

- (a): Show that if A is an $n \times n$ matrix such that $A^4 = 0_n$, then $I_n - A$ is an invertible matrix with

$$(I_n - A)^{-1} = I_n + A + A^2 + A^3.$$

- (b): Give an example to illustrate that if A and B are invertible matrices of the same size, $A + B$ need not be invertible.