

1. Locate the leading entries for each of the following matrices:

$$(i) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (iii) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (iv) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Identify the matrices in REF:

$$(i) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (iii) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (iv) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Assuming those row echelon matrices in Ex.3 are augmented matrices, solve the corresponding linear systems.

4. Transform the following matrices to RREF:

$$(i) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 7 & 6 & 5 \\ -2 & -1 & 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (iii) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 2 & -2 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 4 & 8 & 2 & 6 & -5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Locate the pivot columns of matrices in Ex.4, and compute also their ranks.

6. Let A be a 2×2 matrix consisting of 0 and 1 only. If A is in RREF, find the number of different forms of A .

7. Consider a linear system with p variables and q equations.

- What are the sizes of the coefficient and augmented matrices?
- If $p > q$, is the system always consistent?
- If $p < q$, is the system always inconsistent?
- If $p = q$, will the system always have a unique solution?
- If $p \neq q$, will the system (when consistent) always have many solutions?

8. Find a suitable b such that the following system is inconsistent.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 = 1 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 - x_3 + bx_4 = 1 \\ x_1 - 3x_3 - x_4 = -1 \end{cases}$$

9. Find conditions on the b_i 's such that the following systems are consistent:

$$(i) \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = b_1 \\ x_2 + x_3 = b_2 \\ x_1 + x_3 = b_3 \end{cases} \quad (ii) \begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_4 = b_1 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 = b_2 \\ 3x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = b_3 \end{cases} \quad (iii) \begin{cases} x_1 - x_3 + x_4 = b_1 \\ x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = b_2 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = b_3 \\ x_2 + 3x_3 - x_4 = b_4 \end{cases}$$

10. Let A denote the coefficient matrix of a consistent system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$. Determine the number of free variables (if exist) for the following cases.

(i) A is 3×4 , $\text{rank } A = 2$.

(ii) A is 4×3 , $\text{rank } A = 3$.

(iii) A is 7×5 , $\text{rank } A = 4$.

(iv) A is 7×7 , $\text{rank } A = 7$.

11. Let A denote the coefficient matrix of a linear system. Find $\text{rank } A$ in the following cases.

(i) The system has 20 equations, 30 variables, 10 free variables.

(ii) The system has 14 equations, 13 basic variables, 10 free variables.

(iii) A is 5×7 , solution set of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has 3 independent free parameters.

(iv) A is 2×3 , and $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is always consistent for every \mathbf{b} .

12. Consider the following column vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Is \mathbf{u} a linear combination of (i) $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$? (ii) $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3\}$?

13. Consider the following column vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(i) Is \mathbf{u} a linear combination of $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$? $\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$? $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3\}$?

(ii) Is \mathbf{u} a linear combination of $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$?

14. Let $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ be vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . Will $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ contain the zero vector $\mathbf{0}$ of \mathbb{R}^n ?

15. Let \mathbf{u} be a vector in \mathbb{R}^n . Is it always true that:

(i) $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{0}\} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$? (ii) $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}\} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, 2\mathbf{u}\}$?

Answers for checking:

$$1. \text{ (i) } \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} \\ 0 \\ \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(ii) } \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 \\ \boxed{2} & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{4} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{5} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(iii) } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \boxed{2} & 0 & 1 \\ \boxed{1} & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{4} \\ 0 & \boxed{-1} & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(iv) } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{-3} & 1 \\ \boxed{1} & 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & \boxed{3} & 2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. (iii) and (iv).

$$3. \text{ (iii) } \begin{cases} x_1 = s \\ x_2 = \frac{1}{2} \\ x_3 = -1 \end{cases} \quad \text{where } s \text{ is free.} \quad \text{(iv) } \begin{cases} x_1 = 1 + \frac{1}{2}t \\ x_2 = s \\ x_3 = 13 - 3t \\ x_4 = t \\ x_5 = 3 \end{cases} \quad \text{where } s, t \text{ are free.}$$

$$4. \text{ (i) } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(ii) } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(iii) } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 & \frac{15}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. (i) all 3 columns. rank = 3. (ii) columns 1 and 2. rank = 2. (iii) columns 1 and 3. rank = 2.

6. 5.

7. (a) $q \times p$, $q \times (p + 1)$ (b)–(e) No.

8. $b = -2$.

9. (i) no restriction on b_1, b_2, b_3 (ii) $-2b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 0$ (iii) $\begin{cases} b_1 + b_2 - b_3 = 0 \\ b_1 - b_2 + b_4 = 0 \end{cases}$.

10. (i) 2 (ii) 0 (iii) 1 (iv) 0

11. (i) 20 (ii) 13 (iii) 4 (iv) 2

12. (i) Yes (ii) No.

13. (i) No, No, No (ii) Yes.

14. Yes.

15. (i) Yes (ii) Yes.