

**Math 2568 Homework 3**  
Math 2568 Due: Monday, September 9, 2019

## Problem 1

Row reduce the given matrix to reduced echelon form by hand and determine its rank.

§2.4, Exercise 1.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 & 14 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$

## Problem 2

§2.4, Exercise 3.

How many solutions does the equation

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

have for the following choices of  $A$ . Explain your reasoning.

(a)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(b)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(c)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

## Problem 3

§2.4, Exercise 6.

Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 3x_3 &= 1 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 &= 1 \\ 2x_2 + ax_3 &= b \end{aligned}$$

For which real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  does the system have no solutions, a unique solution, or infinitely many solutions? Your answer should subdivide the  $ab$ -plane into three disjoint sets.

## Problem 4

**§2.4, Exercise 14.** Prove that the rank of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is less than or equal to the minimum of  $m$  and  $n$ .

## Problem 5

**§3.1, Exercise 1.** Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute  $Ax$ .

## Problem 6

**§3.1, Exercise 7.** Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Denote the columns of the matrix  $A$  by

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \cdots \quad A_n = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Show that the matrix vector product  $Ax$  can be written as

$$Ax = x_1 A_1 + x_2 A_2 + \cdots + x_n A_n,$$

where  $x_j A_j$  denotes scalar multiplication (see Chapter 1).

## Problem 7

**§3.1, Exercise 9.** Write the system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 &= 4 \\ 6x_1 - 5x_3 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

in the matrix form  $Ax = b$ .

## Problem 8

**§3.1, Exercise 10.** Find all solutions to

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 14 \\ 17 \\ 31 \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Problem 9

**§3.1, Exercise 13.** Is there an upper triangular  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that

$$A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Is there a symmetric  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  satisfying (1)?