

## § 1.3 Matrices & Elementary Row Operations.

Not<sup>n</sup>: Abbreviate system (1-1) as

$$AX = Y$$

where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & \dots & A_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$   $X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$   $Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix}$

A is called the matrix of coefficients of the sys.

Remarks:

(1) For now, it is just a shorthand  
(Mat mult will appear later)

(2) A is strictly, is not a matrix

it is a represent<sup>n</sup>

An  $m \times n$  matrix over the field  $F$

is a function from  $\begin{pmatrix} \# \\ \# \text{ rows} \\ \# \text{ cols} \end{pmatrix}$

$$1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$1 \leq j \leq n$$

into the field.

$A(i,j)$  = "matrix entry at row  $i$  col  $j$ "

Story: We consider elementary op<sup>s</sup>.

"linear combination"

Def Def<sup>n</sup>. Elementary row operations on an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  over  $F$  are defined as follows:

1. Multipl<sup>n</sup> of one row of  $A$  by a non-zero scalar  $c$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ c \times \text{row } i \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Replacement of the  $r$ <sup>th</sup> row of  $A$  by row  $r$  plus  $c$  times row  $s$ .

3. Interchange of two rows of  $A$ .

$$\begin{matrix} A = \\ \xrightarrow{s^{th}} \\ \xrightarrow{r^{th}} \\ \downarrow \\ r(s) + c(s) \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

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Def Def<sup>n</sup>: Elementary row oper<sup>n</sup>s.  
Fix mat  $A$ .

1. Multiply one row of  $A$  by a non-zero scalar  $c$

2. Replace  $s$ <sup>th</sup> row of  $A$  by  $s$ <sup>th</sup> row +  $c$  times  $s$ <sup>th</sup> row.

3. Interchange two rows of  $A$ .

Story: An elementary row op is a "map" that associates an  $m \times n$  mat  $A$  w/ another  $m \times n$  matrix  $e(A)$ .

Def<sup>n</sup>: Elementary row operations:

Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  matrices as above

&

let  $e$  be an arbitrary 1<sup>st</sup> of the form above.

Then  $e$  must satisfy the following (for some indices  $s, s$  & scalar  $c \neq 0$ ):

$$1. e(A)_{ij} = \begin{cases} A_{ij} & \text{for all } i \neq s \\ cA_{sj} & \text{for } i = s. \end{cases}$$

$$2. e(A)_{ij} = \begin{cases} A_{ij} & \text{if } i \neq s \\ A_{sj} + cA_{sj} & \text{if } i = s \end{cases}$$

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$$3. e(A)_{ij} = A_{ij} \quad \text{if } i \neq s$$

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Story: • In defining  $e(A)$

we care about the # rows (and not really about # cols)

• When we speak of  $e$  we consider the class of all  $m$ -rowed matrices (over  $F$ ).

• Why these operations?

(after apply  $e$  on a mat  $A$ , to obtain  $e(A)$ ,

one can recover  $A$

by performing a similar op<sup>n</sup> on  $e(A)$ .

Theorem 2. To each elementary row op  $e$ , there corresponds an elementary row op<sup>n</sup>  $e_1$ , of the same type as  $e$

$$\text{st. } e_1(e(A)) = e(e_1(A)) = A.$$

In other words,

the inverse operation

of an elementary row op exists

&

it is an elementary row

op<sup>n</sup> of the same type.

proof.

We do the proof for each type separately:

(1) Suppose  $e$  is the op<sup>n</sup> that multiplies the  $r$ <sup>th</sup> row of a matrix by a non-zero scalar  $c$ .

Clearly,  $e_1$  can be taken to be the op<sup>n</sup> that multiplies

$$(wont \ e_1(e(A)) = A) \text{ the } r \text{th row w/ } 1/c.$$

(2) Suppose  $e$  is the op<sup>n</sup> that

replaces row  $r$  by

row  $r + c \cdot \text{row } s$ .

(st<sup>th</sup>).

Clearly, one can take  $e_1$

to be the op<sup>n</sup>

that replaces row  $r$

by row  $r + (-c) \text{ row } s$ .

$$e_1(e(A)) = A$$