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MATHEMATICS FOR DATA SCIENCE/BIOSTATISTICS  
EXERCISE SHEET # 5

**Important!** In solving the exercises

- explain what you are doing,
- explain why you are doing what you are doing, and
- spell out all intermediate steps.

**Important!** Reduce all of the complete matrices in thwe following exercises to RREF forms.

*Exercise 5.1.* State whether the system in the unknowns  $x_1, x_2$  has solutions, and in case find them all.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 2 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 = 3 \end{cases}$$

*Exercise 5.2.* State whether the system in the unknowns  $x_1, x_2$  has solutions, and in case find them all.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 2 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 = 4 \end{cases}$$

*Exercise 5.3.* State whether the system in the unknowns  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  has solutions, and in case find them all.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 = 3 \end{cases}$$

*Exercise 5.4.* State whether the system in the unknowns  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  has solutions, and in case find them all.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0 \\ x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

*Exercise 5.5.* State whether the system in the unknowns  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  has solutions, and in case find them all.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0 \\ x_1 - x_2 - 3x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

*Exercise 5.6.* State whether the system in the unknowns  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  has solutions, and in case find them all.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 2 \\ x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 3 \end{cases}$$

*Exercise 5.7.* State whether the system in the unknowns  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  has solutions, and in case find them all.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 2 \\ x_1 - x_2 - 3x_3 = 3 \end{cases}$$

*Exercise 5.8.* State whether the system in the unknowns  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  has solutions, and in case find them all.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 1 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 - 3x_4 = 1 \\ 3x_1 - 3x_2 - x_3 - 5x_4 = 0. \end{cases}$$

*Exercise 5.9.* State whether the system in the unknowns  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  has solutions, and in case find them all.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 1 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 - 3x_4 = 1 \\ 3x_1 - 3x_2 - x_3 - 5x_4 = 3. \end{cases}$$

*Exercise 5.10.*

- (1) Define
  - (a) systems of generators,
  - (b) linear dependence,
  - (c) linear independence,
  - (d) bases.
- (2) Show that the following are equivalent.
  - (a)  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  are linearly dependent, and
  - (b) (at least) one of the  $v_i$  can be written as a linear combination of the others.

Show that as a consequence, if  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  are a system of generators of a space  $V$ , and they are linearly dependent, say  $v_m$  is a linear combination of  $v_1, \dots, v_{m-1}$ , then  $v_1, \dots, v_{m-1}$  is a system of generators for  $V$ , that is, you can safely drop  $v_m$ .

- (3) Show that the following are equivalent.
  - (a)  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  are a basis of the space  $V$ , and
  - (b) Every element of  $V$  can be written *uniquely* as a linear combination of  $v_1, \dots, v_m$ .

*Exercise 5.11.* Show that if one of  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is zero, then  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  are linearly dependent.

*Exercise 5.12.* For each of the following system of vectors, state whether they are a basis of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . When they are not, state explicitly which condition fails.

(1)

$$\begin{cases} v_1 = (1, 0, 0) \\ v_2 = (0, 1, 0) \\ v_3 = (0, 0, 1) \end{cases}$$

(2)

$$\begin{cases} v_1 = (1, 0, 0) \\ v_2 = (0, 1, 0) \end{cases}$$

(3)

$$\begin{cases} v_1 = (1, -1, 0) \\ v_2 = (0, 1, -1) \\ v_3 = (-1, 0, 1) \end{cases}$$

(4)

$$\begin{cases} v_1 = (1, -1, 0) \\ v_2 = (0, 1, -1) \\ v_3 = (1, 0, 1) \end{cases}$$