

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

More on this
→ TODAY!

Manipulate Eqs

Use Geometry

KEY IDEA:

System of m Linear Eqs in n variables

Array of coefficients

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

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

MATRICES!

$$\begin{cases} \text{Eqn 1:} \\ \text{Eqn 2:} \\ \vdots \\ \text{Eqn } m: \end{cases} \begin{matrix} a_{11} x_1 + a_{12} x_2 + \dots + a_{1n} x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21} x_1 + a_{22} x_2 + \dots + a_{2n} x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} x_1 + a_{m2} x_2 + \dots + a_{mn} x_n = b_m \end{matrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{matrix} [x_1] & & [x_n] & [Const] \\ \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right) \end{matrix}$$

col 1
col n

m equations, n unknowns

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m rows, (n+1) cols

a_{11}, \dots, a_{1n}	coefficients of Eqn 1	→	row 1 of array
a_{21}, \dots, a_{2n}	Eqn 2	→	— 2 —
\vdots	⋮		
a_{m1}, \dots, a_{mn}	Eqn n	→	row n —

b_1	constant term for Eqn 1	} → Last column of the array
b_2	Eqn 2	
\vdots	⋮	
b_m	Eqn m	

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

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col_1
 col_n

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

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

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

\uparrow row index \leftarrow column index

Example $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 2×3 matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 2×2 matrix (square matrix) # rows = # cols

WHY?

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

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

Example
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 = 4 \\ 4x_1 - 5x_3 = 0 \\ -2x_1 + 6x_2 = 24 \end{cases}$$

\rightsquigarrow Align variables
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 3x_2 + (-2)x_3 = 4 \\ 4x_1 + 0x_2 + (-5)x_3 = 0 \\ -2x_1 + 6x_2 + 0x_3 = 24 \end{cases}$$

\rightsquigarrow Add 0's for missing terms
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 3x_2 + (-2)x_3 = 4 \\ 4x_1 + 0x_2 + (-5)x_3 = 0 \\ -2x_1 + 6x_2 + 0x_3 = 24 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow B = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -2 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ -2 & 6 & 0 & 24 \end{array} \right]$$

- 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

- 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

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Example:

$$\begin{cases} X + Y = 3 \\ -X + 3Y = 9 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{E_2 \rightarrow E_2 + E_1} \begin{cases} X + Y = 3 \\ 4Y = 12 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{E_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}E_2} \begin{cases} X + Y = 3 \\ Y = 3 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{E_1 \rightarrow E_1 - E_2} \begin{cases} X = 0 \\ Y = 3 \end{cases}$$

EASIER TO SOLVE

EVER EASIER TO SOLVE!

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 9 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 12 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Echelon}} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Reduced Echelon}}$$

ECHELON

REDUCED ECHELON

NOTICE: At every step, we get augmented matrices of the systems above

Another example (Row operations)

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 - x_4 = 0 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 - 5x_4 = 6 \\ x_1 + 8x_2 + 7x_3 + 3x_4 = 4 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow B = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 & -5 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 & 7 & 3 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{1} & 4 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 & -5 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 & 7 & 3 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 6 & -6 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 & 7 & 3 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 6 & -6 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow \frac{R_2}{6}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 4R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow \frac{R_3}{8}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{1} & 4 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \text{ECHELON} \\ \text{(STAIRCASE)} \end{array}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 - x_4 = 0 & \rightsquigarrow x_1 + 4(-x_3 + 1) + 3x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = 1 & \rightsquigarrow x_2 = -x_3 + 1 \\ x_4 = 0 & \rightsquigarrow x_4 = 0 \end{cases} \begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_3 + 4 = 0 \\ \boxed{x_1 = 4 + x_3} \end{array}$$

(FEWER TERMS, SOLVE FROM BOTTOM TO TOP!)

Soln: $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (4 + x_3, -x_3 + 1, x_3, 0) = (4, -1, 0, 0) + x_3(1, -1, 1, 0)$ x_3 free

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

A: Row operations are reversible

① Exchange Row_i & Row_j \rightsquigarrow Exchange back to reverse it

② Multiply Row_i by a non-zero number α

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

$R'_2 \rightarrow 6R'_2$

\rightsquigarrow Reverse by multiplying by $\frac{1}{\alpha}$

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

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

$R'_3 \rightarrow R'_3 + 4R'_2$

\rightsquigarrow Reverse of $R_i \rightarrow R_i + \alpha R_j$ is $R'_i \rightarrow R'_i - \alpha R'_j = R_i + \alpha R_j - \alpha R_j = R_i$

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 $B \underset{\text{row}}{\sim} B'$)
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 \leftrightarrow (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.

Examples: ① $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$

ECHELON

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

RED. ECHELON

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

NOT ECHELON

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}R_3}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

ECHELON

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

✓

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

RED ECHELON

Echelon \rightarrow Red Echelon

- Fix each column from Bottom to Top
- Fix cols from Right to Left