

1) Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ ($m \times n$ matrix w/ entries in \mathbb{R}).

Suppose $\alpha A = 0$

i.e.
$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha a_{11} & \dots & \alpha a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \alpha a_{m1} & \dots & \alpha a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} = 0 \iff \alpha a_{ij} = 0$$
 for all $1 \leq i \leq m$
 $1 \leq j \leq n$.

If $\alpha = 0$, we're done. If not, $\alpha a_{ij} = 0 \implies a_{ij} = 0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq m$
 $1 \leq j \leq n$.

$\implies A = 0$, the zero matrix, since all of its entries are 0.

2) If $A \in M_{m_1 \times n_1}(\mathbb{R})$, $B \in M_{m_2 \times n_2}(\mathbb{R})$,

then AB defined $\iff \underline{n_1 = m_2}$, & if so the resultant product AB is $m_1 \times n_2$

i) AB defined \checkmark
$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -1 & -8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -56 \\ -1 & -32 \end{pmatrix}$$

ii) $A_{2 \times 3}$ $B_{2 \times 2}$ not defined!

iii) AB defined \checkmark
$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 8 \\ 0 & -2 \\ -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -15 & -9 \\ 9 & 29 \\ 12 & 35 \end{pmatrix}$$

iv) AB defined \checkmark

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (2 \ 6 \ 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 0 \\ 6 & 18 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

3) a) Note: $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 32$
 $+ \frac{32 + 31 + 30 + \dots + 1}{33 + 33 + \dots + 33}$
32 times $= 33(32)$

So $1 + \dots + 32 = \frac{33(32)}{2}$

b) In general, $1 + \dots + n$
 $+ n + \dots + 1 = n(n+1)$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

4) $\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & -3 & 6 & 9 \\ -2 & 5 & -2 & 6 & 4 \\ 4 & 11 & -4 & 8 & 2 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} -2R_1 + R_2 \\ R_1 + R_3 \\ -2R_1 + R_4 \end{array} \sim \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 & -3 & 8 & 9 \\ 0 & 9 & -2 & 4 & -8 \end{array} \right)$

$\begin{array}{l} -2R_2 + R_3 \\ -3R_2 + R_4 \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -5 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_3 + R_4 \\ \sim \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right)$

$\Rightarrow x_4 = \underline{3}$

$x_3 = 4(3) - 11 = \underline{1}$

$x_2 = \frac{-1 - 6 + 1}{3} = \underline{-2}$

$x_1 = \frac{5 - 6 + 1 + 2}{2} = \underline{1}$

5)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 & -9 & 2 & -5 \\ -4 & 2 & -1 & 1 & -3 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 33 \end{pmatrix}$$

$-2R_1 + R_2$
 \sim
 $R_3 + R_4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -5 \\ -4 & 2 & -1 & 1 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 33 \end{pmatrix}$$

So ~~we~~ right away
 we see $x_4 = 5$,

$x_2 = 2$

Now by plugging in $x_2 = 2, x_4 = 5$, we can reduce the remaining 3 equations to equations w/ 3 variables:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 & 18 \\ -4 & -1 & -3 & -5 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & 26 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{2R_1 + R_2}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 & 18 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 31 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-R_2 + R_3}$$

\Rightarrow $x_5 = -1$

$3x_3 = 31 - 1 = 30$, so $x_3 = 10$

$2x_1 = 18 + 1 - 20 = -1$, so $x_1 = -1/2$