

MTH 102A - Linear Algebra - 2015-16-II Semester

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P. Field

- A **field** F is a set from which we choose our coefficients and scalars.
- Expected properties are
 - 1) $a + b$ and $a \times b$ should be defined in it.
 - 2) $a + b$ and $a \times b$ must be inside the field.
 - 3) Both operations are commutative: $a + b = b + a$; $a \times b = b \times a$.
 - 4) There should be identity elements for both operations. Identity element for $+$ is called 0 and that for \times is called 1.
 - 5) Inverse for “ a w.r.t. $+$ ”: $\forall a \in F, \exists b \in F$ s.t. $a + b = 0$ ”
“ $a \neq 0$ w.r.t. \times ”: $\forall a \in F \setminus \{0\}, \exists b \in F$ s.t. $a \times b = 1$.”
 - 6) Value of $(a + b) + c$ and $a + (b + c)$ are ‘equal’.
Value of $(a \times b) \times c$ and $a \times (b \times c)$ are ‘equal’.
 - 7) \times distributes itself over $+$: $a \times (b + c) = (a \times b) + (a \times c)$.

Examples: $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Q}$.

Also $\mathbb{Z}_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ with

$a + b := (a + b) \pmod{5}$ and $a \times b := (a \times b) \pmod{5}$. Here, $3 + 4 = 2$, $4 \times 2 = 3$ and $4 \times 4 = 1$.

$\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] := \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$.

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) + (c + d\sqrt{2}) = (a + c) + (b + d)\sqrt{2}$$

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) \cdot (c + d\sqrt{2}) = (ac + 2bd) + (ad + bc)\sqrt{2}$$

Also, whenever $(a + b\sqrt{2}) \neq 0$, we have $(a + b\sqrt{2})^{-1} = \frac{a}{a^2 - 2b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2 - 2b^2}\sqrt{2}$ as $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

P. Linear Equations

- A **linear equation** (over some field \mathbb{F}) is an expression of the form

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \cdots + a_nx_n = b_1$$

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- Example: $2x_1 + 3x_2 + 7x_3 = 6$ is a linear equation. **Over what?**

Over any field. What does 2 mean in \mathbb{F} ? $1 + 1$!

Anyway we never mention that!! **Come on, isn't it obvious?**

- A **system of linear equations** is a collection of m linear equations in the 'same' n variables. It has the form:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ &\vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n &= b_m \end{aligned}$$

- $\begin{cases} x + y + z = 1 \\ 2y + 3z = 7 \end{cases}$ is a system of 2 linear equations in 3 variables.

- **Matrix form of a system** (of linear equations):

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ & \ddots & \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The product AB corresponds to operating on the *columns of the matrix* A , using entries of B . Thus,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ & \ddots & \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}.$$

is same as

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix} x_2 + \cdots + \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} x_n = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}.$$

(Similar to 'does there exist integers x, y such that $13x + 5y = 1$???')

P. The old story: A new way

- Q** Solve $\begin{cases} 2x + y = 1 \\ x + 2y = -1 \end{cases}$.

- A** $\begin{cases} 2x + y = 1 \\ x + 2y = -1 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{2(2)} \begin{cases} 2x + y = 1 \\ 2x + 4y = -2 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{(2)-(1)} \begin{cases} 2x + y = 1 \\ 3y = -3 \end{cases}$. So...

- Write the **Augmented coefficient matrix** of the system with a matrix: $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{array} \right]$

- Above solution procedure is nothing but

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{2(2)} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(2)-(1)} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \end{array} \right]. \text{ Continue?}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}(2)} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(1)-(2)} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}(1)} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

- System: $\begin{cases} x+y+z=1 \\ 2y+3z=7 \end{cases}$. That is, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$.

- **Augmented Coefficient Matrix:** $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 7 \end{array} \right]$.

Apply elimination.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}(2)} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{7}{2} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(1)-(2)} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{7}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

- Highlighted positions are called **pivots/leading terms**. Corresponding variables are **basic variables**. Others are **free variables**.

