# Linear systems and matrices 

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## Systems of linear equations

General form of a $m \times n$ linear system:

$$
\begin{aligned}
a_{11} x_{1}+a_{12} x_{2}+\cdots+a_{1 n} x_{n} & =b_{1} \\
a_{21} x_{1}+a_{22} x_{2}+\cdots+a_{2 n} x_{n} & =b_{2} \\
& \vdots \\
a_{m 1} x_{1}+a_{m 2} x_{2}+\cdots+a_{m n} x_{n} & =b_{m}
\end{aligned}
$$

System coefficients: The real numbers $a_{i j}$
System constants: The real numbers $b_{i}$
Homogeneous system: When $b_{i}=0$ for all $i$

## Example of linear system

Linear system in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
x_{1}+x_{2}+x_{3} & =1 \\
x_{2}-x_{3} & =2 \\
x_{2}+x_{3} & =6
\end{aligned}
$$

Unique solution by substitution:

$$
x_{1}=-5, \quad x_{2}=4, \quad x_{3}=2
$$

## Notation $\mathbb{R}^{n}$

Definition of $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ :
Set of ordered $n$-uples of real numbers $\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$
Matrix notation:
An element of $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ can be seen as a row or column $n$-vector

$$
\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right) \longleftrightarrow\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{1} \\
x_{2} \\
\vdots \\
x_{n}
\end{array}\right] \longleftrightarrow\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right]
$$

## Linear systems in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ <br> General system in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a_{11} x_{1}+a_{12} x_{2}+a_{13} x_{3}=b_{1} \\
& a_{21} x_{1}+a_{22} x_{2}+a_{23} x_{3}=b_{2} \\
& a_{31} x_{1}+a_{32} x_{2}+a_{33} x_{3}=b_{3}
\end{aligned}
$$

Geometrical interpretation: Intersection of 3 planes in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$


Three parallel planes (no intersection): no solution


Planes intersect at a point: a unique solution


No common intersection: no solution


Planes intersect in a line: an infinite number of solutions

## Sets of solutions

Possible sets of solutions: In the general $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ case we can have

- No solution to a linear system
- A unique solution
- An infinite number of solutions


## Definition 1.

Consider a linear system given by (1). Then
(1) If there is at least one solution the system is consistent
(2) If there is no solution the system is inconsistent

## Related matrices

Matrix of coefficients: For the system (1), given by

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \ldots & a_{1 n} \\
a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \ldots & a_{2 n} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
a_{m 1} & a_{m 2} & a_{m 3} & \ldots & a_{m n}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Augmented matrix: For the system (1), given by

$$
A^{\sharp}=\left[\begin{array}{cccccc}
a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \ldots & a_{1 n} & b_{1} \\
a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \ldots & a_{2 n} & b_{2} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
a_{m 1} & a_{m 2} & a_{m 3} & \ldots & a_{m n} & b_{m}
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Vector formulation (1)

Example of system in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{1}+3 x_{2}-4 x_{3}=1 \\
& 2 x_{1}+5 x_{2}-x_{3}=5 \\
& x_{1} \quad+6 x_{3}=3
\end{aligned}
$$

## Vector formulation (2)

Related matrices:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 3 & -4 \\
2 & 5 & -1 \\
1 & 0 & 6
\end{array}\right], \quad b=\left[\begin{array}{l}
1 \\
5 \\
3
\end{array}\right], \quad x=\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{1} \\
x_{2} \\
x_{3}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Vector formulation of the system:

$$
A x=b
$$

## Systems of differential equations (1)

Example of system in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{1}^{\prime}=3 x_{1}+\sin (t) x_{2}+e^{t} \\
& x_{2}^{\prime}=7 t x_{1}+t^{2} x_{2}-4 e^{-t}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Systems of differential equations (2)

Related matrices:

$$
A(t)=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
3 & \sin (t) \\
7 t & t^{2}
\end{array}\right], \quad \mathbf{b}(t)=\left[\begin{array}{c}
e^{t} \\
-4 e^{-t}
\end{array}\right], \quad \mathbf{x}(t)=\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{1}(t) \\
x_{2}(t)
\end{array}\right]
$$

