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Quiz 1

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**Question One (10 points).** (a) Which of the following matrices are in **REF**? which are in **RREF**?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(RREF)                      (REF)

(b) Use **Gauss-Jordan reduction** to solve the following system

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 0 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 &= 0 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

the augmented matrix is  $\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

$$\begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \\ -2R_1 + R_2 \\ -R_1 + R_3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -R_2 + R_1 \\ 3R_2 + R_3 \end{array} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{9}R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2R_3 + R_1 \\ -3R_3 + R_2 \end{array} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Good Luck

Let  $x_4 = t$  be free variable

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_1 &= -\frac{4}{3}t \\ x_2 &= 0 \\ x_3 &= \frac{1}{3}t \end{aligned}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\therefore$  Solution set =  $\left\{ \left( -\frac{4}{3}t, 0, \frac{1}{3}t, t \right) \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ .