

## Reading Questions 3

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1. The notation  $\text{rank}(A)$  represents the number of nonzero entries in the  $\text{rref}(A)$ .
2. The sum of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  and  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix.
3. List the entries of  $b$  if  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

### Section 1.3 On the Solutions of Linear Systems (Part 1)

#### The rank of a matrix

**P 1.** For each of the following augmented matrices write its solutions and state the number of solution it has.

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \quad B = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad C = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

**P 2.** For each of the following matrices write the  $\text{rref}$  and determine its rank.

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

**P 3.** Suppose that  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  coefficient matrix and the rank of  $A$  is  $n$ . How many solutions does the system of equations have? Justify your answer.

#### Matrix Algebra

**P 4.** Compute

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**P 5.** Compute the product  $A\vec{x}$  by using the rows of  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**P 6.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write  $\begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 15 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$  as a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .