

Matrices and Systems of Equations

(c) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

(d) $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

(e) $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

(f) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

3. For which of the pairs in Exercise 2 is it possible to multiply the second matrix times the first, and what would the dimension of the product matrix be?

4. Write each of the following systems of equations as a matrix equation.

(a) $3x_1 + 2x_2 = 1$
 $2x_1 - 3x_2 = 5$

(b) $x_1 + x_2 = 5$
 $2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 6$
 $3x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 7$

(c) $2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 4$
 $x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 2$
 $3x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 = 0$

5. If

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

verify that

(a) $5A = 3A + 2A$ (b) $6A = 3(2A)$

(c) $(A^T)^T = A$

6. If

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

verify that

(a) $A + B = B + A$

(b) $3(A + B) = 3A + 3B$

(c) $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$

7. If

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

verify that

(a) $3(AB) = (3A)B = A(3B)$

(b) $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

8. If

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

verify that

(a) $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$

(b) $(AB)C = A(BC)$

(c) $A(B + C) = AB + AC$

(d) $(A + B)C = AC + BC$

9. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Write \mathbf{b} as a linear combination of the column vectors \mathbf{a}_1 and \mathbf{a}_2 .

(b) Use the result from part (a) to determine a solution of the linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$. Does the system have any other solutions? Explain.

(c) Write \mathbf{c} as a linear combination of the column vectors \mathbf{a}_1 and \mathbf{a}_2 .

10. For each of the choices of A and \mathbf{b} that follow, determine whether the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent by examining how \mathbf{b} relates to the column vectors of A . Explain your answers in each case.

(a) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

(c) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

11. Let A be a 5×3 matrix. If

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2 + \mathbf{a}_3$$

then what can you conclude about the number of solutions of the linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$? Explain.

12. Let A be a 3×4 matrix. If

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2 + \mathbf{a}_3 + \mathbf{a}_4$$

then what can you conclude about the number of solutions of the linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$? Explain.

13. Let $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ be a linear system whose augmented matrix $(A|\mathbf{b})$ has reduced row echelon form

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

(a) Find all solutions to the system.