

# Matrix Basics

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# Matrix Definition

A **matrix** is a tabular arrangement of real numbers.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

The number of rows is  $m$ , the number of columns is  $n$ .  $m \times n$  is called the **dimension** or **size** of the matrix.

# Matrix Addition

We can define operations on matrices just like we define operations on numbers. For example, we can add an  $m \times n$  matrix to another one as follows,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ b_{m1} & & \cdots & b_{mn} \end{bmatrix} =$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & a_{12} + b_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} + b_{1n} \\ a_{21} + b_{21} & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} + b_{m1} & & \cdots & a_{mn} + b_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example 1: Adding and Subtracting Matrices.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 5 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & -11 \\ -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrix Scalar Multiplication

Next, we define what it means to multiply a matrix by a **scalar**, i.e. a real number (NOT a matrix).

$$k \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ka_{11} & ka_{12} & \cdots & ka_{1n} \\ ka_{21} & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ ka_{m1} & & \cdots & ka_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example 2: Multiplying a Matrix by a Scalar.

$$2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -3 \\ -7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -10 & -6 \\ -14 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-\frac{1}{3} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 1 \\ \frac{7}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrix Transpose

The columns of a **transpose**  $A^T$  are the rows of the matrix  $A$ . The rows of a transpose  $A^T$  are the columns of the matrix  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{n1} \\ a_{12} & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{1m} & & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example 3: Transposing a Matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 7 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 & 6 \\ 7 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 7 & 0 & 7 \\ 2 & -2 & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$



# Matrix Product

Finally, we define **matrix multiplication**. You can multiply an  $m \times j$  matrix by a  $j \times n$  matrix, which will give you an  $m \times n$  matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1j} \\ a_{21} & & \ddots & \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & & \cdots & a_{mj} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & & \ddots & \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ b_{j1} & & \cdots & b_{jn} \end{bmatrix} =$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1n} \\ c_{21} & & \ddots & \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ c_{m1} & & \cdots & c_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $c_{ik} = a_{i1}b_{1k} + a_{i2}b_{2k} + \dots + a_{ij}b_{jk}$ .

Notice that  $c_{ik}$  is the product of the  $i$ -th row vector of  $A$  and the  $k$ -th column vector of  $B$ . The dot product of two vectors  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  is defined to be  $\vec{v}^T \cdot \vec{w}$ .

## Example 4: Multiplying Matrices.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ 10 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -8 \\ 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 38 & 8 \\ 26 & -80 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Exercise 1:** Consider

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Find  $A \cdot B$  as well as  $B \cdot A$  and determine whether matrix multiplication is commutative.

# Laws for Matrix Arithmetic

All the usual laws of arithmetic hold for matrix arithmetic, for example  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$  or  $c(AB) = (cA)B = A(cB)$ .

There are two major exceptions:

- 1 The order of factors cannot be interchanged:  $AB = BA$  is generally not true
- 2  $AB = 0$  does not imply that one of the matrices is the zero matrix, for example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -4 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

# Identity Matrix

The **identity matrix**  $I$  with dimension  $m \times m$  is a square matrix such that for all  $m \times m$  matrices  $A$  it is true that

$$A \cdot I = I \cdot A = A \quad (5)$$

An identity matrix always has all 1's in the diagonal and all 0's elsewhere.

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

The **inverse matrix**  $A^{-1}$  of a square matrix  $A$  is the matrix for which

$$A \cdot A^{-1} = A^{-1} \cdot A = I \quad (7)$$

Not all matrices have an inverse. Finding the inverse of a  $m \times m$  matrix is equivalent to solving a system of  $m \cdot m$  equations with  $m \cdot m$  variables. For example, the inverse of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{is} \quad A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

# Matrix Determinant

Considering the last slide, it is evident that a matrix has an inverse if and only if  $ad - bc \neq 0$ . Such a matrix is called **invertible**. If  $ad - bc = 0$  then the matrix is **singular** and has no inverse (find some examples). It turns out that the number  $ad - bc$  is so special for  $2 \times 2$  matrices that it gets its own name: it is the **determinant** of the matrix. On the next slide, I will define the determinant of any square matrix using an inductive procedure.

# Matrix Determinant

- The determinant of a  $1 \times 1$  matrix  $A$  is  $\det(A) = a_{11}$ .
- The determinant of a  $m \times m$  matrix with  $m > 1$  is  $\det(A) = c$ .

