

# Topic 2

## Linear Models and Matrix Algebra

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# 1. What is a matrix?

- A **matrix** is a two dimensional rectangular array of numbers.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

- We say that the **dimension** (or size) of  $A$  is  $m \times n$ , denoted  $A \in R^{m \times n}$
- If  $m = n$ , then  $A$  is a **square matrix**
- If  $n = 1$ , the  $m \times 1$  matrix is called a **column ( $m$  dimensional) vector**
- If  $m = 1$ , the  $1 \times n$  matrix is called a **row ( $n$  dimensional) vector**
- If  $m = n = 1$ ,  $A$  is just a number, called scalar

# Examples:

$m = 2, n = 3:$	$2 \times 3$ matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 9 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
$m = 2, n = 1$	Two-dimensional column vector $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$
$m = 1, n = 4$	Four-dimensional row vector $(1, 3, 2, 5)$
$m = 1, n = 1$	Scalar number 3.14

## 2. Matrix operations

- **Equality:**  $A = B$  iff  $\dim(A) = \dim(B)$  and  $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$  for all  $i$  and  $j$
- **Addition and subtraction:** if  $\dim(A) = \dim(B)$ , then  $A + B$  has a typical element  $a_{ij} + b_{ij}$  while  $A - B$  has a typical element  $a_{ij} - b_{ij}$ .
- **Example:** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 9 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , then
$$A + B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 9 \\ 2 & 14 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, A - B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -3 \\ -4 & 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
- **Scalar multiplication:** For a scalar  $c$ ,  $cA$  has typical element  $ca_{ij}$ .
- **Example:** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 9 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $3A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 3 & 9 \\ -3 & 27 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

# Transpose of a matrix:

- For an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the transpose  $A'$  (or  $A^T$ ) is defined as an  $n \times m$  matrix such that the  $(i, j)$ th element of  $A'$  is equal the  $(j, i)$ th element of  $A$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then } A' = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{m1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{m2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Examples:**  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ , then,  $A' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

$$x = (1, 2, 3), \text{ then or } (1, 2, 3)' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Properties of matrix transpose
  - $(A')' = A$
  - $(A + B)' = A' + B'$ ,  $(\alpha A)' = \alpha A'$  where  $\alpha$  is a scalar

# Matrix multiplication:

- if  $A \in R^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in R^{n \times p}$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  can be multiplied to produce a matrix of dimension of  $m \times p$ . Specifically, if

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1p} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \cdots & b_{np} \end{pmatrix}$$

then  $C = AB$  is a matrix with  $\dim(C) = m \times p$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1p} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \cdots & c_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{m1} & c_{m2} & \cdots & c_{mp} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

- Note, for  $AB$  to be meaningful, the number of columns of  $A$  should be equal to the number of rows of  $B$

# Examples

- $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \times 5 + 2 \times 7 & 1 \times 6 + 2 \times 8 \\ 3 \times 5 + 4 \times 7 & 3 \times 6 + 4 \times 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 19 & 22 \\ 43 & 50 \end{pmatrix}$

- Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ , then

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 25 \\ 19 & 28 \end{pmatrix}, \quad BA = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 12 & 3 \\ 19 & 26 & 9 \\ 20 & 25 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- It is important to note that usually,  $AB \neq BA$ .
- Even if  $AB$  exists,  $BA$  may not be defined, for example,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Useful properties

- **Transpose of product:**  $(AB)' = B'A'$
- **Left distributive law:**  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$
- **Right distributive law:**  $(A + B)C = AC + BC$
- **Associative law:**  $(AB)C = A(BC) = ABC,$
- **Exercise:** Prove the above properties for  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A, B$  and  $C$ .

# Exercises

1. Confirm the following three points by example

- $AB \neq BA$  except in special cases
- $AB = 0$  does not imply that  $A$  or  $B$  is 0
- $AB = AC$  and  $A \neq 0$  do not imply that  $B = C$

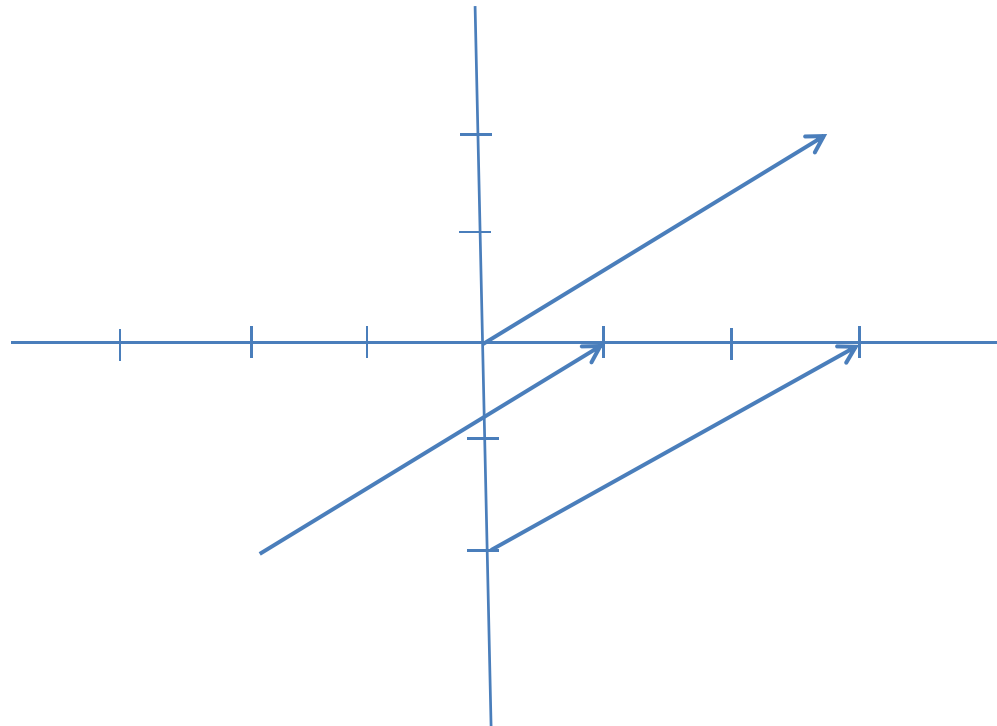
2. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. Show that

$$(A + B)(A - B) = A^2 - B^2$$

only when  $AB = BA$

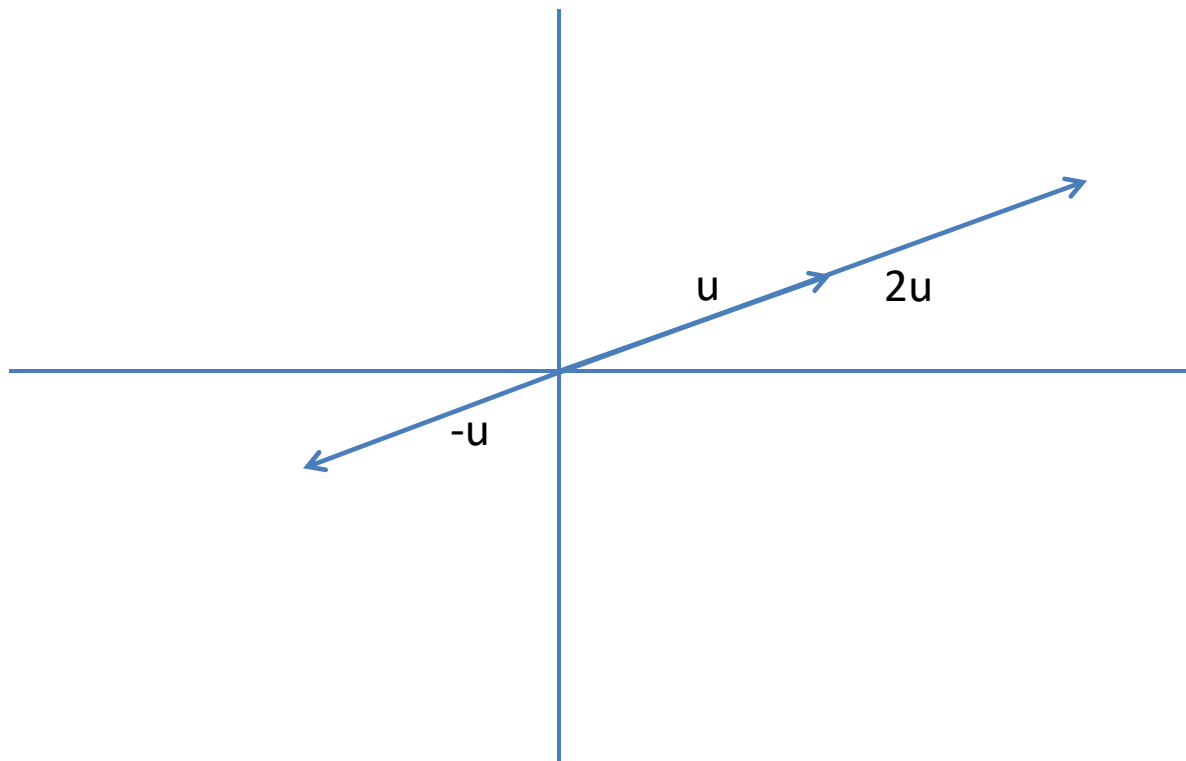
### 3. Special matrices

- **Vectors:**  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)'$ , useful for modeling a wide variety of economic phenomenon because of because n-tuples of numbers have many useful interpretations
  - Special case:  $n = 2$ , the vector represents a particular location in the plane
  - Vector (3,2)



