

§ 1.3 Matrices & Elementary Row Operations.

Notⁿ: 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 representⁿ

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

is a function A
from (i, j)

rows

cols

into the field.

$$1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$1 \leq j \leq n$$

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

Story: We consider elementary sp^c.

"linear combination"

Inf Defⁿ. Elementary row operations on an $m \times n$ matrix A over F
are defined as follows:

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

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ c x_i \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Replacement of the r th row of A
by row r plus c times row s .

3. Interchange of two rows of A .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ s^{th} \\ \vdots \\ r^{th} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ r^{th} \\ \vdots \\ s^{th} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$r(s) + c(s)$