

$$6. \begin{array}{l} \left| \begin{array}{l} x + 2y + 3z = 8 \\ x + 3y + 3z = 10 \\ x + 2y + 4z = 9 \end{array} \right| \xrightarrow{-I} \left| \begin{array}{l} x + 2y + 3z = 8 \\ y = 2 \\ z = 1 \end{array} \right| \xrightarrow{-2(II)} \\ \left| \begin{array}{l} x + 3z = 4 \\ y = 2 \\ z = 1 \end{array} \right| \xrightarrow{-3(III)} \left| \begin{array}{l} x = 1 \\ y = 2 \\ z = 1 \end{array} \right|, \text{ so that } (x, y, z) = (1, 2, 1). \end{array}$$

$$10. \begin{array}{l} \left| \begin{array}{l} x + 2y + 3z = 1 \\ 2x + 4y + 7z = 2 \\ 3x + 7y + 11z = 8 \end{array} \right| \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -2(I) \\ -3(I) \end{array}} \left| \begin{array}{l} x + 2y + 3z = 1 \\ z = 0 \\ y + 2z = 5 \end{array} \right| \xrightarrow{(II) \leftrightarrow (III)} \left| \begin{array}{l} x + 2y + 3z = 1 \\ y + 2z = 5 \\ z = 0 \end{array} \right| \xrightarrow{-2(II)} \\ \left| \begin{array}{l} x - z = -9 \\ y + 2z = 5 \\ z = 0 \end{array} \right| \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} +(III) \\ -2(III) \end{array}} \left| \begin{array}{l} x = -9 \\ y = 5 \\ z = 0 \end{array} \right|, \text{ so that } (x, y, z) = (-9, 5, 0). \end{array}$$

9. The total demand for the product of Industry A is 1000 (the consumer demand) plus  $0.1b$  (the demand from Industry B). The output  $a$  must meet this demand:  $a = 1000 + 0.1b$ .

Setting up a similar equation for Industry B we obtain the system  $\begin{cases} a = 1000 + 0.1b \\ b = 780 + 0.2a \end{cases}$  or  $\begin{cases} a - 0.1b = 1000 \\ -0.2a + b = 780 \end{cases}$ , which yields the unique solution  $a = 1100$  and  $b = 1000$ .

Let  $v$  be the speed of the boat relative to the water, and  $s$  be the speed of the stream; then the speed of the boat relative to the land is  $v + s$  downstream and  $v - s$  upstream.

Using the fact that (distance) = (speed)(time), we obtain the system  $\begin{cases} 8 = (v + s)\frac{1}{3} \\ 8 = (v - s)\frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$   $\begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{downstream} \\ \leftarrow \text{upstream} \end{matrix}$

The solution is  $v = 18$  and  $s = 6$ .

The system reduces to  $\begin{cases} x - 3z = 1 \\ y + 2z = 1 \\ (k^2 - 4)z = k - 2 \end{cases}$

This system has a unique solution if  $k^2 - 4 \neq 0$ , that is, if  $k \neq \pm 2$ .

If  $k = 2$  the last equation is  $0 = 0$ , and there will be infinitely many solutions.

If  $k = -2$  the last equation is  $0 = -4$ , and there will be no solutions.

b.  $x_4 = 0$   
 $x_3 = 2 - 2x_4 = 2$   
 $x_2 = 5 - 3x_3 - 7x_4 = 5 - 6 = -1$   
 $x_1 = -3 - 2x_2 + x_3 - 4x_4 = -3 + 2 + 2 = 1$ ,  
 so that  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (1, -1, 2, 0)$

Let us start by reducing the system:

$$\begin{array}{l} \left| \begin{array}{l} x + 2y + 3z = 39 \\ x + 3y + 2z = 34 \\ 3x + 2y + z = 26 \end{array} \right| \xrightarrow{-I} \left| \begin{array}{l} x + 2y + 3z = 39 \\ y - z = -5 \\ -4y - 8z = -91 \end{array} \right| \end{array}$$

Note that the last two equations are exactly those we get when we substitute  $x = 39 - 2y - 3z$ : either

way, we end up with the system  $\begin{cases} y - z = -5 \\ -4y - 8z = -91 \end{cases}$ .

10. The system reduces to 
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_4 = 1 \\ x_2 - 3x_4 = 2 \\ x_3 + 2x_4 = -3 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 1 - x_4 \\ x_2 = 2 + 3x_4 \\ x_3 = -3 - 2x_4 \end{cases}$$

Let  $x_4 = t$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - t \\ 2 + 3t \\ -3 - 2t \\ t \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } t \text{ is an arbitrary real number.}$$

12. The system reduces to 
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 3.5x_5 + x_6 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_5 = 0 \\ x_3 - \frac{5}{3}x_6 = 0 \\ x_4 + 3x_5 + x_6 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = -3.5x_5 - x_6 \\ x_2 = -x_5 \\ x_3 = \frac{5}{3}x_6 \\ x_4 = -3x_5 - x_6 \end{cases}$$

Let  $x_5 = r$  and  $x_6 = t$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3.5r - t \\ -r \\ \frac{5}{3}t \\ -3r - t \\ r \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

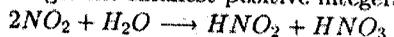
29. Since the number of oxygen atoms remains constant, we must have  $2a + b = 2c + 3d$ .

