

Answers to problems in chapter 3

**3.1** since every column is either bound or free, sufficient to give just the bound columns or the free columns. (a) no bound columns; (b) no free columns; (c) **bound** = (1, 3); (d) subtract 2 times second row from first to find that **bound** = (1, 3); ( $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 9 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , hence row 2 is pivot row for  $x_1$ , row 1 is pivot row for  $x_3$ , and that uses up all the rows). (e) **bound** = (1, 2, 3); (row 3 is pivot row for  $x_1$ , row 1 is pivot row for  $x_2$ , row 2 is pivot row for  $x_3$ , and that uses up all the rows). (f) column 1 is the only bound one since it is not 0 and all columns are scalar multiples of it.

**3.2** (a) no:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & \pi \\ -1 & 2 & 1-\pi \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & \pi \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (b) yes (for any  $y$  since  $A$  is invertible, by inspection);  
the work:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & -8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , i.e., no pivot row left for  $y$ .

**3.3** If  $x \in \text{null } A$ , then  $B(i, :) * x = 0$  for all rows of  $B$  except, perhaps, for the row from which we subtracted a multiple from some (other) row. If this is the  $i$ th row, then  $B(i, :) * x = (A(i, :) - \alpha A(j, :)) * x = A(i, :) * x - \alpha A(j, :) * x = 0 - 0 = 0$ . Hence, altogether,  $Bx = 0$ , i.e.,  $x \text{ null } B$ .

The fact that, here,  $j \neq i$  becomes important only now since it implies that  $B(j, :) = A(j, :)$ , hence we can convert the  $i$ th row of  $B$  back to  $A(i, :)$  simply by subtracting  $-\alpha$  times row  $j$  of  $B$  from row  $i$  of  $B$ . Hence,  $A$  is indeed obtainable by exactly the same kind of process that produced  $B$  from  $A$ , therefore, by the previous paragraph, also  $\text{null } A \supset \text{null } B$ .

**3.4** By (3.4) Observation, the free and bound unknowns for  $A? = 0$  are completely determined by  $\text{null } A$ , while  $M$  being 1-1 implies that  $\text{null}(MA) = \text{null } A$ .

**3.5** (a)  $\emptyset$ ; (b)  $\text{id}_n$ ; (c)  $[e_1, 0, e_2, 0] \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 4}$ ; (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 22/9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2/9 \end{bmatrix}$ ; (e)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 11 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ; (f)  $[x]^t$ .

**3.6**  $A \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , hence  $\text{rrref}(A) = [1 \ 1]$ ,  $\mathbf{f} = (2)$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = (1)$ , so  $C(2, :) = (1)$ ,  $C(1, :) = (-1)$ , i.e.,  $C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , hence  $\text{null } A = \text{ran } C = \mathbb{R}y$ , with  $y = (-1, 1)$ . I.e.,  $\text{null } A$  is the straight line through 0 and  $(-1, 1)$ . Since  $x := (1, 0)$  is a particular solution, the general solution is  $x + \text{null } A$ , the straight line through  $x$  and parallel to  $\text{null } A$ .

**3.7** (a)  $\text{id}_n$ ; (b)  $\emptyset$ ; (c)  $[e_2, e_4] \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 2}$ ; (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -22/9 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2/9 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ; (e)  $\begin{bmatrix} -11 \\ -1/2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (f)  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**3.8**  $MA(:, \text{bound}) = (MA)(:, \text{bound}) = R(:, \text{bound}) = \text{id}$ .

**3.9** (a)  $\emptyset \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 0}$ ; (b)  $A = \text{id}_n$ ; (c)  $A(:, [13]) = [e_1, e_2] \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ ; (d)  $A(:, [13]) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ; (e)  $A(:, 1:3) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ ; (f)  $[x]$ .

**3.10** (a)  $A$ ; (b)  $x_1$  is the only free unknown; (c)  $C = [e_1] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ ;  $A(:, 2:n)$ .

**3.11** (a)  $\text{id}_3$ ; (b)  $\text{null } M = \text{null } \text{rref}(M) = \text{null } \text{id}_3 = \{0\}$ ; (c)  $L := [e_3, e_2, e_1, 0, 0, 0] \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 6}$ ; (d) need to map  $e_1, e_2, e_3 \in \mathbb{R}^6$  to 0; so,  $P := [e_4, e_5, e_6]^t$  does the job, since  $x \in \text{null } P$  if and only if  $x_4 = x_5 = x_6 = 0$ , i.e., iff  $x \in \text{ran}[e_1, e_2, e_3] = \text{ran } M$ .

