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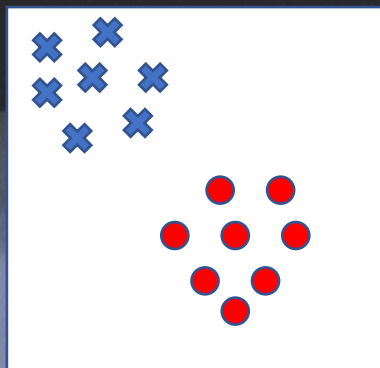
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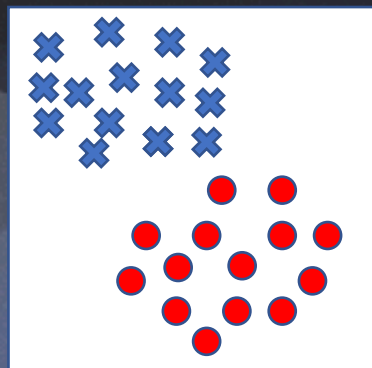


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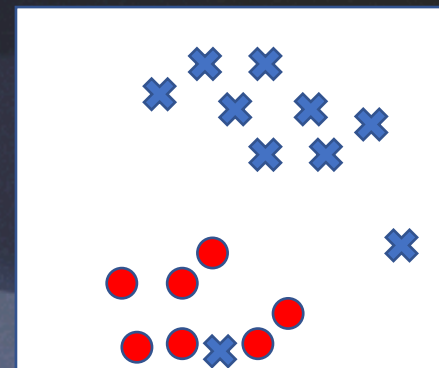
- **Training** is the process of making the system able to learn.
- A model that explains a certain situation well may fail in another situation.
  - The training set and test set come from the same distribution (in-distribution vs. out-of-distribution)
  - Before applying a model, check the assumptions!



Training data



Test data



# Quick review

## Supervised

**Input:** Data  $\mathbf{X}$  and label  $\mathbf{y}$

**Goal:** Learn how to map  $\mathbf{X}$  to  $\mathbf{y}$

**Examples:** Regression, classification

## Unsupervised

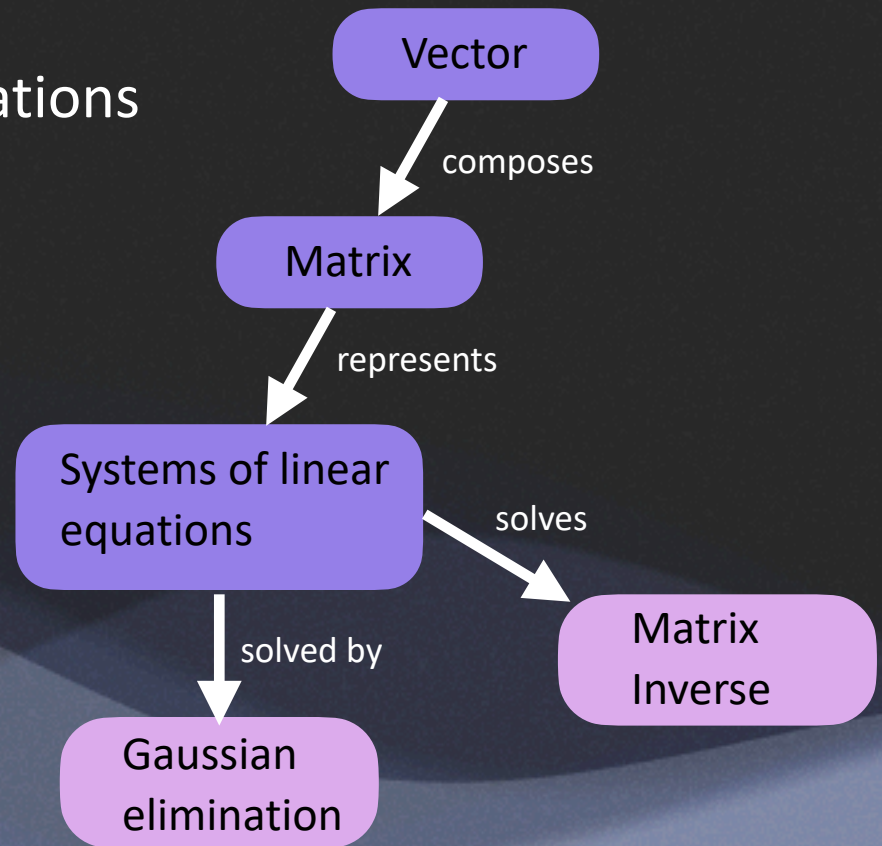
**Input:** Data  $\mathbf{X}$ , no label

**Goal:** Learn underlying structure of data

**Examples:** Clustering, dimensionality reduction

# Outline

- Base concepts: vectors and systems of linear equations
- Matrices
- Solving systems of linear equations





# 2.1 Base concepts

# Linear Algebra

- Algebra comes from the Arabic word 'al-jabr' (restoration/ completion) introduced by the Persian astronomer and mathematician Muhammad ibn Musa al-Khwarizmi in the 9th century
- Linear Algebra: “the study of vectors and certain rules to manipulate vectors”
- Add vectors  $\rightarrow$  vector ; scale vector  $\rightarrow$  vector
- The “mathematics of data” since data is represented by vectors and matrices



# Vectors as elements of $\mathbb{R}^n$

- A simple example of vector, an element of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ \vdots \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n \qquad y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

- Adding two vectors (component-wise)  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Multiplying  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  results in a scaled vector:

$$\lambda \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

## 2.1 Systems of Linear Equations

You only have 5 AUD to buy pens, notebooks or snacks.

Because it's Canberra, we have Coles, Supabarn, Aldi...

Coles: one pen + 2 notebooks + no snack = 10 AUD

Supabarn: 2 pens + 1 notebook + 1 snack = 15 AUD

Aldi: no pen + 2 notebooks + 1 snack looking sadder than usual = 7 AUD

What can you buy?

## 2.1 Systems of Linear Equations

$$\begin{array}{c} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{array}$$

The diagram illustrates the relationship between the unknowns and the coefficients in a system of linear equations. A teal box labeled "Unknowns" at the bottom has two arrows pointing upwards. One arrow points to the  $x_1$  term in the first equation, and the other points to the  $x_n$  term in the last equation, indicating that these variables are the unknowns being solved for.

Unknowns



## 2.1 Systems of Linear Equations

- Example 1: Does it have a solution?

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 2 \quad (2)$$

$$+ 3x_3 = 6 \quad (3)$$

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Yes, it has infinitely many solutions.

$$\begin{array}{l} x_3 = 2 \\ x_1 + x_2 = -2 \end{array}$$

## 2.1 Systems of Linear Equations

- Example 2: Does it have a solution?

$$-x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 3 \quad (1)$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 2 \quad (2)$$

$$2x_2 + 5x_3 = 1 \quad (3)$$

3 unknowns

$x_1$     $x_2$     $x_3$



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No.

Adding the first two equations yields  $2x_2 + 5x_3 = 5$  .  
It contradicts Equation (3).

# 2.2 Matrices

## 2.2 Matrices

- A rectangular scheme consisting of  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$i$ th row,  $j$ th column

- By convention  $(1, n)$ -matrices are called **rows** and  $(m, 1)$ -matrices are called **columns**. These special matrices are also called **row/column vectors**.

