

Section 1.2

Gaussian Elimination and Gauss-Jordan Elimination

determine the size of the matrix.

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

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

4. $[1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 0 \quad 1]$

8. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

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.

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

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

14. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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

24. $2x + 6y = 16$
 $-2x - 6y = -16$

The augmented matrix for this system is

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

Use Gauss-Jordan elimination as follows.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 16 \\ -2 & -6 & -16 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \boxed{R1/2 \rightarrow R1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 8 \\ -2 & -6 & -16 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \boxed{2R1+R2 \rightarrow R2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Converting back to system of linear equations

$$x + 3y = 8.$$

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

29. $x_1 - 3x_3 = -2$
 $3x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 = 5$
 $2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 4$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \boxed{-3(R1)+R2 \rightarrow R2} \\ \boxed{-2(R1)+R3 \rightarrow R3} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 & 11 \\ 0 & 2 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \boxed{-2(R2)+R3 \rightarrow R3}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 & -14 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \boxed{(R3)/-7 \rightarrow R3}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Back substitution now yields

$$x_3 = 2$$

$$x_2 = 11 - 7x_3 = 11 - (7)2 = -3$$

$$x_1 = -2 + 3x_3 = -2 + 3(2) = 4.$$

So, the solution is: $x_1 = 4$, $x_2 = -3$, and $x_3 = 2$.

$$31. \quad x_1 + x_2 - 5x_3 = 3$$

$$x_1 - 2x_3 = 1$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0$$

The augmented matrix for this system is

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

$$-(R1)+R2 \rightarrow R2$$

$$-2(R1)+R3 \rightarrow R3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -3 & 9 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-(R2) \rightarrow R2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 9 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3(R2)+R3 \rightarrow R3$$

$$-1(R2)+R1 \rightarrow R1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 - 2x_3 = 1$$

$$x_2 - 3x_3 = 2.$$

choosing $x_3=t$ t is any real number

$$x_1 = 1 + 2t \quad x_2 = 2 + 3t$$

$$34. \quad x + 2y + z = 8$$

$$-3x - 6y - 3z = -21$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 8 \\ -3 & -6 & -3 & -21 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3(R1)+R2 \rightarrow R2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$0 = 3$, there is no solution