

Lecture 2 Echelon

Row-reduced Echelon matrices

Def: An $m \times n$ matrix R is called a row-reduced ~~echelon~~ ^{echelon} matrix if

- (a) R is row-reduced;
- (b) every row of R which has all its entries 0 occurs below every row which has a non-zero entry;
- (c) if rows $1, \dots, r$ are the non-zero rows of R , and if the leading non-zero entry of row i occurs in column k_i , $i=1, \dots, r$, then $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_r$.

An $m \times n$ row-reduced echelon matrix R can be also described as follows.

Either every entry in R is 0, or \exists a $r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $1 \leq r \leq m$, and r positive integers k_1, \dots, k_r with $1 \leq k_i \leq n$ ←

(a) $R_{ij} = 0$ for $i > r$, and $R_{ij} = 0$ if $j < k_i$.

(b) $R_{ik_i} = \delta_{ij}$, $1 \leq i \leq r$, $1 \leq j \leq r$.

(c) $k_1 < \dots < k_r$.

Examples: $I_{n \times n}$, $O_{n \times n}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & k_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Thm: Every $m \times n$ matrix A is row-equivalent to a row-reduced echelon matrix.

Notice the significance of row-reduced matrices in solving homogenous linear eqⁿs $RX = 0$. Now we discuss the system $RX = 0$, when R is row-reduced echelon form matrix.

Thm: To each elementary row operation e there corresponds an elementary row operation e^{-1} , such that $e^{-1}(e(A)) = e(e^{-1}(A)) = A$ for each A . I.e., the inverse operation (function) of an elementary row operation exists and is an elementary row operation of the same type.

Proof: _____

Defⁿ: If A & B are $m \times n$ matrices over the field F , we say that B is row-equivalent to A if B can be obtained from A by a finite sequence of elementary row operations.

Remark: Row-equivalence is an equivalence relation.

A binary relation \sim on a set X is said to be an equivalence relation iff it is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. I.e., $\forall a, b, c \in X$:

① $a \sim a$ (reflexivity)

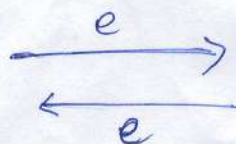
② $a \sim b$ iff $b \sim a$ (symmetry)

③ If $a \sim b$ and $b \sim c$ then $a \sim c$ (transitivity)

Equivalence class of a under \sim , denoted $[a]$ is defined as $[a] = \{x \in X : x \sim a\}$.

Thm: If A & B are row-equivalent $m \times n$ matrices, the homogenous systems of linear equations $AX=0$ & $BX=0$ have exactly the same solutions.

Proof: $A = A_0 \Rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow A_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_k = B$.



Example: Let F be the field of rational numbers, and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 6 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ We perform elementary row operations.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 6 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{1} - 2 \times \textcircled{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -9 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 6 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{3} - 2 \times \textcircled{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -9 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 15 & -55 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 13 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/2 & -7/2 \end{bmatrix} \xleftarrow{9 \times \textcircled{3} + \textcircled{1}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -9 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 13 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/2 & -7/2 \end{bmatrix} \xleftarrow{\textcircled{2} - 3 \times \textcircled{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -9 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/2 & -7/2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{3} \times 2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -9 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & -11/3 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 13 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/2 & -7/2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{1} \times 3/5} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & -11/3 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 13 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/2 & -7/2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{2 \times \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & -11/3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 17/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/2 & -7/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & -11/3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 17/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5/3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-1/2 \times \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & -11/3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 17/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row equivalence of A w/ the final matrix above tells us that the two systems are equivalent, i.e., have the same solutions.

$$\begin{array}{lcl} 2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 = 0 & & x_3 - \frac{11}{3}x_4 = 0 \\ x_1 + 4x_2 - x_4 = 0 & x_4 & + \frac{17}{3}x_4 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + 6x_2 - x_3 + 5x_4 = 0 & x_2 & - \frac{5}{3}x_4 = 0. \end{array}$$

Defⁿ: An $m \times n$ matrix R is called row-reduced if

- (a) the 1st non-zero entry in each non-zero row of R is equal to 1;
- (b) each column of R which contains the leading nonzero entry of some row has all its other entries 0.

Thm: Every $m \times n$ matrix over the field is row-equivalent to a row-reduced matrix.