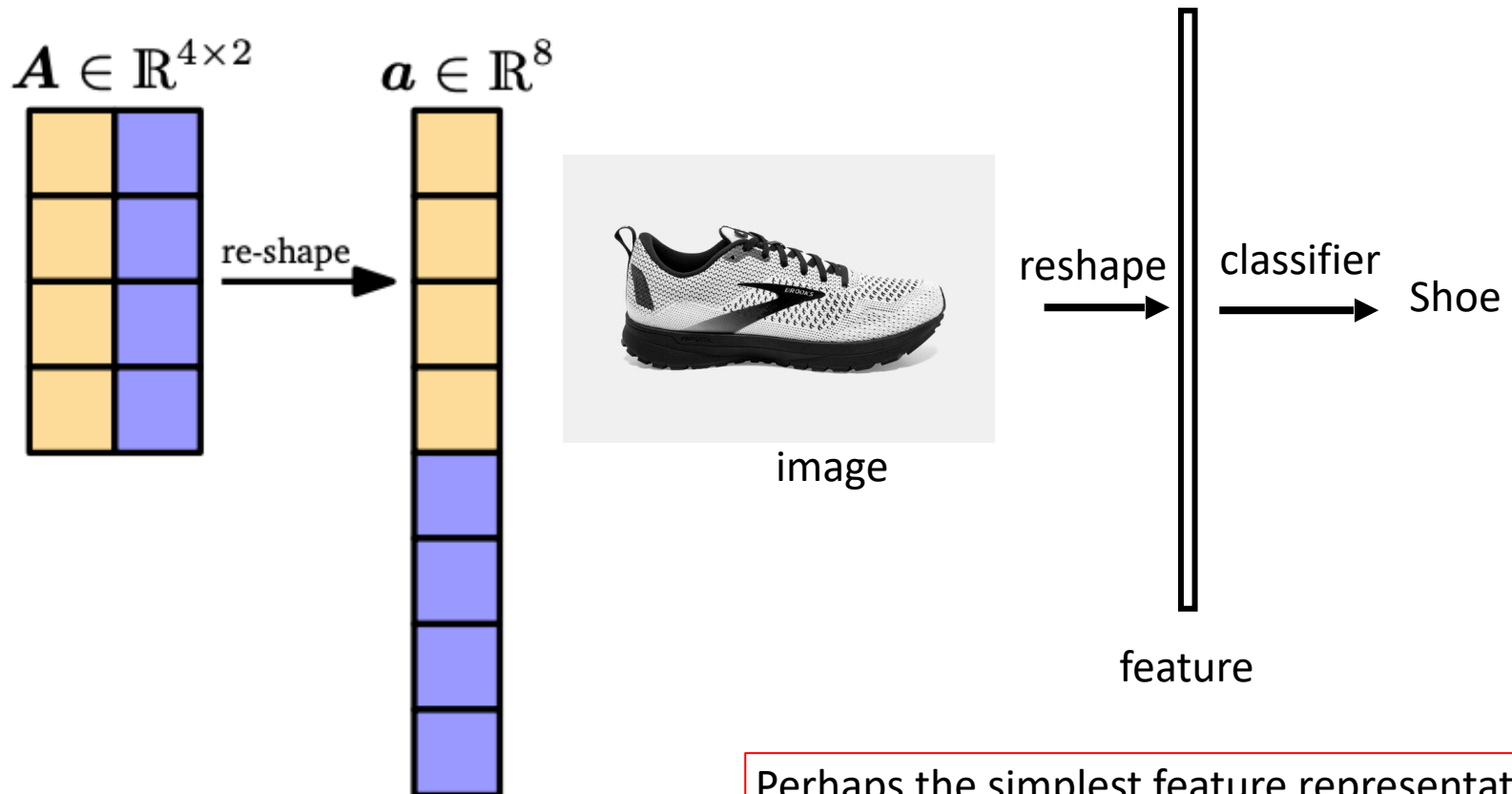


## 2.2 Matrices

#rows, #cols

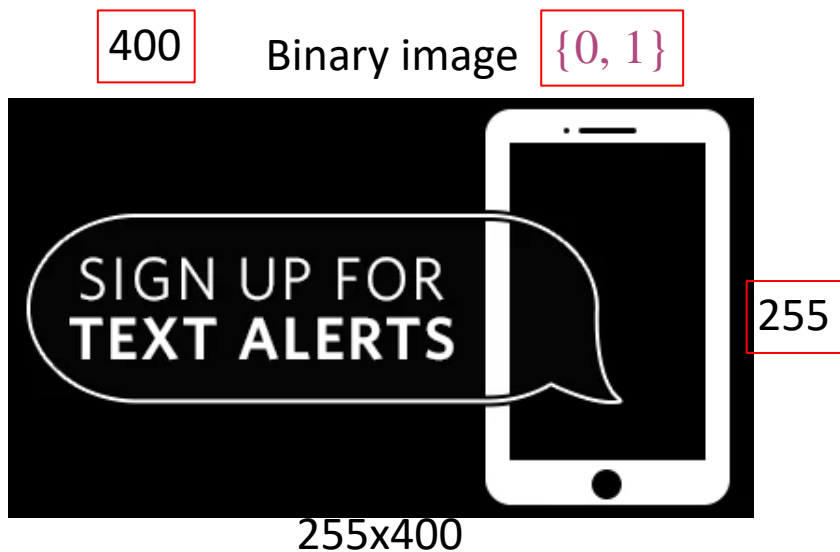
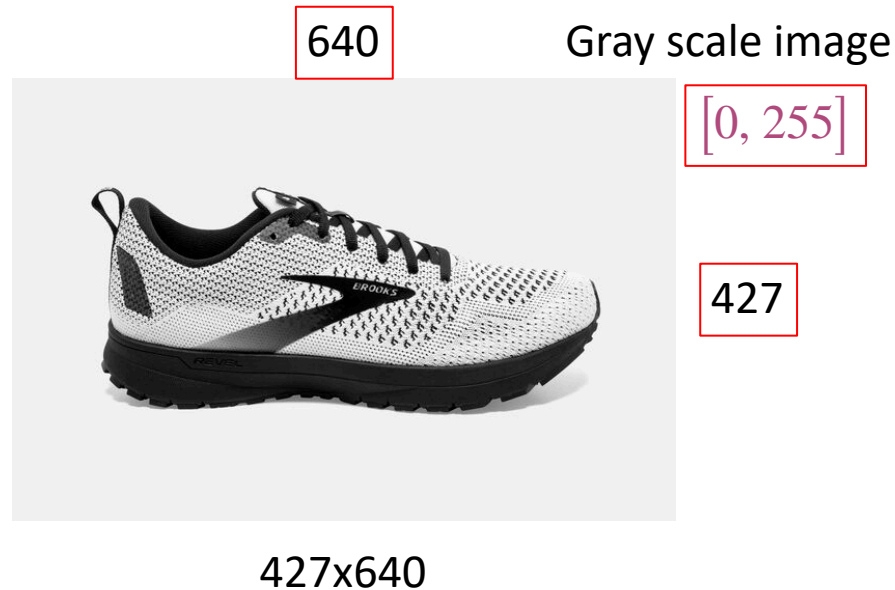
- $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is the set of all real-valued  $(m, n)$ -matrices.

Space



Perhaps the simplest feature representation

# Matrix - example



Summary statistics table

	TREATMENT					
	A			B		
	N	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD
LENGTH	50	176.500	5.9083	50	175.640	5.5467
WEIGHT	50	77.680	10.6492	50	76.400	8.4540
Body Mass Index	50	24.918	3.0644	50	24.763	2.4787

3x6

6

## 2.2.1 Matrix Addition and Multiplication

- The **sum** of two matrices  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is defined as the element-wise sum,

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} := \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} + b_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} + b_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} + b_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

- Example

For  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$ , we obtain

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$$

## 2.2.1 Matrix Addition and Multiplication

- For matrices  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ , the element  $c_{ij}$  of the product  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$  is defined as

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{l=1}^n a_{il}b_{lj}, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad j = 1, \dots, k$$

$c_{ij} \neq a_{ij}b_{ij}$

- To compute element  $c_{ij}$  we multiply the elements of the  $i$ th row of  $\mathbf{A}$  with the  $j$ th column of  $\mathbf{B}$  and sum them up.