- Here z is free. For solution: put $z = t$; then $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} + \frac{1}{2}t \\ \frac{7}{2} - \frac{3}{2}t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$.

- For example, $t = 0$ gives $\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} \\ \frac{7}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $t = 1$ gives $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

P. We don't want to solve it. Let the computer do it!

- In that case we have to provide an algorithm. **What is an algorithm?**

A 'step by step' instruction to carry out the task.

- Actually, we do not have to!! **Gauss-Jordan have already done it!!**
- To describe that we need 3 **elementary row operations**.

- Given the Augmented Coefficient Matrix (ACM) of a system: $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right]$.

- 1) $E_i(\alpha)$ Multiply i th row by $\alpha \neq 0$.

For example, $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{E_2(\frac{1}{2})} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -3 \end{array} \right]$.

Result is the same as: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & | & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

- Elementary Matrix $E_2(\frac{1}{2})$

P. Elementary row operations

E_{ij} Interchange rows i and j .

For example, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & | & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & -1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{E_{14}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & | & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & -1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$

Result is the same as: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & 1 \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ 1 & & & 0 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & | & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & -1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

- Elementary Matrix E_{14}

$E_{ij}(\alpha)$ Replace i th row R_i by $R_i + \alpha R_j$

For example, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & | & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & -1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{E_{35}(-\frac{1}{5})} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{2}{5} & \frac{11}{5} & | & -\frac{17}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & -1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$

Result is the same as: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & -\frac{1}{5} \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & | & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & -1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

- Elementary Matrix $E_{35}(-\frac{1}{5})$ Echelon-form(EF)

• Let A be a matrix. A **pivot/leading term** is the first (from left) nonzero element of a nonzero row in A . We use $\boxed{a_{ij}}$ to denote it.

- A matrix A is in **echelon form (EF)** (ladder like) if

- 1) Pivot of the $i + 1$ th row comes to the right of the i th.
- 2) Entries below the pivot in a 'pivotal column' are 0.
- 3) The zero rows are at the bottom.

- In EF: $\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{3} & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{2} & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{3} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & \boxed{2} & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix}.$
- Not in EF: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (rule 1,2 fail); $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (rule 3 fails).

P. Row-reduced-echelon-form(RREF)

- A matrix A is in **RREF** if
 - 1) It is in EF.
 - 2) Pivot of each nonzero row is 1.
 - 3) Other entries in a ‘pivotal column’ are 0.

- In RREF: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \boxed{1} & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix}.$
- Not in RREF: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

- A is **row equivalent** to B if B is the result of k elementary row operations on A . That is, if there exists some elementary matrices E_1, \dots, E_k s.t.

$$E_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_1 A = B.$$

P. Gauss-Jordan elimination(GJE)

GJE An algorithm. Uses row operations only. Input: A .

Output: a matrix B in RREF s.t. B is row equivalent to A .

- 0) Put ‘region’ = A .
- 1) If all entries in the region are 0, STOP.

Else, in the region, find the leftmost nonzero column and find its topmost nonzero entry.

Suppose it is a_{ij} . Box it. This is a pivot.

Take it to the top row of the region. Make it 1.

Make other entries of the whole matrix in it’s column 0.

- 2) Put region = the submatrix below and to the right of the current pivot. Go to step 1).

- The process will stop, as we can get at most $\min\{m, n\}$ pivots.

• Apply GJE:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 & 7 \\ \boxed{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{E_{12}} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{E_{31}(-1)} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{2} & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{E_2(\frac{1}{2})} \\
 & \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{7}{2} \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{E_{12}(-1), E_{32}(-2)} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{7}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{E_{34}} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{7}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \xrightarrow{E_{13}(\frac{1}{2}), E_{23}(\frac{1}{2})} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & \frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Th Each matrix $A_{m \times n}$ is row equivalent to some matrix in RREF. !!

P. Gauss elimination

GE It is the same as GJE except that

- 1) pivots need not be made 1 and
- 2) entries above the pivots need not be made 0.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{E_{21}(-1), E_{31}(-1)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{E_{32}(-3)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- GJE may be viewed as an extension of GE.

