

Introduction to Linear Algebra

Linear algebra plays an important role in machine learning and general mathematics.

- Linear system of equations
- Matrix algebra
- Eigenvalues and eigenvectors
- Vector spaces

Linear Algebra - Chapter 1

1 Systems of Linear Equations

OUR GOAL

- Elementary Operations
- Gaussian Elimination
- Homogeneous Equations

1.1. Solutions and Elementary Operations

coefficients **variables = unknowns**

- $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$

is called a **linear equation**

- If $a_1s_1 + a_2s_2 + \dots + a_ns_n = b$

→ (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) is called solution of the equation

- A system may have:

no solution **0**

unique solution **1**

an infinite family of solutions **∞**

Inconsistent	Consistent	
No solutions	Unique solution	Infinitely many solutions

Example 1

- $$\begin{cases} x + 2y = 1 \\ x + 2y = 3 \end{cases}$$

no solution
- $$\begin{cases} x + y - z = 1 \\ x + y + z = 3 \end{cases}$$

$(0,2,1), (2,0,1)$ $(t, 2-t, 1)$

Inconsistent

Consistent

(infinitely many solutions)

$(t, 2-t, 1)$: general solution,

given in parametric form,

t is parameter (t is arbitrary)

Algebraic Method

$$3x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = -1$$

$$2x_1 - x_3 + 2x_4 = 0$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 5x_4 = 2$$



$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 3 & 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 5 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

augmented matrix

coefficient matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

constant matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 2

- Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} x - y = 1 \\ x + 2y = -2 \end{cases}$$

augmented matrix

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

Example 2

$$\begin{cases} x - y = 1 \\ x + 2y = -2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x - y = 1 \\ 0x + 3y = -3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x - y = 1 \\ 0x + y = -1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x + 0y = 0 \\ 0x + y = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{array} \right\rangle \rightarrow \left\langle \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \end{array} \right\rangle \rightarrow \left\langle \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right\rangle \rightarrow \left\langle \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

\Rightarrow Solution (0,-1)

Elementary Operations (phép biến đổi sơ cấp)

- **Interchange** two equations (type I)

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 5 \\ x - 2y = -1 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{interchange}} \begin{cases} x - 2y = -1 \\ 2x + 3y = 5 \end{cases}$$

- **Multiply** one equation by a **nonzero number** (type II)

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 5 \\ x - 2y = -1 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{multiplied by } -2} \begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 5 \\ -2x + 4y = 2 \end{cases}$$

- **Add a multiple** of one equation to a different equation (type III)

$$\begin{cases} x - 2y = -1 \\ 2x + 3y = 5 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{add a multiple}} \begin{cases} x - 2y = -1 \\ 0x + 7y = 7 \end{cases}$$

Elementary operations

- Interchange two rows

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Multiply one row by a nonzero number

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{2}r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3/2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Add a multiple of one row to different row

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3/2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-2r_1 + r_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3/2 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

A row-echelon matrix has 3 properties

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{1} & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- All the zero rows are at the bottom
- The first nonzero entry from the left in each nonzero row is a 1, called the **leading 1** for that row
- Each leading 1 is **to the right** of all leading 1's in the rows above it

Row-echelon matrix

The row-echelon matrix has the “staircase” form

leading ones

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(for any choice in *-position)

Which matrices are in row-echelon form?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 2 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

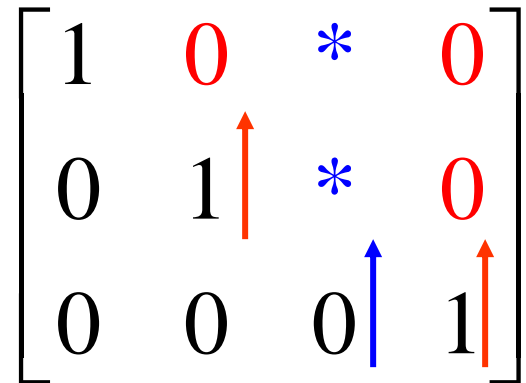
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A reduced row-echelon matrix

- It is a row-echelon matrix
- Each leading 1 is the **only nonzero** entry in its column

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$


The diagram shows a 3x4 matrix in reduced row-echelon form. The first row has a leading 1 in the first column, followed by a red 0 in the second column, a blue asterisk in the third column, and a red 0 in the fourth column. The second row has a 0 in the first column, a 1 in the second column, a blue asterisk in the third column, and a red 0 in the fourth column. The third row has a 0 in the first column, a 0 in the second column, a 0 in the third column, and a 1 in the fourth column. Red arrows point upwards from the 1 in the second row, second column to the 0 in the first row, second column, and from the 1 in the third row, fourth column to the 0 in the second row, fourth column. A blue arrow points upwards from the 0 in the third row, third column to the asterisk in the second row, third column.