## 2.2.1 Matrix Addition and Multiplication

- One property that is unique to matrices is the dimension property. This property has two parts:

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{A}}_{n \times k} \underbrace{\mathbf{B}}_{k \times m} = \underbrace{\mathbf{C}}_{n \times m}$$

- Identity Matrix

$$\mathbf{I}_n := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2.2.1 The Properties of Matrix Multiplication

- Associativity

$$\forall \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}, \mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}: (\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC})$$

- Distributivity

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}: (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})\mathbf{C} &= \mathbf{AC} + \mathbf{BC} \\ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{D}) &= \mathbf{AC} + \mathbf{AD} \end{aligned}$$

- Multiplication with the identity matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}: \mathbf{I}_m \mathbf{A} &= \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}_n = \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{I}_m &\neq \mathbf{I}_n \text{ for } m \neq n. \end{aligned}$$



## 2.2.2 Inverse and Transpose

- **Inverse**: consider a square matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Let matrix  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  have the property that  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I}_n = \mathbf{BA}$ .  $\mathbf{B}$  is called the inverse of  $\mathbf{A}$  and denoted by  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

- Example

$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{I}_2$$

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

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrices are inverse to each other, because

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I}_2 = \mathbf{BA}$$

## 2.2.2 Inverse and Transpose

- **Transpose:** For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  with  $b_{ij} = a_{ji}$  is called the transpose of  $\mathbf{A}$ . We write  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^T$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & -5 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Important properties of inverses and transposes:

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^{-1} \neq \mathbf{A}^{-1} + \mathbf{B}^{-1}$$

$$(\mathbf{A}^T)^T = \mathbf{A} \quad \boxed{\frac{1}{a+b} \neq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}}$$

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^T = \mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{B}^T$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A}$$

$$(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$$

$$(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B})^T = \mathbf{B}^T\mathbf{A}^T$$

$$\boxed{(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}) \cdot (\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{I}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}}$$

## 2.2.2 Inverse and Transpose

- **Symmetric**: A matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric if  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \boxed{\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T}$$

- The sum of symmetric matrices  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is always symmetric.

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} \stackrel{?}{=} (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^T \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The product of two symmetric matrices is generally not symmetric

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

## 2.2.3 Multiplication by a Scalar

- A scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$
- Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . Then  $\lambda \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{K}$ , where  $k_{ij} = \lambda a_{ij}$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda = 1.5$$

$$\lambda \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 & 0 & 4.5 \\ 3 & 0 & -1.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2.2.3 Multiplication by a Scalar

- For  $\lambda, \varphi \in \mathbb{R}$ , the following properties hold:

- Associativity

$$(\lambda\varphi)\mathbf{C} = \lambda(\varphi\mathbf{C}), \quad \mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

- Transpose

$$\lambda(\mathbf{BC}) = (\lambda\mathbf{B})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B}(\lambda\mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{BC})\lambda, \quad \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$$

- Distributivity

$$(\lambda\mathbf{C})^T = \mathbf{C}^T\lambda^T = \mathbf{C}^T\lambda = \lambda\mathbf{C}^T, \quad \mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$(\lambda + \varphi)\mathbf{C} = \lambda\mathbf{C} + \varphi\mathbf{C}, \quad \mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$\lambda(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \lambda\mathbf{B} + \lambda\mathbf{C}, \quad \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

## Matrix Algebra

$$1) A(B+C) = AB + AC$$

$$2) AB \neq BA \text{ in general}$$

$$3) (AB)C = A(BC)$$

$$4) AI = IA = A$$

$$5) AO = OA = O$$

6)  $AB$  may not be possible

7)  $AB = O$  does not imply  
 $A = O$  or  $B = O$

## Number Algebra

$$a(b+c) = ab + ac$$

$$ab = ba$$

$$a(bc) = (ab)c$$

$$1. a = a \cdot 1 = a$$

$$0 \cdot a = a \cdot 0 = 0$$

$ab$  is always possible

$$ab = 0 \rightarrow a = 0 \text{ or } b = 0$$



## 2.2.4 Compact Representations of Systems of Linear Equations

- Consider the system of linear equations,

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 = 1$$

$$4x_1 - 2x_2 - 7x_3 = 8$$

$$9x_1 + 5x_2 - 3x_3 = 2$$

- Using matrix multiplication, we can write it into a compact form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & -2 & -7 \\ 9 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

## 2.3 Solving systems of linear equations

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- Now we have a general form of an equation system

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

- 2.3.1 Particular and General Solution

Step 1. Find a **particular solution** to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

Step 2. Find **all solutions** to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

Step 3. Combine the solutions from steps 1. and 2. to get the **general solution**.

