

1. We know a system of linear equations can have 0, 1, or infinitely many solutions.
 - (a) Explain why a system of linear equations cannot have exactly 2 solutions.
 - (b) For a homogeneous system of linear equations, what are the possibilities for the number of solutions? Explain, and make sure to define *homogeneous system*.
2. Suppose \mathcal{M} is a homogeneous system of 4 linear equations and 3 variables. Let M be the non-augmented matrix of coefficients.
 - (a) If $\text{rank}(M) = 3$, how many solutions does the system \mathcal{M} have? (You do not need to define *reduced row echelon form*, but include all other relevant definitions.)
 - (b) If $\text{rank}(M) = 2$, how many solutions does the system \mathcal{M} have?
 - (c) Could $\text{rank}(M) = 4$? Explain.
3. Consider the equation \mathcal{E} given by

$$x_1 - x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = 0$$

and let $V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4 : \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a solution to } \mathcal{E} \right\}$. Find vectors $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ such that $V = \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$. Explain your process.