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Solve the system of linear equations

$$2x + y + 3z = 5$$

$$x + y + 2z = 3$$

$$-y + 3z = -5$$

via Gauss-Jordan elimination. Please use the following recipe:

- (a) Write down an augmented matrix corresponding to the system above.
- (b) Use row operations to bring it to row reduced echelon form (RREF).
- (c) Write down the system of equations corresponding to your RREF matrix.
- (d) Write down the solution set in as simple of a manner as possible.

The augmented matrix is

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & -5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Switch } R_1 \text{ and } R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & -5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Add } -2 \cdot R_1 \\ \text{to } R_2 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & -5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Mul } R_2 \\ \text{by } -1 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & -5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Sub } R_2 \text{ from} \\ R_1, \\ \text{Add } R_2 \text{ to} \\ R_3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{Mul } R_3 \times \frac{1}{4} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Sub } R_3 \\ \text{from } R_1 \\ \text{and } R_2 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x = 3$$

$$y = 2$$

$$z = -1$$

The solution set is the single vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

is one of many possibilities.

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Is  $\vec{a}u + \vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{b}$ ?

$$r \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}?$$

$$r + 5s + 2t = c$$

$$2r + s - 3t = d$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & 2 & c \\ 2 & 1 & -3 & d \end{array} \right]$$

Bonus. p. 267, 16.

Prove  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is row equivalent to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  if and only if  $ad - bc \neq 0$ .

Suppose  $ad - bc \neq 0$ . Then  $a$  and  $c$  can't both be zero.

Since  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is row equivalent to  $\begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{bmatrix}$ , we may assume without loss of generality that  $a \neq 0$ .

Then, we have the following equivalences:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b/a \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{divide } R_1 \text{ by } a)$$

$$\downarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b/a \\ 0 & d - cb/a \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{subtract } c \cdot R_1 \text{ from } R_2)$$

$$\downarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b/a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{multiply } R_2 \text{ by } (d - \frac{cb}{a})^{-1} \\ = \frac{a}{ad - cb}, \text{ okay because} \\ ad - cb \neq 0 \end{array}$$

$$\downarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{sub } \frac{b}{a} \cdot R_2 \text{ from } R_1 \\ \text{as desired.} \end{array}$$

Suppose now that  $ad - bc = 0$ , we want to prove  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is <sup>not</sup> row equivalent to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(Note: This is the contrapositive of: If  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is row equivalent to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $ad - bc \neq 0$ . This is logically equivalent.)

(continued)

If both  $a$  and  $c$  are zero, then our matrix is

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$  which is not equivalent to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  as  
there will be no way to get a 1 <sup>anywhere i.e. the</sup> ~~in the~~ left column.  
So, as before, we may assume that  $a \neq 0$ .

We do the row reduction as before, but when we get  
to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & b/a \\ 0 & d - cb/a \end{bmatrix}$ , the bottom row is 0 and 0.

So this matrix is not row equivalent to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .