

## WEEK 2 - Solving Systems of linear equations - Elimination

1. Manipulating equation

(1) Multiplying by a constant

(2) Adding two equation.

→ Non-singular  
(Unique sol<sup>n</sup>)

2. Solving singular systems of linear equations

(i) Redundant

system

$$a+b=10$$

$$2a+2b=10$$

divide by coeff. of a

$$a+b=10$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a+b=10 \\ a+b=10 \end{array} \right.$$

From this eq<sup>n</sup> we can't  
get info. about b or a

solved system  
 $a = x$       Degree of  
 $b = 10 - x$       freedom (x)

∴ solved system

$$a+b=10$$

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(ii) Contradictory

$$a+b=10$$

$$2a+2b=20$$

→

$$a+b=10$$

$$a+b=12$$

↳ 0=2  
contradiction

Therefore no sol<sup>n</sup> to  
this system of eq<sup>n</sup>.

3. Matrix Row reduction (Gaussian - Elimination)

Row Echelon form (REF) is a form of matrix using row operations to make solving linear eq<sup>n</sup> easier.  
Cond<sup>n</sup> for a matrix to be REF

(1) All zero rows must be at bottom

(2) Each leading entry (first non-zero

element in a row) must appear to the right  
of the leading entry in the row above it.

(3) All entries below each leading entry  
must be zero.

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

Gaussian elimination is a method used to solve systems of linear eq<sup>n</sup> by transforming the system augmented matrix into REF using elementary row operations.

For 2x2 matrix →  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

4 Show operations that preserve singularity

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \textcircled{1} \text{ switching rows } \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = 15 - 4 = 11 \neq 0$$

(non-singular)

$$D = 4 - 15 = -11 \neq 0$$

(non-singular)

\textcircled{2} Multiplying a row by a (non-zero) scalar

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [5 \ 1] \times [10] = [50 \ 10] \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 50 & 10 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = 5 \cdot 3 - 4 \cdot 1 = 11$$

$$D = 5(10 \cdot 3) - 1(10 \cdot 4) \\ = \boxed{10} \cdot 11$$

\textcircled{3} Adding row to another row

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1 = R_1 + R_2 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = 27 - 16 = 11$$

$$D = 11$$

~~rank~~ 5 Rank of a matrix which in some way measures how much information that matrix or its corresponding system of linear equations is carrying

Compressing Images — Reducing rank

System 1

$$\begin{aligned} a+b &= 0 \\ a+2b &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Two eq<sup>n</sup>

Two pieces of info

System 2

$$\begin{aligned} a+b &= 0 \\ 2a+2b &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Two eq<sup>n</sup>

One piece of info

System 3

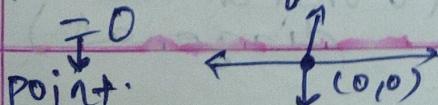
$$\begin{aligned} 0a+0b &= 0 \\ 0a+0b &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Two eq<sup>n</sup>

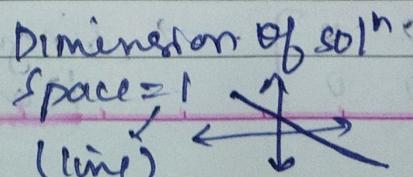
zero piece of information

Rank = 2

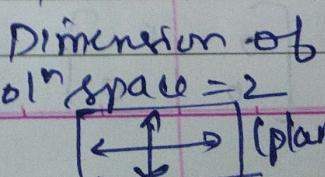
Dimension of sol<sup>n</sup> space



Rank = 1



Rank = 0



(The no. of rows in matrix)

$\downarrow$   
Rank = 2 - (Dimension of col<sup>n</sup> space)

Matrix is non-singular  $\Leftrightarrow$  if and only if it has full rank  
 $\Downarrow$  Rank is equal to the no. of rows.

6. Rank of a matrix - in general case

7. Row Echelon form

original matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{non-singular matrix}$$

$\downarrow$  divide each row by the leftmost coefficient

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.2 \\ 1 & -0.75 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 = R_1 - R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.2 \\ 0 & -0.95 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{divide the 2nd row by } -0.95} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 10 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{singular matrix}$$

$\downarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.2 \\ 1 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row echelon form, singularity, & Rank

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}} \text{non-singular} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Rank} = 2} \text{Rank} = 2 \quad (2 \text{ ones in the diagonal})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 10 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} \text{Rank} = 1 \quad (1 \text{ one in the diagonal})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} \text{Rank} = 0 \quad (0 \text{ ones in the diagonal})$$

