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**Instructions:** Worksheets are graded mostly on completion, and partially on correctness. Please write complete solutions showing explanations and key steps to the following problems, unless it says otherwise.

## Row Echelon Form

### 1. Solution Types and Echelon Forms

Consider the system of  $m$  linear equations with  $n$  variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  in general form:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n & = & b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n & = & b_2 \\ & \vdots & \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n & = & b_m \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{augmented matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right]$$

where  $a_{ij}$  and  $b_i$  are constants for  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  and  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

The goal of Gaussian elimination is to reach *row echelon form* (REF) of the augmented matrix, a simplified version of the matrix where each nonzero row starts with a leading entry (called a *pivot*) to the right of the one above it, and all rows of zeros are at the bottom.

For each of the following augmented matrices already in REF:

- Identify the number of equations  $m$  and variables  $n$ .
- Classify if the system is overdetermined, underdetermined, or neither.
- Determine if the system has a unique solution, infinite solutions, or no solution.
- If the the system have infinite solutions, list the free variables.

a)  $\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -3 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$

b)  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

## 2. More Examples

For each of the following augmented matrices already in *row echelon form*:

- Identify the number of equations  $m$  and variables  $n$ .
- Classify if the system is overdetermined, underdetermined, or neither.
- Determine if the system has a unique solution, infinite solutions, or no solution.
- If the the system have infinite solutions, list the free variables.

a)  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$

b)  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right]$

c)  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

d)  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

e)  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$

f)  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 1 \end{array} \right]$

g)  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$

h)  $\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$