

2.3.1 (HW2.3#3/13) Is the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 5 & 8 \\ 0 & -4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ invertible?

Yes, there is a pivot in each column.

2.3.2 (HW2.3#5) Is the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ -4 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ invertible?

No, because the columns are linearly dependent.

$$v_2 = 0 \cdot v_1$$

3.3.1 What is the volume of the parallelepiped spanned by the rows of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 10 & 20 \\ 5 & 10 & 20 \end{bmatrix}$?

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - 4R_1 \\ \rightarrow \\ R_3 - 5R_1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_1 - R_2 + R_3 \\ \rightarrow \\ R_2 - \frac{8}{5}R_3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix is a rectangular prism with length 1, width 2 and height 5.

$$\text{Area} = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 = 10$$

3.3.2 What is the area of the triangle with vertices (1, 2), (5, 3), and (6, 8)?

$$\vec{v} = (5, 3) - (1, 2) = (4, 1)$$

$$\vec{w} = (6, 8) - (1, 2) = (5, 6)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Area of} \\ \text{parallelogram} \end{array} = \vec{v} \wedge \vec{w} = \det \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \cdot 6 - 1 \cdot 5 = 24 - 5 = 19$$

$$\text{Area of triangle} = 19/2$$