Proof: (as an exercise).

let $1, \dots, r$ be the non-zero rows of R , & suppose that the leading non-zero entry of row i occurs in column k_i . The system $RX=0$ then consists of r non-trivial eq^s. Also the unknown x_{k_i} will occur (with non-zero coeff.) only in the i th eq^s. Let u_1, \dots, u_{n-r} be the $(n-r)$ unknowns which are different from x_{k_1}, \dots, x_{k_r} , then the r -non-trivial eq^s in $RX=0$ are of the form:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} x_{k_1} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-r} C_{1j} u_j = 0 \\ \vdots \\ x_{k_r} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-r} C_{rj} u_j = 0 \end{array} \right] \quad (1.3)$$

We assign any possible values to u_1, \dots, u_{n-r} and compute x_{k_1}, \dots, x_{k_r} from (1.3).

Example:
Consider $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$r=2, k_1=2, k_2=4$ and 2 non-trivial eq^s are
 $x_2 - 3x_3 + \frac{1}{2}x_5 = 0$ or $x_2 = 3x_3 - \frac{1}{2}x_5$
 $x_4 + 2x_5 = 0$ or $x_4 = -2x_5$

Assign any values to x_1, x_3, x_5 : $x_1=a, x_3=b, x_5=c$, then sol^s are $(a, 3b - \frac{1}{2}c, b, -2c, c)$ (x=0 is trivial sol)

Remark: If the no. r of non-zero rows in R is less than n ($R_{m \times n} \times_{n \times 1} = 0_{m \times 1}$), then $RX=0$ has a non-trivial solⁿ (i.e., not all x_i 's will be 0)

Thm: If A is an $m \times n$ matrix and $m < n$,
then the homogeneous systems of linear eq^s
 $AX = 0$ has a non-trivial solⁿ.

Proof: Assume R be a row-reduced echelon matrix
which is row-equivalent to A . $AX = 0$ and $RX = 0$
will have exactly same solⁿs. If r is no. of
non-zero rows in R , then $r \leq m$, $\therefore m < n$; we
have $r < n \Rightarrow AX = 0$ has a non-trivial solⁿ.

Thm: If A is an $m \times n$ (square) matrix,
then A is row-equivalent to $I_{n \times n}$ if and only
if the system $AX = 0$ has only the trivial solⁿ.

Proof: If A is row-equivalent to $I_{n \times n}$, then
 $AX = 0$ and $I_{n \times n} X = 0$ have the same solⁿ.

Conversely, suppose $AX = 0$ has only the ~~non~~ trivial
solⁿ $X = 0$. $R_{n \times n}$ be row-reduced echelon matrix
that is row-equiv. to A , & let r be no. of
non-zero rows of R . Given that $RX = 0$ has no non-trivial
solⁿ, $r \geq n$. That implies, $r = n$ since $R_{n \times n}$.
Row-reduced echelon matrix $R_{n \times n}$ with n non-zero
rows is $I_{n \times n}$.

— $AX = 0$ always has a trivial solⁿ.

What about systems $AX=Y$? non-homogeneous systems.

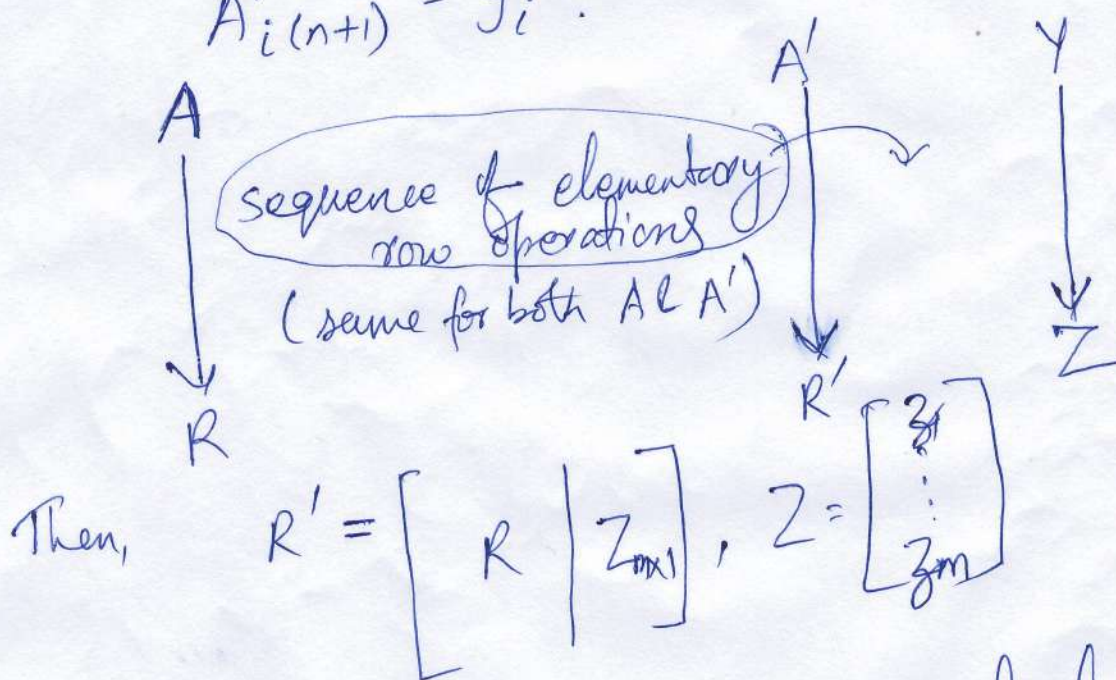
→ While $AX=0$ always has a trivial solⁿ, systems $AX=Y$ for $Y \neq 0$ need not have a solⁿ.

