

L5: Feb. 2, 2017.

### Housekeeping.

- WeBWork due 11:59 p.m. tonight
- Written homework due in class on Tuesday

Last time: row reduction practice.  
questions?

This time: • Linear systems  $\Leftrightarrow$  vector eq'ns  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  matrix eq'ns

- ~~The nature of solution sets~~
- "Formalizing" row reduction — you'll be able to program a computer to row-reduce for you!

Consider the vector equation in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  :

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $x_1$  &  $x_2$  are unknown scalars.

"Simplify" the LHS:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now... two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are equal only if their respective components are equal !

(i.e.,  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$  only when  $a=c$  and  $b=d$ .)

So this "vector equation" boils down to...

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 27 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 = 0 \end{cases}.$$

A LINEAR SYSTEM.

... and, we know how to solve this linear system by converting to an augmented matrix & row-reducing:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 27 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{pivot}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 27 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R1 \\ R2-2R1}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 27 \\ 0 & -3 & -54 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R1 \\ -\frac{1}{3}R2}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 27 \\ 0 & 1 & 18 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R1-R2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 18 \end{array} \right] \text{ RREF}$

$\boxed{x_1 = 9}$   
 $\boxed{x_2 = 18}$

But also... consider the following:

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}_{2 \times 2} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}}_{2 \times 1} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} * \\ * \end{pmatrix}}_{2 \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

A new kind of problem... "matrix eq'ns"

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 27 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : \text{solve for } \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So, the questions ...

- Solve the linear system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 27 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Solve the vector equation

$$x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 27 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Solve the "matrix" equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 27 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

... are exactly the same !

They can all be solved by row-reducing  
(because they are all the same problem !).

Formalizing the concept of row reduction...

On an augmented matrix, it is possible to perform any of the following three row operations ...

(1) ROW SWAP

(2) SCALING A ROW

(3) TAKING THE LINEAR COMBINATION OF TWO ROWS

(i.e., adding a scalar multiple of one row to a scalar multiple of another row)

... and end up with another augmented matrix that is row-equivalent to the one you started with.

### QUESTIONS/EXERCISES:

- ① Every matrix is row-equivalent to itself
- ② If  $A$  is row-equivalent to  $B$ , then  $B$  is row-equivalent to  $A$
- ③ If  $A$  is row-equiv. to  $B$  and  $B$  is row-equiv. to  $C$ , then  $A$  is row-equiv. to  $C$ .

So, ROW EQUIVALENCE is

- REFLEXIVE
- SYMMETRIC
- TRANSITIVE.

Therefore, we call row equivalence an equivalence relation, and observe that it divides the set of all matrices into exclusive equivalence classes, where ~~every~~ matrix in an equiv. class is row-equivalent to every other matrix in that class.

... So, we can perform row operations on augmented matrices and end up with <sub>1</sub> matrices that are all row-equiv.   
 augmented

The goal of row reduction is to end up with an augmented system in row echelon form (REF) or reduced row echelon form (RREF), that's row-equivalent to the matrix you started with.

The systematic algorithm for obtaining RREF or REF from an arbitrary (augmented) ~~system~~ <sup>matrix</sup> is called:

ROW REDUCTION

or

GAUSSIAN ELIMINATION

or

THE GAUSS-JORDAN METHOD :

1. Find the left-most column of the matrix that is not all zeros — it is the "PIVOT COLUMN".

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & -5 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & -6 & 9 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

PIVOT COLUMN

2. Find the uppermost nonzero entry in the pivot column. Call it the "PIVOT".

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & -5 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & -6 & 9 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

PIVOT

3. Swap rows, if necessary, so that the pivot is in the top row.

$$\begin{array}{l} R3 \\ R2 \\ R1 \\ R4 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -5 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -6 & 9 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

PIVOT

4. Scale the pivot row so that the pivot is 1.

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} R1 \\ R2 \\ R3 \\ R4 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -5/2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -6 & 9 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Add appropriate multiples of the PIVOT ROW to all other rows, so that all other entries in the pivot column are zero:  $R4 - 2R1$

PIVOT PIVOT COL

$$\begin{array}{l} R1 \\ R2 \\ R3 \\ R4 - 2R1 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 1 & -5/2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 7 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

6. Repeat steps 1-5 on the submatrix that excludes the pivot row:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 1 & -5/2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 7 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

1.  $\textcircled{2}$  most col. not all 0's  
= PIVOT COL.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 7 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

PIVOT COLUMN

PIVOT.

2. Uppermost nonzero entry of pivot col. = PIVOT

3. ~~Scale pivot row s.t. pivot is 1~~  
Swap rows s.t. pivot is 1<sup>st</sup> in its column.

PIVOT COL.

$$\begin{array}{l} R2 \\ R1 \\ R3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 7 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

4. Scale pivot row s.t. pivot value is 1.

PIVOT COL.

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} R2 \\ R2 \\ R3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 1 & 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 7 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

5. Annihilate the entries in the pivot col. below the pivot

$$\begin{array}{l} R1 \\ R2 \\ R3 + 2R1 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 1 & 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

7. Repeat Step 6 until

there are no remaining rows in the matrix.

6. Write the submatrix that excludes the top row:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

PIVOT

PIVOT column

1. Identify pivot col.

2. — " —

3. Put pivot in top of col.  $\frac{1}{2}R_1$   $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

4. Scale pivot to 1  $R_2$   $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

5. Annihilate what's below pivot:  $R_2 - 2R_1$   $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

6. New submatrix is  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$ .

(7+) Put the "removed" rows back:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -5/2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix is now in REF.

To get RREF...

8. Find the right-most column that has a pivot. (The pivot is the lowest (top-down) nonzero entry in the column.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -5/2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{PIVOT COL.}$$

9. Repeat ~~Steps 8-9~~ 5; annihilate all entries in pivot column above the pivot.

$$\begin{array}{l} R1 + \frac{5}{2} R3 \\ R2 - \frac{3}{2} R3 \\ R3 \\ R4 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 19/4 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -17/4 & -5/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2 + \frac{5}{2}(2) = 7; \quad -2 - \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = -2 - \frac{9}{4}$$

$$1 + \frac{5}{2}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 1 + \frac{15}{4} = \frac{19}{4}; \quad = -\frac{8-9}{4} = -\frac{17}{4}; \quad \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2}(2) = \frac{1}{2} - 3$$

10. Repeat steps 8-9 for the next right most ^ column.  
pivot

$$\begin{array}{l} R1 - R2 \\ R2 \\ R3 \\ R4 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 9 & 19/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -17/4 & -5/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

11. Repeat step 10 until all pivot columns have only one nonzero ~~\*~~ entry, and that entry is 1.