Calculate  $c$  by picking an arbitrary row, for example the  $i$ -th row.

Then

$$c = \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} \det(A_{ij}) \quad (9)$$

where  $A_{ij}$  is the matrix that results when you delete the  $i$ -th row and the  $j$ -th column from  $A$ .



# Rules for Determinants

- 1 The determinant of a matrix equals the determinant of its transpose.
- 2 If a matrix has a row or a column of zeroes, the determinant is zero.
- 3 Interchanging two rows (or columns) changes the sign of the determinant.
- 4 The determinant of an upper triangular matrix is the product of its diagonal entries.

It follows from rule 3 that the determinant of a matrix, where two rows or columns are equal, is zero (why?).

# Adjugate Matrix

The **adjugate matrix** of a matrix  $A$  has as its elements the real numbers  $b_{ji}$  (note the switched indices) with

$$b_{ji} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ij}) \quad (10)$$

where  $A_{ij}$  is defined on the last slide. Consequently,

$$\det(A) \cdot I = \text{adj}(A) \cdot A \quad (11)$$

for all square matrices  $A$ . This is true because the diagonal entries of  $\text{adj}(A) \cdot A$  correspond to the definition of  $\det(A)$ . The non-diagonal entries correspond to the definition of  $\det(\hat{A})$ , where  $\hat{A}$  is a matrix with two columns of  $A$  repeated.

# Calculating the Adjugate Matrix

- Step 1: Determinants of Minor Square Matrices** For each element of the matrix  $a_{ij}$ , delete the  $i$ -th row and the  $j$ -th column and calculate the determinant of the matrix that is left over. Put that determinant in a new matrix in  $a_{ij}$ 's place.
- Step 2: Multiply by Checkerboard Matrix** Multiply each element of the result matrix in step 1 by each element of the checkerboard matrix (see next slide). (This way of multiplying matrices is called Hadamard multiplication as opposed to matrix multiplication.)
- Step 3: Transpose** Now transpose the result matrix of step 2 in order to calculate the adjugate matrix.

# Calculating the Adjugate Matrix Example

Step 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 8 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ -1 & 32 & -12 \\ 1 & 13 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ -1 & 32 & -12 \\ 1 & 13 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 32 & 12 \\ 1 & -13 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Checkerboard Matrix:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{bmatrix}$

Step 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 32 & 12 \\ 1 & -13 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 32 & -13 \\ -3 & -12 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Finding Inverse Using Adjugate

Right-multiply equation (11) by  $A^{-1}$  to see that

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A) \quad (12)$$

For example, the adjugate of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 13 & -16 & -4 \\ -8 & 12 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (13)$$

Therefore, the inverse is

$$\frac{1}{7} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 13 & -8 \\ -3 & -16 & 12 \\ 1 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

**Exercise 2:** Consider

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

Calculate  $B^{-1}$  and show that  $B \cdot B^{-1} = I$ .

**Exercise 3:** Consider

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

Calculate  $\det(D)$ . Then use software to calculate the inverse of  $D$ . What do you notice about  $\det(D) \cdot D^{-1}$ ?

# Systems of Linear Equations Introduced

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# What Is a System of Linear Equations?

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} 5x & + & 3y & = & 13.5 \\ x & + & 5y & = & 13.7 \end{array} \quad (18)$$

This system of linear equations is the rule for the following set  $S \subset \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ :

$$S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid 5x + 3y = 13.5 \text{ and } x + 5y = 13.7\} \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} 5x & + & 3y & = & 13.5 & \\ x & + & 5y & = & 13.7 & \end{array} \quad (20)$$

There are several ways to solve a system of equations like this.

