

Topic 1. Example 9. The equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{give} \quad \begin{aligned} x_1 &= 1 - 2x_2 - 5x_5, \\ x_3 &= 2 - 6x_5, \\ x_4 &= 3 - 7x_5, \\ \text{no restrictions on } x_2 \text{ or } x_5. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\text{Sol}(Ax = b) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ -6 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \left\{ x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_5 \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ -6 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid x_2, x_5 \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}.$$

Let

$$s_{23} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad s_{34} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} s_{23} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} s_{34} s_{23} \\ &= 1_3 \cdot x_{14}(2)x_{35}(7)x_{25}(6)x_{15}(5)s_{34}s_{23} = 1_3 \cdot Q, \end{aligned}$$

where $1_3 \in M_{4 \times 5}(\mathbb{Q})$ and $Q \in M_{5 \times 5}(\mathbb{Q})$ are

$$1_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} s_{34} s_{23} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In this case

$$Q^{-1} = s_{23} s_{34} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$