

1. Describe all solutions of the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ in parametric vector form, where A is row-equivalent to the matrix

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

2. Let

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ h \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For which value(s) of h is \mathbf{b} in the plane spanned by \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 ?

3. Describe (by an equation and geometrically), the set of all vectors \mathbf{b} in \mathbf{R}^3 for which the system is consistent.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 3x_2 &= b_1 \\ -x_1 - x_2 - x_3 &= b_2 \\ 3x_1 + 7x_2 + x_3 &= b_3 \end{aligned}$$

4. Determine whether the columns of A are linearly independent:

$$\text{a) } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 7 \\ 3 & 1 & 13 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 7 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{b) } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 13 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & -6 & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 7 & 12 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Let

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

a) Express \mathbf{b} as a linear combination of \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 .

b) Suppose A is a matrix such that

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

What is the size of A ?

c) Let A be the same matrix as in part b). Find a vector \mathbf{x} in \mathbf{R}^3 such that

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Explain which general property you are using. (*Hint*: see part a).)

6. An economy has three sectors: Chemicals, Fuels and Machinery. Chemicals sells 40% of its output to Fuels and 40% to Machinery, and retains the rest. Fuels sells 70% of its output to Chemicals and 30% to Machinery. Machinery sells 50% of its output to Chemicals and 30% to Fuels, and retains the rest.

a) Construct an exchange table for this economy.

b) Set up a system of equations that lead to equilibrium prices at which each sector's income matches its expenses. Write the augmented matrix for the system. **Do not solve the system!**

7. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix, and let $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ be a linearly *dependent* set in \mathbf{R}^n . Prove that the set $\{A\mathbf{v}_1, A\mathbf{v}_2, A\mathbf{v}_3\}$ is linearly *dependent*. (Hint: use a dependence relation between \mathbf{v}_1 , \mathbf{v}_2 and \mathbf{v}_3 .)

8. **Extra credit!!** Suppose A is a 3×3 matrix and \mathbf{y} is a vector in \mathbf{R}^3 such that the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ does *not* have a solution. Does there exist a vector \mathbf{z} in \mathbf{R}^3 such that the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z}$ has a *unique* solution? Explain!