

# 02-EROs-and-Matrix-Multiplication

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In [1]: from latools import *
        from sympy import *
        init_printing(use_latex=True)
```

## 1 Solving Systems Using Matrix Multiplication

We want to solve the linear system

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}$$

where  $A$  is the matrix below:

```
In [2]: A = matrix_to_rational([[2, 1, -2],
                               [2, -1, 2],
                               [1, 1, 1]])
        A
```

Out [2]:

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

We want the right-hand side of the matrix,  $\mathbf{v}$  to be a generic vector. We can do this using the symbolic features of sympy:

```
In [3]: a, b, c = symbols('a, b, c')
        v = Matrix([a,b,c])
        v
```

Out [3]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

Let's now perform a sequence of row operations to get the RREF of  $A$ :

```
In [4]: A1 = rop(A, 'R1*(1/2)=>R1')
        A1
```

Out [4]:

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

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In [5]: A2 = rop(A1, 'R1*(-2)+R2=>R2', 'R1*(-1)+R3=>R3')
        A2
```

Out [5]:

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

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In [6]: A3 = rop(A2, 'R2*(-1/2)=>R2')
        A3
```

Out [6]:

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

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In [7]: A4 = rop(A3, 'R2*(-1/2)+R1=>R1', 'R2*(-1/2)+R3=>R3')
        A4
```

Out [7]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
In [8]: A5 = rop(A4, 'R3*(1/3)=>R3')
        A5
```

Out [8]:

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

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In [9]: A6 = rop(A5, 'R3*(2)+R2=>R2')
        A6
```

Out [9]:

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

Notice that the RREF of matrix  $A$  is the identity matrix. Let's also notice that we can define a sequence of row operations and obtain the RREF of  $A$  in a single function call:

```
In [10]: rop_seq = ['R1*(1/2)=>R1', 'R1*(-2)+R2=>R2', 'R1*(-1)+R3=>R3',
                    'R2*(-1/2)=>R2', 'R2*(-1/2)+R1=>R1', 'R2*(-1/2)+R3=>R3',
                    'R3*(1/3)=>R3', 'R3*(2)+R2=>R2']
R = rop(A, *rop_seq)
R
```

Out [10]:

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

Now a key insight: to get the solution of the system, we apply the \emph{the same sequence of row operations to the vector v}:

```
In [11]: x = rop(v, *rop_seq)
x
```

Out [11]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{a}{4} + \frac{b}{4} \\ -\frac{b}{3} + \frac{2c}{3} \\ -\frac{a}{4} + \frac{b}{12} + \frac{c}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

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In [12]: print(latex(x))
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\left[\begin{matrix}\frac{a}{4} + \frac{b}{4}\\-\frac{b}{3} + \frac{2 c}{3}\\-\frac{a}{4} + \frac{b}{12} + \frac{c}{3}\end{matrix}\right]
```

Lets check that indeed we have a solution:

```
In [13]: A * x
```

Out [13]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, let's notice the following: the vector  $x$  can alternatively be obtained from multiplying a matrix by  $v$ :

```
In [14]: E = matrix_to_rational([[ 1/4, 1/4, 0],
                                [ 0, -1/3, 2/3],
                                [-1/4, 1/12, 1/3]])
E
```

Out [14]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

```
In [15]: E * v
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Out[15]:
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$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{a}{4} + \frac{b}{4} \\ -\frac{b}{3} + \frac{2c}{3} \\ -\frac{a}{4} + \frac{b}{12} + \frac{c}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Now for the punchline: what happens when we multiply the matrix  $E$  by  $A$ ?

```
In [16]: E * A
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Out[16]:
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally, we notice that a more practical way to find what is the matrix  $E$  is to perform the sequence of row operations to the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix:

```
In [17]: E = rop(eye(3), *rop_seq)
         E
```

```
Out[17]:
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

We say that the matrix  $E$  is the *inverse* of the matrix  $A$ , and denote it by  $A^{-1}$ .

## 2 The Inverse of a Matrix

Let's start with the following  $4 \times 4$  matrix:

```
In [18]: A = matrix_to_rational([[ 0,  4, -1,  0],
                                [ 0, -2, -2, 1/3],
                                [-1,  1,  0, 1/12],
                                [ 2, -1,  3,  0]])
         A
```

```
Out[18]:
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & \frac{1}{3} \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{12} \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We augment the matrix by appending the  $4 \times 4$  identity:

```
In [19]: M = Matrix.hstack(A, eye(4))
M
```

Out [19]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{12} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We now perform row operations to (if possible) reduce  $A$  to the identity matrix.

```
In [20]: M1 = rop(M, 'R1<=>R3')
M1
```

Out [20]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{12} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
In [21]: M2 = rop(M1, 'R1*(-1)=>R1')
M2
```

Out [21]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{12} & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
In [22]: M3 = rop(M2, 'R1*(-2)+R4=>R4')
M3
```

Out [22]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{12} & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & \frac{1}{6} & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
In [23]: M4 = rop(M3, 'R2*(-1/2)=>R2')
M4
```

Out [23]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{12} & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{6} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & \frac{1}{6} & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
In [24]: M5 = rop(M4, 'R2*(1)+R1=>R1', 'R2*(-4)+R3=>R3', 'R2*(-1)+R4=>R4')
M5
```

Out [24]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{4} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{6} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & \frac{2}{3} & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
In [25]: M6 = rop(M5, 'R3*(-1/5)=>R3')
M6
```

Out [25]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{4} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{6} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{15} & -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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In [26]: M7 = rop(M6, 'R3*(-1)+R1=>R1', 'R3*(-1)+R2=>R2', 'R3*(-2)+R4=>R4')
M7
```

Out [26]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{7}{60} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{10} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{30} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{10} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{15} & -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & \frac{13}{10} & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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In [27]: M8 = rop(M7, 'R4*(5/3)=>R4')
M8
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Out [27]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{7}{60} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{10} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{30} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{10} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{15} & -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{13}{6} & \frac{10}{3} & \frac{5}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

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In [28]: M9 = rop(M8, 'R4*(7/60)+R1=>R1', 'R4*(1/30)+R2=>R2', 'R4*(2/15)+R3=>R3')
M9
```

Out [28]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{18} & \frac{11}{72} & -\frac{11}{18} & \frac{7}{36} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{9} & -\frac{1}{36} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{18} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{9} & -\frac{1}{9} & \frac{4}{9} & \frac{2}{9} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{13}{6} & \frac{10}{3} & \frac{5}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix that appears in the position originally holding the identity matrix is:

```
In [29]: E = M9[:,4:8]
          E
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Out[29]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{18} & \frac{11}{72} & -\frac{11}{18} & \frac{7}{36} \\ \frac{2}{9} & -\frac{1}{36} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{18} \\ -\frac{1}{9} & -\frac{1}{9} & \frac{4}{9} & \frac{2}{9} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{13}{6} & \frac{10}{3} & \frac{5}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

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In [30]: E*A
```

Out[30]:

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

```
In [31]: A*E
```

Out[31]:

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

```
In [32]: v = Matrix([2,-3,5,-1])
          v
```

Out[32]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
In [33]: x = E * v
          x
```

Out[33]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{227}{72} \\ \frac{37}{36} \\ \frac{19}{9} \\ \frac{59}{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

```
In [34]: A * x
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Out[34]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In [ ]: