

Lecture 2: §1.1 Matrices & Systems of Linear Equations II

§1.2 Echelon forms

Last Time: . Overview of course

. **Main result:** systems of linear equations have either

- ① no solution
- ② a unique solution
- ③ infinite many solutions

. Saw 2 methods for solving linear systems

↗ Manipulate Eqs
↘ Use Geometry

KEY IDEA:

System of m Linear Eqs in n variables

$\rightsquigarrow$

Array of coefficients

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Eqn 1: } a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \text{Eqn 2: } a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ \text{Eqn } m: a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{array} \right. \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right)$$

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$\xrightarrow{\quad}$ $\boxed{a_{11}}$ a_{12} $\dots$ a_{1n} $|$ b_1
 col_1 col_2 $\dots$ col_n col_{n+1}

m equations, n unknowns $\rightsquigarrow$ m rows, $(n+1)$ cols

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_{11}, \dots, a_{1n} \text{ coefficients of Eqn 1} \\ a_{21}, \dots, a_{2n} \text{ Eqn 2} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}, \dots, a_{mn} \text{ Eqn } m \end{array} \right\} \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{row 1 of array} \\ \text{row 2} \\ \vdots \\ \text{row } m \end{array}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} b_1 \text{ constant term for Eqn 1} \\ b_2 \text{ Eqn 2} \\ \vdots \\ b_m \text{ Eqn } m \end{array} \right\} \rightsquigarrow \text{Last column of the array}$$

$(a_{ij} \ \& \ b_i \text{ are fixed}) \quad \begin{matrix} i=1, \dots, m \\ j=1, \dots, n \end{matrix}$

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$\begin{matrix} [x_1] & & [x_n] & [const] \\ \text{col}_1 & & \text{col}_n & \end{matrix}$

$$\boxed{m \text{ equations, } n \text{ unknowns}} \rightsquigarrow \boxed{m \text{ rows, } (n+1) \text{ cols}}$$

Def. A matrix of size $m \times n$ is a rectangular array of numbers with m rows & n columns.

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

$\begin{matrix} \nearrow \text{row index} & \nwarrow \text{column index} \end{matrix}$

WHY?

- Matrices help us to write down linear system
- ——— are convenient for solving systems

Linear Systems $\rightsquigarrow$ Matrix $B=(A|b)$ [Augmented matrix]
• coefficients $\longrightarrow$ A $m \times n$ matrix of coefficients (coefficient matrix)
• constant terms $\longrightarrow$ b $m \times 1$ ——— constants

- LAST TIME: • Manipulated Equations To solve a linear system.
- On the matrix side: manipulate Rows of associated Augmented Matrix

Simpler system = fewer terms



Simpler Augmented Matrix = many 0's

Elementary Operations for equations/matrices

GOAL: Find ways to manipulate linear systems without changing the solutions.
("Find an equivalent system that is easier to solve!")

EQUATIONS	MATRICES

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- ① Interchange 2 Equations $[E_i \leftrightarrow E_j]$
- ② Replace an Equation by a non-zero constant multiple α
 $[E_i \rightarrow \alpha E_i]$
- ③ Replace an equation by adding to it a constant multiple of a different equation
 $[E_i \rightarrow E_i + \alpha E_j] \quad i \neq j$

MATRICES

- ① Interchange 2 Rows $[R_i \leftrightarrow R_j]$
- ② Replace a Row by a non-zero constant multiple α
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Another example (Row operations)

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 - x_4 = 0 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 - 5x_4 = 6 \\ x_1 + 8x_2 + 7x_3 + 3x_4 = 4 \end{cases}$$

Q: Why use the word "Equivalent"? (implicit symmetry!)

A: Row operations are reversible

① Exchange Row_i & Row_j

② Multiply Row_i by a non-zero number α

Ex:
$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 6 & -6 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow \frac{R_2}{6}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

③ Add to Row_i a Constant Multiple of Row_j ($j \neq i$)

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + (-4)R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Conclusion: ① Equivalent Linear Systems $\equiv$ Systems with the same solus

Elementary operations on Equations yield Equivalent Systems

② Define: B & B' are "Row Equivalent" Matrices (write $B \sim_{\text{row}} B'$) if we can transform B into B' via Successive Elementary Row Op.

③ $B \rightsquigarrow$ Associated linear system = System (B)

$\downarrow$
 $B' \rightsquigarrow$ Associated linear system = System (B')

Then : System (B) is equivalent to the System (B').

$\rightsquigarrow$ ALGORITHM for Solving a Linear System

INPUT: Linear System

OUTPUT: Solution Set

Need To Know How To write them down.

STEP 1: Write the augmented matrix $B = [A|b]$ of the input system

STEP 2 Use elementary Row Operations to go from B to a simpler one $= B'$

STEP 3 Solve the simpler linear system associated to B' (bottom to top)

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SIMPLER systems $\longleftrightarrow$ (Reduced) Echelon Matrices

Echelon form = $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \text{ Staircase Shape with 0's below staircase} \\ \bullet \text{ Each Step starts with a 1.} \end{array} \right.$

Reduced Echelon form = Echelon form + 0's above each starting 1.