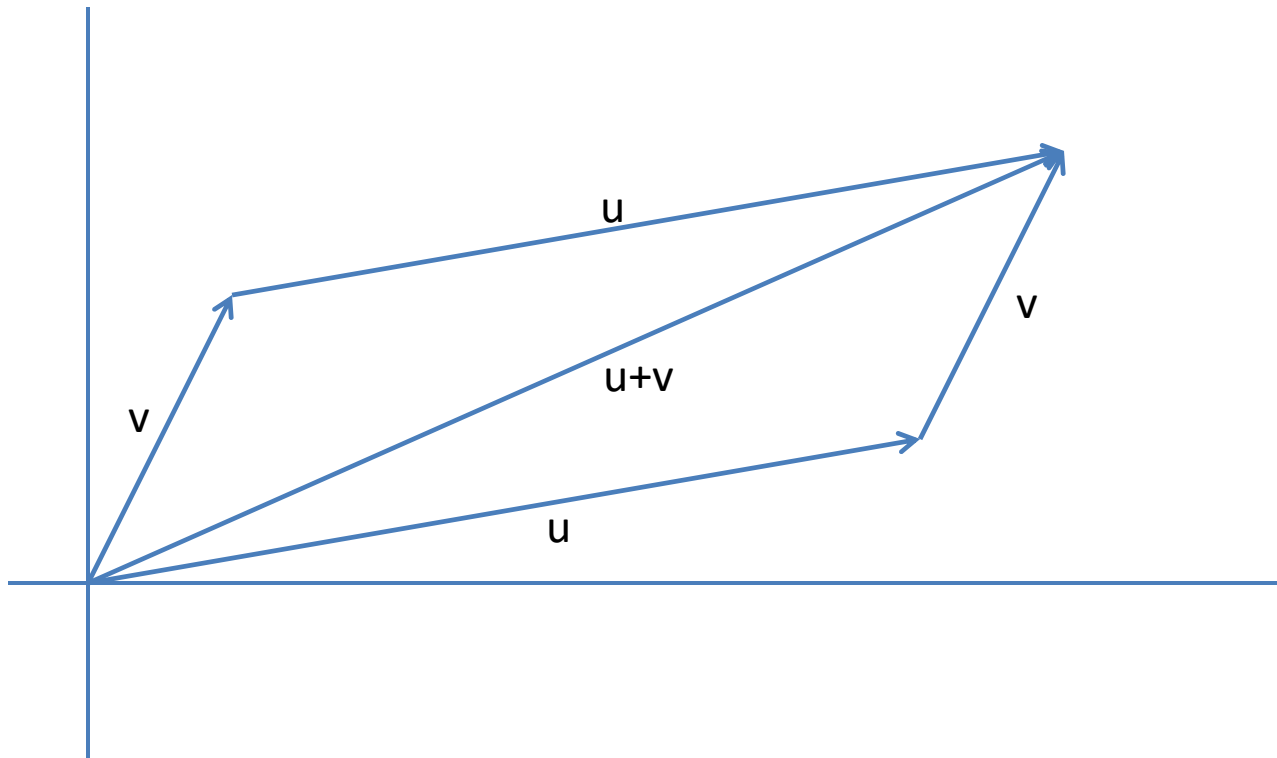
## Vectors, *continued*

- Scalar multiplication:  $u = (2,1)'$



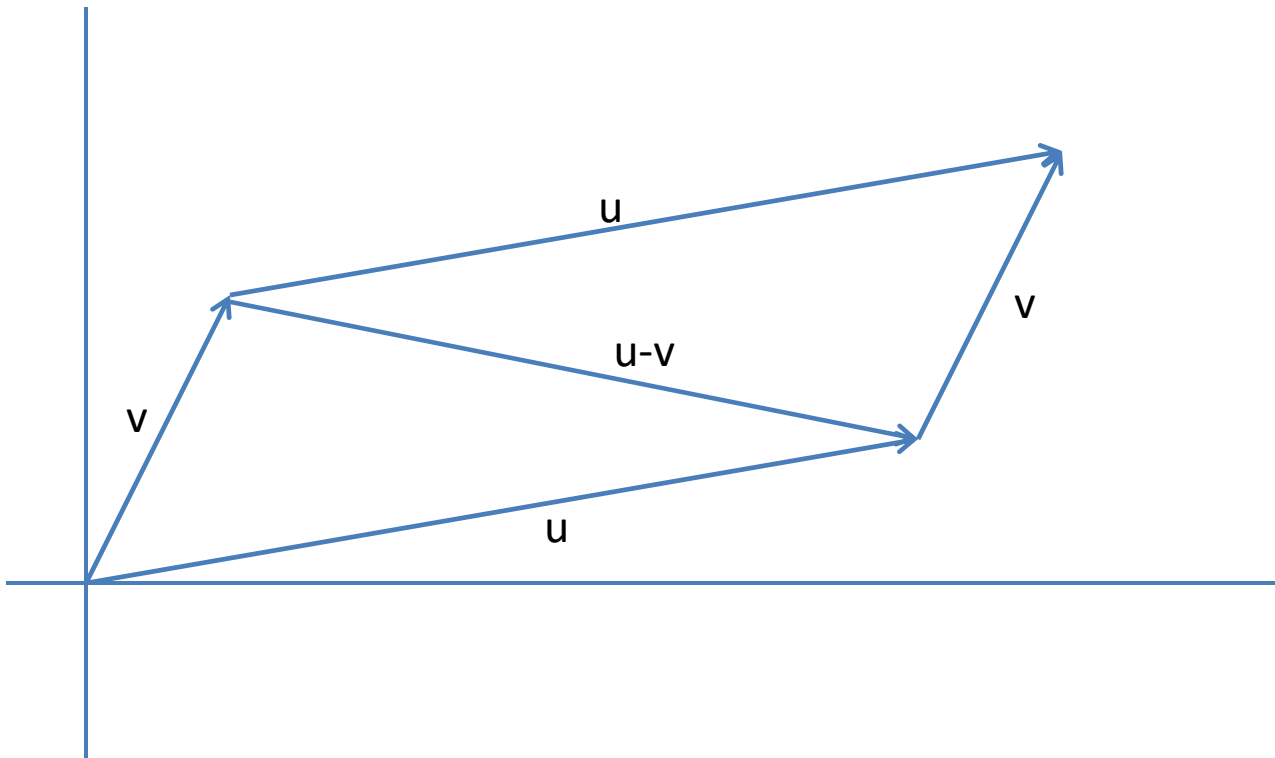
## Vectors, *continued*

- Vector summation:  $(6,1)' + (1,2)' = (7,3)'$



## Vectors, *continued*

- Vector subtraction:  $(6,1)' - (1,2)' = (5,-1)'$



# Vectors, *continued*

- $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)'$ ,  $v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)'$   
then  $uv'$  is  $n \times n$  matrix, and  $u'v = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i$  is a scalar, called the **inner product** of the two vectors.
- The **length (or norm)** of a vector:  $\|u\| = \sqrt{u'u}$
- An  $n$ -dimensional vector can be viewed as a point in  $n$ -dimensional space.

# Special matrices, *continued*

- **Symmetrix metrix:** If  $A = A'$  ( $A$  must be a square matrix)
- For any matrix  $B$ ,  $B'B$  and  $BB'$  exist and are symmetric
- **Diagonal matrix:** A square matrix  $A$  is diagonal if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ , denoted  $A = \text{diag}(a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn})$
- For two diagonal matrices  $B = \text{diag}(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$  and  $C = \text{diag}(\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n)$ ,  $BC = \text{diag}(\beta_1\mu_1, \beta_2\mu_2, \dots, \beta_n\mu_n)$
- For a diagonal matrix, it is particularly easy to compute powers:  
 $D = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n), \quad D^k = DD \cdots D = \text{diag}(d_1^k, d_2^k, \dots, d_n^k)$



