

# Announcements Aug 30

- Please turn on your camera if you are able and comfortable doing so
- Use Piazza for general questions
- WeBWorK 1.1 due **Tuesday nite!**
- Quiz on 1.1 due **Friday**. Open 6:30 AM - 8 PM on Canvas, have 15 mins.
- Office hrs: Tue 4-5 Teams, Thu 1-2 Skiles courtyard/Teams, + Pop-ups
- Many, many TA office hours listed on Canvas
- Studio on Friday in person; Studio for M02 will be recorded/streamed
- Section M web site: Google me, click on Teaching, Math 1553
  - ▶ future blank slides, past lecture slides, old quizzes/exams
- Tutoring: <http://tutoring.gatech.edu/tutoring>
- PLUS sessions: <http://tutoring.gatech.edu/plus-sessions>
- Math Lab: <http://tutoring.gatech.edu/drop-tutoring-help-desks>
- Counseling center: <https://counseling.gatech.edu>
- You can do it!

Quizzes

HW #3      ~~4~~<sup>3</sup> vars, ~~2~~<sup>2</sup> eqns  
 $x + y + z = 1$   
 $x + y + z = 2$

# 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?

substitution... not the best for many eqns vars.

elimination:  $5(-y + 8z = 10)$

$$+ \underline{5y + 10z = 0}$$

$$50z = 50$$

$$z = 1$$

back substitute:  $y = -2$

# Example

Solve:

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

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

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

Hint: Eliminate  $x$ !

adding eqns  
is ok.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2(-x + y + 3z = -2) \\ + \quad 2x - 3y + 2z = 14 \\ \hline -y + 8z = 10 \end{array}$$

Many other ways.  
It's an art!

multiplying is ok

$$\begin{array}{r} 3(-x + y + 3z = -2) \\ \quad 3x + 2y + z = 6 \\ \hline 5y + 10z = 0 \end{array}$$

elim.  
vars  
is  
good!

By last page:  $z = 1$   
 $y = -2$

Back subst:  $x = y + 3z + 2$   
 $= -2 + 3 + 2$   
 $= 3$

# Solving systems of linear equations with matrices

## Example

Solve:

$$-y + 8z = 10$$

$$5y + 10z = 0$$

It is redundant to write  $y$  and  $z$  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.

$$\begin{array}{c} y \quad z = \text{const} \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 8 & 10 \\ 5 & 10 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \text{mult top} \\ \rightsquigarrow \\ \text{by } 5 \end{array} \end{array} \quad \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -5 & 40 & 50 \\ 5 & 10 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \text{add} \\ \rightsquigarrow \\ \text{top to} \\ \text{bot} \end{array} \quad \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -5 & 40 & 50 \\ 0 & 50 & 50 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{div top} \\ \text{by } 5 \\ \rightsquigarrow \\ \text{div. bot} \\ \text{by } 50 \end{array} \quad \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 8 & 10 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \text{subtract } 8 \times \text{bot} \\ \rightsquigarrow \\ \text{from top} \end{array} \quad \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \text{mult} \\ \text{top} \\ \rightsquigarrow \\ \text{by } -1 \end{array} \quad \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$z = 1$   
can back subst  
now or...

$y = -2$   
 $z = 1$



# Example

Solve:

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

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

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

Making 0's  
is elimination

Again we rewrite using augmented matrices...

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 & 14 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\text{by } -1]{\text{mult top}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 & 14 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\text{from mid}]{\text{sub. } 2 \times \text{top}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 8 & 10 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right)$$

$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$

$$\xrightarrow[\text{from bot}]{\text{sub } 3 \times \text{top}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 8 & 10 \\ 0 & 5 & 10 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\text{two rows}]{\text{do the last slide on bot}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

can back  
subst  
to find X.

$$\xrightarrow[\text{3 } R_3 \text{ to } R_1]{\text{add } 2R_2 \text{ to } R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$x=3 \\ y=-2 \\ z=1$$

$$z=1 \\ y=-2$$

# Row operations

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

row swap, row scale, row replacement

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \quad \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow 7R_1 \\ \text{mult top} \\ \text{by 7} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + 5R_2 \\ \text{add 5 times middle} \\ \text{to top.} \end{array}$$

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

↳ same solns!

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

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

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

What does this look like in matrix form?

## 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?

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

They **pivot** around the solution!

# Row Reduction and Echelon Forms

## Row echelon form

Remember our goal.

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

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

Or at least...

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

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

*can back  
subst.*

# Row Reduction and Echelon Forms

Zero row: row of all 0's  
(junk)

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

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

leading entries/pivots

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 5 & 7 & 9 & 2 \\ 0 & \boxed{3} & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{7} & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{*} & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & \boxed{*} & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{*} & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{Zero row}$$

This system is easy to solve using back substitution.

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

## Reduced Row Echelon Form

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

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

For example:

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

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?

*No!*  $\left( \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{array} \right)$   $\left( \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$

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

*↑ not a 1 (rule 3)*

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

*Yes!*

$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$

*Yes!*

REF:

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

RREF:

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

*if there are any!*



## 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

## 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  $z$ .

$0 = 1 \Rightarrow$  inconsistent

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.