

SC223 - Linear Algebra

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Lecture 3



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Gaussian Elimination

- $[A \mid b] \xrightarrow{\text{Elem. Row Oper.}} [U \mid c]$.
- Elementary row operations(ERO) consists of: (1) Replacing a row with sum of the row and scalar times another row., (2) Multiplying a row with any $k \in \mathbb{R}$, (3) Row exchange.
- Solve $[U \mid c]$ via back-substitution.
- A matrix A is said to be in **row-echelon form(REF)** if
 - ▶ All non-zero rows are above any rows of all zeros
 - ▶ Each leading entry of a row is in a column to the right of the leading entry of the row above it.
 - ▶ All entries in a column below a leading entry are zeros.
- For the previous example, U is upper-triangular, and $[U \mid c]$ is in REF.

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● **Theorem** Let $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be a solution to $Ax = b$, with $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, b \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Then z also is a solution to $Ux = c$, where the Augmented matrix $[U \mid c]$ is obtained via EROs.

1). Let $1 \leq p \leq m$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{pk} x_k = b_p.$$

Since $Az = b$, $\circ \circ \circ \sum_{k=1}^n a_{pk} z_k = b_p.$

For any $q \in \mathbb{R}$, $q \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{pk} z_k \right) = q b_p.$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n (q a_{pk}) z_k = q b_p.$$

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Back-Substitution

$$\text{Eqn 3: } -2x_3 + 5x_4 = -2 \Rightarrow x_3 = \mathbf{1} + \frac{5}{2}x_4$$

$$\text{Eqn 2: } x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 2 \Rightarrow x_2 = -6x_4$$

$$\text{Eqn 1: } x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 - 2x_4 = 3$$

$$x_1 = \frac{23x_4 + 2}{2}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + \frac{23}{2}x_4 \\ -6x_4 \\ 1 + \frac{5}{2}x_4 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + K \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{23}{2} \\ -6 \\ \frac{5}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\forall K \in \mathbb{R}.$

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$0 \neq -2 \Rightarrow$ No Solutions!

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- Using the above operations:

$$\forall k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{R}, p, q \in \mathbb{R}^n, k_1 \cdot p + k_2 \cdot q := \begin{bmatrix} k_1 p_1 + k_2 q_1 \\ k_1 p_2 + k_2 q_2 \\ \vdots \\ k_1 p_n + k_2 q_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- The above operations between vectors p and q are called **linear combination of p and q** .

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Elementary row transformations

- Can we encode ERO by matrices?