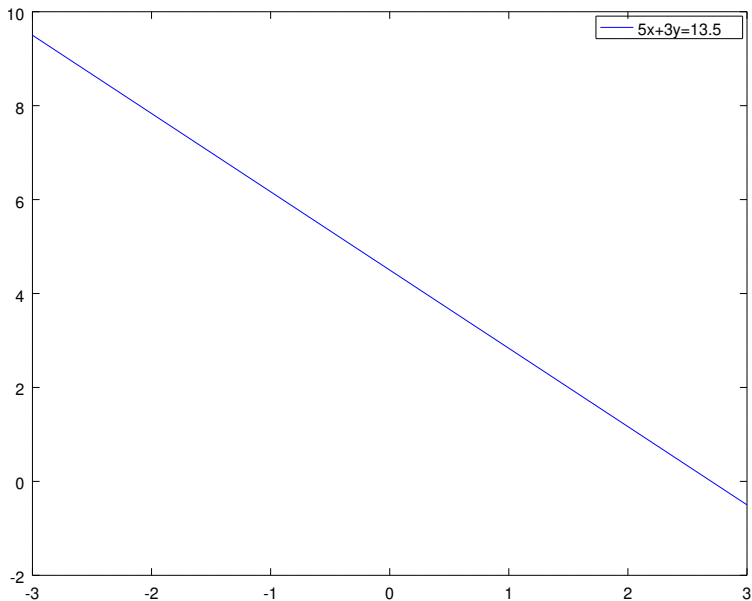
- Graphing
- Substitution
- Elimination
- Using a Matrix

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5x & + & 3y = 13.5 \\ x & + & 5y = 13.7 \end{array} \quad (21)$$

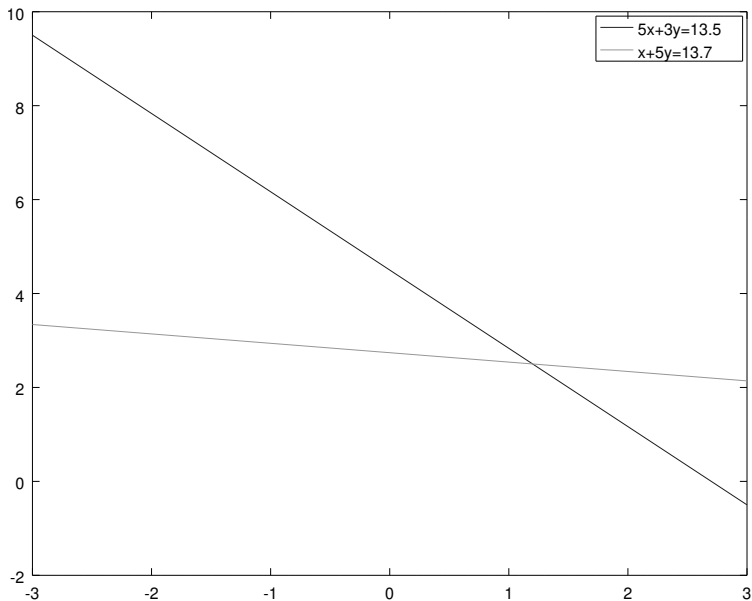
is equivalent to

$$\begin{array}{l} y = -\frac{5}{3}x + \frac{9}{2} \\ y = -\frac{1}{5}x + \frac{137}{50} \end{array} \quad (22)$$

