

Problem. Find the rank the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 8 & 0 \\ 8 & 2 & 0 & 10 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & 2 & 9 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution. Using (invertible!) row/column operations we aim to bring A to look as close as possible to an identity matrix:

Do	Get	Do	Get
1. Bring a 1 to the upper left corner by swapping the first two rows and multiplying the first row (after the swap) by $1/4$.	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 8 & 2 & 0 & 10 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & 2 & 9 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	2. Add (-8) times the first row to the third row, in order to cancel the 8 in position 3-1.	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -6 & -8 & -6 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & 2 & 9 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
3. Likewise add (-6) times the first row to the fourth row, in order to cancel the 6 in position 4-1.	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -6 & -8 & -6 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -4 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	4. With similar column operations (you need three of those) cancel all the entries in the first row (except, of course, the first, which is used in the canceling).	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -6 & -8 & -6 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -4 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
5. Turn the 2-2 entry to a 1 by multiplying the second row by $1/2$.	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -6 & -8 & -6 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -4 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	6. Using two row operations "clean" the second column; that is, cancel all entries in it other than the "pivot" 1 at position 2-2.	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$
7. Using three column operations clean the second row except the pivot.	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$	8. Clean up the row and the column of the 4 in position 3-3 by first multiplying the third row by $1/4$ and then performing the appropriate row and column transformations. Notice that by pure luck, the 4 at position 4-5 of the matrix gets killed in action.	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Thus the rank of our matrix is 3.

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claim $\text{rank } A = \text{rank}(A^T)$ ← BTW, the meaning of A^T in the world of l.f. is quite intricate.

claim $\text{rank } A = \dim(\text{col-space}(A)) = \dim(\text{row-space}(A))$

Suppose you could row reduce A to I . Find A^{-1} .

$$E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1 A = I \Rightarrow A^{-1} = E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1$$

* The hard way.

* The easy way: r.r. $(A | I)$

Example: compute $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$.

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 BTW, this is an amusing app bc associativity

1. The first non-zero entry in each row ("the pivot") is a 1.
2. In the column of a pivot, all else is 0
 [Scan from left to right, to prevent interference]
3. Going down the rows, the pivots are further & further to the right.

"reduced row echelon form" r.r.e.f

Example:

$\left[\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 9 & 0 & e \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 7 & 0 & \pi \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$	} non-zero rows	} pivotal rows				
			} zero rows / non-pivotal rows			
	↑	↑		↑	↑	↑
	pivotal col's					

..... And now with col. ops., can reach $\left(\begin{array}{c|c} I_e & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$

claim The rank of a r.r.e.f matrix is the number of pivots / non-zero rows in it.

claim If A is invertible, its r.r.e.f. is I