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**Homework 8**

1. For each of the situations (a)–(f) below, decide which of the statements in the box can correctly complete the sentence. *Include all correct responses.*

- (a) If  $A$  is an  $8 \times 11$  matrix whose rank is 6, then \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) If  $A$  is an  $8 \times 11$  matrix whose rank is 8, then \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) If  $A$  is an  $8 \times 11$  matrix whose rank is 10, then \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) If  $A$  is a  $12 \times 7$  matrix whose rank is 9, then \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) If  $A$  is a  $12 \times 7$  matrix whose rank is 7, then \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) If  $A$  is a  $12 \times 7$  matrix whose rank is 5, then \_\_\_\_\_

- (i)  $AX = b$  is solvable for every vector  $b$ .  
 (ii) there are some vectors  $b$  for which  $AX = b$  is not solvable.  
 (iii) for some vectors  $b$ , the system  $AX = b$  has exactly one solution.  
 (iv) for some vectors  $b$ , the system  $AX = b$  has infinitely many solutions.  
 (v) the given information is contradictory, no such system is possible.

2.

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 5 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

The vectors  $v_1 = (-3, -1, 1, 0)$  and  $v_2 = (1, -2, 0, 1)$  are a basis for  $\mathcal{N}(C)$ , the nullspace of  $C$ .

(a) What is the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(C)$ , the null space of  $C$ ?

What is the rank of  $C$ ?

What is the rank of  $C'$ ?

What is the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(C')$ ?

(b) Find bases for the range of  $C$ , the range of  $C'$ , and the nullspace of  $C'$ .

(c) Is the equation  $CX = (2, 3, 1)$  solvable?

(d) Is the equation  $CX = (-1, 1, 3)$  solvable?

(e) Is the equation  $C'X = (1, -1, 2, -3)$  solvable?

3.

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) Find a basis for the nullspace of  $D$ .

(b) What is the nullity of  $D$ ? the rank of  $D$ ? the rank of  $D'$ ? the nullity of  $D'$ ?

(c) Find bases for the range of  $D$ , the range of  $D'$ , and the nullspace of  $D'$ .

(d) Is the equation  $DX = (2, 3, 1)$  solvable?

(e) Is the equation  $DX = (1, 1, 2)$  solvable?

(f) Is the equation  $D'X = (1, 0, 0, -1)$  solvable?

(g) Is the equation  $D'X = (1, 2, 1, -1)$  solvable?

4. For each real number  $t$ , let  $F(t)$  be the matrix

$$F(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ t & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & t & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) Find  $\det(F(t))$ . (It is a function of  $t$ .)

(b) For which value (or values) of  $t$  are the columns of  $F(t)$  linearly dependent?

5. For each of the following, decide if the statement is *always true* or *always false* or *sometimes true*, *sometimes false* when the given condition is true.

(a) **Given:** The vectors  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6$  span  $\mathbb{R}^6$ .

**Statement:** The vectors  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6$  are linearly independent.

always true                      always false                      sometimes true, sometimes false

(b) **Given:**  $B$  is a  $6 \times 6$  matrix with  $\det(B) \neq 0$ .

**Statement:** The equation  $BX = b$  has infinitely many solutions.

always true                      always false                      sometimes true, sometimes false

(c) **Given:**  $B$  is a  $6 \times 6$  matrix,  $b$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^6$ ,  $BX = 0$  has infinitely many solutions.

**Statement:** The equation  $BX = b$  has infinitely many solutions.

always true                      always false                      sometimes true, sometimes false

(d) **Given:**  $B$  is a  $6 \times 6$  matrix and the columns of  $B$  are linearly independent.

**Statement:** The equation  $BX = b$  has exactly one solution.

always true                      always false                      sometimes true, sometimes false

(e) **Given:**  $E$  is a  $6 \times 8$  matrix,  $b$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^6$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(E)$ , the nullspace of  $E$  is 2-dimensional.

**Statement:** The equation  $EX = b$  has infinitely many solutions.

always true                      always false                      sometimes true, sometimes false

(f) **Given:**  $D$  is a  $7 \times 5$  matrix,  $b$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^7$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(D)$ , the nullspace of  $D$  is 1-dimensional.

**Statement:** The equation  $DX = b$  has infinitely many solutions.

always true                      always false                      sometimes true, sometimes false

6. Consider the system:

$$\begin{cases} u + 2v + w - x - 2y = 3 \\ -2u + v + w + x + 2y = 5 \\ u + v - w + 2x + 4y = -2 \\ u - v + 3x + y = -7 \\ -u + 3v + w + x + 3y = 7 \end{cases}$$

(a) Choose  $A$  and  $b$  so that the system can be written in matrix form as  $AX = b$  where  $X = (u, v, w, x, y)$ .

(b) Check that  $X_p = (-1, 1, 2, -2, 1)$  is a solution of the system and check that  $X_0 = (-1, 1, -2, 1, -1)$  is a solution of the associated homogeneous system  $AX = 0$ .

(c) Without using Gaussian elimination or a machine, find two other non-trivial solutions of  $AX = 0$ .

(d) Without using Gaussian elimination or a machine, find two other solutions of  $AX = b$ .

7. The five-tuples  $(2, 2, 1, -1, 1)$  and  $(1, 1, 2, -1, -1)$  are both solutions of the system:

$$\begin{cases} a + b + 4c + d + e = 8 \\ a - b + 2c + 2d + e = 1 \\ 2a + b - c - d - 2e = 4 \\ b + 3c + d + e = 5 \\ 2a - b + c + 3d = 0 \end{cases}$$

(a) Without using Gaussian elimination or a machine, write down two non-trivial solutions of the associated homogeneous system.

(b) Write down two other solutions of the given system.