Vector formulation of the system:

$$
\mathbf{x}^{\prime}(t)=A(t) \mathbf{x}(t)+\mathbf{b}(t)
$$

## Second order differential equations and systems (1)

A family of functions: For $A, B \in \mathbb{R}$, set

$$
y(x)=A e^{3 x}+B e^{-3 x}
$$

Equation solved by $y$ : It can be shown that

$$
y^{\prime \prime}-9 y=0
$$

Initial data:

$$
y(0)=7, \quad y^{\prime}(0)=9
$$

Question:
Find $A$ and $B$ according to the initial data

## Second order differential equations and systems (2)

Related system

$$
\begin{array}{cc}
A & +B
\end{array}=7
$$

Solution:

$$
A=5, \quad B=2
$$

Solution to initial value problem:

$$
y(x)=5 e^{3 x}+2 e^{-3 x}
$$

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## Elementary row operations

Operations leaving the system unchanged:
(1) Permute equations
(2) Multiply a row by a nonzero constant
( Add a multiple of one equation to another equation
Example of system:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{1}+3 x_{2}-4 x_{3}=1 \\
& 2 x_{1}+5 x_{2}-x_{3}=5 \\
& x_{1} \quad+6 x_{3}=3
\end{aligned}
$$

## Example of elementary row operations

Example of system:

$$
\begin{array}{cccc}
x_{1} & +3 x_{2} & -4 x_{3} & =1 \\
2 x_{1} & +5 x_{2} & -x_{3} & =5 \\
x_{1} & & +6 x_{3} & =3
\end{array}
$$

Permute $R_{1}$ and $R_{2}$ : Denoted by $P_{12}$

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
2 x_{1} & +5 x_{2} & -x_{3}
\end{array}=5 \begin{gathered}
\\
x_{1} \\
x_{1}
\end{gathered}+3 x_{2}-4 x_{3}=1, ~+6 x_{3}=3
$$

## Example of elementary row operations (2)

Example of system:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{1}+3 x_{2}-4 x_{3}=1 \\
& 2 x_{1}+5 x_{2}-x_{3}=5 \\
& x_{1} \quad+6 x_{3}=3
\end{aligned}
$$

Multiply $R_{2}$ by -2 : Denoted by $M_{2}(-2)$

$$
\begin{array}{cccc}
2 x_{1} & +5 x_{2} & -x_{3} & =5 \\
-4 x_{1} & -10 x_{2} & +2 x_{3} & =-10 \\
x_{1} & & +6 x_{3} & =3
\end{array}
$$

## Example of elementary row operations (3)

Example of system:

$$
\begin{array}{cccc}
x_{1} & +3 x_{2} & -4 x_{3} & =1 \\
2 x_{1} & +5 x_{2} & -x_{3} & =5 \\
x_{1} & & +6 x_{3} & =3
\end{array}
$$

Add $2 R_{3}$ to $R_{1}$ : Denoted by $A_{31}(2)$

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
3 x_{1} & +3 x_{2} & +8 x_{3}
\end{array}=7 \begin{gathered}
\\
2 x_{1}+5 x_{2} \\
x_{1}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Elementary operations in matrix form

Example of system:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{1}+3 x_{2}-4 x_{3}=1 \\
& 2 x_{1}+5 x_{2}-x_{3}=5 \\
& x_{1} \quad+6 x_{3}=3
\end{aligned}
$$

Adding $2 R_{3}$ to $R_{1}$ :

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 3 & -4 & 1 \\
2 & 5 & -1 & 5 \\
1 & 0 & 6 & 3
\end{array}\right] \stackrel{A_{31}(2)}{\sim}\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
3 & 3 & 8 & 7 \\
2 & 5 & -1 & 5 \\
1 & 0 & 6 & 3
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Row-echelon matrices

## Definition 2.

A $m \times n$ matrix is row-echelon whenever
(1) If there are rows consisting only of 0 's
$\hookrightarrow$ They are at the bottom of the matrix
(2) 1st nonzero entries of each row have a triangular shape $\hookrightarrow$ Called leading entries
(3) All entries in a column below a leading entry are 0 's

## Reduced row-echelon matrices

## Definition 3.

A reduced row-echelon matrix is a matrix $A$ such that
(1) $A$ is row-echelon
(2) All leading entries are $=1$
(3) Any column with a leading 1 has zeros everywhere else