P. Inverses of elementary matrices

Sometimes it helps to imagine an elementary matrix as an elementary row operation.

Recall Invertibility: $A_{n \times n}$ is **invertible** if there is a B s.t. $AB = BA = I$.

What is the inverse of $E_i(\alpha)$? That is, ‘if I have multiplied i th row by α , how do i get back the original’? **Must be** $E_i(\frac{1}{\alpha})$.

What is the inverse of E_{ij} ? That is, ‘if I have interchanged R_i and R_j , how do i get back the original’? **Must be** $E_{ji} = E_{ij}$.

What is the inverse of $E_{ij}(\alpha)$? That is, ‘if I have added αR_j to R_i , how do i get back the original’? **Must be** $E_{ij}(-\alpha)$.

Ex Inverse of an elementary matrix is an elementary matrix.

Ex If A is invertible, then it has a unique inverse.

- Recall that for any invertible matrix $A(i, :) \neq \mathbf{0}$.

Th Let $A_{n \times n}$ be invertible. Then, the RREF of A is I .

Po. A RREF of A is nothing but $E_k \cdots E_1 A = EA$ (say), where E_i ’s are elementary.

As EA is invertible, it has no zero row. How many pivots should it have? As EA is in RREF, it must be I . \square

P. RREF

Th If A is row equivalent to B then, the systems $Ax = 0$ and $Bx = 0$ have the same solution set. **!!**

Q Is $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ row equivalent to $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$?

No, $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is a solution of $Bx=0$, not of $Ax=0$.

Th Let A and B be two row equivalent matrices in RREF. Then $A = B$.

P. Rank of a Matrix

Cor Each matrix A is row equivalent to a unique matrix in RREF. **!!**

- We use **RREF A** to denote this matrix.
- The **rank** of a matrix A is the number of pivots in RREF A . Notation: **rank A** .
- Thus, **rank $A_{m \times n} \leq m, n$** and **rank(0) = 0**.

P. Gauss-Jordan say it

Th Take a system $Ax = b$ and an invertible matrix B . Then, y is a solution of $Ax = b$ if and only if y is a solution of $B Ax = Bb$. **!!**

Gauss-Jordan idea Take the ACM $[A|b]$ of a system. Keep on applying elementary row operations. Solution space stays same!!!

STOP at the RREF $[A'|b']$.

If $A'(i, :) = 0$ and $b'_i \neq 0$, then conclude that the system has no solution (**inconsistent**). Note that, here, **rank(A) < rank($[A|b]$)**.

Otherwise, a **general solution** is obtained by assigning the free-variables arbitrary values and by evaluating the values of the basic variables. Note that, here, **rank(A) = rank($[A|b]$)**.

P. Very Important Ideas

Th Let A be a matrix of RANK r . Then, there exist(s)

- Invertible P s.t. $PA = \begin{bmatrix} B \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$.
- Invertible P and Q such that

$$P_{m \times m} A_{m \times n} Q_{n \times n} = PAQ = \begin{bmatrix} I_r & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ex[Rank Factorization] Let $\text{rank } A_{m \times n} = r$. Then there exist $B_{m \times r}, C_{r \times n}$ s.t. $\text{rank } B = \text{rank } C = r$ and $A = BC$ as

$$A = P^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} I_r & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} Q^{-1} = [P_1 \ P_2] \begin{bmatrix} I_r & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \end{bmatrix} = P_1 Q_1.$$

Th Consider the homogeneous linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Then,

- The zero vector, $\mathbf{0} = (0, \dots, 0)^t$, is always a solution, called the TRIVIAL solution.
- Suppose $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \neq \mathbf{0}$ are two solutions of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Then, $k_1\mathbf{x}_1 + k_2\mathbf{x}_2$ is also a solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ for any $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Th Consider the linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, where A is an $m \times n$ matrix and $\mathbf{x}^t = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$. If $[C \mid \mathbf{d}] = \text{rref}([A \mid \mathbf{b}])$ then,

