

10. Consider a linear system whose augmented matrix is of the form

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & a & b \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{REF}$$

→ (a) For what values of a and b will the system have infinitely many solutions?

→ (b) For what values of a and b will the system be inconsistent?

no solution
 $a-5=0$ and $b-4 \neq 0$
 $a=5$ and $b \neq 4$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & a & b \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{-r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2 \\ -r_1+r_3 \rightarrow r_3}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & a-3 & b-2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{-2r_2+r_3 \rightarrow r_3 \\ \text{make 0}}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a-5 & b-4 \end{array} \right]$$

$-2+a-3$
 $-2+b-2$

zero here. nonzero here.

no solution

a) For inf. many soln. case, you should have at least one free variable.

$\Rightarrow a-5=0 \quad b-4=0 \quad \Rightarrow a=5 \text{ and } b=4$

c) For unique soln. case,

$\Rightarrow a-5 \neq 0 \quad b \text{ can be anything but } a \neq 5$

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$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} x_2+x_3=1 \\ x_3=0 \\ x_2=1 \end{array}$$

$\frac{1}{3}r_3 \rightarrow r_3$
 $x_1+x_2+x_3=2$
 $(1,1,0) \Rightarrow x_1=1$
unique.

5. For each of the systems of equations that follow, use Gaussian elimination to obtain an equivalent system whose coefficient matrix is in row echelon form. Indicate whether the system is consistent. If the system is consistent and involves no free variables, use back substitution to find the unique solution. If the system is consistent and there are free variables, transform it to reduced row echelon form and find all solutions.

- (a) $x_1 - 2x_2 = 3$
 $2x_1 - x_2 = 9$
- (b) $2x_1 - 3x_2 = 5$
 $-4x_1 + 6x_2 = 8$
- (c) $x_1 + x_2 = 0$
 $2x_1 + 3x_2 = 0$
 $3x_1 - 2x_2 = 0$
- (d) $3x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 4$
 $x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 1$
 $11x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 14$
- (e) $2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 1$
 $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 3$
 $3x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 = 4$
- (f) $x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 4$
 $2x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 = 1$
 $7x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 = 7$

6. Use Gauss-Jordan reduction to solve each of the following systems.

- (a) $x_1 + x_2 = -1$
 $4x_1 - 3x_2 = 3$
- (b) $x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 3$
 $2x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 = 8$
 $3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 = -1$
- (c) $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$
 $x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0$

initial soln. $(0,0,-2,0)$ may also have inf. many

Homogeneous $Ax=0$
Non-homogeneous $Ax=b$

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- (d) $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0$
 $2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 = 0$
 $3x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0$
- (e) Give a geometric explanation of why a homogeneous linear system consisting of two equations in three unknowns must have infinitely many solutions. What are the possible numbers of solutions of a nonhomogeneous 2×3 linear system? Give a geometric explanation of your answer.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{-2r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2 \\ -r_1+r_3 \rightarrow r_3}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{-3r_2+r_3 \rightarrow r_3 \\ -1r_2 \rightarrow r_2}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{9}r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1/3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{REF}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1/3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{-3r_3+r_2 \rightarrow r_2 \\ -1r_3+r_1 \rightarrow r_1}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 4/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1/3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-r_2+r_1 \rightarrow r_1} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1/3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{RREF}$$

$x_1 + \frac{5}{3}x_4 = 0$
 $x_2 = 0$
 $x_3 + \frac{1}{3}x_4 = 0 \Rightarrow x_3 = -\frac{1}{3}x_4$
 $x_1 = -\frac{5}{3}x_4$

$x_4 = r \in \mathbb{R}$ (free)

$x_2 = 0$

$x_3 = -\frac{r}{3}$

$x_1 = -\frac{5r}{3}$

13. Given a homogeneous system of linear equations, if the system is overdetermined, what are the possibilities as to the number of solutions? Explain.

14. Given a nonhomogeneous system of linear equations, if the system is underdetermined, what are the possibilities as to the number of solutions? Explain.

Homogeneous $Ax=0$

$m \geq n$

trivial soln / Inf. many

After REF, if still you have n eqns that become not all zero \rightarrow only trivial soln.

After REF, if you have less than n eqns that become not all zero \rightarrow infinitely many soln.

$Ax=b$

$m > n$

$x_1 = b_1$
 $x_2 = b_2$
 \vdots
 $x_n = b_n$

After REF, if $0 = \text{non-zero}$ \rightarrow no soln.

Solution set $\rightarrow \left\{ \left(-\frac{4r}{3}, 0, \frac{r}{3}, r \right) : r \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

inf. many solutions.