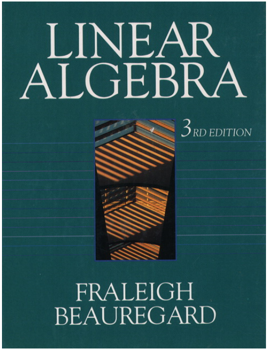
Linear Algebra

Chapter 1. Vectors, Matrices, and Linear Systems

Section 1.4. Solving Systems of Linear Equations—Proofs of Theorems



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$$\begin{array}{rcrcrcr} 2x & + & y & - & 3z & = & 0 \\ 6x & + & 3y & - & 8z & = & 0 \\ 2x & - & y & + & 5z & = & -4. \end{array}$$

Put the augmented matrix in row-echelon form and use back substitution to solve.

Solution. We have

$$\left[\begin{array}{rrr|r} 2 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 6 & 3 & -8 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 5 & -4 \end{array}\right]$$

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$$\begin{array}{rcrcr} c_{21} & & - & 5c_{23} & = & -3 \\ & c_{22} & + & 3c_{23} & = & 1 \end{array} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{array}{rcrcr} c_{21} & = & -3 & + & 5c_{23} \\ c_{22} & = & 1 & - & 3c_{23} \\ c_{23} & = & & & c_{23} \end{array} \qquad (2)$$

$$\begin{array}{rcrcr} c_{31} & & - & 5c_{33} & = & -9 \\ & c_{32} & + & 3c_{33} & = & 3 \end{array} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{array}{rcrcr} c_{31} & = & -9 & + & 5c_{33} \\ c_{32} & = & 3 & - & 3c_{33} \\ c_{33} & = & & & c_{33} \end{array} \qquad (3)$$

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(2) Add 6 times Row 2 to Row 1,
(3) Add -3 times Row 1 to Row 3,
(4) Add -2 times Row 4 to Row 2,
to A can also be found by computing the product CA.

Solution. We find the elementary matrices which represent the row operations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underset{\frown}{\overset{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_4}{}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = E_1,$$

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(4) Add -2 times Row 4 to Row 2,
to A can also be found by computing the product CA.

Solution. We find the elementary matrices which represent the row operations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\overset{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_4}{}}_{} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = E_1,$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{R_1 \to R_1 + 6R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E_2,$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{R_3 \to R_3 - 3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E_3,$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{R_2 \to R_2 - 2R_4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E_4.$$

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