

1.1 + 1.2

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

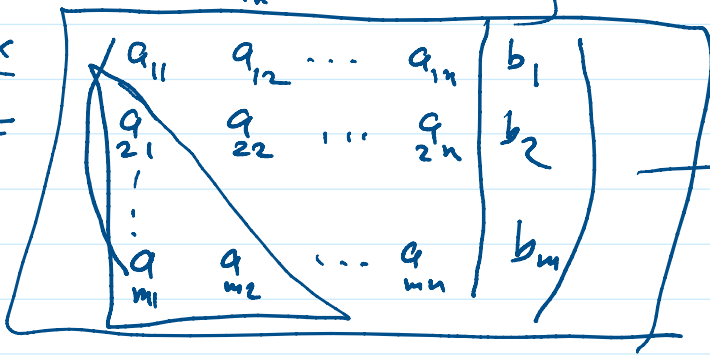
$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

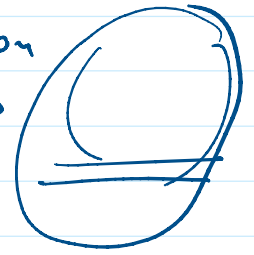
$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

m x n - system.

augmented matrix  
 $(A|b) =$



reduction



Def: A matrix  $M$  is said to be in Row echelon form if

- 1) The first nonzero element in each nonzero row is 1.
- 2) For each nonzero row (k) the number of leading zeros in row (k+1) is greater than the number of leading zeros in row  $k$ .
- 3) If there are zero rows, they are below other rows.

Ex:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  in REF.

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

REF.

Card 2: rows 1, 2

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

not REF.

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

not REF.

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

~~not REF.~~

Remark: Any matrix can be transformed to a matrix in REF using elementary row operations.

- 1)  $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$
  - 2)  $\alpha R_i, \alpha \neq 0$
  - 3)  $(\alpha R_i + R_j) \leftrightarrow R_j$
- } Row operation I  
" " II  
" " III.

$$3) (cR_i + R_j) \leftrightarrow R_j \quad | \leftarrow \quad \text{III.}$$

Ex.  $A = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$

transform  $A$  into REF.  
(find the REF of  $A$ )

→ pivot element.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$R_1 + R_2$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$2R_2 + R_3$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

$-R_3$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right)$$

in REF

is called the REF of  $A$ .

Remark: Given  $(A|b) \xrightarrow{\text{E.R.O.'s}} (U|d)$  in REF.

The system  $(A|b)$  is equivalent to  $(U|d)$ .

Method: Gauss Elimination method.

Ex: solve

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 &= 1 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= 2 \\ 4x_1 + 3x_2 + 3x_3 &= 4 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{-2R_1+R_2 \\ -4R_1+R_3 \\ -3R_1+R_4}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{-R_2+R_3 \\ -R_2+R_4}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{5}R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \text{ REF.}$$

Is there a row of the form  $(0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ | \ c \neq 0)$ ? No  
 so the system is consistent. (one solution or more?)

leading ones  $\rightarrow$  leading variables:  $(2 \text{ L.V.})$   
 $x_1, x_2$

rest of variables: free variables:  $(x_3)$

The system has infinite number  
of solutions.

(If there are no free variables, then the system  
 has only one solution).

(if there are no free variables, then  $v \neq 0 \rightarrow$  system has only one solution).

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

has inf. # of solutions  
 $x_3$ : free variable

Let  $x_3 = \alpha$

(2)  $\Rightarrow x_2 + \frac{1}{5}x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = -\frac{1}{5}\alpha$

(1)  $\Rightarrow x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1 - 2(-\frac{1}{5}\alpha) - \alpha$   
 $= 1 + \frac{2}{5}\alpha - \alpha = 1 - \frac{3\alpha}{5}$

write the leading variables  $\{x_1, x_2\}$  in terms of free variables  $\{x_3\}$

so any solution has the form  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{3\alpha}{5} \\ -\frac{1}{5}\alpha \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $\alpha$  is a scalar

let  $\alpha = 5 \rightarrow x = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$  is a sol.

$\alpha = 0 \rightarrow x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a sol.

$\alpha = 1 \rightarrow x = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{5} \\ -\frac{1}{5} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a sol.  
 $\vdots$

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$(A|b)$

reduction to REF.

$(U|d)$

1) If there is a row of the form  $(0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ | \ c \neq 0)$  then the system is inconsistent (No solutions).

2) if not,  $\left\{ (U|d) \text{ has no row of the form } (0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ | \ c \neq 0) \right\}$

then the system is consistent.

there are free variables,  
the inf. # of solutions

write the leading variables  
in terms of free variables.

general form of the solutions.

there are no free variables, the  
only one sol.

find it.  
(back substitution)

Ex.

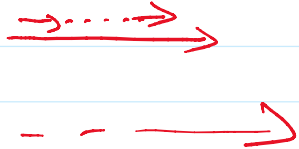
$$-x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 6$$

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 - 2x_4 = -1$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 + 2x_4 = 3.$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$



$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & \underline{1} & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{13}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & -2 \end{array} \right)$$

$x = \square$

cons. , 4 leading  
 no free var.  
 so one solution.