**3.12** (a)  $[e_1, e_2, e_3, 0, 0, 0] \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 6}$ ; (b)  $N(:, \text{bound}) = \text{id}$ , hence  $\text{ran } N = \text{tar } N$ ; (c) since  $N = M^t$ , get from previous (c) that  $NL^t = (LM)^t = \text{id}^t = \text{id}$ .

**3.13** Elimination applied to  $[U, V]$  shows first two columns bound, the rest free, hence in  $\text{ran } U(:, 1:2)$ , so  $\text{ran } V \subset \text{ran } U(:, 1:2) \subset \text{ran } U$ . Elimination applied to  $[V, U]$  shows the first two columns bound, the rest free, hence  $\text{ran } U \subset \text{ran } V$ .

If you know about the dimension of a vector space, then already the first calculation shows that  $1 \leq \dim \text{ran } V \leq \dim \text{ran } U = 2$ , hence the second elimination calculation need only be done on  $V$ , to verify that  $V$  is 1-1, and so conclude that  $\text{ran } V = \text{ran } U$ .

**3.14**  $A := \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -4.5 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  shows that all unknowns are bound,

hence the matrix is 1-1, and all equations are used as pivot equation, hence the last unknown in  $[A, y]$  is free for any choice of  $y$ , hence  $A$  is also onto.

**3.15** Elimination:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & k & 6 & 6 \\ -1 & 3 & k-3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & k+4 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & k & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & k(k+4) & k \\ 0 & 1 & k & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

(c) First and second columns are bound. The third column is bound iff  $k(k+4) \neq 0$ , in which case the last column is free, hence  $A? = y$  has exactly one solution then.

(a) Otherwise, when  $k = 0$ , then the second row is trivial, and the last two columns are free, hence  $[A, y]? = 0$  has infinitely many solutions.

(b) Otherwise, if  $k = 4$ , then the third column is free but the last column is bound, hence there's no solution at all.

**3.16** (i) If both were right, then  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  would have a left inverse and a right inverse, yet these would be different, and that can't be.

(ii) We are given a left inverse  $V$  for the square matrix  $A := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , hence know that  $V = A^{-1}$ . Writing  $e_1$  as a weighted sum of  $(1, 3), (2, 5)$  is precisely the task of writing  $e_1$  as  $Aa$  for some  $a$ , which is the same as  $A^{-1}e_1 = a$ , therefore  $a$  is the first column of  $V$ , i.e.,  $(-5, 3)$ .

(iii) The second factor is 2-by-3, hence must have a nontrivial nullspace, hence the product must have a nontrivial nullspace, hence cannot be the identity.

**3.17** (a), (b) not square, hence not invertible;

(c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ ; elimination of second unknown will zero out the third row, hence

third column free, hence not invertible. (d) Matrix differs from (c) only in (3,3) entry, hence now all un-

knowns are bound and, since matrix is square, it is invertible. To compute:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 & -5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 & -5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the last three columns form  $A^{-1}$ .

(e)  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 & 2 \\ -4 & 7 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

(f) This matrix is square, hence if it has a left inverse, then that must be its inverse. But, seeing what the matrix does to the unit vectors, it's easy to give a matrix that undoes the action, namely: leave  $e_2$  and  $e_4$  unchanged, subtract  $e_4$  from  $e_3$ , and add the result to  $e_1$ . In other words,  $A^{-1} = [e_1 + e_3 - e_4, e_2, e_3 - e_4, e_4]$ .

**3.18** (a)  $Q : f \mapsto (f(0), f(1), f(2))$  and  $V = [()^0, ()^2, ()^4]$  and want  $Va$  so that  $QVa = \Lambda^t()^1 = (0, 1, 2)$ .

Hence, augmented matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , hence  $a_3 = -1/6$ ,  $a_2 = 1 - (-1/6) = 7/6$ ,

$a_1 = 0$ . So, desired element is  $p = (7()^2 - ()^4)/6 = (7 - ()^2)()^2/6$ . Check it:  $p(0) = 0$ ,  $p(1) = 6/6 = 1$ ,  $p(2) = (3) * 4/6 = 2$ .

(b) Change to  $Q: f \mapsto (f(0), f(1), f(-1))$  changes augmented matrix to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ hence third column free, last column bound, hence no solution.}$$

Could have predicted that since all columns of  $V$  are even functions, hence satisfy  $v(-1) = v(1)$ , while the function  $f = ()^1$  we are trying to match is odd, hence satisfies  $f(-1) = -f(1)$ .

**3.19** (a)T; (b)T; (c)F; (d)T; (e)F; (f)F; (g)T; (h)F; (i)T; (j)T.