## Example of row-echelon matrix (1)

Row-echelon matrix:

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

## Example of row-echelon matrix (2)

Related system:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{1}+x_{2}-x_{3}=4 \\
& +x_{2}-3 x_{3}=5 \\
& x_{3}=2
\end{aligned}
$$

Solution of the system: very easy thanks to a back substitution

$$
x_{3}=2, \quad x_{2}=11, \quad x_{1}=-5
$$

Strategy to solve general systems:
$\hookrightarrow$ Reduction to a row-echelon system

## Reduction to a row-echelon system

Algorithm:
(1) Start with a $m \times n$ matrix $A$. If $A=0$, go to step 7 .
(2) Pivot column: leftmost nonzero column.

Pivot position: topmost position in the pivot column.
(3) Use elementary row operations to put 1 in the pivot position.
(- Use elementary row operations to put zeros below pivot position.
(0. If all rows below pivot are 0 , go to step 7 .
(- Otherwise apply steps 2 to 5 to the rows below pivot position.
(-) The matrix is row-echelon.

## Example of reduction

First operations:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{llll}
3 & 2 & -5 & 2 \\
1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\
1 & 0 & -3 & 4
\end{array}\right] \stackrel{P_{12}}{\sim}\left[\begin{array}{llll}
1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\
3 & 2 & -5 & 2 \\
1 & 0 & -3 & 4
\end{array}\right] \stackrel{A_{12}(-3), A_{13}(-1)}{\sim}\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\
0 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\
0 & -1 & -2 & 3
\end{array}\right]
$$

Iteration:

$$
\stackrel{M_{2}(-1)}{\sim}\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\
0 & -1 & -2 & 3
\end{array}\right] \stackrel{A_{23}(1)}{\sim}\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 4
\end{array}\right] \stackrel{M_{3}(1 / 4)}{\sim}\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Basic idea to solve linear systems

Aim:
Solve a linear system of equations

## Strategy:

(1) Reduce the augmented matrix to row-echelon
(2) Solve the system backward thanks to the row-echelon form

## Example of system (1)

System:

$$
\begin{array}{cccc}
3 x_{1} & -2 x_{2} & +2 x_{3} & =9 \\
x_{1} & -2 x_{2} & +x_{3} & =5 \\
2 x_{1} & -x_{2} & -2 x_{3} & =-1
\end{array}
$$

Augmented matrix:

$$
A^{\sharp}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
3 & -2 & 2 & 9 \\
1 & -2 & 1 & 5 \\
2 & -1 & -2 & -1
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Example of system (2)

Row-echelon form of the augmented matrix:

$$
A^{\sharp} \sim\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & -2 & 1 & 5 \\
0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 2
\end{array}\right]
$$

System corresponding to the augmented matrix:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{1}-2 x_{2}+x_{3}=5 \\
& x_{2}+3 x_{3}=5 \\
& x_{3}=2
\end{aligned}
$$

Solution set:

$$
S=\{(1,-1,2)\}
$$

## Ex. of system with $\infty$ number of solutions

System:

$$
\begin{array}{ccccc}
x_{1} & -2 x_{2} & +2 x_{3} & -x_{4} & =3 \\
3 x_{1} & +x_{2} & +6 x_{3} & +11 x_{4} & =16  \tag{2}\\
2 x_{1} & -x_{2} & +4 x_{3} & +4 x_{4} & =9
\end{array}
$$

Row-echelon form of the augmented matrix:

$$
A^{\sharp} \sim\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
1 & -2 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Ex. of system with $\infty$ number of solutions (2)

Consistency: From row-echelon form we have

- 4 variables
- 2 leading entries
- No equation of the form $1=0$

Therefore we have a
$\hookrightarrow$ Consistent system with infinite number of solutions

## Ex. of system with $\infty$ number of solutions (3)

Rule for systems with $\infty$ number of solutions:

- Choose as free variables those variables that do not correspond to a leading 1 in row-echelon form of $A^{\sharp}$

Application to system (2):