- An **Identity matrix**  $I_n \in R^{n \times n}$  is a diagonal matrix with all diagonal elements equal to 1.
- A **zero matrix**  $O \in R^{m \times n}$  is a matrix (not necessarily square matrix) with all its elements equal to zero.
- For  $A \in R^{m \times n}$ 
  - $O + A = A + O = A$
  - $I_m A = A I_n = A$
- Let  $e_i$  be the  $i$ th column of  $I_n$ , then

$$e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \quad e_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- If  $A \in R^{m \times n}$ , then  $e_i' A = i$ th row of  $A$ , and  $A e_j = j$ th column of  $A$ . Note:  $e_i \in R^m, e_j \in R^n$ 
  - **Exercise:** Verify the above for  $2 \times 2$  matrix

- **Example:** Compare the following  $2 \times 2$  matrices:

Square matrix:	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$
Symmetric matrix:	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$
Diagonal matrix:	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$
Identity matrix:	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
Zero matrix:	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

- **Idempotent matrix:** If  $A^2 \triangleq AA = A$  ( $A$  must be square matrix, why?)
  - **Examples:**  $I_n$ ,  $O_{n \times n}$  and  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$  are idempotent
- **Upper triangular matrix:** A square matrix  $A$  is upper triangular if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i > j$ , i.e. all the elements below the diagonal are zero.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Lower triangular matrix:** A square matrix  $A$  is lower triangular if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i < j$ , i.e. all the elements above the diagonal are zero.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

## 4. Inverse of a square matrix

- For a scalar  $a \neq 0$ , if  $b$  satisfies  $ab = ba = 1$ , then  $b = a^{-1}$
- If an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , if there exists a matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = BA = I_n$ , then  $B$  is the **inverse** of  $A$ , denoted  $B = A^{-1}$ . If  $A^{-1}$  exists, we say that  $A$  is **non-singular** or **invertible**. Otherwise,  $A$  is called **singular**.

# Examples

- Since  $I_n I_n = I_n$ ,  $I_n^{-1} = I_n$
- Let  $O$  be  $n \times n$  matrix of zeros, then for any  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$

$$OB = BO = O$$

so  $O^{-1}$  does not exist,  $O$  is singular

- Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 \end{pmatrix}$  for  $a_1, a_2 \neq 0$ , then  $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & a_2^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$

If  $a_1 = 0$  or  $a_2 = 0$ , then  $A^{-1}$  does not exist

- Let the diagonal matrix  $B = \text{diag}(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$  for  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n \neq 0$ , then  $B^{-1} = \text{diag}(\beta_1^{-1}, \beta_2^{-1}, \dots, \beta_n^{-1})$ . If any of the  $\beta_i = 0$ , then  $B^{-1}$  does not exist.
- For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ , verify that if  $ad - bc \neq 0$ ,  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$
- Verify that if  $A^2 = 0$ , then  $(I - A)^{-1} = I + A$

# Properties of matrix inversion (verify)

- $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
- $(A')^{-1} = (A^{-1})'$
- $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
- $(ABC)^{-1} = C^{-1}B^{-1}A^{-1}$

# 5. Determinant of a square matrix

- **Determinant** can be used to check whether a square matrix is invertible
- $|A|$  denote the determinant of a matrix
- If  $A$  is  $1 \times 1$ , i.e.,  $A = a$  is a scalar, then  $|A| = a$
- If  $A$  is  $2 \times 2$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $|A| = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$
- If  $A$  is  $3 \times 3$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

(complete expansion)

- For an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the **minor** of  $a_{ij}$  is  $M_{ij} = |A_{ij}|$  where  $A_{ij}$  is the  $(n - 1) \times (n - 1)$  sub-matrix of  $A$  obtained by deleting the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column of  $A$
- The **cofactor** of  $a_{ij}$  is  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$
- Note that for  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ ,  $|A| = a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + a_{13}C_{13}$  (expansion along the 1st row)
- **Exercise:** For  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ , work out the complete expansion along the 2nd row:  

$$a_{21}C_{21} + a_{22}C_{22} + a_{23}C_{23}$$
 and compare with (2.1).



- Laplace Expansion of  $|A|$

$$|A| = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij} \quad [\text{Expansion by the } i\text{th row}]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij} \quad [\text{Expansion by the } j\text{th column}]$$

- **Exercise:** Write out the definition of the determinant of a  $4 \times 4$  matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

in terms of the determinants of certain of its  $3 \times 3$  submatrices. How many terms are there in the complete expansion of the determinant of a  $4 \times 4$  matrix?