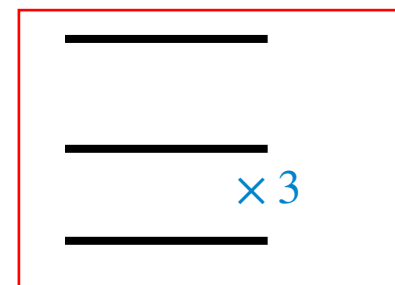
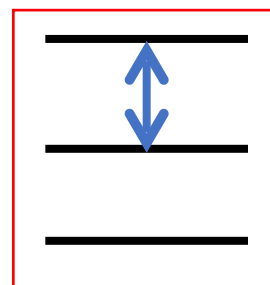
We use **Gaussian elimination** to solve the equation system.

## 2.3.2 Elementary Transformations

- Elementary transformations keep the solution set the same but transform the equation system into a simpler form.

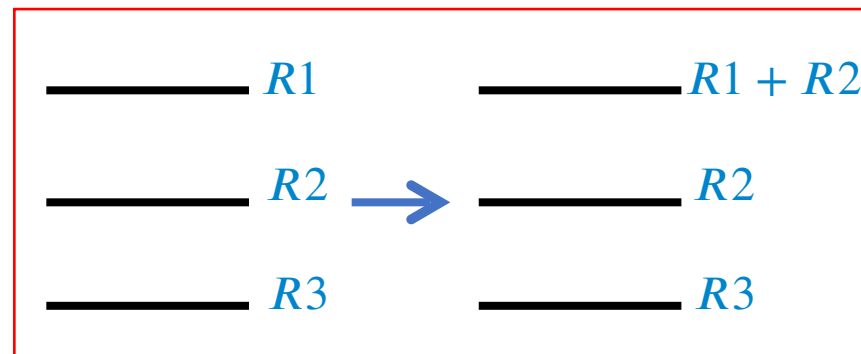
- Elementary transformations include:

- Exchange of two equations



- Multiplication of an equation (row) with a constant  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

- Addition of two equations (rows)



# Row-echelon form (REF) and reduced row-echelon form (RREF)

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & * & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & * & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

REF

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & * & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & * & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & * & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

RREF

- Row Echelon Form
- All rows with 0s must be at the bottom
- You don't have to have all 0 rows, but if they are they must be at the bottom
- Staircase pattern of the 1st non-zero entries of each row (pivots)
- A pivot is always strictly to the right of the pivot of the row above it

From Lorenzo A. Sadun's teaching video

- Reduced Row Echelon Form
- Every pivot is 1
- The pivot is the only non-zero entry in its column

# Gaussian Elimination - example

$$\begin{array}{rrcr} x_1 & + & x_2 & - & x_3 & = & 9 \\ & & x_2 & + & 3x_3 & = & 3 \\ -x_1 & & & & -2x_3 & = & 2 \end{array}$$

augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

↓ R1+R3 → R3

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 11 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{R3-R2} \rightarrow \text{R3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & 8 \end{array} \right]$$



# Gaussian Elimination - example

- Seek all solutions to the following system of equations

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 + 5x_4 = 1$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 = 2$$

$$-x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = 4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -2 & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Swap R1 and R2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 & 5 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{R2}-2\text{R1} \rightarrow \text{R2} \\ \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \\ \text{R1}+\text{R3} \rightarrow \text{R3} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{row-echelon form (REF)}$$