- $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is inconsistent (has no solution) if $[C \mid \mathbf{d}]$ has a row of the form $[\mathbf{0}^t \mid 1]$, where $\mathbf{0}^t = (0, \dots, 0)$. That is,

$$\text{Rank}(A) < \text{Rank}([A \mid \mathbf{b}]) = \text{Rank}([C \mid \mathbf{d}]).$$

- $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent (has a solution) if $[C \mid \mathbf{d}]$ has **NO row of the form** $[\mathbf{0}^t \mid 1]$. That is,

$$\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}([A \mid \mathbf{b}]) = \text{Rank}([C \mid \mathbf{d}]).$$

Furthermore, (recall $n = \text{Number of unknowns}$ implies)

- if $\text{Rank}(A) = n$ then, $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has A UNIQUE SOLUTION.
- if $\text{Rank}(A) < n$ then, $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has INFINITE NUMBER OF SOLUTIONS.

P. Example

- System
$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 1 \\ y + 3z &= 2 \\ -x + 2z &= 2 \end{aligned}$$
- ACM: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \left| \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{array} \right. \text{RREF}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \left| \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array} \right. \rightarrow \text{Matlab command } \text{rref}(\mathbf{a})$

- System is inconsistent (has no solution).

- System
$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 1 \\ y + 3z &= 2 \\ -x + 2z &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

- ACM: $A = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$ $\text{RREF}(A) = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

- x, y are basic, z is free. General solution: $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 + 2t \\ 2 - 3t \\ t \end{bmatrix} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$.

• Let $[C|\mathbf{d}] = \text{RREF}([A|\mathbf{b}])$. Assume $C(i, :) \neq \mathbf{0}$ and the system is consistent. Notice that in $C(i, :)$ all entries are zero, except the pivot and entries corresponding to free variables. Thus, if we assign all free variables 0, then we get $x_i = d_i$.

- What happens if we put $z = t = 0$, in the above example?
- If $\text{rank}(A_{m \times n}) < n$, then $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has a nonzero solution. !!

P. Invertibility and Gauss-Jordan

Let A be a square matrix of order n . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- A is invertible.
 - The homogeneous system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.
 - The (rref) row-reduced echelon form of A is I_n .
 - A is a product of elementary matrices.
 - If A is invertible then $\text{rref}(A) = I$. Thus, $E_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_2 E_1 A = I$ for some elementary matrices. Hence, $A^{-1} = E_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_2 E_1$.
- Implication.** Given a matrix $A_{n \times n}$, apply GJE to $[A|I_n]$. Then, we get elementary matrices E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k such that
- $$E_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_1 [A|I] = [E_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_1 A | E_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_1 I] = [I | A^{-1}].$$

P. Inverse - Example

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{E_{21}(-2)} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{E_2(-1/3)} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \\ & \xrightarrow{E_{12}(-2)} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & \frac{-1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \\ & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} E_{21}(-2) \\ E_{31}(-1) \end{matrix}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$[2, 4, 7, 0, 1, 0] - 2[1, 2, 3, 1, 0, 0] = [0, 0, 1, -2, 1, 0]$$

$$[1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1] - [1, 2, 3, 1, 0, 0] = [0, -1, -2, -1, 0, 1].$$

$$\xrightarrow{E_{32}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} E_2(-1) \\ E_{12}(-2) \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} E_{23}(-2) \\ E_{13}(1) \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Thus, we have solved three linear systems simultaneously, namely

$$A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, A \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } A \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(x, y, z) = (-3, 5, -2), (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (1, -2, 1) \text{ and } (u, v, w) = (2, -1, 0).$$

P. Determinant

Notation:- Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$.

Then, $A(1|2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$,

$A(1|3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$,

and $A(1, 2|1, 3) = [4]$.

Determinant: Determinant of a square matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$, denoted $\det(A)$ (or $|A|$) is defined by

$$\det(A) = \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } A = [a] \ (n = 1), \\ \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{1+j} a_{1j} \det(A(1|j)), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Let $A = [-2]$. Then $\det(A) = |A| = -2$.

- Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$. Then, $\det(A) = |A| = a |A(1|1)| - b |A(1|2)| = ad - bc$.

For $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 3 = -1$.