- Example: Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$ , then

$$M_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 5 \times 9 - 6 \times 8 = -3; \quad M_{12} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 36 - 42 = -6$$

$$M_{13} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 32 - 35 = -3; \quad M_{21} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 9 - 24 = -15$$

$$M_{22} = -3; \quad M_{23} = 9; \quad M_{31} = -9; \quad M_{32} = 0; \quad M_{33} = 6$$

thus

$$C_{11} = M_{11} = -3; \quad C_{12} = -M_{12} = 6; \quad C_{13} = M_{13} = -3; \quad C_{21} = -M_{21} = 15$$

$$C_{22} = -3; \quad C_{23} = -9; \quad C_{31} = -9; \quad C_{32} = 0; \quad C_{33} = 6$$

therefore

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 a_{1j} C_{1j} = (2)(-3) + (1)(6) + (3)(-3) = -9 \text{ (expansion by first row)}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 a_{2j} C_{2j} = (4)(15) + (5)(-3) + (6)(-9) = -9 \text{ (expansion by second row)}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 a_{3j} C_{3j} = (7)(-9) + (8)(0) + (9)(6) = -9 \text{ (expansion by third row)}$$

Similarly (check out)

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 a_{i1} C_{i1} = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_{i2} C_{i2} = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_{i3} C_{i3} = -9 \text{ (expansion by columns)}$$

Furthermore, expansion by alien cofactor

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 a_{i1} C_{i2} = (2)(6) + (4)(-3) + (7)(0) = 0$$

(expansion by 1st row, cofactor of 2nd row)

In general



$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij'} = 0 \quad (i \neq i') \quad [\text{expansion by } i\text{th row and cofactor of } i'\text{th row}]$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij'} = 0 \quad (j \neq j') \quad [\text{expansion by } j\text{th column and cofactor of } j'\text{th column}]$$

- It is easy to verify that

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} & \cdots & C_{n1} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & \cdots & C_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ C_{1n} & C_{2n} & \cdots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} |A| & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & |A| & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & |A| \end{pmatrix} = |A| I_n$$

- The **adjoint** of  $A$  is defined as

$$Adj(A) = C' = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} & \cdots & C_{n1} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & \cdots & C_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ C_{1n} & C_{2n} & \cdots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

- then  $A \cdot adj(A) = |A|I_n$ , when  $|A| \neq 0$ ,  $A \cdot [adj(A)/|A|] = I_n$
- **Theorem:** A square matrix  $A$  is invertible  
 $\Leftrightarrow |A| \neq 0$  and  $A^{-1} = adj(A)/|A|$

- **Example:**  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  is invertible when  $|A| = ad - bc \neq 0$ , and

$$C_{11} = d, C_{12} = -c, C_{21} = -b, C_{22} = a$$

therefore,  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$

- **Example:** Derive

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & -2 & -4 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Determinant of special matrices

- If a square matrix  $A$  contains one zero row/column, then  $|A| = 0$
- $|I_n| = 1$
- Determinant of upper triangular/lower triangular matrix is the product of its diagonal elements. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

then

$$|A| = |B| = a_{11}a_{22} \cdots a_{nn} = \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

## 6. Linear equation system

- The general linear system of  $m$  equations in  $n$  unknown variables can be written as

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \cdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

- In matrix form, (2.2) can be written as  $Ax = b$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}, x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and } b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}$$

- Here,  $A$  is called the **coefficient matrix**,  $\hat{A} = (A, b)$  is called the **augmented matrix**

- **Example:** Consider the problem of solving the linear equations

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 = 5 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 = 10 \end{cases} \quad (2.3)$$

- In matrix form, it can be written as  $Ax = b$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

- the augmented matrix is  $\hat{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$

- If  $A$  is a square matrix and  $A^{-1}$  exists, from

$$Ax = b, \text{ we have } A^{-1}Ax = A^{-1}b \text{ or } x = A^{-1}b \text{ (solution)}$$



- **Example** (application of inverse matrix), solve the simultaneous linear equations (2.3) using matrix inverse. Here

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Therefore  $x = A^{-1}b$ , where

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2 \times 3 - 1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1}b = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- So the solution to the simultaneous equations is  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 3$ .