Which is a reduced row- echelon matrix?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

~~$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$~~

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

~~$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$~~

**How to carry a matrix to
(reduced) row-echelon form?**

Gaussian Algorithm

Theorem. Every matrix can be brought to (reduced) row-echelon form by a series of elementary row operations

- Step 1. If all row are **zeros**, stop
- Step 2. Otherwise, find the **first column** from the left containing a **nonzero entry** (call it **a**) and **move** the row containing **a** to the **top position**
- Step 3. **Multiply** that row by **$1/a$** to creat the **leading 1**
- Step 4. By subtracting multiples of that row from the rows below it, make each entry below the leading 1 **zero**
- Step 5. Repeat step 1-4 on the matrix consisting of the remaining rows

Gaussian Algorithm

step 1:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{stop}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 6 \\ 4 & 7 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

step 2

$$\xrightarrow{r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 6 \\ 4 & 7 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

step 3

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 6 \\ 4 & 7 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

leading one

$$\xrightarrow{-4r_1 + r_4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

step 4

step 5

Example

Carry the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & -3 & 11 & 4 \\ 3 & 11 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- to row-echelon matrix
- to reduced row-echelon matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & -3 & 11 & 4 \\ 3 & 11 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 11 & 4 \\ 3 & 11 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{2r_1+r_2 \\ -3r_1+r_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-2r_2+r_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{7}r_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

row-echelon matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-2r_3+r_2 \\ -r_3+r_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-3r_2+r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -10 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

reduced row-echelon matrix

Gauss-Jordan Elimination

(for solving a system of linear equations)

- Step 1. Using elementary row operations, **augmented matrix** \rightarrow **reduced row-echelon matrix**
- Step 2. If a row $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \dots 0 \ 1]$ occurs, the system is **inconsistent**

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -10 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \begin{cases} x + 0y - 10z = 0 \\ 0x + 1y + 3z = 0 \\ 0x + 0y + 0z = 1 \end{cases}$$

reduced row echelon matrix

- Step 3. Otherwise, assign the **nonleading variables** as parameters, solve for the leading variables in terms of parameters

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -10 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \begin{cases} 1x + 0y - 10z = 0 \\ 0x + 1y + 3z = 0 \\ 0x + 0y + 0z = 0 \end{cases}$$

$z=t$ (parameter)

z is nonleading variable

Solve the following system of equations

$$x - 2y = 3$$

$$2x - 3y + 2z = 5$$

$$-3x + 7y + 2z = 10$$

Solution.

Carry the augmented matrix to reduced row-echelon form

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 & 5 \\ -3 & 7 & 2 & 10 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{-2r_1+r_2 \\ 3r_1+r_3}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 19 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-r_2+r_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 20 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{20}r_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

inconsistent

Example 3: Solve the following system of equations.

$$x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 = 1$$

$$2x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3 = 5$$

$$x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3 - 3x_4 = 4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & 1 & 0 & | & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & -3 & | & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -6 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -6 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

leading one

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

reduced row echelon matrix

x_2, x_4 are nonleading variables, so we set $x_2=t$ and $x_4=s$ (parameters) and then compute x_1, x_3

$$x_1 = 2 + 2t - s$$

$$x_2 = t$$

$$x_3 = 1 + 2s$$

$$x_4 = s$$

Theorem 2

Suppose a system of m equations in n variables has a solution. If the **rank** of the augment matrix is r then the set of solutions involves exactly $n-r$ parameters

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & 1 & 0 & | & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & -3 & | & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -6 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -6 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagram annotations: An arrow points from the text "leading one" to the blue '1' in the first row, first column of the final matrix. Another arrow points from the text "rankA=2" to the second row of the final matrix.

rankA=2

4(number of variables)- 2(rankA) =2
(two parameters : $x_2=t$, $x_4=s$)

1.3.Homogeneous Equations (phương trình thuần nhất)

- The system is called **homogeneous** if the constant matrix has all the entry are zeros
- Note that every homogeneous system **has at least one solution $(0,0,...,0)$** , called **trivial solution**
- If a homogeneous system of linear equations has **nontrivial solution** then it has infinite family of solutions.

Example 1: Show that the following homogeneous system has nontrivial solutions.

$$x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 - x_4 = 0$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

Solution

The reduction of the augmented matrix to reduced row – echelon form is outlined below.

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right\rangle \rightarrow \left\langle \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right\rangle \rightarrow \left\langle \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

The leading variables are x_1, x_2 and x_4 , so x_3 is assigned as a parameter – say $x_3 = t$. Then the general solution is

$$x_1 = -t$$

$$x_2 = t$$

$$x_3 = t$$

$$x_4 = 0$$

Hence, taking $t = 1$, we get a nontrivial solution: $x_1 = -1, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 1, x_4 = 0$.

Theorem 1

If a homogeneous system of linear equations has **more variables than equations**, then it has nontrivial solution (in fact, infinitely many)

Note that the converse of theorem 1 is not true

The rank of a matrix

- **The rank of the matrix A** , $\text{rank}A$ = the *number of leading ones* in the reduced row-echelon form of A .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Rank 2}$$

Summary

Elementary Operations

Gaussian Elimination

Homogeneous Equations

THANKS