MTH 261 Linear Algebra Spring 2017

Applications of Linear Systems

Find partners, and follow the instructions. You will not turn this in, but you must be working diligently to get attendance credit.

1. Suppose an economy has four sectors: Mining, Lumber, Energy, and Transportation. Mining sells 10% of its output to lumber, 60% to Energy, and retains the rest. Lumber sells 15% of its output to Mining, 50% to Energy. 20% to Transportation, and retains the rest. Energy sells 20% of its output to Mining, 15% to Lumber, 20% to Transportation, and retains the rest. Transportation sells 20% of its output to Mining, 10% to Lumber, 50% to Energy, and retains the rest.

If the total value of this economy is 1 billion dollars, what outputs from each sector make the economy in balance?



2. Use linear algebra to balance this chemical reaction equation.

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3. Find the general flow pattern of the traffic network below. Assume that all flows are nonnegative. What is the range of values x_3 can take?

