

1. Let M be the augmented matrix $\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 4 & 5 & -2 & 10 & 20 \\ 3 & 7 & 5 & 10 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right]$.

1A: Let S be the system of equations having augmented matrix M . What is the second equation of that system?

$$3x_1 + 7x_2 + 5x_3 + 10x_4 = 7$$

1B: You might *begin* to put the matrix M in RREF by first performing the elementary row operation " $r_1 \leftrightarrow r_4$ " on M to produce a row equivalent matrix N , and then doing the elementary row operation " $r_2 \leftarrow r_2 - 3r_1$ " on N to get another row-equivalent matrix P . Explicitly, what is P ?

so N is $\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & 5 & 10 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 5 & -2 & 10 & 20 \end{array} \right]$;

P becomes $\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 5 & -2 & 10 & 20 \end{array} \right]$

1C: By calculator, what is $\text{RREF}(M)$?

$$\text{RREF}(M) = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

1D: What are the pivot columns of M ?

columns 1, 2, and 4, as these have the "leading 1's"

1E: Find all the solutions of the system S and write your answer in the agreed-upon form. If there are no solutions, explain why not.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 5 + 3x_3 \\ x_2 = -4 - 2x_3 \\ x_3 \text{ is free} \\ x_4 = 2 \end{cases}$$

1F: If the system S is not inconsistent, and there are any free variables, what solution results by setting all the free variables to 1? (Write your answer in " n -tuple" form).

setting $x_3 = 1$ gives the soln $(5+3, -4-2, 1, 2) = \boxed{(8, -6, 1, 2)}$

1G: If there is an answer to 1F, verify that the solution is indeed a solution by seeing that it satisfies the equation in the answer to 1A.

Does $3(8) + 7(-6) + 5(1) + 10(2) = 7$?

$$24 - 42 + 5 + 20 = 7?$$

$$49 - 42 = 7?$$

$$7 = 7? \quad \text{yes.}$$

(note: this only shows that $(8, -6, 1, 2)$ is a soln of the second eqn... not the whole system!)