

Linear Algebra

Reduced Row Echelon Form

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RREF : Gauss - Jordan Elimination

Def'n) A matrix is in RREF provided:

- 1) The 1st non-zero entry of each row is one. (pivot)
- 2) All values above/below a pivot are zero.
- 3) The rows are arranged by their pivots
i.e. The top row has the leftmost pivot, all rows of zeros are at the bottom.

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

Every matrix has a unique
RREF!!

RREF

(iff \leftrightarrow if and only if)

- a square matrix is invertible iff its RREF is the identity matrix
- The RREF of a matrix has the same row space. (column)
- The dimension of the row space of a matrix is the # of pivots in its RREF.

Elementary Row Operations: Manipulate the rows of A w/o changing the row space.

- 1) Swap any two rows (non-zero)
- 2) Multiply any row by a scalar (non-zero)
- 3) Add a multiple of one row to another.

All these operations preserve the row space.

Elementary Row Operations

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

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \ 2 \ 0 \\ + 2(-1 \ -1 \ 2) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

1) Row Swap: $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

2) Scalar Multiple: $R_1 \rightarrow 2R_1 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

3) Add a row: $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + 2R_2$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

RREF Idea: Systematically make each element of a column zero until we reach a pivot (or not) from the bottom-up.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + (-1/3)R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + -2R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4/3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} R_3 \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4/3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + -3/4 R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 3/2 R_3$$

RREF

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & 2 \\ 0 & 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{7}R_2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2/7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4/7 \\ 0 & 1 & -2/7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}}$$

Matrix Inverse

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

Augmented Matrix

$$(B_3 B_1 B_2) A (B_2 B_1 B_3) I_3$$

$B_3 B_2 B_1$

Row Swap

$$\downarrow B \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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

$$\downarrow I_3$$

$$\downarrow A^{-1}$$

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

$$A^{-1} A = I_3$$

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$$

Matrix Inverse

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} A A^{-1} \\ A^{-1} A \end{array}$$

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

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