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1. (rref)

Determine  $a, b$  such that (1) the system has no solution and (2) the system has infinitely many solutions.

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + z &= 1 \\ 5x + 10y + 2z &= 2 \\ 6x + 2ay + bz &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 10 & 2 & 2 \\ 6 & 2a & b & 2 \end{array} \right) &\equiv \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 2a-12 & b-6 & -4 \end{array} \right) &\begin{array}{l} \text{Combo}(1,2,-5) \\ \text{Combo}(1,3,-6) \end{array} \\ &\equiv \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2a-12 & b-6 & -4 \end{array} \right) &\text{mult}(2, -1/3) \\ &\equiv \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2a-12 & 0 & -4+b-b \end{array} \right) &\begin{array}{l} \text{Combo}(2,1,-1) \\ \text{Combo}(2,3,b-b) \end{array} \\ &= \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2a-12 & 0 & 2-b \end{array} \right) &\begin{array}{l} x = \text{lead} \\ z = \text{lead} \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

If  $2a-12 \neq 0$ , Then unique sol.

If  $2a-12 = 0$  and  $2-b \neq 0$ , Then no sol.

If  $2a-12 = 0$  and  $2-b = 0$ , Then  $\infty$ -many sols

$a=6, b \neq 2$
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$a=6, b=2$
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2. (vector spaces) Do two of the following but not three.

(a) [50%] Let  $V$  be the vector space of functions  $f(t) = c_1 + c_2e^t + c_3te^t + c_4(1 - e^t)$ , for all values of  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$ . Report a basis for  $V$ . Don't justify.

(b) [50%] Prove by means of the subspace criterion (Theorem 1, Edwards-Penney) that the set  $S$  of all

fixed vectors  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $v_2 + v_3 = 0$  is a subspace.

(c) [50%] Find a basis of 3-vectors for the solution space of the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} x + y - 4z &= 0, \\ x + 3y - 2z &= 0, \\ 2y + 2z &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

(a) Basis is contained in  $\{\partial_{c_1}f, \partial_{c_2}f, \partial_{c_3}f, \partial_{c_4}f\} = \{1, e^t, te^t, 1 - e^t\}$   
 But  $1 - e^t$  is a l.c. of the others. Basis =  $\{1, e^t, te^t\}$

(b) write the restriction equation as  $\begin{cases} v_3 + v_2 = 0 \\ v_2 = 0 \\ v_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$  where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $S = \{\vec{v} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3 : A\vec{v} = \vec{0}\}$

(1)  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \text{ in } S \Rightarrow A\vec{v}_1 = \vec{0}, A\vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow A(\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2) = A\vec{v}_1 + A\vec{v}_2$   
 $= \vec{0} + \vec{0}$   
 $= \vec{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 \text{ in } S.$

(2)  $\vec{v} \text{ in } S$  and  $k = \text{constant} \Rightarrow A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$  and  $k = \text{constant}$   
 $\Rightarrow A(k\vec{v}) = k(A\vec{v})$   
 $= k\vec{0}$   
 $= \vec{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow k\vec{v} \text{ in } S.$

Proof is complete.

(c)  $\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -4 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \cong \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \cong \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$   
 Gen. Sol. is  $\begin{cases} x = 5t_1 \\ y = -t_1 \\ z = t_1 \end{cases}$  Basis =  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

3. (independence) Do either (a) or (b) but not both.

(a) [100%] Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . State and apply a test that shows  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$  are

dependent.

(b) [100%] Let matrix  $D$  be given and let  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  be vectors with  $D\mathbf{a}$ ,  $D\mathbf{b}$ ,  $D\mathbf{c}$  independent. Prove that  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  are independent. Don't do this problem if you did (a)!

(a)  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$  are independent in  $\mathbb{R}^3 \Leftrightarrow \text{rref}(\text{aug}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}))$  has 3 nonzero rows  
 $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(\text{rref}(\text{aug}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}))) = 3$   
 $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$  are independent in  $\mathbb{R}^3 \Leftrightarrow \det(\text{aug}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w})) \neq 0$

$$A = \text{aug}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}) \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

second test does not apply because  $A$  is not  $3 \times 3$ .

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ rref found;}$$

2 nonzero rows  $\Leftrightarrow$  dependent

(b) Form the equation  
 $c_1 \vec{a} + c_2 \vec{b} + c_3 \vec{c} = \vec{0}$

Multiply by matrix  $D$ :

$$c_1 D\vec{a} + c_2 D\vec{b} + c_3 D\vec{c} = \vec{0}$$

By independence of  $D\vec{a}$ ,  $D\vec{b}$ ,  $D\vec{c}$  we have  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ .

Therefore,  $\{\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}\}$  is an independent set.

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4. (determinants and elementary matrices)

Assume given two invertible  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A, B$ . Let elementary matrices  $E_1, E_2, E_3$  be given, with  $E_1$  a swap,  $E_2$  a combination and  $E_3$  a multiply, with multiplier  $1/3$ , and assume  $E_1 E_2 B = E_3 A$ . Explain precisely why  $\det(3BA^{-1}) = -9$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad \det(3BA^{-1}) &= \det(3I(B)(A^{-1})) \\ &= \det(3I) \det(BA^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(E_1 E_2 BA^{-1}) = \det(E_3)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \det(E_1) \det(E_2) \det(BA^{-1}) = \det(E_3)$$

$$\begin{cases} \det(E_1) = -1 & \text{swap} \\ \det(E_3) = 1/3 & \text{mult} \\ \det(E_2) = 1 & \text{combo} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore (-1)(1) \det(BA^{-1}) = 1/3$$

$$\det(3I) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 27$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(3BA^{-1}) &= \det(3I) \det(BA^{-1}) \\ &= (27) \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &= -9 \end{aligned}$$

use prod rule freely:  
 $\det(CD) = \det(C)\det(D)$   
 use given  $E_1 E_2 B = E_3 A$

from above  $\textcircled{1}$   
 and  $\textcircled{2}$

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5. (inverses and Cramer's rule)

(a) [75%] Determine all values of  $x$  for which  $A^{-1}$  fails to exist:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 & x \\ 2 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & x & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2x & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(b) [25%] State two determinant rules which follow from the four rules *triangular, swap, combo, mult.* Don't give any proofs.

(a)  $A^{-1}$  exists  $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$ . Fails when  $\det(A) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= (2)(1) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -3 & 0 \\ x & 1 & 1 \\ 2x & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + (2)(-1) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & x \\ x & 1 & 1 \\ 2x & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} && \text{cofactor expansion} \\ &= (2)(1)(-1) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 2x & 1 \end{vmatrix} + (2)(-1) (2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + x \begin{vmatrix} x & 1 \\ 2x & 1 \end{vmatrix}) && \text{on col} = 1 \\ &= -(2)(6x) - 2(-2 - x^2) \\ &= -12x + 4 + 2x^2 \end{aligned}$$

The two values of  $x$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 - 12x + 4 &= 0 \\ x^2 - 6x + 2 &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 8}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Rule 1. If  $A$  has a row of zeros, then  $\det(A) = 0$   
Rule 2 If  $A$  has 2 duplicate rows, then  $\det(A) = 0$   
 Both rules may be stated for columns also, due to  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$ . Finally, the rules can be stated for both rows and cols, but only one case is expected.