- **Example:** The **Keynesian model**:

$$\begin{cases} Y = C + I_0 + G_0 \\ C = a + bY \end{cases}$$

Can be written in matrix notation as  $Ax = b$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -b & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} Y \\ C \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} I_0 + G_0 \\ a \end{pmatrix}$$

the solution to the model is

$$\begin{aligned} x^* = \begin{pmatrix} Y^* \\ C^* \end{pmatrix} &= A^{-1}b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -b & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} I_0 + G_0 \\ a \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{1-b} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ b & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_0 + G_0 \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{1-b} \begin{pmatrix} I_0 + G_0 + a \\ b(I_0 + G_0) + a \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- **Cramer's** rule: an alternative way of solving system of linear equations.
- For the equation system  $Ax = b$ , if  $m = n$  and  $|A| \neq 0$ , then the solution is  $x_j = \frac{|A_j|}{|A|}$ , where  $A_j$  is obtained by replacing the  $j$ th column of  $A$  with  $b$ .
- **Example:** For the equation system (2.3)  $Ax = b$  with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Apply Cramer's rule, the solution is

$$x_1^* = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 10 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{15 - 10}{6 - 1} = 1; \quad x_2^* = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 10 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{20 - 5}{6 - 1} = 3$$

- **Example:** Two-good equilibrium model:

$$\begin{cases} c_1 P_1 + c_2 P_2 = -c_0 \\ \gamma_1 P_1 + \gamma_2 P_2 = -\gamma_0 \end{cases}$$

- Apply Cramer's rule, the solution is

$$P_1^* = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -c_0 & c_2 \\ -\gamma_0 & \gamma_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} c_1 & c_2 \\ \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{c_2 \gamma_0 - c_0 \gamma_2}{c_1 \gamma_2 - c_2 \gamma_1}, \quad P_2^* = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} c_1 & -c_0 \\ \gamma_1 & -\gamma_0 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} c_1 & c_2 \\ \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{c_0 \gamma_1 - c_1 \gamma_0}{c_1 \gamma_2 - c_2 \gamma_1}$$

- **Example:** The Keynesian model including

a market for goods:

$$\begin{cases} Y = C + I + G_0 \\ C = a + bY \\ I = c - di \end{cases}$$

and a market for money:

$$\begin{cases} M^d = kY - ei \\ M^s = M_0 \\ M^d = M^s \end{cases}$$

- where  $G_0, M_0$  are exogenous variables,  $a, b, c, d, e, k$  are positive constants (parameters), the endogenous variables are  $Y, C, I, i$ . The two sets of equations imply

$$\begin{cases} Y - C - I = G_0 \\ -bY + C = a \\ I + di = c \\ kY - ei = M_0 \end{cases}$$

- in matrix form: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -b & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d \\ k & 0 & 0 & -e \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y \\ C \\ I \\ i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} G_0 \\ a \\ c \\ M_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- since 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -b & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d \\ k & 0 & 0 & -e \end{vmatrix} = -k \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & d \end{vmatrix} - e \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -b & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$
  

$$= -kd \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} - e \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -b & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -kd - e(1-b)$$

- Similarly 
$$\begin{vmatrix} G_0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ c & 0 & 1 & d \\ M_0 & 0 & 0 & -e \end{vmatrix} = -M_0 d - e(c + G_0 + a)$$

- Therefore 
$$Y^* = \frac{M_0 d + e(c + G_0 + a)}{kd + e(1-b)}$$

# 7. Elementary operations

- Elementary row operations
  1. interchange two rows of a matrix ( $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$ )
  2. multiply a row by a non-zero scalar  $k$  ( $R_i \rightarrow kR_i$ )
  3. multiply a row by a non-zero scalar  $k$  and add it to another row ( $R_i \rightarrow R_i + kR_j$ )

- The simplified form of the matrix that we aim to arrive at is the **reduced row echelon form**, which satisfies the following four conditions:
  - If there are any rows consisting only of zeros entries, then they appear at the bottom of the matrix
  - The lower row starts with more zeros (called leading zeros) than the row above
  - For each nonzero row, the leftmost nonzero entry is a 1 (known as the leading 1 of that row)
  - Each column that contains a leading 1 has zero entries everywhere else.
- For example, the following matrices are in reduced row echelon form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

whereas the following are not:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- A matrix has a unique reduced row echelon form



- Example: For the equation system (2.3)

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 = 5 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 = 10 \end{cases}$$

- apply elementary row operations to the augmented matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 10 \end{array} \right) &\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 10 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 10 \\ 0 & -5 & -15 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow -R_2/5} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 10 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_2} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

which corresponds to the matrix equation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ or } x_1 = 1, x_2 = 3$$

- **Example:** Apply elementary row operations to augmented matrices to systems of linear equations

$$I: \begin{cases} 2x - y = 7 \\ 3x - 4y = 3 \end{cases} \quad II: \begin{cases} 2x - y = 7 \\ -4x + 2y = -10 \end{cases} \quad III: \begin{cases} 2x - y = 7 \\ -4x + 2y = -14 \end{cases}$$