Considering hydrogen and nitrogen as well, we obtain the system 
$$\begin{cases} 2a + b = 2c + 3d \\ 2b = c + d \\ a = c + d \end{cases} \text{ or}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2a + b - 2c - 3d = 0 \\ 2b - c - d = 0 \\ a - c - d = 0 \end{cases}, \text{ which reduces to } \begin{cases} a - 2d = 0 \\ b - d = 0 \\ c - d = 0 \end{cases}$$

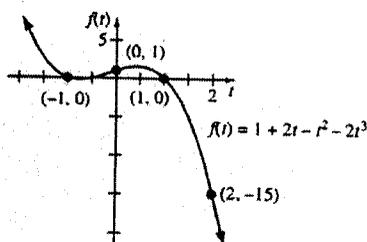
The solutions are 
$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2t \\ t \\ t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

To get the smallest positive integers, we set  $t = 1$ :



30. Plugging the points into  $f(t)$ , we obtain the system 
$$\begin{cases} a = 1 \\ a + b + c + d = 0 \\ a - b + c - d = 0 \\ a + 2b + 4c + 8d = -15 \end{cases}$$

with unique solution  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $c = -1$ , and  $d = -2$ , so that  $f(t) = 1 + 2t - t^2 - 2t^3$ .



32. The requirement  $f'_i(a_i) = f'_{i+1}(a_i)$  and  $f''_i(a_i) = f''_{i+1}(a_i)$  ensure that at each junction two different cubics fit "into" one another in a "smooth" way, since they must have the same slope and be equally curved. The requirement that  $f'_i(a_0) = f'_n(a_n) = 0$  ensures that the track is horizontal at the beginning and at the end. How many unknowns are there? There are  $n$  pieces to be fit, and each one is a cubic of the form  $f(t) = p + qt + rt^2 + st^3$ , with  $p, q, r$ , and  $s$  to be determined; therefore, there are  $4n$  unknowns. How many equations are there?

$$\begin{array}{lll} f_i(a_i) = b_i & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n & \text{gives } n \text{ equations} \\ f_i(a_{i-1}) = b_{i-1} & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n & \text{gives } n \text{ equations} \\ f'_i(a_i) = f'_{i+1}(a_i) & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1 & \text{gives } n-1 \text{ equations} \\ f''_i(a_i) = f''_{i+1}(a_i) & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1 & \text{gives } n-1 \text{ equations} \\ f'_i(a_0) = 0, f'_n(a_n) = 0 & & \text{gives } 2 \text{ equations} \end{array}$$

Altogether, we have  $4n$  equations; convince yourself that all these equations are linear.

37. Compare with the solution of Exercise 1.1.21.

The diagram tells us that

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 0.2x_2 + 0.3x_3 + 320 \\ x_2 = 0.1x_1 + 0.4x_3 + 90 \\ x_3 = 0.2x_1 + 0.5x_2 + 150 \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 - 0.2x_2 - 0.3x_3 = 320 \\ -0.1x_1 + x_2 - 0.4x_3 = 90 \\ -0.2x_1 - 0.5x_2 + x_3 = 150 \end{cases}$$

This system has the unique solution  $x_1 = 500$ ,  $x_2 = 300$ , and  $x_3 = 400$ .

40. We want to find  $m_1, m_2, m_3$  such that  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 1$  and  $\frac{1}{1} \left( m_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + m_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + m_3 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , that is, we have to solve the system

$$\begin{cases} m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 1 \\ m_1 + 2m_2 + 4m_3 = 2 \\ 2m_1 + 3m_2 + m_3 = 2 \end{cases}$$

The unique solution is  $m_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $m_2 = \frac{1}{4}$ , and  $m_3 = \frac{1}{4}$ .

We will put  $\frac{1}{2}$  kg at the point  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  kg at each of the two other vertices.

1.3) 4. This matrix has rank 2 since its rref is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$14. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 1 \\ 2 \cdot (-1) + 3 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$24. \text{ By Fact 1.3.4, } \text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Using Fact 1.3.4 again, we can conclude that the system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{c}$  has a unique solution as well.

25. In this case,  $\text{rref}(A)$  has a row of zeros, so that  $\text{rank}(A) < 4$ ; there will be a nonleading variable. The system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{c}$  could have infinitely many solutions (for example, when  $\vec{c} = \vec{0}$ ) or no solutions (for example, when  $\vec{c} = \vec{b}$ ), but it cannot have a unique solution, by Fact 1.3.4.

$$36. \text{ By Exercise 35, the } i\text{th column of } A \text{ is } A\vec{e}_i, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3. \text{ Therefore, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

50. The right-most column of  $\text{rref}[A:\vec{b}]$  must contain a leading one, so that the system has no solutions.

57. Pick a vector on each line, say  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  on  $y = \frac{x}{2}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  on  $y = 3x$ .

$$\text{Then write } \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} \text{ as a linear combination of } \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}: a \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The unique solution is  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$ , so that the desired representation is  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}.$

$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is on the line  $y = \frac{x}{2}$ ;  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$  is on line  $y = 3x$ .