

## Lecture 6

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### LECTURE 6 LINEAR ALGEBRA

#### (GAUSS-JORDAN ELIMINATION) REDUCED ROW-ECHELON FORM.

A MATRIX IS IN REDUCED ROW ECHELON FORM IF

- (1) IT IS ALREADY IN THE ECHELON FORM
- (2) EACH COLUMN THAT CONTAINS A LEADING 1 HAS ZEROS EVERYWHERE ELSE.

EXAMPLES: THE FOLLOWING MATRICES ARE IN REDUCED ROW-ECHELON FORM

$$(1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

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

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

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EXAMPLE: SOLVE THE FOLLOWING LINEAR SYSTEM BY REDUCING THE AUGMENTED MATRIX TO REDUCED ROW-ECHLON FORM (GAUSS-JORDAN ELIMINATION)

$$3x_1 + 4x_2 + 5x_3 = 12$$

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

$$2x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 6$$

SOLUTION: HERE THE AUGMENTED

MATRIX IS

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 4 & 5 & 12 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 6 \end{array} \right] \text{ AND ITS ECH-} \\ \text{LON FORM IS}$$

GIVEN BY

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \text{ (DERIVED LAST TIME)}$$

NOW TO REDUCE IT TO  
REDUCED ROW-ECHLON FORM  
WE PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

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

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} R_1 \rightarrow \\ R_1 + R_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_3 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3 \end{matrix}$$

NOW RE-WRITING THE LINEAR SYSTEM AGAIN WE GET

$$x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 1$$

→ REQUIRED REDUCED ROW ECHELON FORM. IN THIS CASE ENTRIES IN THE LAST (4th) COLUMN FORM THE SOLUTION SET.

Row-Echelon form  
is not unique

But the Reduced Row-Echelon Form is unique

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QUESTION:

FOR WHAT VALUES OF 'K' DOES THE FOLLOWING SYSTEM HAVE

- (a) NO SOLUTION (b) ONLY ONE SOLUTION  
 (c) INFINITELY MANY SOLUTIONS.

$$\begin{array}{l} kx + y = 1 \\ x + ky = 1 \end{array}$$

SOLUTION: THE AUGMENTED MATRIX OF THE GIVEN SYSTEM OF EQUATIONS IS GIVEN BY

$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} k & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & k & 1 \end{array} \right]$ , LET US TRY TO FIND THE ECHELON FORM OF THIS MATRIX

$$\Rightarrow A \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & k & 1 \\ k & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & k & 1 \\ 0 & 1-k^2 & 1-k \end{array} \right] R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - KR_1 \quad \text{①}$$

LET US DISCUSS DIFFERENT CASES:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{1-k} \quad \frac{1-k}{1+k} \\ & \frac{1}{1-k} \quad \frac{1}{1+k} \\ & = \frac{1-k}{(1+k)(1+k)} \end{aligned}$$

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(1) FOR EXACTLY ONE SOLUTION

① MUST BE TRANSFORMED INTO THE ECHELON FORM BY MAKING THE ENTRY (2,2) ONE BY PERFORMING  $R_2 \rightarrow \frac{R_2}{1-k^2}$  TO GET

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & k & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{1+k} \end{array} \right] \text{ PROVIDED } 1-k^2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow k^2 \neq 1$$

$\Rightarrow k \neq \pm 1 \rightarrow$  FOR ONE SOLUTION.

USING  $k = -1$  IN ① GIVES

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & k & 1 \\ 0 & 1-k^2 & 1-k \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & k & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{k=-1} \text{SO WE}$$

HAVE NO SOLUTION FOR  $k = -1$  ::

SECOND ROW GIVES  $0=2$  WHICH IS NOT POSSIBLE.

USING  $k = +1$  IN ① GIVES

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right], \text{ REWRITING THE LINEAR SYSTEM GIVES}$$

$$1-k^2 = (1-k)(1+k)$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 &= 1 \\ 0x_1 + 0x_2 &= 2 \end{aligned} \quad \boxed{X=1} \quad \boxed{Y=2}$$

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$$x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

HERE NO. OF UNKNOWNs = 2, NO. OF EQUATIONS = 1, WHICH IS LESS THAN NO. OF UNKNOWNs. THIS GIVES INFINITE SOLUTIONS FOR  $x_1 + x_2 = 1$ .

NOTE: HERE (INFINITE SOLUTIONS CASE)

$x_1$  IS CALLED A LEADING VARIABLE WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THE MATRIX (OF AUGMENTED) LEADING 1 IN THE ECHELON FORM

i.e.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , AND  $x_2$  IS CALLED A FREE VARIABLE WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THE LEADING 1. (DOES NOT)

WE WRITE DOWN THE SOLUTIONS BY WRITING THE LEADING VARIABLES IN TERMS OF FREE VARIABLES.

IN LAST EXAMPLE WRITING THE FREE VARIABLE  $x_2 = t$  (SAY),

$x_1 = 1 - x_2 = 1 - t$ , FOR DIFFERENT VALUES OF  $t$  (WHICH IS A REAL NUMBER), WE HAVE INFINITE VALUES OF  $x_1, x_2$  ∵ WE HAVE INFINITE SOLUTIONS FOR  $x_1 + x_2 = 1$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

Free variable means infinite solutions!