

# Lecture 2-B

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## \* §1.1 O/A

consistent = feasible, inconsistent = infeasible

#19. 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & h & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & h & 4 \\ 0 & 6-3h & -4 \end{array} \right] \quad (R_2 \leftarrow -3R_1 + R_2)$$

"row-equivalent"

always nonzero regardless of the value of  $h$ .

No-solution case:

Augmented matrix contains a row of the form  $[0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ | \ b]$ ,  $b \neq 0$ .

The LS requires numbers

$x_1, \dots, x_n$  s.t.

$$0 = 0x_1 + 0x_2 + \dots + 0x_n = b \neq 0,$$

which is clearly impossible.

The LS does not have a solution if  $6-3h=0$ , i.e., if  $h=2$ . The LS is consistent for every value of  $h$  other than two.

#11. 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 4 & -5 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & -2 \\ 3 & 7 & 7 & 6 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -5 \\ 3 & 7 & 7 & 6 \end{array} \right] \quad (R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2)$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -5 \\ 0 & -2 & -8 & 12 \end{array} \right] \quad (R_3 \leftarrow -3R_1 + R_3)$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right] \quad (R_3 \leftarrow 2R_2 + R_3)$$

## §1.1 (continued)

Recall the elementary row-ops:

1.  $R_j \leftarrow cR_i + R_j$ ,  $i \neq j$ ,  $c \neq 0$ .
2.  $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$ ,  $i \neq j$ .
3.  $R_i \leftarrow cR_i$ ,  $c \neq 0$ .

# Concluding Remarks

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Remarks: (i) Row-operations can be applied to any **matrix**.

→ rectangular array of numbers

(ii) Two matrices are called **row-equivalent** if there is a finite sequence of row-ops that transforms one matrix into the other.

E.g. 
$$\begin{matrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \hat{R}_1 \\ \hat{R}_2 \end{matrix}$$

↑  
row-equivalent

(iii) Row-ops are reversible:

(a)  $R_j \leftarrow cR_i + R_j$  is undone by  $R_j \leftarrow (-c)R_i + R_j$ .

(b)  $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$  " " "  $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$

(c)  $R_i \leftarrow cR_i$  " " "  $R_i \leftarrow \frac{1}{c}R_i$ .

Thm: If the augmented matrices of two LSs are row-equivalent, then the LSs have the same solution set.

## §1.2 Row-reduction Algorithm (RRA) and Echelon Forms.

Defn: (1) A **nonzero row** (or **nonzero column**) in a matrix is any row (respectively, column) that contains at least one nonzero entry.

E.g.

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

← zero row  
← nonzero rows  
← totally nonzero row.

(2) A **leading entry** of a nonzero row (in a matrix) refers to the leftmost nonzero entry in that row.

E.g.

$$\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The leading entries are located in the (1,1) and (2,3) entries.

The leading entries are 1 (from first-row) and 2 (from second-row).

# Echelon Forms

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Def'n: A matrix is said to be in **echelon form** (EF) if it satisfies the following properties:

- (i) all non zero rows are above any zero-rows;
- (ii) each leading entry of a row is in a column to the right of the leading entry of the row above it;

E.g. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (iii) all entries in a column below a leading entry are zero.

Note: this property follows from (ii).

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

If a matrix in EF satisfies the following additional conditions, then it is said to be in **reduced echelon form** (REF).

- (iv) the leading entry in every non zero row is a one; and
- (v) each leading entry is the only non zero entry in its column.

E.g. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

EF REF

Thm: Each matrix is row-equivalent to a unique matrix in reduced echelon form.

E.g. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

EF REF

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

# Echelon Forms (continued)

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**Def'n:** If a matrix  $A$  is row-equivalent to a matrix  $U$ , and  $U$  is in echelon form, then  $U$  is called **an echelon form of  $A$** ; if  $U$  is in reduced echelon form, then  $U$  is called **the reduced echelon form of  $A$** .

**Notation:**  $\text{REF}(A)$ : the reduced echelon form of  $A$ .

\* **Pivot positions**

**Remark:** When row ops on a matrix produce **an EF**, further row-ops do not change the location of the leading entries. Since the REF is unique, the leading entries are always in the same positions in any echelon form obtained via row-ops.

**Def'n:** A **pivot position** in a matrix  $A$  is any position in  $A$  that contains a leading entry in the REF of  $A$ .

**E.g.** 
$$\begin{bmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & * & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & 0 & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix}$$
  

$$\begin{matrix} \text{1} & \text{2} & \text{3} \\ \text{1} & & \\ \text{2} & & \end{matrix}$$
  

$$\begin{matrix} \text{pivot positions: } (1,1) \text{ \& } (2,3) \\ \text{pivot rows} \\ \text{pivot columns} \end{matrix}$$

**Eg.** Row-reduce  $A$  to REF and locate the pivot positions / columns / rows, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & -6 & 4 & 9 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Sol'n:** 
$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ 0 & \boxed{2} & 4 & -6 & -6 \\ 0 & 5 & 10 & -15 & -15 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$
  

$$R_2 \leftarrow R_1 + R_2$$
  

$$R_3 \leftarrow 2R_1 + R_2$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
  

$$R_4 \leftarrow 3R_2 + R_4$$

# An illustrative example

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1 \leftarrow -4R_2 + R_1$$

Suppose that  $A$  is the augmented matrix of a LS, where  $A$  is the matrix in the previous example. Thus,

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_4 = 0.$$

$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4$

By convention, all variables that do not correspond to pivot columns will be called "free variables".

$$x_1 = 3x_3 + 5$$

$$x_2 = -2x_3 - 3$$

$x_3$  is free

$$x_4 = 0$$