

Exercises on solving $Ax = \mathbf{b}$ and row reduced form R

Problem 8.1: (3.4 #13.(a,b,d) *Introduction to Linear Algebra: Strang*) Explain why these are all false:

- a) The complete solution is any linear combination of \mathbf{x}_p and \mathbf{x}_n .
- b) The system $Ax = \mathbf{b}$ has at most one particular solution.
- c) If A is invertible there is no solution \mathbf{x}_n in the nullspace.

Problem 8.2: (3.4 #28.) Let

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Use Gauss-Jordan elimination to reduce the matrices $[U \ 0]$ and $[U \ \mathbf{c}]$ to $[R \ 0]$ and $[R \ \mathbf{d}]$. Solve $R\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ and $R\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}$.

Check your work by plugging your values into the equations $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ and $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$.

Problem 8.3: (3.4 #36.) Suppose $Ax = \mathbf{b}$ and $Cx = \mathbf{b}$ have the same (complete) solutions for every \mathbf{b} . Is it true that $A = C$?