

2.2 IDEA OF ELIMINATION

WKS 1

ELIMINATION

• 1st step of solving linear equations systematically

* PIVOTS: KEY PLAYER

THE IDEA:

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x + a_{12}y + a_{13}z = b_1 \\ a_{21}x + a_{22}y + a_{23}z = b_2 \\ a_{31}x + a_{32}y + a_{33}z = b_3 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{CHANGE TO C}} \begin{cases} C_{11}x + C_{12}y + C_{13}z = d_1 \\ C_{22}y + C_{23}z = d_2 \\ C_{33}z = d_3 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{CUT IN HALF}} \begin{cases} C_{11}x + C_{12}y + C_{13}z = d_1 \rightarrow d_1 - C_{12}(d_2/C_{22}) - C_{13}(d_3/C_{33}) = x \\ C_{22}y + C_{23}z = d_2 \rightarrow (d_2 - C_{23}(d_3/C_{33}))/C_{22} = y \\ C_{33}z = d_3 \rightarrow d_3/C_{33} = z \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{DO BACKWARDS SUBSTITUTION!}}$$

~ SOLVING TWO EQUATIONS FOR TWO UNKNOWN ~

EXAMPLE 1: SUCCESSFUL PIVOT

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 4y = 14 \quad (1) \\ 3x + 5y = 19 \quad (2) \end{cases}$$

→ GOAL: USE (1) TO ELIMINATE x FROM (2) TO GET UPPER TRIANGLE FORM

→ PIVOT: first non-zero coefficient in the row (1) in this case that does the elimination

↳ WANT TO ELIMINATE THIS TO GET UPPER TRIANGLE

in this case the 3 in 3x

MULTIPLIER: COEFFICIENT TO ELIMINATE PIVOT

↳ PIVOT: 2 ↳ MULTIPLIER: $\frac{3}{2}$

equation (1) will act on (2) so that x in (2) goes away

TO ELIMINATE:

ELIM PIVOT

STEP 1) DO $(2) - \frac{3}{2} * (1)$ meaning "subtract $\frac{3}{2} * (1)$ from (2)"

FOR TWO EQUATIONS, IT'S ALMOST ALWAYS

② - multiplier ①

UNLESS IF IT IS LIKE

$$\begin{cases} 7y = 21 \\ x + 3y = 4 \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{because in this case you would just swap to get the upper triangle form}$$

subtract the multiplier times the pivot from the equation we want to eliminate the coefficients from.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3x + 5y = 19 & \rightarrow & 3x + 5y = 19 \rightarrow y = 2 \\ -\frac{3}{2} * (2x + 4y = 14) & \rightarrow & -(3x + 6y = 21) \\ \hline & & -y = -2 \end{array}$$

STEP 2) leave (1) and make lin. equation w/ the new (2)

becomes pivot

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 4y = 14 \rightarrow \text{plug in } y \rightarrow 2x + 4(2) = 14 \rightarrow 2x = 6 \rightarrow x = 3 \\ -y = -2 \rightarrow y = 2 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{BACKWARDS SUBSTITUTION}}$$

there is a pivot in every row!

eliminate by plugging in

DONE + SUCCESSFUL! WE KNOW BC UPPER TRIANGLE FORM W/ PIVOT IN EVERY ROW

meaning THERE'S ONLY ONE UNIQUE SOLUTION · $(x, y) = (3, 2)$ → THE ROW + COLUMN PICTURE: SIMILAR TO FIRST EX. IN THE LAST SECTION (2.1)

EXAMPLE 2: FAILED PIVOT

TO ELIMINATE:

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 4y = 14 \quad (1) \\ 3x + 6y = 21 \quad (2) \end{cases}$$

Find pivot: 2

and multiplier: $\frac{3}{2}$

STEP 1)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3x + 6y = 21 & \rightarrow & 3x + 6y = 21 \\ -\frac{3}{2} * (2x + 4y = 14) & \rightarrow & -(3x + 6y = 21) \\ \hline & & 0 = 0 \end{array}$$

CANT MAKE A PIVOT!

means there are infinitely many solutions

= permanent failure: no pivot in second row

x + y could be anything ...

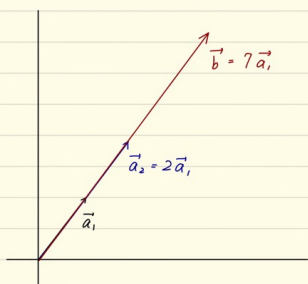
(i) Column Picture

$$\vec{a}_1 = (2, 3), \quad \vec{a}_2 = (4, 6) = 2\vec{a}_1$$

$$\vec{b} = (14, 21) = 7\vec{a}_1 \quad \vec{b} = x\vec{a}_1 + y\vec{a}_2$$

∞ many way of writing \vec{b} as

a lin. comb. of \vec{a}_1 and \vec{a}_2



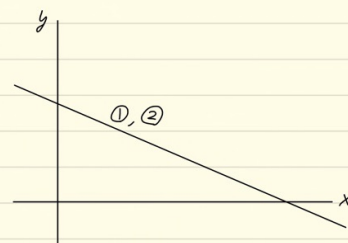
(ii) Row Picture

$$2x + 4y = 14 \Leftrightarrow x + 2y = 7$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3x + 6y = 21$$

So ① and ② are the same line.

Every pt on the line is a soln.



EXAMPLE 3:

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 4y = 14 & \textcircled{1} \\ 3x + 6y = 20 & \textcircled{2} \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{pivot: } 2 \\ \text{multiplier: } \frac{3}{2} \end{array}$$

STEP 1) $\textcircled{2} - \frac{3}{2} * \textcircled{1}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 6y = 20 \\ -\frac{3}{2}(2x + 4y = 14) \\ \hline 0 = -1 \rightarrow \text{INCONSISTENT} \end{array}$$

STEP 2) LET IT OUT

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 4y = 14 \\ 0 = -1 \end{cases} = \text{NO SOLUTION}$$

= permanent failure, no pivot in second row

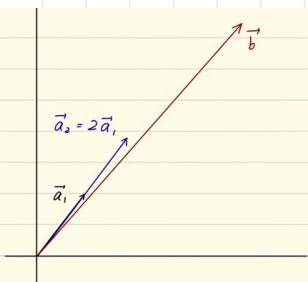
(i) Column Picture

$$\vec{a}_1 = (2, 3), \quad \vec{a}_2 = (4, 6) = 2\vec{a}_1$$

$$\vec{b} = (14, 20) \neq c\vec{a}_1 \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Impossible to write \vec{b} as a lin.

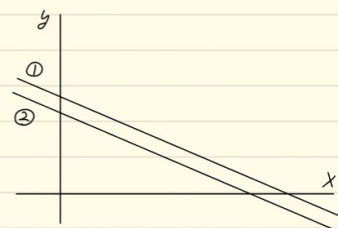
comb. of \vec{a}_1 and \vec{a}_2 .



(ii) Row Picture

① and ② are parallel and

do not intersect.



"SOLVING 4 THREE EQUATIONS + THREE UNKNOWN"

EXAMPLE 1: solving the linear system by reducing it to upper triangular form and using backwards substitution

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 2y - 3z = -10 & \textcircled{1} \\ x - y + z = 5 & \textcircled{2} \\ 3x - 2y + z = 9 & \textcircled{3} \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{CAN USE } \textcircled{2} \text{ as 1st pivot,} \\ \text{switching order is OK} \\ \text{no this because we want to} \\ \text{use 1 as a pivot} \end{array} \quad \begin{cases} x - y + z = 5 & \textcircled{2} \\ 2x - 2y - 3z = -10 & \textcircled{1} \\ 3x - 2y + z = 9 & \textcircled{3} \end{cases}$$

