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leading element of the row

A matrix is said to be in row echelon form if

- ✓ (i) The first nonzero entry in each nonzero row is 1.
- (ii) If row k does not consist entirely of zeros, the number of leading zero entries in row $k+1$ is greater than the number of leading zero entries in row k .
- (iii) If there are rows whose entries are all zero, they are below the rows having nonzero entries.

3 leading zeros

$$\begin{bmatrix} k \\ k+1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0001 \\ 00001 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 001 \\ 0001 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 000000 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} 000000 \\ 000000 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 001 & \dots \\ 001 & \dots \\ 0001 & \dots \end{bmatrix} \times$$

Which ones are in REF?

✓ (a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ✓ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

✓ ✓ 1) leading nonzero = 1

✓ × 2) #leading zeros of k^{th} row < #leading zeros of $k+1^{\text{th}}$ row× → 3) if all zero row → bottom
(it may be more than one)

✓ (c) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ✓ (d) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ REF

× (e) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ × (f) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

✓ (g) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ✓ (h) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Apply Elementary Row Operations

1. $r_i \leftrightarrow r_j$

2. $c \cdot r_i \rightarrow r_i$

3. $c \cdot r_j + r_i \rightarrow r_i$

$$\begin{array}{rrrrr} -2 & -2 & -2 & -2 & -12 \\ + & 2 & 4 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ \hline r_5 \rightarrow 0 & 2 & -1 & -4 & -13 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & -4 & -13 \\ 0 & -2 & -5 & -1 & -15 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -2r_1 + r_3 \rightarrow r_3 \\ -3r_1 + r_4 \rightarrow r_4 \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & -4 & -13 \\ 0 & -2 & -5 & -1 & -15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{rrrrr} -3 & -3 & -3 & -3 & -18 & -3r_1 \\ + & 3 & 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 \leftarrow r_4 \\ \hline & 0 & -2 & -5 & -1 & -15 \rightarrow r_4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{-1r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & -4 & -13 \\ 0 & -2 & -5 & -1 & -15 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -2r_2 + r_3 \rightarrow r_3 \\ 2r_2 + r_4 \rightarrow r_4 \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -3 & -15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{3}r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{13}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -3 & -15 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{3r_3 + r_4 \rightarrow r_4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{13}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{-1r_4 \rightarrow r_4} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & b \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{13}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{REF}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 6 \\ x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = 0 \\ x_3 + \frac{2}{3}x_4 = \frac{13}{3} \\ x_4 = 2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 2 \\ x_2 + 3 - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = -1 \\ x_3 + \frac{4}{3} = \frac{13}{3} \Rightarrow x_3 = 3 \end{array}$$

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (2, -1, 3, 2) \rightarrow \text{unique solution.}$$

2. The augmented matrices that follow are in row echelon form. For each case, indicate whether the corresponding linear system is consistent. If the system has a unique solution, find it.

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(a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(c) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(d) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(e) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

NO SOLUTION!

(b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

2 eqns left
2 unknowns
unique soln.

a) $0x_1 + 0x_2 = 1 \rightarrow$ bottom line

$0 = 1 \rightarrow$ impossible!

\Rightarrow The system has NO SOLUTION!

b) $x_1 + 3x_2 = 1$ $x_1 - 3 = 1$

$x_2 = -1$

$x_1 = 4$

$(4, -1) \rightarrow$ is a unique SOLN!

c) $x_1 - 2x_2 + 4x_3 = 1$

$x_3 = 3$

$x_1 - 2x_2 = -11$

$x_2 = r \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow$ free variable

$x_1 = -11 + 2r$

$(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (-11 + 2r, r, 3)$, $r \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow$ infinitely many solutions

you may also give $x_1 = s \in \mathbb{R}$

$x_2 = \frac{s+11}{2}$

$(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (s, \frac{s+11}{2}, 3)$, $s \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow$ represents the same solution.