- Free variables: $x_{3}=s$ and $x_{4}=t$

Solution set:

$$
\begin{aligned}
S & =\{(5-2 s-3 t, 1-2 t, s, t) ; s, t \in \mathbb{R}\} \\
& =\{(5,1,0,0)+s(-2,0,1,0)+t(-3,-2,0,1) ; s, t \in \mathbb{R}\}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Reduced row-echelon matrices

## Definition 4.

A reduced row-echelon matrix is a matrix $A$ such that
(1) $A$ is row-echelon
(2) All leading entries are $=1$
(3) Any column with a leading 1 has zeros everywhere else

## Example of reduced row-echelon (1)

Matrix:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 9 & 26 \\
0 & 14 & 28 \\
0 & -14 & -28
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Example of reduced row-echelon (2)

Reduced row-echelon form:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 9 & 26 \\
0 & 14 & 28 \\
0 & -14 & -28
\end{array}\right] \stackrel{M_{2}(1 / 14)}{\sim}\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 9 & 26 \\
0 & 1 & 2 \\
0 & -14 & -28
\end{array}\right] \stackrel{A_{21}(-9), A_{23}(14)}{\sim}\left[\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 0 & 8 \\
0 & 1 & 2 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

Remark: One can also
(1) Obtain the row-echelon form
(2) Get the reduced row-echelon working upward and to the left

## Example of system (1)

System:

$$
\begin{array}{cccc}
3 x_{1} & -2 x_{2} & +2 x_{3} & =9 \\
x_{1} & -2 x_{2} & +x_{3} & =5 \\
2 x_{1} & -x_{2} & -2 x_{3} & =-1
\end{array}
$$

Augmented matrix:

$$
A^{\sharp}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
3 & -2 & 2 & 9 \\
1 & -2 & 1 & 5 \\
2 & -1 & -2 & -1
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Example of system (2)

Row-echelon form of the augmented matrix:

$$
A^{\sharp} \sim\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & -2 & 1 & 5 \\
0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 2
\end{array}\right]
$$

System corresponding to the augmented matrix:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{1}-2 x_{2}+x_{3}=5 \\
& x_{2}+3 x_{3}=5 \\
& x_{3}=2
\end{aligned}
$$

Solution set:

$$
S=\{(1,-1,2)\}
$$

## Solving with reduced row-echelon

System:

$$
\begin{array}{cccc}
x_{1} & +2 x_{2} & -x_{3} & =1 \\
2 x_{1} & +5 x_{2} & -x_{3} & =3 \\
x_{1} & +3 x_{2} & +2 x_{3} & =6
\end{array}
$$

Augmented matrix:

$$
A^{\sharp}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\
2 & 5 & -1 & 3 \\
1 & 3 & 2 & 6
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Solving with reduced row-echelon (2)

Reduced row-echelon form of the augmented matrix:

$$
A^{\sharp} \sim\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 2
\end{array}\right]
$$

System corresponding to the augmented matrix:

$$
\begin{array}{cccc}
x_{1} & & & =5 \\
& x_{2} & & =-1 \\
& & x_{3} & =2
\end{array}
$$

Solution set:

$$
S=\{(5,-1,2)\}
$$

## Comparison between reduced and non reduced

Pros and cons:

- For Gauss-Jordan, the final backward system is easier to solve
- The reduced row-echelon form is costly in terms of computations
- Overall, Gauss is more efficient than Gauss-Jordan for systems

Main interest of Gauss-Jordan:

- One can compute the inverse of a matrix


## Homogeneous systems

## Proposition 5.

For a $m \times n$ matrix $A$, consider the system

$$
A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0} .
$$

Then we have
(1) The system is always consistent $\hookrightarrow$ with trivial solution $\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}$.
(2) If $m<n$, the system has $\infty$ number of solutions.
(3) If $m=n$, then trivial solution $\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}$ is the unique solution iff $A$ is row-equivalent to $I_{n}$

## Example of homogeneous system

Matrix:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & 2 & 3 \\
0 & 1 & -1 \\
0 & 3 & 7
\end{array}\right]
$$

System:

$$
A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}
$$

## Example of homogeneous system (2)

Reduced echelon form of $A$ :

$$
\left[\begin{array}{lll}
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

Number of solutions: We have $m=n=3$ and $A$ not equivalent to $I_{3}$ $\hookrightarrow$ infinite number of solutions

