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Section:

Quiz1- First Semester 1443H – Math107

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Question 1 [Marks: 4]:

Solve the following linear system by using Gaussian elimination:

$$x + y + 2z = 7$$

$$x + z = 2$$

$$2x - y + 3z = 5.$$

Answer :

The system can be written as $AX=B$ with $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$.

The augmented matrix is $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{-2 \quad -2 \quad -4 \quad -14}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & -9 \end{array} \right)$

$\xrightarrow{\substack{0 \quad 3 \quad 3 \quad 15}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{-1 \quad -1 \quad -2 \quad -14}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right)$

So $z = 3$ and $y + z = 5$ it means $y = 2$.
Also $x + y + 2z = 7$ so $x = 7 - 2 - 6 = -1$.
The unique solution is $\{(-1, 2, 3)\}$.

Question 2 [Marks: 2]:

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the inverse of A.

Answer:

$|A| = (0 + 0 + 0) - (-24 + 0 + 0) = 24 \neq 0$ so A has an inverse.

$$\begin{aligned} [A|I] &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & 0 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{3 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad -3 \quad 0 \quad -3}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 3 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/4 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] = [I|A^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 1/4 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Question 3 [Marks: 4]:

Determine the value of β so that the following linear system has unique solution:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 3 \\2x - y - z &= 1 \\3x + \beta y + \beta^2 z &= 7.\end{aligned}$$

Answer:

The system can be written as $AX = B$ with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & \beta & \beta^2 \end{pmatrix}; \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}; \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

The system has unique solution if and only if $|A| \neq 0$.

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & \beta & \beta^2 \end{vmatrix} = [(-\beta^2 - 3 + 2\beta) - (-3 - \beta + 2\beta^2)]$$

$$= -3\beta^2 + 3\beta = 3\beta(1 - \beta)$$

$$|A| \neq 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad (\beta \neq 0 \text{ or } \beta = 1)$$