Singular, Non-Singular: A matrix A is said to be a SINGULAR if $\det(A) = 0$. It is called NON-SINGULAR if $\det(A) \neq 0$.

Th Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. If

- $B = E_{ij}A$ then, $\det(B) = -\det(A)$,
- $B = E_i(c), c \neq 0$ then, $\det(B) = c \det(A)$,
- $B = E_{ij}(c), c \neq 0$ then, $\det(B) = \det(A)$,
- all the elements of one row of A are 0 then, $\det(A) = 0$,
- two rows of A are equal then $\det(A) = 0$.
- A is a triangular matrix then $\det(A)$ is product of diagonal entries.

Th As $\det(I_n) = 1$, $\det(E_{ij}) = -1$ $\det(E_i(c)) = c$ whenever $c \neq 0$ $\det(E_{ij}(c)) = 1$, whenever $c \neq 0$

- Let $A_{n \times n} = [a_{ij}]$. Then, for any $k, 1 \leq k \leq n$

$$\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{k+j} a_{kj} \det(A(k|j)).$$

- Let $A_{n \times n}$ matrix. Then, $|\det(A)|$ equals the volume of the n -dimensional parallelepiped formed by the rows of A .

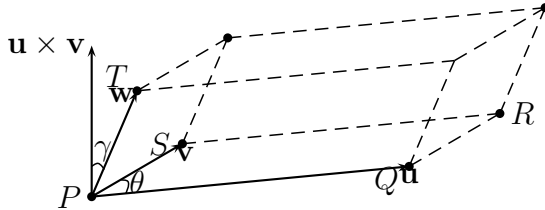


Figure 3: Parallelepiped with vertices P, Q, R and S as base

- Let $\mathbf{u}^t = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$, $\mathbf{v}^t = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ and $\mathbf{w}^t = (w_1, w_2, w_3)$.

Then, $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = (u_2v_3 - u_3v_2, u_3v_1 - u_1v_3, u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)$ and

$$\text{volume}(P) = \text{Area}(PQRS) \cdot \text{height} = |\mathbf{w} \bullet (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})| = \pm \begin{vmatrix} w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}.$$

$(i, j)^{\text{th}}$ minor of A Denoted A_{ij} equals $\det(A(i|j))$.

$(i, j)^{\text{th}}$ cofactor of A : Denoted C_{ij} equals $(-1)^{i+j} A_{ij}$.

Adjoint of a Matrix: Denoted $\text{Adj}(A) = [C_{ji}]$

• Example $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Then, $\text{Adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & -7 \\ -2 & -4 & 5 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ as

$$C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} A_{11} = 4, C_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} A_{21} = 2, \dots, C_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} A_{33} = -1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} A \cdot \text{Adj}(A) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & -7 \\ -2 & -4 & 5 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Adj}(A) \cdot A. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\det(A) = -6$. So, Important Observation:

$$A \cdot \text{Adj}(A) = \text{Adj}(A) \cdot A = \det(A)I.$$

Is it always TRUE?

Th Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. Then,

- for $1 \leq i \leq n$, $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} A_{ij} = \det(A)$,
- for $i \neq \ell$, $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} C_{\ell j} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} (-1)^{\ell+j} A_{\ell j} = 0$,
- $A(\text{Adj}(A)) = \det(A)I_n$. Thus,

whenever $\det(A) \neq 0$ one has $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{Adj}(A)$.

Th A square matrix A is non-singular if and only if A is invertible.

Th Let A and B be square matrices of order n . Then

$$\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B) = \det(BA).$$

Th Let A be a square matrix. Then $\det(A) = \det(A^t)$.

P. Cramer's Rule

Th The following statements are equivalent for a square matrix A :

- A is invertible.
- The linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a unique solution for every \mathbf{b} .
- $\det(A) \neq 0$.

Cramer's Rule Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. If $\det(A) \neq 0$ then, the unique solution of the linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is

$$x_j = \frac{\det(A_j)}{\det(A)}, \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

where A_j is the matrix obtained from A by replacing the j th column of A by the column vector \mathbf{b} .