Set of solutions:

$$
S=\{(s, 0,0) ; s \in \mathbb{R}\} .
$$

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## Matrix

## Definition 6.

A $m \times n$ matrix is a rectangular array of numbers with $m$ rows and $n$ columns

Example of $2 \times 3$ matrix:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
\frac{3}{2} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{5} \\
0 & \frac{5}{4} & -\frac{3}{7}
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Index notation

Recall: we have

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
\frac{3}{2} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{5} \\
0 & \frac{5}{4} & -\frac{3}{7}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Index notation: For the matrix $A$ we have

$$
a_{12}=\frac{2}{3}, \quad a_{21}=0, \quad a_{23}=-\frac{3}{7}
$$

Index notation for a $m \times n$ matrix:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \ldots & a_{1 n} \\
a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \ldots & a_{2 n} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
a_{m 1} & a_{m 2} & a_{m 3} & \ldots & a_{m n}
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Vectors

A row 3-vector:

$$
a=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{4}{7}
\end{array}\right]
$$

A column 5-vector:

$$
b=\left[\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
4 \\
\pi \\
-67 \\
3
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Transpose

## Definition 7.

Let

- $A=\left(a_{i j}\right)$ be a $m \times n$ matrix

Then $A^{T}$ is the matrix defined by

$$
a_{i j}^{T}=a_{j i}
$$

## Example of transpose

Matrix:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
\frac{3}{2} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{5} \\
0 & \frac{5}{4} & -\frac{3}{7}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Transpose:

$$
A^{T}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\frac{3}{2} & 0 \\
\frac{2}{3} & \frac{5}{4} \\
\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{3}{7}
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Square matrices

## Definition 8.

Let

- $A=\left(a_{i j}\right)$ be a $m \times n$ matrix

If $m=n$, then $A$ is a square matrix

Diagonal of a square matrix: Elements $a_{i j}$. An example is

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 7 & 4 \\
2 & 9 & 0 \\
8 & 5 & 5
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Square matrices (2)

Diagonal matrix:

$$
\operatorname{Diag}(1,2,3)=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 2 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 3
\end{array}\right]
$$

Symmetric matrix: such that $A^{T}=A$. Example given by

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 7 & 4 \\
7 & 9 & 0 \\
4 & 0 & 5
\end{array}\right]
$$

Skew-symmetric matrix: such that $A^{T}=-A$. Example given by

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & 7 & 4 \\
-7 & 0 & 0 \\
-4 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Matrix function

## Definition 9.

A $m \times n$ matrix function is a matrix whose elements are functions of a variable $t$.

Example: A $2 \times 3$ matrix-valued function

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
t^{2} & \cos (t) & 3 t-2 \\
\ln (t) & e^{-5 t} & t \sin (t)
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Elementary operations on matrices

Addition:

$$
A+B=\left(a_{i j}\right)+\left(b_{i j}\right)=\left(a_{i j}+b_{i j}\right)
$$

Scalar multiplication: for $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$
\alpha A=\alpha\left(a_{i j}\right)=\left(\alpha a_{i j}\right)
$$

Multiplication: If $A$ is $m \times n$ and $B$ is $n \times p$, then

$$
C=A B \quad \Longrightarrow \quad c_{i j}=\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{i k} b_{k j}
$$

## Rules for multiplications

Identity: $I_{n}$ is a $n \times n$ matrix defined by

$$
I_{n}=\operatorname{Diag}(1, \ldots, 1)
$$

Rules to follow:

$$
\begin{aligned}
A(B+C)=A B+A C & \text { Distributive law } \\
A(B C)=(A B) C & \text { Associative law } \\
A 0=0 A=0 & \text { Absorbing state } \\
A \operatorname{ld}=\operatorname{ld} A=A & \text { Identity element }
\end{aligned}
$$

Rule not to follow:

- $A B \neq B A$ in general.