- **For system I:**

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 3 & -4 & 3 \end{array} \right) &\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -4 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 7 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -3 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 & 7 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -3 & -4 \\ 0 & 5 & 15 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2/5} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + 3R_2} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

which corresponds to the matrix equation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ or } x_1 = 5, x_2 = 3$$

- **For system II:**  $\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 7 \\ -4 & 2 & -10 \end{array}\right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 2R_1} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{array}\right)$
- Which corresponds to the matrix equation  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$
- Or  $\begin{cases} 2x - y = 7 \\ 0 = 4 \end{cases}$
- the second equation can never be hold, therefore, the system has no solution

- **For system III,**

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 7 \\ -4 & 2 & -14 \end{array}\right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 2R_1} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1/2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -0.5 & 3.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right)$$

- Or  $x - 0.5y = 3.5$
- thus, the system has infinite many solutions:  $t \in R$

$$\begin{cases} x = 0.5t + 3.5 \\ y = t \end{cases}$$

- A system of real linear equations either has no solutions, one (unique) solution, or infinitely many solutions.
- If the number of variables is more than the number of equations, then there must be either no solution, or infinite many solutions.

- **Exercise.** Solve the following systems of linear equations, by writing out an augmented matrix, and then using elementary row operations to transform it to reduced row echelon form:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 = 7 \\ x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 = -5 \\ 3x_1 + 9x_2 - 2x_3 + 3x_4 = -3 \end{cases}$$

- Elementary row operations can be used to find the inverse of a matrix
- The following statements are equivalent:
  1.  $A$  is invertible
  2. the reduced row echelon form of the matrix  $A$  is the identity matrix
  3. For  $A, B \in R^{n \times n}$ , if the reduced row echelon form of  $(A, I)$  is  $(I, B)$ , then  $B = A^{-1}$

- **Example:** For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , find  $A^{-1}$ 
  - Recall:  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A) = -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
  - Alternatively, use elementary row operations on  $(A|I_2)$
  - $\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2} \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$
  - We obtain  $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- **Exercise:** For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , find  $A^{-1}$  by performing elementary row operations on  $(A, I_3)$ .

## 8. Rank of a matrix

- Consider the following data collected on monthly income in \$1000:

Husband's income	10	12	31	20	9	14
Wife's income	8	13	0	13	6	10
Couple's total income	18	25	31	33	15	24

- The data matrix is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 12 & 31 & 20 & 9 & 14 \\ 8 & 13 & 0 & 13 & 6 & 10 \\ 18 & 25 & 31 & 33 & 15 & 24 \end{pmatrix}$$

- For this data set, obviously, one row is redundant, since you can get the third row by adding up the first two rows. In a way, rank is the number of rows that are not redundant. For this data set,  $\text{rank}(A) = 2$ .



- A matrix is in **row echelon form** if each row has more leading zeros than the row above it.

- **Example:** the matrices

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

are in row echelon form

- **Example:** the matrices

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

are not in row echelon form

- The **Rank** of a matrix is the number of nonzero rows in its row echelon form.

- **Example:** Find the rank of the following matrix by performing elementary row operations:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 8 \\ 2 & 12 & 23 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

therefore,  $\text{rank}(A) = 2$

- **Example:** find the rank of  $A' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 12 \\ 8 & 23 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

therefore,  $\text{rank}(A') = 2$

- **Facts:** for  $A \in R^{m \times n}$ 
  - $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A')$
  - $\text{rank}(A) \leq \min(m, n)$
  - $\text{rank}(A) \leq \text{rank}(\hat{A})$
- If  $\text{rank}(A) < \text{rank}(\hat{A})$ , then there is no solution to  $Ax = b$
- **Example:** the following system  $\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 = 3 \end{cases}$  has no solution.
  - check that  $\text{rank}(A) < \text{rank}(\hat{A})$
- If  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(\hat{A}) = r$ , then there is at least one solution.
  - if  $r = n$ , there is a unique solution; If  $m = n$ , then  $A$  is invertible and the unique solution is  $x^* = A^{-1}b$ .
  - If  $r < n$ , there are infinitely many solutions.

- **Example:** the following equation system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

Has infinitely many solutions

- note that  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(\hat{A}) = 1 < 2$

- **Example:** the following system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

has a unique solution.

- note that  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(\hat{A}) = 2$