

solve system of equations  $\leftarrow$   $n$  variables

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"solving for 2023 variables  
req. 2023 equations"

Methods

- (1) substitution
  - (2) elimination
  - (3) matrix row reduction  $\leftarrow$  3 rules to solve a puzzle.
- } Q1 & Q2 from HW

3 Rules

(1) swap rows

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 & | & 7 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 6 & | & 7 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2) multiply/divide row w/  $\neq$   $\leftarrow$  nonzero

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 & | & 7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \times 2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 & | & 8 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 & | & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

(3) add/subtract row w/ another row

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$4 - 1 = 3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

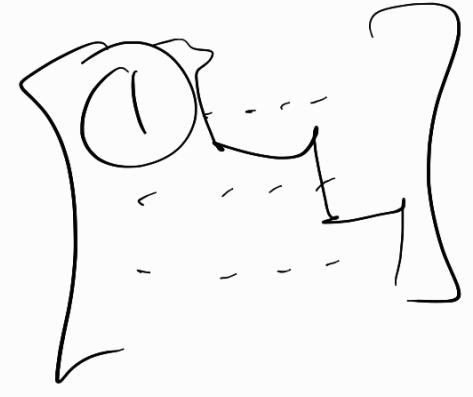
$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & -3 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4-7$$

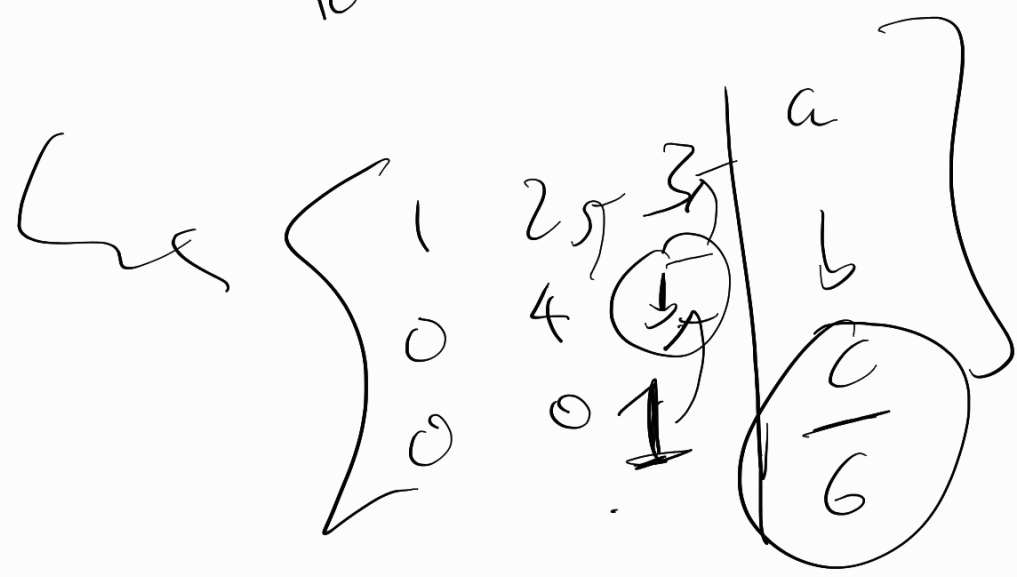
$$5-8 \quad 6-9$$

major goals

① get 1 in top left corner



② get staircase; everything below staircase needs to become a 0...



Cramer's Rule

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determinant

1x1  $\det([2]) = 2$

$$\det([5]) = 5$$

$$\det([-3, 2, 2, 4]) = -3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 4$$

2x2  $\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = ad - bc$

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 4 - 6$$

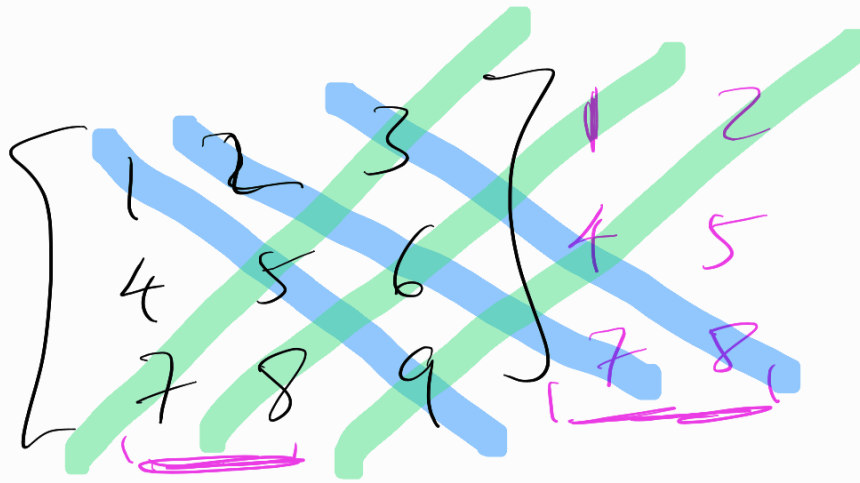
$$= \textcircled{-2}$$

$$\det\begin{bmatrix} 20 & 23 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \textcircled{-23}$$

2x3

SX2

det



Steps ① copy first 2 columns

② paste first 2 columns  
to right of matrix

③ draw 3 diagonals up  
3 diagonals down

**result:**

$$(1 \cdot 5 \cdot 9) + (2 \cdot 6 \cdot 7) + (3 \cdot 4 \cdot 8) - 1 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 - 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 7 - 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 9$$