## Example of elementary operations (1)

Matrices:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{rr}
1 & -2 \\
0 & 2
\end{array}\right] \quad \text { and } \quad B=\left[\begin{array}{rr}
2 & 1 \\
1 & -1
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Example of elementary operations (2)

Matrices:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{rr}
1 & -2 \\
0 & 2
\end{array}\right] \quad \text { and } \quad B=\left[\begin{array}{rr}
2 & 1 \\
1 & -1
\end{array}\right]
$$

Sum and scalar multiplication:

$$
A+B=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
3 & -1 \\
1 & 1
\end{array}\right], \quad 2 A=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
2 & -4 \\
0 & 4
\end{array}\right]
$$

Products:

$$
A B=\left[\begin{array}{rr}
0 & 3 \\
2 & -2
\end{array}\right] \quad \text { and } \quad B A=\left[\begin{array}{rr}
2 & -2 \\
1 & -4
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Dot product

## Definition 10.

Let

- $a$ and $b$ two column $n$-vectors

Then $a \cdot b$ is the number defined by

$$
a \cdot b=a^{T} b=\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{k} b_{k}
$$

## Example of dot product

Vectors: We consider

$$
a=\left[\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
-3 \\
1
\end{array}\right], \quad b=\left[\begin{array}{c}
0 \\
2 \\
-1
\end{array}\right]
$$

Dot product: We get

$$
a \cdot b=-7
$$

## Properties of the transpose

## Theorem 11.

Let

- $A, C$ be two $m \times n$ matrices
- $B$ be a $n \times p$ matrix

Then
(1) $\left(A^{T}\right)^{T}=A$
(2) $(A+C)^{T}=A^{T}+C^{T}$
(3) $(A B)^{T}=B^{T} A^{T}$

## Triangular matrices

Example of upper triangular matrix:

$$
U=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 7 & 4 \\
0 & 9 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 5
\end{array}\right]
$$

Example of lower triangular matrix:

$$
L=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
-7 & 9 & 0 \\
-4 & 0 & 5
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Triangular matrices (2)

Triangular matrices and products:
(1) The product of two upper trg. mat. is an upper trg. mat.
(2) The product of two lower trg. mat. is a lower trg. mat.

Example:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 7 & 4 \\
0 & 9 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 5
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & -1 & -4 \\
0 & 9 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 5
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 62 & 16 \\
0 & 81 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 25
\end{array}\right]
$$

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## Definition of inverse

Problem: Consider a $n \times n$ matrix $A$. We wish to find $B$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
A B=I_{n}, \quad \text { and } \quad B A=I_{n} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Definition 12.

If $B$ satisfies (3), we set

$$
B=A^{-1}
$$

$A^{-1}$ is called the inverse of $A$.

Remark on notation:

- $A^{-1}$ does not mean $\frac{1}{A}$
- $\frac{1}{A}$ has no meaning unless $n=1$, i.e $A \in \mathbb{R}$


## Computation for a 2-d case

Theorem 13.
Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ of the form

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
a & b \\
c & d
\end{array}\right]
$$

Then
(1) $A$ is invertible iff its determinant is non zero

$$
\operatorname{det}(A) \equiv a d-b c \neq 0
$$

(2) If $A$ is invertible we have

$$
A^{-1}=\frac{1}{a d-b c}\left[\begin{array}{cc}
d & -b \\
-c & a
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Example

Matrices:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{rr}
1 & -2 \\
0 & 2
\end{array}\right] \quad \text { and } \quad B=\left[\begin{array}{rr}
2 & 1 \\
1 & -1
\end{array}\right]
$$

Inverse:

$$
A^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 1 \\
0 & \frac{1}{2}
\end{array}\right], \quad B^{-1}=\frac{1}{3}\left[\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 1 \\
1 & -2
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Relation with previous notions

Inverse and systems: If $A$ is invertible, then

$$
A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{x}=A^{-1} \mathbf{b}
$$

Inverse and rank: $A$ is invertible iff
$A$ is row-equivalent to $I_{n}$

## Gauss-Jordan technique (for $3 \times 3$ matrices)

Method:
(1) Form an augmented matrix of the form

$$
A^{\sharp}=\left[\begin{array}{llllll}
a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

(2) Use the Gauss-Jordan reduction technique, which yields

$$
\left.A^{\sharp} \sim\left[\begin{array}{llllll}
1 & 0 & 0 & b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\
0 & 1 & 0 & b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\
0 & 0 & 1 & b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33}
\end{array}\right]\right\} \equiv B
$$

(3) Then $B=A^{-1}$

## 2-d example

Matrix:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 2 \\
1 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