8. Row echelon form - general case  
system

$$a+b+2c=12$$

$$3a-3b-c=3$$

$$2a-b+bc=24$$

System

$$a+b+2c=12$$

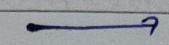
$$-6b-7c=-33$$

$$6c=18$$

REF

matrix

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



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -6 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

REF in general

Rank = 5

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc|c} 2 & * & * & 1 & * & 1 & - & & & \\ 0 & 1 & * & * & * & * & * & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & * & * & * & * & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 & * & * & * & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & * & * & & & \end{array}$$

Rank = 3

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc|c} 3 & * & * & 1 & * & 1 & - & & & \\ 0 & 1 & * & * & * & * & * & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & * & * & * & * & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & * & * & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & & \end{array}$$

- ① zero rows at the bottom
- ② each row has a pivot (leftmost non-zero entry)

- ③ every pivot is to the right of the pivot on the rows above

**Note:** ① In general, pivots diff than 1 are allowed  
 ② For this sect, pivots are 1. This makes no mathematical difference.

Rank = no. of pivots

89. Reduced Row echelon form

Original system

Intermediate system

Solved sys

$$5a+b=17$$

$$a+0.2b=3.4$$

$$a=3$$

$$4a-3b=6$$

$$b=2$$

$$b=2$$

Original matrix

REF

RRF

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Diagonal matrix

Cond<sup>n</sup> for RREF

- ① satisfies all REF rules
- ② each leading entry is 1
- ③ each leading 1 is the only non-zero entry in its column (all other elements in that column must be zero - above & below it)

## 10. The Gaussian elimination Algorithm

### ① Augmented Matrix

$$2a - b + c = 1$$

$$2a + 2b + 4c = -2$$

$$4a + b = -1$$

1st Augmented Matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

From this

②

- ① find the pivot on the diagonal of the matrix to start → select the top left cell as pivot
- use row operation to set that one & then the down ones to zeros

turn 1st Pivot to 1

$$R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_1 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

Set Pivot 3 to 1

$$R_3 \rightarrow \frac{R_3}{2} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Set all the values below pivot to 0

$$\begin{aligned} R_2 &\rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 & \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -3 \end{array} \right] \\ R_3 &\rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1 & \end{aligned}$$

Set 2nd Pivot to 1

$$R_2 \rightarrow \frac{R_2}{3} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

then bring

Set all the values below Pivot 2 to 0

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_2 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

## Back Substitution

You will start from the bottom row and work your way to the top.

You'll use the pivot from each row to cancel the values in cells above it (make it 0)

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{top} \uparrow \\
 \text{bottom} \downarrow
 \end{array}
 \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c}
 1 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\
 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0
 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_3 \\ R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - \frac{1}{2}R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c}
 1 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0
 \end{array} \right]$$
  

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c}
 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0
 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{For } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ row pivot} \\ \neq}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c}
 1 & -1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0
 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + \frac{1}{2}R_2}}$$

This reduced the system of equation to solution to the system

$$\begin{array}{l}
 2a - b + c = 1 \\
 2a + 2b + 4c = -2 \\
 4a + b = -1
 \end{array} \xrightarrow{} \begin{array}{l}
 a = 0 \quad \text{to this} \\
 b = -1 \\
 c = 0
 \end{array}$$

## Identity Matrix

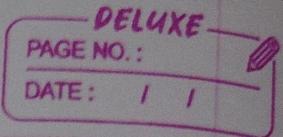
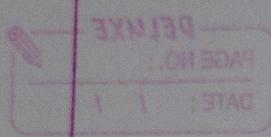
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What if the system is singular?

If the matrix is singular then the RREF will have a row that is all zeroes.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c}
 1 & 2 & -1 & 5 \\
 2 & 4 & 5 & 1 \\
 3 & 6 & 4 & 6
 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{After row} \\ \text{reduction}}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c}
 1 & 2 & -1 & 5 \\
 0 & 0 & -7 & 9 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{array} \right]$$

→ Here the Gaussian algorithm stops



Check if it has infinitely many or no sol<sup>n</sup>.  
Just look the column of constants if the constant  
value in the rows of zeros is also zero then  
now just says  $Oa + Ob + Oc = 0$   
(infinitely many sol<sup>n</sup>)

If it is not zero. then  $Oa + Ob + Oc = 10$  that is  
not possible (no sol<sup>n</sup>)

### Gaussian Elimination Summary

- ① Create the augmented matrix
- ② Get the matrix into RREF
- ③ Complete back substitution
- ④ Stop if you encounter a row of 0s