

# Lecture 4

(4.0) Recall - last time we concluded our study of linear systems.

Given  
Linear system of  
 $m$  equations in  
 $n$  variables

Construct  
 $m \times (n+1)$  size  
matrix  $B$   
(augmented matrix  
of the linear system)

Compute  
 $G = RE(B)$   
reduced echelon  
form.

Computationally  
long process

• Does  $G$  contain  $[0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ | \ 1]$  ?

Yes

The system is inconsistent  
Set of solutions = empty

No

• define  $r = \#$  of non-zero rows of  $G$   
(rank)

We proved that  $r \leq m \ \& \ r \leq n$ .

• There are  $n-r$  free/independent variables  
and  $r$  dependent variables (corresponding  
to columns containing leading 1's).

$n-r=0$

The system has a  
unique solution

$n-r > 0$

The system has  
infinitely many  
solutions

A homogeneous system is a linear system whose right-hand side consists entirely of 0's. That is, the last column of its augmented matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Such a system is always consistent.

Homogeneous linear system

# Solutions = 1

or

# Solutions = ∞

( $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = 0$  is a solution  $\neq$  called the trivial solution)

(We say that the system admits non-trivial solutions).

(4.1) An application of homogeneous systems<sup>†</sup> (see Problem #50 of §1.2)

Finding a conic that passes through 5 prescribed points on 2-dimensional plane.

The general equation defining a conic (in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) is

$$\boxed{Ax^2 + By^2 + Cxy + Dx + Ey + F = 0} \quad (*)$$

e.g. Circle :  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  . Ellipse :  $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$  .

Parabola :  $y - x^2 = 0$  . Hyperbola :  $x^2 - y^2 = 1$  .

Idea : Plug-in the 5 prescribed points into (\*) - treat A, B, C, D, E, F as unknowns  $\leadsto$  5 x 6 homogeneous system.

It must have some non-trivial solution (why?).

For example : let us find a conic that passes through

(-1, 2)   (-4, 1)   (3, 2)   (5, 1)   (7, -1)

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Optional.


• Substitute  $x = -1, y = 2$  in (\*) to get

	$A + 4B - 2C - D + 2E + F = 0$	- (eq.1)
• $x = -4$ $y = 1$	$16A + B - 4C - 4D + E + F = 0$	- (eq.2)
• $x = 3$ $y = 2$	$9A + 4B + 6C + 3D + 2E + F = 0$	- (eq.3)
• $x = 5$ $y = 1$	$25A + B + 5C + 5D + E + F = 0$	- (eq.4)
• $x = 7$ $y = -1$	$49A + B - 7C + 7D - E + F = 0$	- (eq.5)

(I solved this by hand - and found it more convenient to list the variables in reverse order  $F, E, D, C, B$  and  $A$ ).  
"  $x_1$  "  $x_2$  "  $x_3$  "  $x_4$  "  $x_5$  "  $x_6$

Coefficient Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & -2 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 & -4 & 1 & 16 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 4 & 9 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 & 5 & 1 & 25 \\ 1 & -1 & 7 & -7 & 1 & 49 \end{bmatrix}$$

RE(-)  
  
 (people will use a computer for this)

(F)	(E)	(D)	(C)	(B)	(A)
1	0	0	0	0	$\frac{113}{3}$
0	1	0	0	0	-18
0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	1
0	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{3}$

A is a free parameter. and  $B = -\frac{1}{3}A$ ;  $C = -A$ ;  $D = 0$ ;  $E = 18A$ ;  
 $F = -\frac{113}{3}A$ .

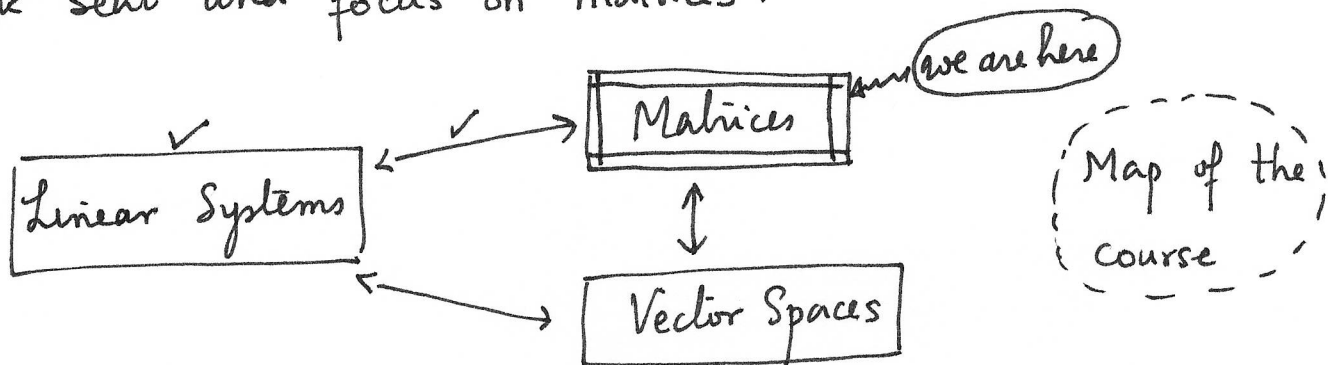
Set  $A = 3$

$$3x^2 - y^2 - 3xy + 54y - 113 = 0$$

just to get rid of the denominator)

this is a hyperbola.

(4.2) Now we are going to put linear systems on back seat and focus on matrices.



Recall that an  $m \times n$  matrix is a rectangular array of numbers, with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns.

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

Short hand notation:

$$A = (a_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq j \leq n}}$$

Or, just  $A = (a_{ij})$  if the size  $m \times n$  is understood.