Augmented matrix:

$$
A^{\sharp}=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

Gauss-Jordan reduced form:

$$
A^{\sharp} \sim\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\
0 & 1 & 1 & -1
\end{array}\right]
$$

Inverse:

$$
A^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
-1 & 2 \\
1 & -1
\end{array}\right]
$$

## 2-d example (2)

System:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
x_{1} & +2 x_{2}=3 \\
x_{1} & +x_{2}=2
\end{array}
$$

Related matrices:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 2 \\
1 & 1
\end{array}\right], \quad \mathbf{b}=\left[\begin{array}{l}
3 \\
2
\end{array}\right]
$$

Solution:

$$
\mathbf{x}=A^{-1} \mathbf{b}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
-1 & 2 \\
1 & -1
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
3 \\
2
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
1 \\
1
\end{array}\right]
$$

Solution set:

$$
S=\{(1,1)\}
$$

## Properties of the inverse

## Proposition 14.

Let

- $A$ and $B$ invertible $n \times n$ matrices

Then
(1) $\left(A^{-1}\right)^{-1}=A$
(2) $(A B)^{-1}=B^{-1} A^{-1}$
(3) $\left(A^{T}\right)^{-1}=\left(A^{-1}\right)^{T}$

## Checking property 2 (1)

Example of matrices:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 2 \\
1 & 1
\end{array}\right], \quad B=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
3 & 1 \\
2 & 1
\end{array}\right] \quad A B=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
7 & 3 \\
5 & 2
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Checking property 2 (2)

Inverses:

$$
A^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
-1 & 2 \\
1 & -1
\end{array}\right], \quad B^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
1 & -1 \\
-2 & 3
\end{array}\right]
$$

Rule \#2:

$$
(A B)^{-1}=B^{-1} A^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
-2 & 3 \\
5 & -7
\end{array}\right]
$$

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## Particular cases

$1 \times 1$ matrix:

$$
A=\left[a_{11}\right] \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \operatorname{det}(A)=a_{11}
$$

$2 \times 2$ matrix:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
a_{11} & a_{12} \\
a_{21} & a_{22}
\end{array}\right] \Longrightarrow \operatorname{det}(A)=a_{11} a_{22}-a_{12} a_{21}
$$

$3 \times 3$ matrix:


## Remarks

Generalization: The determinant is defined for any $n \times n$ matrix $\hookrightarrow$ Combinatorics involved

Motivation: In general

$$
\operatorname{det}(A) \neq 0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad A \text { is invertible }
$$

Notation:

$$
\operatorname{det}(A) \equiv|A|
$$

## Examples

$2 \times 2$ matrix:

$$
\left|\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 3 \\
2 & 5
\end{array}\right|=-1
$$

$3 \times 3$ matrix:

$$
\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 3 & -4 \\
2 & 5 & -1 \\
1 & 0 & 6
\end{array}\right|=11
$$

## Recursive method: strategy

## Fact:

The determinant computation requires $n$ ! operations
Aim:
Reduce the order of a determinant by an expansion
Vocabulary:
First we have to introduce the notions of

- Minor
- Cofactor


## Minors of a matrix

## Definition 15.

Let $A$ be a $n \times n$ matrix. Then
$A_{i j}=$
$\operatorname{det}($ matrix obtained by deleting $i$ th row and $j$ th column of $A$ )
The quantity $A_{i j}$ is called minor of $a_{i j}$.

## Example of minor

Example:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 3 & -4 \\
2 & 5 & -1 \\
1 & 0 & 6
\end{array}\right] \quad \Longrightarrow \quad A_{12}=\left|\begin{array}{cc}
2 & -1 \\
1 & 6
\end{array}\right|=13
$$

## Cofactors of a matrix

## Definition 16.

Let $A$ be a $n \times n$ matrix. Then

$$
C_{i j}=(-1)^{i+j} A_{i j}
$$

The quantity $C_{i j}$ is called cofactor of $a_{i j}$.

## Example of cofactor

Example:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 3 & -4 \\
2 & 5 & -1 \\
1 & 0 & 6
\end{array}\right] \quad \Longrightarrow \quad C_{12}=-M_{12}=-13
$$

Remark: Alternate signs assignment for $C_{i j}$

## Cofactor expansion

## Theorem 17.

Let

- $A$ be a $n \times n$ matrix.