How to find solutions for $AX=Y, Y \neq 0$?

→ Form the augmented matrix A' of the system $AX=Y$. A' is the $m \times (n+1)$ matrix whose 1^{st} n columns are the columns of A and whose last column is Y .

$$A'_{ij} = A_{ij} \quad \forall j \leq n$$

$$A'_{i(n+1)} = Y_i.$$



$AX=Y$ and $RX=Z$ are equivalent and hence have same solutions.

Whether $RX=Z$ has any solutions? To determine all the solⁿs if any exist.

If R has r non-zero rows, with leading non-zero entry of row i occurring in column $k_i, i=1, \dots, r$, then the first r eq^s of $RX=Z$ effectively express x_{k_1}, \dots, x_{k_r} in the terms of the $(n-r)$ remaining x_j and the scalars z_1, \dots, z_r . The last $(m-r)$ eq^s are:

$$0 = z_{r+1}$$

$$0 = z_m$$

and accordingly the condⁿ for the system to have a solⁿ is $z_i = 0$ for $i > r$. If this condⁿ is satisfied, all solⁿs to the system are found as in the homogenous case, by assigning arbitrary values to $(n-r)$ of the x_j and then computing x_{k_i} from the i th eqⁿ.

Example: F be a field of \mathbb{Q} and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Solve for } AX=Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We perform a sequence of row operations on the augmented matrix A' which row-reduces A :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & y_1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & y_2 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & y_3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{2-2\otimes\textcircled{1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & (y_2-2y_1) \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/5 & 1/5(y_2-y_1) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (y_3-y_2+2y_1) \end{bmatrix} \xleftarrow{\textcircled{2} \cdot 1/5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & (y_2-2y_1) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (y_3-y_2+2y_1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow \textcircled{1} + 2\otimes\textcircled{2} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3/5 & 1/5(y_1+2y_2) \\ 0 & 1 & -1/5 & 1/5(y_2-2y_1) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (y_3-y_2+2y_1) \end{bmatrix}$$

Condⁿ: that $AX=Y$ has a solⁿ is

$$2y_1 - y_2 + y_3 = 0$$

and if scalars y_i satisfy this condⁿ, all solⁿs are obtained by assigning a value c to x_3 & then computing

$$x_1 = -\frac{3}{5}c + \frac{1}{5}(y_1 + 2y_2)$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{5}c + \frac{1}{5}(y_2 - 2y_1)$$

Lecture 3: Matrix multiplication

Suppose B is an $n \times p$ matrix over a field F with rows β_1, \dots, β_n and that from B we construct a matrix C with rows $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m$ by forming certain linear combinations:

$$\gamma_i = A_{i1}\beta_1 + A_{i2}\beta_2 + \dots + A_{in}\beta_n \quad (1.4)$$

The rows of C are determined by the ~~mxn~~ $m \times n$ scalars A_{ij} which are themselves the entries of an $m \times n$ matrix A .
From (1.4),

$$(\gamma_i \quad \dots \quad \gamma_p) = \sum_{r=1}^n (A_{ir}\beta_r \quad \dots \quad A_{ir}\beta_p),$$

$$\text{entries of } C: \quad C_{ij} = \sum_{r=1}^n A_{ir}B_{rj}.$$

Defⁿ: Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix over the field F and let B be an $n \times p$ matrix over F . The product AB is the $m \times p$ matrix C whose i, j entry is

