



新年快乐

Happy Chinese new year



Solving lin. sys.

a simple system.  $\rightarrow$  back substitution

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 - 4x_3 = 4 \\ x_3 = 3 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow x_1 = 2 \times 16 - 3 = 29 \\ \rightarrow x_2 = 4 + 4 \cdot 3 = 16 \\ \rightarrow x_3 = 3 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Ex. } \begin{cases} x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = 0 & (1) \\ 2x_2 - 8x_3 = 8 & (2) \\ -4x_1 + 5x_2 + 9x_3 = -9 & (3) \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times (2) :$$

$$x_2 - 4x_3 = 4 \quad (2')$$

$$4 \times (1) + (3) :$$

$$-3x_2 + 13x_3 = -9 \quad (3')$$

$$3 \times (2') + (3') :$$

$$x_3 = 3 \quad (3'')$$

(1) (2) (3)  $\Leftrightarrow$

(1) (2') (3'')

triangular.

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General strategies: change to simpler  
& equivalent lin. sys.

Elementary row operation.

(R1) Add a multiple of any row  
to any other row

(R2) Exchange 2 rows

(R3) Scale any row by a nonzero  
number.

$$\text{Ex. } \begin{cases} 2x_1 - 3x_2 & -x_4 = 7 \\ x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3 + 2x_4 = 0. \end{cases}$$

augmented matrix of lin sys.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -3 & 0 & -1 & 7 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Goal: Row echelon form (REF)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 0 & \cdots & 0 & \boxed{\text{red}} & * & * & & * \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{\text{red}} & \cdots & * \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 0 & & * \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \boxed{\text{red}} & * \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & * \end{array} \right]$$

$\boxed{\text{red}} \neq 0$  pivot / leading entries

$*$  any number.

Ex. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{2} & 0 & 1 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & \boxed{3} & 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & d & \boxed{-2} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For what values of  $c, d$  is this REF

$$d=0, c \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \text{REF.}$$



Even better Reduced row echelon form  
(RREF).

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 0 & \cdots & 0 & \textcolor{red}{|} & \textcolor{blue}{*} & 0 & 0 & \textcolor{green}{|} & \textcolor{blue}{*} \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcolor{red}{|} & \cdots & \textcolor{green}{|} & \textcolor{blue}{*} \\ \cdot & & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & & 0 & \textcolor{green}{|} & \textcolor{blue}{*} \\ \cdot & & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & & \textcolor{red}{|} & \textcolor{green}{|} & \textcolor{blue}{*} \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcolor{green}{|} & \textcolor{blue}{*} \end{array} \right]$$

Thm. Given any augmented matrix.

We can find a **RREF** equivalent  
to original aug. matrix by  
elementary row op. (**Alg.**)

Think: **RREF** is unique.

(Appendix A1)