# How to find the general solution to $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 + 5x_4 = 1$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 = 2$$

$$-x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = 4$$

Gaussian elimination  $\rightsquigarrow$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & \hat{\mathbf{b}} \end{array}$$

Step 1. Find a particular solution to

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

Step 2. Find all solutions to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

Step 3. Combine the solutions from steps 1. and 2. to the general solution

# Step 1: Finding a particular solution to $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

Let **free variables be 0**, calculate the value of basic variables

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & \hat{\mathbf{b}} \end{array}$$

$x_3$ : free variable

$x_1 \ x_2 \ x_4$ : basic variables

$$0 + 0 + 0 + 2x_4 = 6$$



$$x_4 = 3$$

$$0 - x_2 + 0 - x_4 = -3$$



$$x_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 = 2 \\ x_1 + 0 - 0 + 9 = 2 \end{array}$$



$$x_1 = -7$$

A particular solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Step 2: Find all solutions to $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

Let one free variables be 1, and the rest free variables be 0, calculate the value of basic variables

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & \boxed{x_4} & \mathbf{0} \end{array}$$

We first immediately get  $x_4 = 0$  from Row 3.

After setting  $x_3 = 1$ , we have  
 $0 - x_2 + 0 - x_4 = 0$ ,  
 $x_1 + 2x_2 - 1 + 3x_4 = 0$

$$\longrightarrow \text{all solutions to } \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}: \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4: \mathbf{x} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Step 3: Combine the solutions from steps 1. and 2. to the general solution

$$\text{all solutions to } \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}: \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4: \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Another example

$$-2x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 - x_4 + 4x_5 = -3$$

$$4x_1 - 8x_2 + 3x_3 - 3x_4 + x_5 = 2$$

$$x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 - x_4 + x_5 = 0$$

$$x_1 - 2x_2 - 3x_4 + 4x_5 = a$$

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

Swap R1 and R3



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

R2-4R1 -> R2

R3+2R1 -> R3

R4-R1 -> R4

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 3 & a \end{bmatrix}$$

R4-R2 -> R4



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 6 & a-2 \end{bmatrix}$$

R4-R3 -> R4



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a+1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$a$  must equal  $-1$  for this equation system to have solutions

# Finding a particular solution to $Ax = b$

Let free variables be 0, calculate the value of basic variables

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

$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4 \quad x_5$

It's already in the REF. We let  $x_2$  and  $x_5$  be 0.

$$\begin{array}{ll} x_4 - 2x_5 = 1 & \longrightarrow x_4 = 1 \\ x_3 - x_4 + 3x_5 = -2 & \longrightarrow x_3 = -1 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 - x_4 + x_5 = 0 & \longrightarrow x_1 = 2 \end{array}$$

A particular solution:

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



# Find all solutions to $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

- Let one free variable be 1, and the rest free variables be 0, calculate the value of basic variables

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

$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4 \quad x_5$

Let  $x_2$  be 1 and  $x_5$  be 0. We get

Let  $x_2$  be 0 and  $x_5$  be 1. We get

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

all solutions to

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}: \left\{ x \in R^5: \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in R \right\}$$

# How to find the general solution to $Ax = b$

- Step 3. Combine the solutions from steps 1. and 2. to the general solution

Step 1:  $Ax = b$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \#$$

Step 2:  $Ax = 0$

$$\left\{ x \in R^5 : x = \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in R \right\}$$

General solution:

$$\left\{ x \in R^5 : x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in R \right\}$$

# Proof

- Given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with  $m < n$ , then  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  has infinitely many solutions
- Proof
- This system always has at least one solution since homogeneous
  - Consider  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$  always holds
- Matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  brought in row echelon form contains at most  $m$  pivots.

For example, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 5}$$

- There will have  $n - m \geq 1$  non-pivot columns, or free variables. It means we can find at least one solution  $\mathbf{x}^* \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Then,  $\lambda \mathbf{x}^*$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  are solutions to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ .

# Proof

- A system of linear equations  $Ax = b$  either has no solutions, a unique solution or infinitely many solutions

- Proof

proof by contradiction

- Let's assume the system  $Ax = b$  has two solutions  $p$  and  $q$ .

