

$$2. \begin{cases} 2x_1 + 4x_2 = -4 \\ 5x_1 + 7x_2 = 11 \end{cases} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -4 \\ 5 & 7 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Scale R1 by 1/2 and obtain:

Replace R2 by R2 + (-5)R1:

Scale R2 by -1/3:

Replace R1 by R1 + (-2)R2:

The solution is $(x_1, x_2) = (12, -7)$, or simply $(12, -7)$.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 &= -2 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 5 & 7 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \\ 5x_1 + 7x_2 &= 11 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 &= -2 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & -3 & 21 \end{bmatrix} \\ -3x_2 &= 21 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 &= -2 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \\ x_2 &= -7 \\ x_1 &= 12 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \\ x_2 &= -7 \end{aligned}$$

6. One more step will put the system in triangular form. Replace R4 by its sum with -3 times R3, which

produces $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 & 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -7 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$

After that, the next step is to scale the fourth row by -1/5.

10. The system has already been reduced to triangular form. Use the 1 in the fourth row to change the -4 and 3 above it to zeros. That is, replace R2 by R2 + (4)R4 and replace R1 by R1 + (-3)R4. For the final step, replace R1 by R1 + (2)R2.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution set contains one solution: $(-3, -5, 6, -3)$.

14. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. The solution is $(2, -1, 1)$.

16. First replace R4 by R4 + (2)R1 and replace R4 by R4 + (-3/2)R2. (One could also scale R2 before adding to R4, but the arithmetic is rather easy keeping R2 unchanged.) Finally, replace R4 by R4 +

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

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

The system is now in triangular form and has a solution. The next section discusses how to continue this type of system.

18. Row reduce the augmented matrix corresponding to the given system of three equations:

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

The third equation, $0 = -5$, shows that the system is inconsistent, so the three planes have no point in common.

28. Row reduce the augmented matrix for the given system. Scale the first row by $1/a$, which is possible since a is nonzero. Then replace R_2 by $R_2 + (-c)R_1$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & f \\ c & d & g \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b/a & f/a \\ c & d & g \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b/a & f/a \\ 0 & d - c(b/a) & g - c(f/a) \end{bmatrix}$$

The quantity $d - c(b/a)$ must be nonzero, in order for the system to be consistent when the quantity $g - c(f/a)$ is nonzero (which can certainly happen). The condition that $d - c(b/a) \neq 0$ can also be written as $ad - bc \neq 0$, or $ad \neq bc$.

32. Replace R_3 by $R_3 + (3)R_2$; replace R_3 by $R_3 + (-3)R_2$.

34. Begin by interchanging R_1 and R_4 , then create zeros in the first column:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 30 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & 0 & 60 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 & 70 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 4 & 40 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 & 4 & 40 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & 0 & 60 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 & 70 \\ 4 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 30 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 & 4 & 40 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & -4 & 20 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 & 70 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & 15 & 190 \end{bmatrix}$$

Scale R_1 by -1 and R_2 by $1/4$, create zeros in the second column, and replace R_4 by $R_4 + R_3$:

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -4 & -40 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 & 70 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & 15 & 190 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -4 & -40 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -2 & 75 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 14 & 195 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -4 & -40 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -2 & 75 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 & 270 \end{bmatrix}$$

Scale R_4 by $1/12$, use R_4 to create zeros in column 4, and then scale R_3 by $1/4$:

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -4 & -40 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -2 & 75 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 22.5 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 50 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 27.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 120 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 22.5 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 50 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 27.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 30 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 22.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

The last step is to replace R_1 by $R_1 + (-1)R_3$:

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 20.0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 27.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 30.0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 22.5 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ The solution is } (20, 27.5, 30, 22.5).$$