

CSD2250/MAT250 Lecture 2 (Fri 13/5)

- Topics covered:
- Echelon forms
 - Matrix multiplication
 - Elimination and Permutation matrices
 - Augmented matrix

As seen in Wed (9/5) notes

Echelon forms

At the end of an elimination process, the matrix A in the matrix form of a system of equation will be upper triangular. We seek to bring it to a form where back substitution becomes slightly easier or trivial.

There are two such forms:

- ① Row echelon form
- ② Reduced row echelon form

* Row echelon form

A matrix is in row echelon form if these 3 conditions are satisfied

- ① All rows consisting of only zeros are at the bottom of the matrix. from the left
- ② The first nonzero entry of a nonzero row is always to the right of the first nonzero entry of the row before it.
- ③ The first nonzero entry of every row must be 1 (Can be achieved by dividing every entry of a row by its first nonzero entry).

Eg. $\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{2}^x & 4 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ is not in row echelon form

③ fails, ①, ② OK

$\begin{bmatrix} \overbrace{1 \ 2 \ -1}^A \ \underbrace{1}_b \\ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 4 \\ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is in row echelon form.

We will see these matrices again later.

* Reduced row echelon form (rref)

A matrix is in reduced row echelon form if

- ① It is in row echelon form.
- ② For all the columns that contain the first entry 1, all the other entries of those columns must be 0.

Eg.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in rref.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in row echelon form but not in rref.}$$

Matrix multiplication

We have seen how a vector \underline{x} can be (left) multiplied by a matrix A by using either column forms or row forms. What about a matrix A multiplied by another matrix B ?

(Here, we note that certain conditions on A and B must be satisfied before we can multiply A with B , but let's keep it in view first)

E.g. let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{b_1} & \underline{b_2} & \underline{b_3} \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 9 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the columns of AB are is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{Ab_1} & \underline{Ab_2} & \underline{Ab_3} \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

We already know how to do this using column/row forms.

Some preliminary notes on matrix multiplication

① Associative law holds, i.e.

$$(AB)C = A(BC)$$

* ② Commutative law does not hold, i.e.

AB is not always equal to BA .

Elimination matrices

i.e. These are matrices that perform the elimination process, specifically, they subtract a multiple of a row from other row of a matrix.

Consider

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{2} & \underline{4} & \underline{-2} \\ 4 & 9 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{21} \underline{a_1} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + (-2) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

first term of
second row of A

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 & -4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \frac{4}{2} = 2 \text{ times of first term of first row of A}$$

$$E_{21} \underline{a_2} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 9 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + (-3) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

second term
of second row
of A

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

2 times of second term of
first row of A

$$E_{21} \underline{a_3} = -2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + (-3) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 7 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

third term
of second row
of A

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

2 times the third term
of first row of A

$$\Rightarrow E_{21} A = \begin{bmatrix} E_{21} \underline{a_1} & E_{21} \underline{a_2} & E_{21} \underline{a_3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

* In all, the matrix E_{21} subtracted 2 times of the first row from the second row!

So essentially, the matrix E_{21} performed the first step of the elimination process!

To convince you further, we consider an arbitrary vector $\underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\begin{aligned} E_{21} \cdot \underline{b} &= b_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 - 2b_1 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

★ In general, an elimination matrix E_{ij} is an identity matrix, along with an extra non zero entry $-l$ in the i, j position.

This extra position has to be below the main diagonal: $-l$ here, zeros elsewhere.

$$E_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Left) multiplying E_{ij} to a matrix A , i.e.

$E_{ij} \cdot A$ results in l times the j th row gets subtracted from row i .

Check: Find the next two elimination matrices to complete the elimination process for A .

Permutation matrices

There are also matrices which swap the rows of a matrix. These matrices are known as permutation matrices. They are much easier to visualize compared to elimination matrices, so we dive in straight to its definition:

★ A permutation matrix P_{ij} is an identity matrix with its i th and j th row swapped.

(left) multiplying P_{ij} to a matrix, i.e.

$P_{ij} \cdot A$ results in the i th and j th row of A being swapped.

Check: The permutation matrix $P_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

swaps the first and second row of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 9 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Augmented matrices

Recall that the matrix form of a system of equations is:

$$A \underline{x} = \underline{b}$$

eg.
$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 9 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{b}}.$$

There is a simpler way to write this: the augmented matrix:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 9 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{b}},$$

or in general,

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & \underline{b} \end{bmatrix}.$$

* Matrix multiplication on augmented matrices

If we (left) multiply both sides of the matrix form $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$ by a matrix E ,


we get

$$(EA)\underline{x} = E\underline{b}.$$

So the augmented matrix form of this equation is

$$[EA \quad E\underline{b}].$$

Therefore, if we left multiply an augmented matrix $[A \quad \underline{b}]$ by a matrix E , it is only logical to define it this way:


$$E \cdot [A \quad \underline{b}] = [EA \quad E\underline{b}].$$