STEP 1:

$$\begin{cases} x - y + z = 5 & \textcircled{2} \\ 2x - 2y - 3z = -10 & \textcircled{1} \\ 3x - 2y + z = 9 & \textcircled{3} \end{cases}$$

do two eliminations at the same time

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - 2y - 3z = -10 \\ -2(x - y + z = 5) \\ \hline -5z = -20 \end{array}$$

BECOMES ①'

STEP 4: SWAP

$$\begin{cases} x - y + z = 5 \\ y - 2z = -6 \\ -5z = -20 \end{cases}$$

STEP 2:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - 2y + z = 9 \\ -3(x - y + z = 5) \\ \hline y - 2z = -6 \end{array}$$

BECOMES ③'

STEP 5: BACKWARDS SUBSTITUTION

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow x &= 5 + 2 - 4 = 3 \\ \rightarrow y &= -6 + 2(4) = 2 \\ \rightarrow z &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

STEP 3:

$$\begin{cases} x - y + z = 5 \\ -5z = -20 \\ y - 2z = -6 \end{cases}$$

NO PIVOT TO ELIMINATE Y BELOW!

⇒ TEMPORARY FAILURE: CAN BE FIXED BY SWAPPING ①' AND ③'

SUCCESS!

PIVOT IN EVERY ROW

EXAMPLE 2: HAVING TEMPORARY + PERMANENT FAILURE

FOR WHAT VALUE(S) OF $a \in \mathbb{R}$ does the elimination fail temporarily?

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x - 3y + 2z = 2 \quad (1) \\ -2x + ay + 5z = 5 \quad (2) \\ 3x - 8y + 4z = 5 \quad (3) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{DOING } (2) + 2 \times (1) & + & \text{ELIM } (3) - 3 \times (1) \\ \hline -2x + ay + 5z = 5 & + & 3x - 8y + 4z = 5 \\ + 2(x - 3y + 2z = 2) & & -3(x - 3y + 2z = 2) \\ \hline (a-6)y + 9z = 9 & & 2y - 2z = -1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (2') \\ (3') \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x - 3y + 2z = 2 \quad (1) \\ (a-6)y + 9z = 9 \quad (2') \\ y - 2z = -1 \quad (3') \end{array} \right.$$

IF $a = 6$:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x - 3y + 2z = 2 \quad (1) \\ 0y + 9z = 9 \quad (2') \\ y - 2z = -1 \quad (3') \end{array} \right.$$

NO PROBLEM

TEMPORARILY FAIL IF $a = 6$.

FOR WHAT VALUE(S) OF $a \in \mathbb{R}$ does the elimination fail permanently?

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x - 3y + 2z = 2 \quad (1) \\ y - 2z = -1 \quad (3') \\ (a-6)y + 9z = 9 \quad (2') \end{array} \right.$$

eliminate one more time

$$\rightarrow (2') - (a-6) \times (3') \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x - 3y - 2z = 2 \\ y - 2z = -1 \\ (9+2a-12)z = 9+a-6 \rightarrow (2a-3)z = a+3 \end{array} \right.$$

$z(2a-3) = a+3$ so PERMANENT FAILURE IF $2a-3 = 0, a = \frac{3}{2}$ because then it becomes $0 = \frac{3}{2} + 3$ which is INCONSISTENT

2.3 ELIMINATION W/ MATRICES WK 3-2

- Elimination from previous section \leftrightarrow Multiplication of "Elementary Matrix" E_{ji} by using
- Swapping equations \leftrightarrow Multiplication of "Permutation Matrix" P_{ij} by using

ELIMINATION & ELEMENTARY MATRIX

EXAMPLE \rightarrow

1) LET $\vec{V} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$ and suppose that $v_2 = 3v_1$, ex: $\vec{V} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$ we assume

