

# Announcements Aug 24

- WeBWorK on Section 1.1 due Thursday night
- Quiz on Section 1.1 Friday 8 am - 8 pm EDT
- My office hours Tue 11-12, Thu 2-3, and by appointment
- TA Office Hours in Skiles 230
  - ▶ Umar Fri 4:20-5:20
  - ▶ Seokbin Wed 10:30-11:30
  - ▶ Manuel Mon 5-6
  - ▶ Juntao Thu 3-4
- Studio on Friday
- Stay tuned for PLUS session info
- For general questions, post on Teams
- Find a group to work with - let me know if you need help

# Section 1.2

Row reduction

## Outline of Section 1.2

- Solve systems of linear equations via elimination
- Solve systems of linear equations via matrices and row reduction
- Learn about row echelon form and reduced row echelon form of a matrix
- Learn the algorithm for finding the (reduced) row echelon form of a matrix
- Determine from the row echelon form of a matrix if the corresponding system of linear equations is consistent or not.

# Solving systems of linear equations by elimination

## Example

Solve:

$$-y + 8z = 10$$

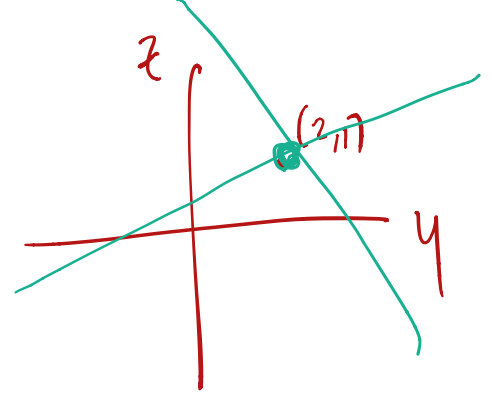
$$5y + 10z = 0$$

How many ways can you do it?

$$\begin{array}{r} 5(-y + 8z = 10) \\ + \quad 5y + 10z = 0 \\ \hline 50z = 50 \\ z = 1 \end{array}$$

elimination

$$\rightsquigarrow y = 2$$



or

$y = 8z - 10$   
plug into other  
eqn.

substitution.

## Example

Solve:

$$-x + y + 3z = -2$$

$$2x - 3y + 2z = 14$$

$$3x + 2y + z = 6$$

3 planes  
→ intersect in  
one point  $(+3, -2, 1)$

Hint: Eliminate  $x$ !

$$\begin{array}{r} 2(-x + y + 3z = -2) \\ + \quad 2x - 3y + 2z = 14 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

no  $x$ 's!

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{top} \\ 3(-x + y + 3z = -2) \\ + \quad 3x + 2y + z = 6 \\ \hline \text{bot} \end{array}$$

no  $x$ 's!

$$5y + 10z = 0$$

$$-y + 8z = 10$$

→ apply last slide to  
find  $z=1, y=-2$   
 $x=+3$

# Solving systems of linear equations with matrices

## Example

Solve:

$$-y + 8z = 10$$

$$5y + 10z = 0$$

$z$

It is redundant to write  $z$  and  $y$  again and again, so we rewrite using (augmented) *matrices*. In other words, just keep track of the coefficients, drop the + and = signs. We put a vertical line where the equals sign is.

eqn 1  $\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 8 & 10 \\ 5 & 10 & 0 \end{array} \right)$   $\rightsquigarrow$  mult. top eqn by 5  $\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -5 & 40 & 50 \\ 5 & 10 & 0 \end{array} \right)$  add top eqn to bottom and make that the bottom row.  $\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -5 & 40 & 50 \\ 0 & 50 & 50 \end{array} \right)$

MATRIX!

div. bot. by 50  $\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -5 & 40 & 50 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$   $\rightarrow$   $z = 1$



# Example

Solve:

$$-x + y + 3z = -2$$

$$2x - 3y + 2z = 14$$

$$3x + 2y + z = 6$$

Again we rewrite using augmented matrices...

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 & 14 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \rightarrow 2R_1 + R_2 \\ \text{"row operation"}}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 8 & 10 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right)$$

replace with

$$R_3 \rightarrow 3R_1 + R_3$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 8 & 10 \\ 0 & 5 & 10 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow 5R_2 + R_3}$$

just did this

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 8 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 50 & 50 \end{array} \right)$$

$\rightsquigarrow z = 1, \text{etc.}$

# Row operations

Our manipulations of matrices are called **row operations**:

row swap, row scale, row replacement

$$\begin{array}{l} \searrow \text{divide by 50} \quad \searrow \\ R_2 \rightarrow 2R_1 + R_2 \end{array}$$

If two matrices differ by a sequence of these three row operations, we say they are **row equivalent**.

$\hookrightarrow$  row equiv matrices have same solns.

**Goal:** Produce a system of equations like:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x & & = 2 \\ & y & = 1 \\ & & z = 5 \end{array}$$

What does this look like in matrix form?

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right)$$

# Row operations

Why do row operations not change the solution?

Solve:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= 2 \\ -2x + y &= -1\end{aligned}$$

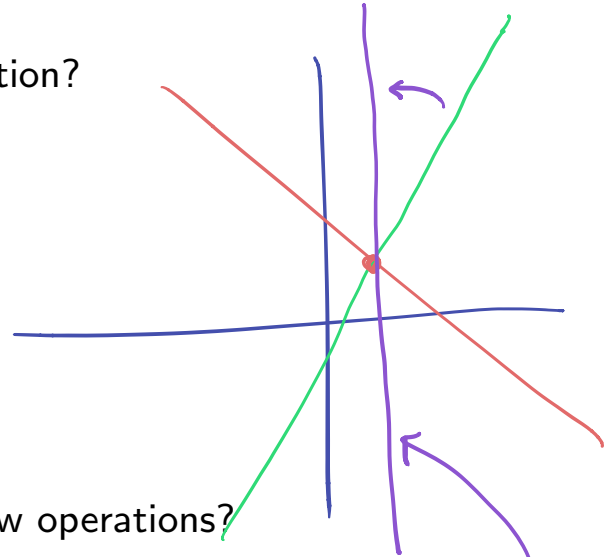
System has one solution,  $x = 1, y = 1$ .

What happens to the two lines as you do row operations?

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \text{row repl:} \\ \rightsquigarrow \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}-3x &= -3 \\ x &= 1\end{aligned}$$



They **pivot** around the solution!

# Row Reduction and Echelon Forms

# Row echelon form

Remember our goal.

**Goal:** Produce a system of equations like

reduced  
row echelon  
form

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x & & = 2 \\ & y & = 1 \\ & & z = 5 \end{array}$$

zeros above &  
below  
"diagonal"

Or at least...

**Easier goal:** Produce a system of equations like

row echelon  
form

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x + 5y - 3z & = & 2 \\ & y + 7z & = 1 \\ & & z = 5 \end{array}$$

diagonal

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right)$$

zeros below the  
"diagonal"

# Row Reduction and Echelon Forms

stairs??

A matrix is in **row echelon form** if

1. all zero rows are at the bottom,
2. each leading (nonzero) entry **of a row** is to the right of the leading entry of the row above, and
3. below a leading entry of a row all entries are zero.

boxes

zero row: row of all 0's

leading entries

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{*} & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & \boxed{*} & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{*} & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This system is easy to solve using back substitution.

The **pivot** positions are the leading entries in each row.

boxes

## Reduced Row Echelon Form

A system is in **reduced row echelon form** if also:

4. the leading entry in each nonzero row is 1
5. each leading entry of a row is the only nonzero entry in its column

For example:

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

*any number,  
zero or not.*

This system is even easier to solve.

**Important.** In any discussion of row echelon form, we ignore any vertical lines!

Can every matrix be put in reduced row echelon form?

# Reduced Row Echelon Form

Poll

Which are in reduced row echelon form?

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

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right) \quad (0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0) \quad (0 \ 1 \ 8 \ 0)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 17 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad \left( \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

REF:

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4. the leading entry in each nonzero row is 1
5. each leading entry of a row is the only nonzero entry in its column



## Row Reduction

**Theorem.** Each matrix is row equivalent to one and only one matrix in reduced row echelon form.

We'll give an algorithm. That shows a matrix is equivalent to at least one matrix in reduced row echelon form.

# Row Reduction Algorithm

To find row echelon form:

Step 1 Swap rows so a leftmost nonzero entry is in 1st row (if needed)

Step 2 Scale 1st row so that its leading entry is equal to 1

Step 3 Use row replacement so all entries below this 1 (or, pivot) are 0

Then cover the first row and repeat the three steps.

To then find reduced row echelon form:

- Use row replacement so that all entries above the pivots are 0.

Examples.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 9 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 8 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 7 & -4 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 12 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right) \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & -5 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & -6 \\ 4 & -4 & -14 & 18 \end{array} \right)$$

▶ Interactive Row Reducer

$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$   
 $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & -10 \\ 0 & -6 & -10 & -24 \end{array} \right)$$

## Solutions of Linear Systems

We want to go from reduced row echelon forms to solutions of linear systems.

Solve the linear system associated to:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

What are the solutions? Say the variables are  $x$  and  $y$ .

## Solutions of Linear Systems: Consistency

Solve the linear system associated to:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

Say the variables are  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ .

A system of equations is inconsistent **exactly** when the corresponding augmented matrix has a pivot in the last column.

## Example with a parameter

For which values of  $h$  does the following system have a solution?

$$x + y = 1$$

$$2x + 2y = h$$

Solve this by row reduction and also solve it by thinking geometrically.

## Summary of Section 1.2

- To solve a system of linear equations we can use the method of elimination.
- We can more easily do elimination with matrices. The allowable moves are row swaps, row scales, and row replacements. This is called row reduction.
- A matrix in row echelon form corresponds to a system of linear equations that we can easily solve by back substitution.
- A matrix in reduced row echelon form corresponds to a system of linear equations that we can easily solve just by looking.
- We have an algorithm for row reducing a matrix to row echelon form.
- The reduced row echelon form of a matrix is unique.
- Two matrices that differ by row operations are called row equivalent.
- A system of equations is inconsistent **exactly** when the corresponding augmented matrix has a pivot in the last column.