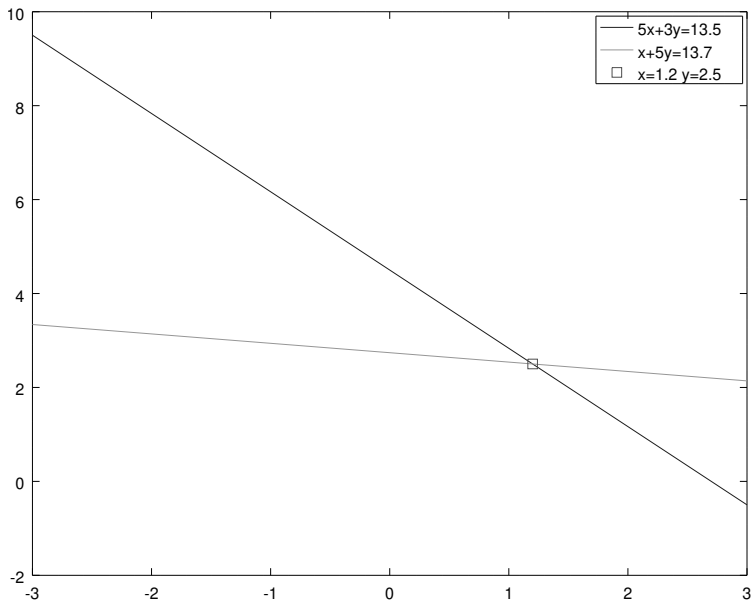
# Graphing Method II



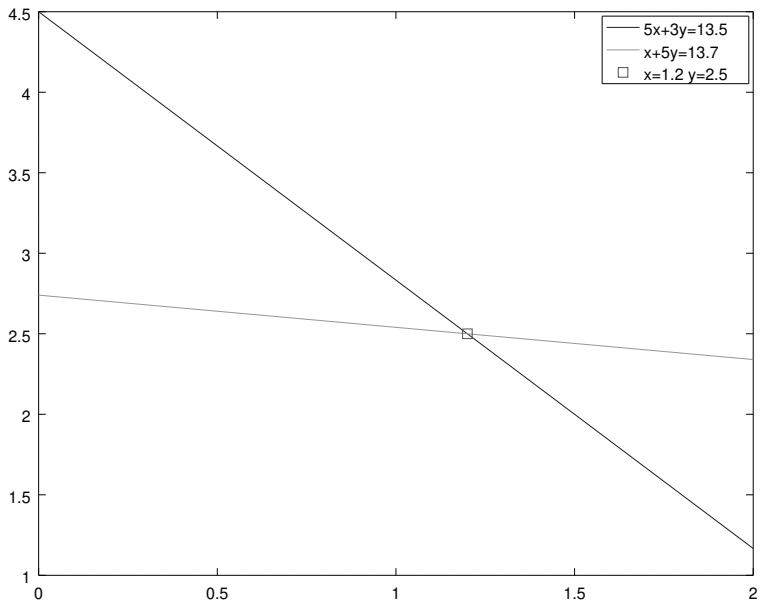
# Graphing Method III



# Graphing Method IV



# Graphing Method V



# Graphing Method Exercises

Find a solution to these systems of linear equations by graphing them and check your answer by substituting.

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} 7x & - & 6y & = & 19 & & \\ -5x & + & 2y & = & -9 & & \end{array} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} x & + & 3y & = & 12 & & \\ 11x & - & 2y & = & 27 & & \end{array} \quad (24)$$

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} \frac{1}{2}x & - & 2y & = & \frac{9}{2} & & \\ -\frac{5}{8}x & + & y & = & -\frac{15}{8} & & \end{array} \quad (25)$$



# Substitution Method I

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5x & + & 3y = 13.5 \\ x & + & 5y = 13.7 \end{array} \quad (26)$$

The second equation yields  $x = 13.7 - 5y$ . Use this to substitute in the first equation

$$5 \cdot (13.7 - 5y) + 3y = 13.5 \quad (27)$$

therefore,  $-22y = -55$  and  $y = 5/2$ . Now substitute  $y = 5/2$  in the first equation (you could just as well use the second equation), so

$$5x + 3 \cdot \frac{5}{2} = 13.5 \quad (28)$$

which implies  $x = 1.2$ . A banana costs \$1.20; an apple costs \$2.50.

# Substitution Method Exercises

Find a solution to these systems of linear equations by using the substitution method.

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} 7x & - & 6y & = & 19 & & \\ -5x & + & 2y & = & -9 & & \end{array} \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} x & + & 3y & = & 12 & & \\ 11x & - & 2y & = & 27 & & \end{array} \quad (30)$$

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} \frac{1}{2}x & - & 2y & = & \frac{9}{2} & & \\ -\frac{5}{8}x & + & y & = & -\frac{15}{8} & & \end{array} \quad (31)$$

# Elimination Method I

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} 5x & + & 3y & = & 13.5 & & \\ x & + & 5y & = & 13.7 & & \end{array} \quad (32)$$

is equivalent to

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} 5x & + & 3y & = & 13.5 & & \\ 5x & + & 25y & = & 68.5 & & \end{array} \quad (33)$$

## Elimination Method II

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5x & + & 3y = 13.5 \\ 5x & + & 25y = 68.5 \end{array} \quad (34)$$

implies

$$(5x + 3y) - (5x + 25y) = 13.5 - 68.5 \quad (35)$$

therefore,  $-22y = -55$  and  $y = 5/2$ . Now substitute  $y = 5/2$  in the first equation (you could just as well use the second equation), so

$$5x + 3 \cdot \frac{5}{2} = 13.5 \quad (36)$$

which implies  $x = 1.2$ . A banana costs \$1.20; an apple costs \$2.50.

# Elimination Method Exercises

Find a solution to these systems of linear equations by using the elimination method.