**Definition.** - Two matrices are equal when they have the same size and same entries. More explicitly:

if  $A = (a_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq j \leq n}}$  and  $B = (b_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq r \\ 1 \leq j \leq s}}$  are two matrices of sizes  $m \times n$  and  $r \times s$  respectively, then

$$\boxed{A = B} \text{ means}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} m = r, n = s, \text{ and for every} \\ (i, j) \text{ with } i = 1, 2, \dots, m; j = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ a_{ij} = b_{ij} \end{array}}$$

e.g.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  (different sizes) (5)

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  (same size, but  
(1,1)-entries are different)  

(1,2) -	"	"	"
(2,1) -	"	"	"

 also.

There are 3 main operations we can perform on matrices.

- Addition
- Scalar multiplication
- Multiplication.

(4.3) Addition of two matrices. - Given two matrices of same size, say  $A = (a_{ij})$   $B = (b_{ij})$  both  $m \times n$  matrices,

$A + B$  is defined to be an  $m \times n$  matrix whose  $(i, j)^{\text{th}}$  entry is  $a_{ij} + b_{ij}$ .

$$(A + B)_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$$

Note: Matrix addition is NOT DEFINED for matrices of different sizes.

e.g.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 7 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 9 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  NOT defined.

(4.4) **Scalar** multiplication. Given an  $m \times n$  size matrix ⑥

just another word for a number - real or complex

$A = (a_{ij})$ , and a number  $\lambda$ ,

$\lambda A = m \times n$  size matrix whose  $(i,j)^{\text{th}}$  entry is  $\lambda a_{ij}$ .

$$(\lambda A)_{ij} = \lambda a_{ij}$$

e.g.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 5A = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -10 \\ 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 20 \end{bmatrix}$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 3 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 2B - C = 2B + (-1)C$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 18 \\ -4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 0 \\ -3 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 18 \\ -7 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(4.5) Matrix multiplication.

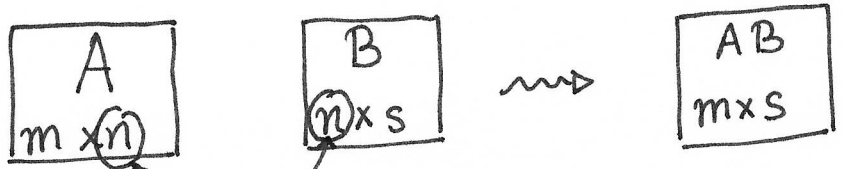
Given  $A = (a_{ij})$   $m \times n$  matrix  
 $B = (b_{kl})$   $r \times s$  matrix

the product  $A \cdot B$

is defined only when  $n = r$ ; i.e.

# Columns of  $A =$  # Rows of  $B$ .

Assuming this is the case ( $n=r$ ), the product  $A \cdot B$  is an  $m \times s$  sized matrix



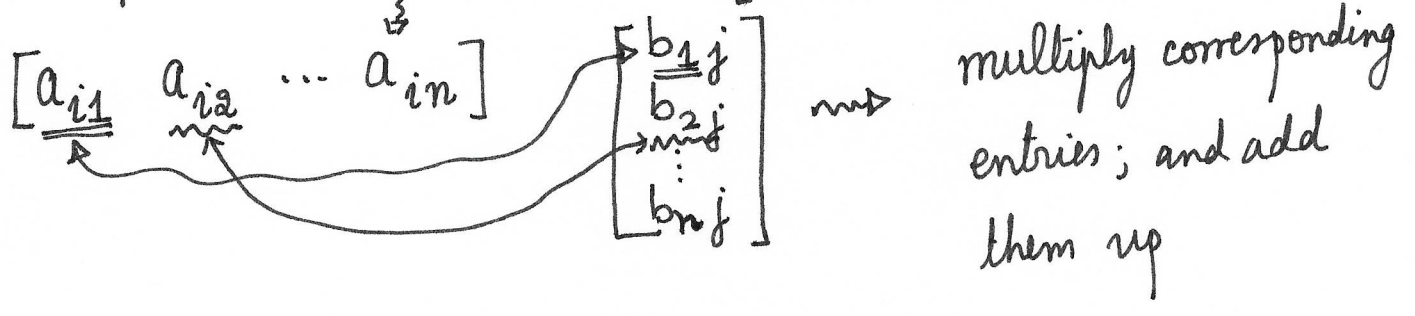
must match; or else the product is NOT defined.

If  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$   
 $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ;  $(i, j)^{th}$  entry of  $A \cdot B$  is defined as:

$$(AB)_{ij} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \dots + a_{in}b_{nj}$$

Summation notation  $\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj}$

Pictorially: to get  $(i, j)^{th}$  entry of the product  $AB$  - focus on  $i^{th}$  row of  $A$  and  $j^{th}$  column of  $B$



$$\rightarrow a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \dots + a_{in}b_{nj}$$

$(i, j)^{th}$  entry of  $A \cdot B$

(4.6) In the next lecture, we will see why this is the "right definition", but for now, let us see some examples.

(i)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  NOT defined.

$2 \times 3$   $2 \times 2$

must match!

(ii)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 7 \\ -2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  is defined and the

$2 \times 3$   $3 \times 3$

result is  $2 \times 3$  - matrix.

(1,1) entry of the product:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow 1(1) + 0(0) + 3(-2) = -5.$

(1,2) entry of the product:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow 1(-1) + 0(2) + 3(4) = 11$

(1,3) entry of the product:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow 1(3) + 0(7) + 3(5) = 18$

... compute (2,1), (2,2) and (2,3) entries ...

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 7 \\ -2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 11 & 18 \\ -1 & 7 & 22 \end{bmatrix}$$

$2 \times 3$   $3 \times 3$   $2 \times 3$