

- \* Exchange two eqns.  $i \leftrightarrow j$
- \* Multiply an eqn. with a constant  $c \cdot i \rightarrow i$
- \* Multiply another eqn with a constant and add this to an eqn.  $c \cdot j + i \rightarrow i$

**Definition**

A system is said to be in strict triangular form if, in the  $k$ th equation, the coefficients of the first  $k - 1$  variables are all zero and the coefficient of  $x_k$  is nonzero ( $k = 1, \dots, n$ ).

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 3x_1 + 8 + 2 = 1 \\ 3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 1 \\ x_2 - 2x_3 = 2 \\ 2x_3 = 4 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -2 \\ x_2 = 4 \\ x_3 = 2 \end{array}$$

Ex (a)  $\begin{cases} 3x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = -2 \\ x_2 = 3 \\ 2x_3 = 4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 3x_1 + 6 - 2 = -2 \\ 3x_1 + 4 = -2 \\ x_1 = -2 \end{array}$

(b)  $\begin{cases} 3x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = -2 \\ -3x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 5 \\ 3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} -3x_1 - 3 + x_3 = 5 \\ + 3x_1 + 6 + x_3 = 2 \\ 3 + 2x_3 = 7 \Rightarrow x_3 = 2 \end{array}$

$(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (-2, 3, 2)$

\* Same variables + same solutions  $\rightarrow$  Equivalent Systems

Matrix representation of a system of linear equations:

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

$m \times n$  matrix

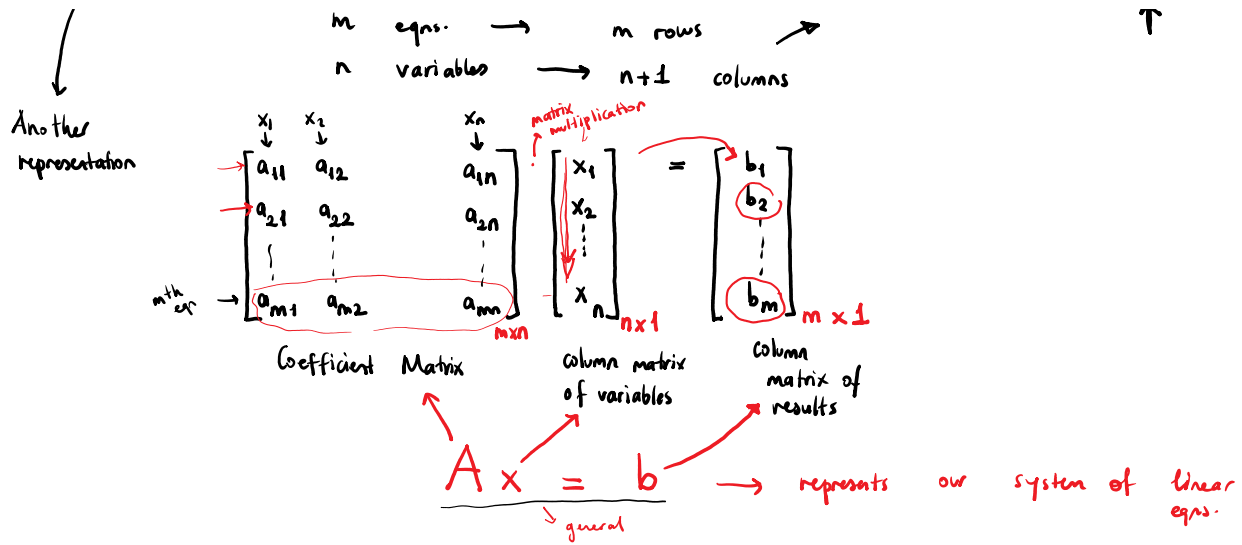
System of Linear Eqns  $\longleftrightarrow$  Matrices

Augmented Matrix

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{1st eqn} \rightarrow a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \text{2nd eqn} \rightarrow a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ \text{mth eqn} \rightarrow a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc|c} & x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n & \text{result} \\ \hline \text{1st eqn} & a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ & a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \text{mth eqn} & a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array}$$

$m$  eqns.  $\rightarrow$   $m$  rows  
 $n$  variables  $\rightarrow$   $n+1$  columns



Homogeneous Systems:  $Ax = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= 0 \\ a_{21}x_1 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n &= 0 \\ \vdots & \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

→ The Trivial Solution

\* 1 solution (Trivial Solution)

- ~~no solution~~

\* infinitely many solutions (trivial soln, ...)

EXAMPLE 4 Solve the system

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow -1x_2 - 1x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ &\rightarrow x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 6 \\ &\rightarrow 2x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 - 2x_4 = -1 \\ &\rightarrow 3x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 + 2x_4 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

4 eqns, 4 variables

Augmented Matrix → 4x5

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{1st eqn} \rightarrow \\ \text{2nd eqn} \rightarrow \\ \text{3rd eqn} \rightarrow \\ \text{4th eqn} \rightarrow \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & b \\ \hline 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right]_{4 \times 5}$$

$r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2$

Apply Elementary Row Operations

\*  $r_i \leftrightarrow r_j$

\*  $c \cdot r_i \rightarrow r_i$

\*  $c \cdot r_j + r_i \rightarrow r_i$  !