

Name: ANSWERS

Instructions: No calculators! Answer all problems in the space provided! Do your rough work on scrap paper.

1. Solve the following systems, write the answer as a linear combination of column vectors. If no solution exists, write "inconsistent".

(a) $x - y + 2z = 3$
 $x + 2y - z = -3$
 $2y - 2z = 1$

(b) $x + z = 2$
 $2x + y + 2z = 4$
 $-x + 2y - 2z = -3$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ R_2 / 3 \\ 2R_2/3 - R_3 \end{array} \quad \text{Gasp!}$$

Could stop here, but let's continue.

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

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_1 + R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ 2R_2 - R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) R_1 - R_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\text{Inconsistent!}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

2. The RREF of a system in variables (w, x, y, z) is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 3 \end{pmatrix}$. This means: $\begin{pmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Bonus:

(a) If $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, find $A^{-1} = \underline{\frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}$

(b) If $B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, find $\det B = \underline{6}$

(c) Is it possible to find B^{-1} ? How do you know? Yes. $\det B \neq 0$

(d) Let C be the coefficient matrix of the system in problem 1(a). Is it possible to find C^{-1} ? How do you know? No. RREF of $C \neq I_3$. Also, $\det C = 0$.