2) CONSIDER THE ELIMINATION OF v_2 BY USING v_1 , ex: $\vec{V} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 - 3v_1 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ 0 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$

3) WE WRITE THIS PROCESS AS $(*)$ $\underline{R_2 - 3R_1}$ MEANING "SUBTRACT 3* Row 1 FROM Row 2"

4) WE NEED TO FIND THE MATRIX E_{21} THAT DOES THE OPERATION $(*)$ BY MULTIPLICATION, LIKE:

• WE ARE LOOKING FOR MATRIX

E_{21} SO THAT WE CAN ELIMINATE

ROW 2

$$\vec{V} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(*)} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 - 3v_1 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = E_{21} \vec{V} \quad E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

EASIER WAY TO FIND E_{21} :

• BASICALLY WORKING BACKWARDS

SO THAT

$$E_{21} \vec{V} = \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

IN FACT:

E_{21} IS WHAT WE GET WHEN WE APPLY $(*)$ TO THE IDENTITY MATRIX

$$E_{21} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(*)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

ELIMINATION OF MATRIX ELEMENTS

CAN WE DO THE SAME ON MATRICES?

SUPPOSE:

got R_2 by $-\frac{7}{9} R_1 + \frac{4}{9} R_3$

STEP 1)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \vec{a}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 9 & 4 & 0 \\ -6 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - 3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ -6 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = E_{21} A$$

think of A as 3 column vectors combined

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

$$E_{21} A \text{ means } \rightarrow E_{21} A = [E_{21} \vec{a}_1, E_{21} \vec{a}_2, E_{21} \vec{a}_3]$$

SO... SAME AS $E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ WOULD DO.

STEP 2) reduce more:

$$E_{21} A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ -6 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 + 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 12 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = E_{31} (E_{21} A)$$

WHAT'S THIS?

E_{31} IS: (APPLY SAME OPERATION TO THE IDENTITY MATRIX)

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 + 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E_{31}$$

STEP 3) further reduce :

$$E_{31} E_{21} A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 12 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 + 6R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix} = E_{32} E_{31} E_{21} A$$

WHAT'S THIS?

$$E_{32} ?$$

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 + 6R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E_{32}$$

PERMUTATION MATRICES

EXAMPLE : FIND THE MATRIX P_{23} SO THAT

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Flip } R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = P_{23} A$$

WHAT'S THIS



flip identity matrix rows

$$P_{23} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = P_{23}$$

APPLICATION TO LINEAR EQUATIONS

EXAMPLE (SAME AS PREVIOUS SECTION)

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 2y - 3z = -10 \\ x - y + z = 5 \\ 3x - 2y + z = 9 \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ 5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A \quad \vec{x} \quad \vec{b}$

REDUCE $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ to $U\vec{x} = \vec{c}$ where U is an upper triangular matrix

Write down the elementary 1 permutation matrix for each operation used

STEP 1) START W/ THE AUGMENTED MATRIX

switch $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$ to get 1 as a pivot

$$\left[A \mid \vec{b} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -2 & -3 & -10 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & -2 & -3 & -10 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right] \quad \text{w/ } P_{12} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= P_{12} [A \mid \vec{b}] = [P_{12} A \mid P_{12} \vec{b}]$$

DON'T HAVE TO WRITE x, y, z

JUST PUT $A \leftrightarrow \vec{b}$ next to each other

↳ DON'T NEED TO KEEP TRACK OF x, y, z

STEP 2)

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & -20 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = E_{21} P_{12} [A \vec{b}] \quad w/ \quad E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

STEP 3)

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & -20 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} = E_{31} E_{21} P_{12} [A \vec{b}] \quad w/ \quad E_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

STEP 4)

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - 3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & -20 \end{bmatrix} = P_{23} E_{31} E_{21} P_{12} [A \vec{b}] \quad w/ \quad P_{23} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

SO THEN WE GET: $U \vec{x} = \vec{c}$ w/

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix}$$