

Carleton University  
MATH 1104 Linear Algebra  
Lecture Notes

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# **1 Lectures**

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## 1.1 Square Matrices

A square matrix whose non-diagonal entries are all zero is called a diagonal matrix.

Examples of **diagonal matrices**:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

An identity matrix is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are all 1s. In other words, an identity matrix is a square matrix such that all entries on its main diagonal are 1, and all other entries are zero. Denote an  $n \times n$  identity matrix by  $I_{n \times n}$

Zero Matrix

Matrix Operations: 1. Addition, Subtraction 2. Scalar Multiplication 3. Matrix Multiplication

$$A_{m \times n} \cdot B_{n \times p}$$

$$AB = C = [C_{ij}]_{m \times p}$$

## **2   Tutorials**

Notes from tutorial classes are shown in the following pages.

## 2.1 Tutorial 1 - Jan 18

### 2.1.1 Important notes

- No unique solutions if # of equations < # of variables (or if a free variable exists).
- Reduced row echelon form (RREF) is always unique.
- Homogeneous systems always has at least one unique solution.

### 2.1.2 Question 1

Solving systems of linear equations using matrices.

- Step 1:** Write the system of equations in augmented matrix form.  
**Step 2:** Use elementary row operations to put the augmented matrix in row echelon form (REF).  
**Step 3:** Either (1) continue to reduced row echelon form (RREF) or (2) use back-substitution.

### 2.1.3 Question 2

For what values of  $h$  and  $k$  will the system have:

- No solution**  $[0 \dots 0 | A \neq 0]$  } 33mm [Last row of REF matrix]  
**One unique solution**  $[A \neq 0 | *]$   
**Infinite solutions**  $[0 \dots 0 | 0]$

\*Note: Perform elementary row operations to put the augmented matrix in REF first.

### 2.1.4 Question 3

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & \mathbf{0} & 2 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Always reduce to RREF first before converting back to equations. Notice the bold  $\mathbf{0}$ , that is because there is already a leading 1 in a different row. When there is a leading 1, other elements in the same column has to be 0 in RREF matrices.

Converting back to equations:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 7 \\ x_2 - 3x_3 + 4x_4 = 1 \\ \textbf{Free Vars} \begin{cases} \text{Let } s = x_3 \\ \text{Let } t = x_4 \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2s + t &= 7, x_2 - 3s + 4t = 1 \\ x_1 &= -2s - t + 7, x_2 = 3s - 4t + 1 \\ s, t &\in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$