

**MA 405** Solution Set: points of intersection  
consistent linear system: @ least one solution.  
inconsistent " " if no solutions.

↘ inconsistent system: nowhere where  
all three planes intersect at once.  
Parallel means no solutions.  
Correction

Recall 3 Basic Operations:

- 1) Replacement (+)
- 2) Interchange ( $\leftrightarrow$ )
- 3) Scaling (multiplying by constant)

also Operations on Matrices!

**def** A matrix is a rectangular array.  
Each entry is a number (or variable)

			rows
1	3	5	$r_1$
0	2	7	$r_2$
3	1	3	$r_3$
$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$	

columns

**def** Augmented Matrix: corresponds to linear system

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 6 \\ 2x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3 = 14 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = -2 \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 & 14 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

## Augmented Matrix

- ▷ rows = eqns. in system
- ▷ cols = variable coefficients and right-hand side

How to do operations on matrix?

Goal: transform matrix and solve the linear system. [My guess: you obv. need to get to identity matrix.]

Step 1 Combine First row in 2nd and 3rd rows to eliminate  $x_1$  coefficients in those rows.

$A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 & 14 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right]$  ← augmented matrix

$B = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & -7 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & -10 & -20 \end{array} \right]$

operations:

$$R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2 \cdot R_1$$

$$R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 3 \cdot R_1$$

replacement steps

$$B = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & -7 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & -9 & -10 & -20 \end{array} \right]$$

Step 2 | Switch Row 2 and Row 3

$$C = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & -9 & -10 & -20 \\ 0 & -7 & -4 & 2 \end{array} \right] \quad C = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & -9 & -10 & -20 \\ 0 & -7 & -4 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

Step 3 | Divide Row 2 by -5:  $R_2 \xrightarrow{-5} R_2$

$$D = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -7 & -4 & 2 \end{array} \right] \quad R_2 \leftarrow R_2 \cdot -\frac{1}{5}$$

Step 4 | Eliminate  $x_2$  from  $R_3$  by adding  $R_2 \cdot 7$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 & 30 \end{array} \right] \quad R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 7 \cdot R_2$$

This doesn't resemble original  
(it's the reduced stage)

▷ combining rows reduces the augmented matrix. From the reduced augmented matrix, it's easy to back-substitute.

### Three Row Operations

- 1) Replacement
- 2) Interchange
- 3) Scaling

These transform the linear system / aug matrix but maintain solution set.

★ reversible

★ any number of "equivalent" matrices

### Two Fundamental Q's about Linear Systems:

1) Does a sol't'n exist? (Is system consistent?)

2) Is the sol't'n unique? (Is it the only one?)

\* Using Matrices (reduced or structured) is more efficient for computations.

### Algorithmic Approach: Gaussian Elimination (Row Reduction)

▷ goal: obtain an equivalent augmented matrix which is in a special form:

row echelon form, or

row reduced echelon form

ex row echelon form  
(note staircase structure)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & * \end{array} \right]$$

ex row reduced echelon form  
(usually requires extra row operations)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & * \end{array} \right]$$

echelon form

A rectangular matrix

- 1) all nonzero rows are above ~~any~~ any all-zero rows
- 2) each row's leading entry (leftmost nonzero number) is to the right of the row's above it.
- 3) all entries in a column below a leading entry are zeros.

ex

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

ex

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

not necessarily related

inconsistent system

not in echelon form (2)

ex)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

consistent and in  
echelon form

ex  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 8 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

leading entries — not echelon form

△ switch  $R_2$  and  $R_3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 8 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

now in echelon form.

### Reduced Echelon Form

also need:

- 4) each nonzero row's leading entry is a 1
- 5) each leading 1 is the only nonzero entry in its column

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad \underline{\text{ex}}$$

reduced echelon form

- ▷ Any (nonzero) matrix can have multiple different echelon forms

but

- ▷ only one unique reduced echelon form

ex]  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right]$  &  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 6 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right]$

both in echelon form,  
describe same linear system.

