Quiz 1 Solutions

Linear Algebra

1. Find the reduced row echelon form of the following matrix. Make sure to specify the row operations that you use. (4 pts)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}r_3 \rightarrow r_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} r_2 - r_3 \rightarrow r_2$$

2. Find all solutions to each of the following linear systems. Write your answer as a vector. (2 pts each)

(a)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & | & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is the system x + 2y = -3, y - z = 2, z = 3. Using backtracking we get z = 3, y = 5, x = -13 so the only solution is $\begin{bmatrix} -13 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

(b)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This system has no solutions, the last equation is 0 = 1.

(c)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & -2 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using variables x, y, z, w, there are no leading ones in columns 2 or 4 so the variables y and w can be anything and the others can be solved for in terms of y, w. The system is x + 4y - 2w = 1, z = 3 so we get that z = 3 and x = 1 - 4y + 2w. The solutions are all vectors of the form $\begin{bmatrix} 1 - 4y + 2w \\ y \\ 3 \\ w \end{bmatrix}$

where y, w can be anything.