$$C_{ij} = \sum_{r=1}^n A_{ir}B_{rj}.$$

Example: (a) Consider $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & 2 \\ 15 & 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{Here, } \gamma_1 = (5 \quad -1 \quad 2) = 1 \cdot (5 \quad -1 \quad 2) + 0 \cdot (15 \quad 4 \quad 8) \\ \gamma_2 = (0 \quad 7 \quad 2) = -3 \cdot (5 \quad -1 \quad 2) + 1 \cdot (15 \quad 4 \quad 8).$$

$$(b) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 1 \\ 9 & 12 & -8 \\ 12 & 62 & -3 \\ 3 & 8 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 8 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \gamma_2 = 5 \cdot (0 \quad 6 \quad 1) + 4 \cdot (3 \quad 8 \quad -2)$$

B is an $n \times p$ matrix, $B = [B_1, \dots, B_p]$,
 $B_j = \begin{bmatrix} B_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ B_{nj} \end{bmatrix}$, $1 \leq j \leq p$. B_j is $n \times 1$ matrix.
 column matrix.

Check that $AB = [AB_1, \dots, AB_p]$.

Thm: If A, B, C are matrices over the field F such that the products BC and $A(BC)$ are defined, then so are the products AB , $(AB)C$ and $(AB)C = A(BC)$.

Proof: —————

Remark: For a square matrix A , A^n is well-defined.
 $A^p A^q A^r = A^s A^t A^u$ for all $p+q+r = s+t+u = n$.

$A(BC) = (AB)C \rightarrow$ linear combinations of linear combinations of the rows of C are again linear combinations of the rows of C .

If $B \xrightarrow[\text{row operations}]{\text{elementary}} C$, then each row of C is a linear combination of the rows of B , and so \exists a matrix A s.t. $AB = C$.
 (There can be many such A 's in general.)

Def: An $m \times m$ matrix is said to be an elementary matrix if it can be obtained from the $m \times m$ identity matrix $I_{m \times m}$ by means of a single elementary row operation.

Example: 2×2 elementary matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & c \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ c & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } c \neq 0, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } c \neq 0.$$

Thm: Let e be an elementary row operation and let E be the $m \times m$ elementary matrix $E = e(I)$. Then, for every $m \times n$ matrix A , $e(A) = EA$.

Proof: Type (I) $E_{ik} = \begin{cases} \delta_{ik} & , i \neq r \\ \delta_{ik} + c \delta_{sk} & , i = r \end{cases}$ (To replace row r with row $r + c \cdot \text{row } s$)

$$(EA)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m E_{ik} A_{kj} = \begin{cases} A_{ik}, & i \neq r \\ A_{rj} + c A_{sj}, & i = r. \end{cases}$$

Check for other types.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & r & \\ 0 & & & \ddots & 1 \end{bmatrix} E_{rr}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & r \end{bmatrix} E_{rs}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$r \rightarrow r + c \cdot s$

Corollary: let A and B be $n \times n$ matrices over the field F . Then B is row-equivalent to A if and only if $B = PA$, where P is a product of $n \times n$ elementary operations.

IV Invertible matrices.

Defⁿ: let A be an $n \times n$ matrix over the field F . An $n \times n$ matrix B such that $BA = I$ is called a left inverse of A ; an $n \times n$ matrix B such that $AB = I$ is called a right inverse of A . If $AB = BA = I$ then B is called a two-sided inverse of A and A is said to be invertible.

Lemma: If A has a left inverse B and a right inverse C , then $B = C$.

Proof: $B = BI = BAC = IC = C$.

Thm: let A and B be $n \times n$ matrices over the field F .

① If A is invertible, so is A^T and $(A^{-1})^T = A^T$.

② If both A and B are invertible, so is AB and $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$.

Corollary: A product of invertible matrix is invertible.

Theorem: An elementary matrix is invertible.

Proof: _____

Thm. If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, the following are equivalent.

- (i) A is invertible.
- (ii) A is row-equivalent to $I_{n \times n}$.
- (iii) A is product of elementary operations.

Proof: _____

Thm: For an $n \times n$ matrix A , the following are equivalent.

- (i) A is invertible.
- (ii) The homogeneous system $AX=0$ has only the trivial solⁿ.
- (iii) The system of eq's $AX=Y$ has a solⁿ X for each $n \times 1$ matrix Y .

Proof: _____

Column-equivalent

Column-reduced echelon matrix

~~Column~~ Elementary column operations: AE

$$\begin{aligned} AX &= Y \\ X^T A^T &= Y^T \end{aligned}$$