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MATRICES AND GAUSSIAN ELIMINATION

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GAUSSIAN ELIMINATION:

Supplementary Problems:

1. For what values of a and b does the following system have (i) a unique solution
(ii) Infinitely many solutions (iii) No solution.

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

$$-x - 2y + az = -2$$

$$2x + by + 6z = 5$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & : & 2 \\ -1 & -2 & a & : & -2 \\ 2 & b & 6 & : & 5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 - 2R_1]{R_2 + R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & : & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & a+3 & : & 0 \\ 0 & b-4 & 0 & : & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftrightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & : & 2 \\ 0 & b-4 & 0 & : & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a+3 & : & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (i) If $a \neq -3$ and $b \neq 4$ then $r(A) = r(A:b) = 3 = n$ hence system will be **consistent**

and will have **a unique solution**.

- (ii) If $a = -3$ then $r(A) = r(A:b) = 2 < n (=3)$ hence system will be **consistent** and will have infinitely **many solutions**.

- (iii) If $a = -3, b = 4$ (or $a \neq -3, b = 4$), then $r(A) = 1$ (or 2) and $r(A:b) = 2$ (or 3) hence system will be **inconsistent** and will have **no solution**.

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2. For what values of a and b does the following system have (i) a trivial solution

(ii) Infinitely many solutions.

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y + 3z &= 0 \\ -x - 2y + az &= 0 \\ 2x + by + 6z &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & a \\ 2 & b & 6 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 - 2R_1]{R_2 + R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & a+3 \\ 0 & b-4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftrightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & b-4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a+3 \end{pmatrix}$$

This system will have only either a trivial solution or infinitely many solutions. It will have

(i) **a trivial solution** if $a \neq -3$ & $b \neq 4$ then $r(A)=3=n$

(ii) **Infinitely many solutions** if $a = -3$ or $b = 4$ or *both* then $r(A)$ will be 2 or 1 respectively.

GAUSSIAN ELIMINATION:

3. Which number q makes this system singular and which right hand side t gives it infinitely many solutions. Find the solution that has $z=1$.

$$x + 4y - 2z = 1$$

$$x + 7y - 6z = 6$$

$$3y + qz = t$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -2:1 \\ 1 & 7 & -6:6 \\ 0 & 3 & q:t \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2-R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -2:1 \\ 0 & 3 & -4:5 \\ 0 & 3 & q:t \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3-R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -2:1 \\ 0 & 3 & -4:5 \\ 0 & 0 & q+4:t-5 \end{pmatrix}$$

If $q = -4$ the system will be **singular**.

$t = 5$ makes the system **consistent** and gives it **infinitely many solutions**.

This gives $3y-4z=5$; $x+4y-2z=1$.

$z=1$ gives $y=3$ and $x=-9$. Hence the solution which has $z=1$ is **$(-9, 3, 1)$** .

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4. Check for consistency and solve the following system of equations if consistent. Also discuss its rank:

$$(i) \begin{cases} 3x + y + 2z = 3 \\ 2x - 3y - z = -3 \\ x + 2y + z = 4 \end{cases} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 : 3 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 : -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 : 4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_2 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)R_1 \\ R_3 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)R_1 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 : 3 \\ 0 & -11/3 & -7/3 : -5 \\ 0 & 5/3 & -1/3 : 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 + \left(\frac{5}{11}\right)R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 : 3 \\ 0 & -11/3 & -7/3 : -5 \\ 0 & 0 & -24/33 : 8/11 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3x + y + 2z = 3 \\ (-11/3)y - 7/3z = -5 \\ (-24/33)z = 8/11 \end{cases}$$

$r(A)=r(A:b)=3=n$ hence system is **consistent** and has **a unique solution**.

i.e **$(x, y, z)=(1, 2, -1)$** .

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4. Solve $Ax=b$ for x if $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ and $b = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 : 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 : 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 : 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 - 4R_1]{R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 : 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 : -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 13 : -4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 : 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 : -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 : 4 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_2 + 7R_3]{R_1 - 2R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 : -7 & 8 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 : 26 & -27 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 : 4 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{-R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 : -7 & 8 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 : 26 & -27 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 : -4 & 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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(ii)
$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 3y + 2z &= 1 \\ 5x - 8y + 7z &= 1 \\ y - 4z &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 2:1 \\ 5 & -8 & -7:1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4:8 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 2:1 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 2:-3/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4:8 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 + 2R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 2:1 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 2:-3/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0:5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$r(A)=2$ and $r(A:b)=3$ hence system is **inconsistent** and has **no solution**.

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad & 2x - 3y + 2z = 1 \\ & 5x - 8y + 7z = 1 \\ & y - 4z = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 2:1 \\ 5 & -8 & -7:1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4:3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 2:1 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 2:-3/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4:3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 + 2R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 2:1 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 2:-3/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0:0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$r(A)=r(A:b)=2 < n(=3)$ hence system is **consistent** and has **infinite number of solutions**.
i.e **$(x, y, z) = (5-7k, 4k-3, k)$**



THANK YOU

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