

- Ero (ECO) :
- (1) Interchange two rows [columns]
  - (2) Mult row [column] by nonzero constant
  - (3) Add mult of any row [column] to any other row [column]

Elementary matrix : matrix E s.t. mult by E transforms a matrix into what it would be after ERO (ECO)

Ero : EA (mult on left)

ECO : AE (mult on right)

THM The rank of a matrix is the dimension of the subspace generated by its columns.

Ex  $A := \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Since  $v_4 = v_1 + v_2 + v_3$  and  $v_1, v_2, v_3$   
 are L.I.,  $\text{rank}(\text{columns}) = 3$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = 3$

THM Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix of  
 rank  $r$ . Then  $r \leq \min\{m, n\}$ , and,  
 by means of a finite # of ERO/ECO,  
 $A$  can be transformed into the matrix

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} I_r & O_1 \\ O_2 & O_3 \end{pmatrix},$$

where the  $O_i$  are zero matrices.

Ex Both ERO, ECO are necessary  
 @ times.

If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , then we

can use ERO as follows:

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Need ECO to get to  $\left( \begin{array}{|c c|} \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{|c c|} \hline 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$

zero matrix

Similarly,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  needs ERO's to get to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

SKETCH OF PROOF:  $A = O \Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(A) = 0$

Assume  $\text{rank}(A) > 0$ . So  $A \neq O$ .

We proceed by induction on  $m$ ,  
the # of rows.

$m=1$ : (1)  $A \neq O$ , so we can use ECO  
to get a non-zero entry in

first column  $(1, 1\text{-entry})$   
by interchanging rows if necessary.

(2) Use ECO to make the first  
column "1":

so now  $(1 \quad \underline{\quad})$

(3) We subtract multiples of  
column 1 from all other  
columns to zero them out,

getting  $(1 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0)$



Assume true for  $m = k$ .

$m = k + 1$ : Get something non-zero in top  
left  $(1, 1\text{-entry})$  w/ interchanges  
of rows and/or columns, scale  
to  $1, 1\text{-entry}$  to "1" via  
either an ERO or ECO,

then eliminate <sup>rest</sup> row of 1 and  
rest of column 1 w/  
ECO's, ERO's, resp.

so :

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|cccc} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 0 & & & & \end{array} \right) \quad k \times n$$

By induction, we can reduce the  $k \times n$   
submatrix to desired form (ind. hyp.)  $\square$

COR Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$ , rank  $r$ .

Then there exist invertible matrices  
 $B$ , which is  $m \times m$ , and  $C$ , which  
is  $n \times n$ , such that

$$D = B A C,$$

where  $D = \begin{bmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

IDEA :  $B$ : product of EROs  
 $C$ : product of ECOs.

COR  $A : m \times n$

(a)  $\text{rank}(A^t) = \text{rank}(A)$

If  $A = (a_{ij})$ ,  $A^t = (b_{ij})$ ,  
 then  $b_{ij} = a_{ji}$ .

(b) The rank of  $A$  is the dimension of the space generated by the rows.

(c) The rows and columns generate subspaces of the same dimension and these dimensions both equal the rank of the matrix.

Pf (of (a)) : From above,  $D = BAC$ ,  
where, if  $r = \text{rank}(A)$ ,

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D^t = (BAC)^t = C^t A^t B^t \text{ (why?)}$$

$$\text{rank}(D^t) = r, \text{ and so}$$

$$\text{rank}(A^t) = r.$$

Rest follows by considering  $A^t$ .  $\square$

THM  $T: U \rightarrow V$  linear,  $S: V \xrightarrow{\text{linear}} W$ .

$$\text{Then } \text{rank}(ST) \leq \min \{ \text{rank}(S), \text{rank}(T) \}$$

In particular, for matrices  $A, B$ :

$$\text{rank}(AB) \leq \min \{ \text{rank}(A), \text{rank}(B) \}$$

Pf EXERCISE.

THM Every invertible matrix is the product of elementary matrices.

Pf  $A$  invertible  $\Rightarrow A$  is  $n \times n$  for some  $n$ ,

$$\dim(\text{Ker}(L_A)) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = n$$

Thus there are matrices  $B, C$   
s.t.  $B$  is the product of cln. matrices from ERO  
 $C$  is the product of cln. matrices from ECO,

$$\text{and } BAC = I_n$$

Since elementary matrices are invertible,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= B^{-1}(BAC)C^{-1} \\ &= B^{-1}C^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Since the inverse of an elementary matrix is another elementary matrix of the same type,

$B^{-1}$ : product of elem. matrices

$C^{-1}$ : " " " "

$\Rightarrow A : " " " "$   $\square$

NOTES (1) When  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ ,  $A_{n \times n}$ ,

the proof of above THM  
transforming  $A$  into  $\begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= I_n$

can be modified so that only  
ERO's (or only ECO's)  
are used.

(2) This gives us an algorithm  
for finding the inverse of  
an invertible matrix  $A$ :

$A$  invertible  $\Rightarrow A = E_1 E_2 \cdots E_d$ ,  
where each  $E_i$  is a

elementary matrix.

$$\text{So: } A^{-1} = E_d^{-1} E_{d-1}^{-1} \cdots E_2^{-1} E_1^{-1}$$

So: Assume we apply ERO/ECO's corresponding to  $E_d^{-1}, \dots, E_1^{-1}$  and we get the identity.

Then the product of  $E_d^{-1} \cdots E_1^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $A$ , which can be "tracked" by simultaneously applying these matrices to  $I$ .

Ex  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 6 & 9 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} \frac{3}{2} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

## SYSTEMS OF EQUATIONS

$$a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1,$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

:

$$a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

$$A = (a_{ij}) , \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}$$

Coefficient matrix

$$\Rightarrow Ax = b$$

if there exists a solution: consistent

otherwise: inconsistent

IDEA: homogeneous equati:

$$Ax = 0$$

Solutions :  $x \in \text{Ker}(L_A)$

so , for instance , if  $m < n$ ,  
then  $Ax = 0$  always has  
a nonzero solution  
(Rank-Nullity)

THM If  $K$  is the solution set  
of system  $Ax = b$ , then,  
if  $s$  is a solution,

$$\begin{aligned} K &= s + \text{Ker}(L_A) \\ &= \{s + v : v \in \text{Ker}(L_A)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Idea : Suppose  $Aw = b$ ,  $As = b$   
 $\Rightarrow A(w-s) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow w-s \in \text{Ker}(L_A)$

Conversely, if  $z \in \text{Ker}(L_A)$ ,  
then  $A(s+z) = As + 0 = As = b$ .  $\square$

If  $A$  is invertible,  $n \times n$ , then  
unique sol'n is  $A^{-1}b$ ;

Conversely, if solution is unique,  
then  $\text{Ker}(A) = \{0\}$   
 $\Rightarrow A$  is invertible.