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} 7x & - & 6y & = & 19 \\ -5x & + & 2y & = & -9 \end{array} \quad (37)$$

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} x & + & 3y & = & 12 \\ 11x & - & 2y & = & 27 \end{array} \quad (38)$$

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} \frac{1}{2}x & - & 2y & = & \frac{9}{2} \\ -\frac{5}{8}x & + & y & = & -\frac{15}{8} \end{array} \quad (39)$$

# Matrices and Systems of Linear Equations I

Remember our system of linear equations.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5x & + & 3y = 13.5 \\ x & + & 5y = 13.7 \end{array} \quad (40)$$

In matrix notation, we can write

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13.5 \\ 13.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrices and Systems of Linear Equations II

Let's call these three matrices  $A$ ,  $v$ ,  $b$  respectively.  $A$  and  $b$  are provided, and we are looking for  $v$ . If we had  $A^{-1}$ , we could go from

$$Av = b \quad (41)$$

to

$$A^{-1}Av = A^{-1}b \quad (42)$$

which is the same as

$$v = A^{-1}b \quad (43)$$

# Matrix Row Operations

Another method to find the inverse of a matrix is using **matrix row operations**. There are three matrix row operations.

- **Row Switching** means you are allowed to switch two rows, for example  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$
- **Row Multiplication** means you are allowed to multiply all elements of a row by a real non-zero number, for example  $\frac{2}{5}R_2 \rightarrow R_2$
- **Row Addition** means you are allowed to add one row to another and then replace one of the original rows by the sum of the two rows, for example  $R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_1$

Row multiplication and row addition are often used together, for example  $\frac{7}{8}R_1 - R_3 \rightarrow R_3$ .



# Matrix Row Operations

To find the inverse of a square matrix, we combine  $A$  and  $E$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and apply matrix row operations until we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & x & y \\ 0 & 1 & z & w \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix}$$

# Inverse Example

For our example,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 25/3 & 5 & 5/3 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 22/3 & 0 & 5/3 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 22/3 & 0 & 5/3 & -1 \\ 22/3 & 110/3 & 0 & 22/3 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 22/3 & 0 & 5/3 & -1 \\ 0 & 110/3 & -5/3 & 25/3 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5/22 & -3/22 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/22 & 5/22 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Inverse Example

For step 1, we multiplied the first row by  $5/3$  (row multiplication). For step 2, we subtracted the second row from the first row and replaced the first row by the result (row addition). For step 3, we multiplied the second row by  $22/3$  (row multiplication). For step 4, we subtracted the first row from the second row and replaced the second row by the result (row addition). For the last step, we multiplied the first row by  $3/22$  and the second row by  $3/110$  (row multiplication applied twice).

# Matrices and Systems of Linear Equations III

Thus,

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5/22 & -3/22 \\ -1/22 & 5/22 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{22} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$v = A^{-1}b = \begin{bmatrix} 5/22 & -3/22 \\ -1/22 & 5/22 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 13.5 \\ 13.7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Using Determinants to find Areas

The determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  is the area of the following parallelogram:

- 1 One vertex of the parallelogram is at the origin. Call it  $O$ .
- 2 Two vertices are at  $U = (a_{11}, a_{12})$  and  $V = (a_{21}, a_{22})$ .
- 3 The final vertex is at  $W = (a_{11} + a_{21}, a_{12} + a_{22})$ .

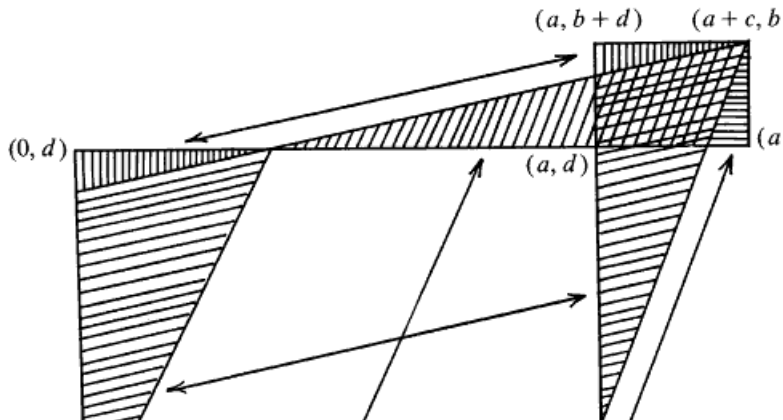
A proof without words is on the next slide. Alternatively, you can watch a video with the proof here:

[https://youtu.be/n-S63\\_goDFg](https://youtu.be/n-S63_goDFg).