- We have

$$Ap = b$$

$$Aq = b$$

- Consider

a form of proof that establishes the truth or the validity of a proposition, by showing that assuming the proposition to be false leads to a contradiction.

- We have  $v = p + t(q - p), t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$Av = A(p + t(q - p)) = Ap + t(Aq - Ap) = b + t(b - b) = b$$

- We thus have infinitely many solutions (by varying  $t$ )

# Calculating the Inverse with Gaussian Elimination

- To compute the inverse  $A^{-1}$  of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,
- We need to find a matrix  $X$  that satisfies  $AX = I_n$ .
- Then,  $X = A^{-1}$ .
- We can write this down as a set of simultaneous linear equations  $AX = I_n$ , where we solve for  $X = [x_1 | \dots | x_n]$
- We use the augmented matrix notation and use **Gaussian Elimination**.

$$\left[ A \mid I_n \right] \rightsquigarrow \dots \rightsquigarrow \left[ I_n \mid A^{-1} \right]$$

# Calculating the Inverse with Gaussian Elimination

$$\left[ \mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{I}_n \right] \rightsquigarrow \cdots \rightsquigarrow \left[ \mathbf{I}_n \mid \mathbf{A}^{-1} \right]$$

# Calculating the Inverse with Gaussian Elimination

- Example: determine the inverse of

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4$$

- First, write down the augmented matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$\mathbf{A}$   $\mathbf{I}_n$

# Calculating the Inverse with Gaussian Elimination

- Use Gaussian elimination to bring it into reduced row-echelon form (RREF)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{A} = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{\text{REF}} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\text{REF}} & \mathbf{A} = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \\
 & & & & & & \mathbf{A}^{-1} & 
 \end{array}$$

- The desired inverse is given as its right-hand side

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Checking invertibility by calculating Reduced Row-echelon form - example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 10 & 7 \\ -4 & 4 & -8 & 4 \\ 4 & -1 & 14 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R2-R1 \rightarrow R2 \\ R3+2R1 \rightarrow R3 \\ R4-2R1 \rightarrow R4}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{Swap} \\ R3 \text{ and } R4}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 9 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R3-R2 \rightarrow R3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{Multiplication} \\ \text{by scalar}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\xrightarrow{\substack{R1+R3 \rightarrow R1 \\ R2-3R3 \rightarrow R2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R1+R2 \rightarrow R1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq I_4$$

RREF

This matrix is not invertible

# Moore-Penrose pseudo-inverse

- We can calculate  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  only when  $\mathbf{A}$  is a square matrix and is invertible
- Otherwise, under mild conditions, we can use the following pseudo-inverse:

$$\mathbf{A}x = \mathbf{b} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}x = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} \Leftrightarrow x = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$$

- $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T$  is the **Moore-Penrose pseudo-inverse** of  $\mathbf{A}$

# Check your understanding

- Which of the following are correct?
  - (A) A vector, when multiplied by a scale, is still a vector.
  - (B) For a system of linear equations with  $n$  variables, it is possible that none of them are free variables.
  - (C) For a system of linear equations with  $n$  variables, the maximum number of pivots in the REF is  $n - 1$ .
  - (D) A matrix, when added by an identity matrix, stays as is.
  - (E) We can use matrix transpose in Gaussian Elimination.
  - (F) Two arbitrary matrices can be multiplied.
  - (G) Two arbitrary matrices can be added.
  - (H) A greyscale image with black borders is not a matrix.

# Check your understanding

- Let  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  be  $2 \times 2$  matrices.
- Which of the following are equivalent to  $A(B+C)$ ?
  - $AB+AC$
  - $BA+CA$
  - $A(C+B)$
  - $(B+C)A$
- Which of the following expressions are equivalent to  $I_2(AB)$ ?
  - $AB$
  - $BA$
  - $(AB)I_2$
  - $(BA)I_2$

# Next lecture: Textbook Sec. 2.4 - 2.7

