

# Recitation 2

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# 1 Row Echelon Form and Solving Systems of Linear Equations

## 1.1 Solve the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y - 3z &= 4 \\x + 3y + z &= 11 \\2x + 5y - 4z &= 12\end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \\x &= \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \\b &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 11 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$Ax = b$  is the matrix form of the system.  
The augmented matrix is  $(A|b)$ .

$$(A|b) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 11 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 & 13 \end{array} \right)$$

We will try to bring the augmented matrix into reduced REF, i.e. of the form

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & b_3 \end{array} \right) \text{ In order to transform the matrix to Reduced REF.}$$

We can do one of the following operations at each time.

1.  $R_i \rightarrow cR_i$
2.  $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$
3.  $R_i \rightarrow R_i + cR_j$

These elementary operations preserve the set of elements.

## 1.2 Gaussian Elimination

1. We will make sure that in the upper left corner we have an element different from 0. If we don't, we will switch the 1<sup>st</sup> row with another row.

If all elements in column 1 are zeros, we will ignore this column and consider the next one.

2. We will multiply the first row with a constant such that the first element will be 1
3. We will cancel all other elements in the first column, except the one in the first row, by elementary row operation  $R_i \rightarrow R_i + cR_1$
4. We will repeat the above steps, ignoring the last row and last column, until we get an upper-triangular matrix.

### 1.3 Find the solutions of

#### 1.3.1

$$x + 2y - 3z = -1$$

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

$$5x + 3y - 4z = 2$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 & 7 \\ 5 & 3 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 5R_1]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & -7 & 11 & 10 \\ 0 & -7 & 11 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{7}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{11}{7} & -\frac{10}{7} \\ 0 & -7 & 11 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 7R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{11}{7} & -\frac{10}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$0 \neq -3 \Rightarrow \text{No solution}$$

#### 1.3.2

$$x + 2y - 3z = 6$$

$$2x - y + 4z = 2$$

$$4x + 3y - 2z = 14$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & -2 & 14 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 4R_1]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & -5 & 10 & -10 \\ 0 & -5 & 10 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{5}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 10 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 5R_2}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right)$$

$$x + z = 2$$

$$y - 2z = 2$$

$z$  is a free variable and  $x, y$  are dependant variables.

$$\therefore x = \begin{pmatrix} 2 - t \\ 2t + 2 \\ t \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, the system of equations has infinite number of solutions.

#### 1.4 Check if the following matrices are invertible and find the inverse if it exists.

##### 1.4.1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

##### 1.4.1.1 Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 4R_1]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_3]{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -11 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### 1.5 Invertible Matrices

A square matrix is invertible iff its reduced REF is  $I$ .

$$(A|I) \xrightarrow{\text{Gaussian Elimination}} (I|B)$$

$$\therefore B \cdot A = I$$

$$\therefore B = A^{-1}$$