# Using Determinants to find Areas

**Proof without words:**

**A  $2 \times 2$  determinant is the area of a parallelogram**



**Exercise 4:** Find the area of the triangle with vertices  $(1, -4)$ ,  $(6, -6)$ ,  $(3, 2)$ .

Solution: Move the vertex  $(1, -4)$  to the origin. This puts the other two vertices at  $(5, -2)$  and  $(2, 6)$ . Calculate the determinant of

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 34 \quad (44)$$

The area of the triangle is half of the area of the parallelogram.  
The answer is 17.

# System of Three Linear Equations Word Problems

**Exercise 5:** Marina had \$24,500 to invest. She divided the money into three different accounts. At the end of the year, she had made \$1,300 in interest. The annual yield on each of the three accounts was 4%, 5.5%, and 6%. If the amount of money in the 4% account was four times the amount of money in the 5.5% account, how much had she placed in each account?



# System of Three Linear Equations Word Problems

**Exercise 6:** The currents running through an electrical system are given by the following system of equations. The three currents  $I_1, I_2, I_3$  are measured in amps. Solve the system to find the currents in this circuit.

$$\begin{array}{rclclcl} I_1 & + & 2I_2 & - & I_3 & = & 0.425 \\ 3I_1 & - & I_2 & + & 2I_3 & = & 2.225 \\ 5I_1 & + & I_2 & + & 2I_3 & = & 3.775 \end{array} \quad (45)$$

# System of Three Linear Equations Word Problems

**Exercise 7:** Find the equation of the parabola  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  that passes through the following three points:  
 $(-2, 40), (1, 7), (3, 15)$ .

# System of Three Linear Equations Word Problems

**Exercise 8:** Billy's Restaurant ordered 200 flowers for Mother's Day. They ordered carnations at \$1.50 each, roses at \$5.75 each, and daisies at \$2.60 each. They ordered mostly carnations; and 20 fewer roses than daisies. The total order came to \$589.50. How many of each type of flower was ordered?

# System of Three Linear Equations Word Problems

**Exercise 9:** The Arcadium arcade in Lynchburg, Tennessee uses 3 different colored tokens for their game machines. For \$20 you can purchase any of the following mixtures of tokens: 14 gold, 20 silver, and 24 bronze; OR, 20 gold, 15 silver, and 19 bronze; OR, 30 gold, 5 silver, and 13 bronze. What is the monetary value of each token?

# System of Three Linear Equations Word Problems

**Exercise 10:** In the position function for vertical height

$$s(t) = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_0t + s_0 \quad (46)$$

$s(t)$  represents height in meters and  $t$  represents time in seconds.

- 1 Find the position function for a volleyball served at an initial height of one meter, with height of 6.275 meters 0.5 seconds after serve, and height of 9.1 meters one second after serve.
- 2 How long until the ball hits the ground on the other side of the net if everyone on that team completely misses it?

# System of Three Linear Equations Word Problems

**Exercise 11:** Last Tuesday, Regal Cinemas sold a total of 8500 movie tickets. Proceeds totaled \$64,600. Tickets can be bought in one of 3 ways: a matinee admission costs \$5, student admission is \$6 all day, and regular admissions are \$8.50. How many of each type of ticket was sold if twice as many student tickets were sold as matinee tickets?

**Exercise 12:** Curve fitting. Determine the equation of the circle which passes through the three points  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 1)$ ,  $(1, 3)$ .

# System of Three Linear Equations Word Problems

**Exercise 13:** You receive a coded message. You know that each letter of the original message was replaced with a one- or two-digit number corresponding to its placement in the English alphabet, so “E” is represented by “5” and “W” by “23”; spaces in the message are indicated by zeroes. You also know that the message was transformed (encoded) left-multiplying the message by the following matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (47)$$

Translate the coded message:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 105 & 62 & 53 & 107 & 88 & 37 \\ 52 & 31 & & & & \\ 99 & 76 & 19 & 92 & 81 & 16 \\ 49 & 14 & & & & \\ 149 & 25 & 189 & 185 & 131 & 124 \\ 75 & 99 & & & & \end{bmatrix} \quad (48)$$



# End of Lesson

Next Lesson: Vectors