

Section 1.2
Gaussian Elimination and Gauss-Jordan Elimination

determine the size of the matrix.

1. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & -4 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ 3×3 .

6. $[-1]$ 1×1 .

In Exercises 9–14, determine whether the matrix is in row-echelon form. If it is, determine whether it is also in reduced row-echelon form.

9. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ row-echelon form

11. $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ *not* in row-echelon

13. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ *not* in row-echelon form

In Exercises 15–22, find the solution set of the system of linear equations represented by the augmented matrix.

21. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_4 = 4$$

$$x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 3$$

$$x_3 + 2x_4 = 1$$

$$x_4 = 4$$

Solve this system by back-substitution.

$$x_3 = 1 - 2x_4 = 1 - 2(4) = -7$$

$$x_2 = 3 - 2x_3 - x_4 = 3 - 2(-7) - 4 = 13$$

$$x_1 = 4 - 2x_2 - x_4 = 4 - 2(13) - 4 = -26$$

So, the solution is: $x_1 = -26$, $x_2 = 13$, $x_3 = -7$, and $x_4 = 4$.

In Exercises 23–36, solve the system using either Gaussian elimination with back-substitution or Gauss-Jordan elimination.

$$\begin{aligned} 24. \quad 2x + 6y &= 16 \\ -2x - 6y &= -16 \end{aligned}$$

The augmented matrix for this system is

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 6 & 16 & \\ -2 & -6 & -16 & \end{array} \right]$$

Use Gauss-Jordan elimination as follows.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 6 & 16 & \\ -2 & -6 & -16 & \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \boxed{R1/2 \rightarrow R1}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 8 & \\ -2 & -6 & -16 & \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \boxed{2R1+R2 \rightarrow R2}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 8 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \end{array} \right]$$

Converting back to system of linear equations

$$x + 3y = 8.$$

$$\underline{y=t} \quad t \text{ is any real number} \quad x + 3t = 8 \quad \text{then} \quad \underline{x = 8 - 3t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 25. \quad -x + 2y &= 1.5 \\ 2x - 4y &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

The augmented matrix for this system is

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 2 & 1.5 & \\ 2 & -4 & 3 & \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 2 & 1.5 & \\ 2 & -4 & 3 & \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \boxed{-R1 \rightarrow R1}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -\frac{3}{2} & \\ 2 & -4 & 3 & \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \boxed{-2R1+R2 \rightarrow R2}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -\frac{3}{2} & \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & \end{array} \right]$$

$0 = 6$ no solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 35. \quad & 3x + 3y + 12z = 6 \\
 & x + y + 4z = 2 \\
 & 2x + 5y + 20z = 10 \\
 & -x + 2y + 8z = 4
 \end{aligned}$$

The augmented matrix for this system is

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
 3 & 3 & 12 & 6 \\
 1 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\
 2 & 5 & 20 & 10 \\
 -1 & 2 & 8 & 4
 \end{array} \right]$$

Gaussian elimination produces the following.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
 3 & 3 & 12 & 6 \\
 1 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\
 2 & 5 & 20 & 10 \\
 -1 & 2 & 8 & 4
 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc}
 1 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\
 1 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\
 2 & 5 & 20 & 10 \\
 -1 & 2 & 8 & 4
 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 -1(R_1)+R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\
 -2(R_1)+R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\
 R_1+R_4 \rightarrow R_4
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 \left[\begin{array}{cccc}
 1 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 3 & 12 & 6 \\
 0 & 3 & 12 & 6
 \end{array} \right]
 \Rightarrow
 \left[\begin{array}{cccc}
 1 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\
 0 & 3 & 12 & 6 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 R_2 \rightarrow R_4 \\
 -(R_2)+R_3 \rightarrow R_3
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 1/3 R_2 \rightarrow R_2
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 \left[\begin{array}{cccc}
 1 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\
 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{array} \right]
 \Rightarrow
 \left[\begin{array}{cccc}
 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{array} \right]$$

$$-(R_2)+R_1 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$z = t \quad t \text{ is any real number} \quad x = 0, \quad y = 2 - 4t$$