Then
(1) One can expand the determinant along the $i$-th row:

$$
\operatorname{det}(A)=\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{i k} C_{i k}
$$

(2) One can expand the determinant along the $j$-th column:

$$
\operatorname{det}(A)=\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{k j} C_{k j}
$$

## Example of application

Rule:
To simplify computations, choose row or column with 0's
Example:
Here we expand along the 3rd row

$$
\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 3 & -4 \\
2 & 5 & -1 \\
1 & 0 & 6
\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{cc}
3 & -4 \\
5 & -1
\end{array}\right|+6\left|\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 3 \\
2 & 5
\end{array}\right|=11
$$

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## Introduction

Problem with determinants:

- For a $n \times n$, matrix, they require $n$ ! operations
- This is computationally too demanding

Aim of this section:

- See properties in order to shorten computation time


## Determinants of triangular matrices

## Theorem 18.

Let

- $A$ be an upper or lower triangular matrix.
- $n \equiv$ size of $A$.

Then

$$
\operatorname{det}(A)=a_{11} a_{22} \cdots a_{n n}=\prod_{i=1}^{n} a_{i i}
$$

## Example of triangular matrix

Example:

$$
\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 3 & -4 \\
0 & 5 & -1 \\
0 & 0 & 6
\end{array}\right|=30
$$

## Elementary row operations and determinants

Effect of elementary row operations:
If $A$ is a $n \times n$ matrix, then
(1) Let $B$ be the matrix obtained by permuting 2 rows of $A$. Then

$$
\operatorname{det}(B)=-\operatorname{det}(A)
$$

(2) Let $B$ obtained by multiplying 1 row of $A$ by $k \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$
\operatorname{det}(B)=k \operatorname{det}(A)
$$

(3) Let $B$ obtained by adding $k \times$ a row of $A$ to a different row of $A$. Then

$$
\operatorname{det}(B)=\operatorname{det}(A)
$$

## Example of application

$3 \times 3$ matrix:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 3 & -4 \\
2 & 5 & -1 \\
1 & 0 & 6
\end{array}\right| \stackrel{A_{12}(-2), A_{13}(-1)}{=}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 3 & -4 \\
0 & -1 & 7 \\
0 & -3 & 10
\end{array}\right| \\
& M_{2}(-1), M_{3}(-1) \\
& = \\
& (-1)^{2}\left|\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 3 & -4 \\
0 & 1 & -7 \\
0 & 3 & -10
\end{array}\right| \stackrel{A_{23}(-3)}{=}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 3 & -4 \\
0 & 1 & -7 \\
0 & 0 & 11
\end{array}\right|=11
\end{aligned}
$$

Remark:
This technique is really useful for $n \geq 4$

## Further properties of determinants

Some more properties:
(4) We have

$$
\operatorname{det}\left(A^{T}\right)=\operatorname{det}(A)
$$

(5) If $A$ has a column of 0 's, then

$$
\operatorname{det}(A)=0
$$

(6) If 2 rows or columns of $A$ are the same, then

$$
\operatorname{det}(A)=0
$$

(3) For two matrices $A$ and $B$, we have

$$
\operatorname{det}(A B)=\operatorname{det}(A) \operatorname{det}(B)
$$

## Application of Property 4

Example:
When further simplifications are available for columns

$$
\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
2 & 1 & 5 \\
-1 & 3 & 2
\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 2 & -1 \\
0 & 1 & 3 \\
0 & 5 & 2
\end{array}\right| \stackrel{A_{23}(-5)}{=}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 2 & -1 \\
0 & 1 & 3 \\
0 & 0 & -13
\end{array}\right|=-13
$$

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## Cramer's rule

Theorem 19.
Consider a $n \times n$ matrix $A$, a vector $\mathbf{b}$ and the system

$$
\begin{equation*}
A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

For $1 \leq k \leq n$ set (binserted at column $k$ ):

$$
A_{k}(\mathbf{b})=\left[\begin{array}{cccccc}
a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots & b_{1} & \ldots & a_{1 n} \\
a_{21} & a_{22} & \ldots & b_{2} & \ldots & a_{2 n} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \\
a_{n 1} & a_{n 2} & \ldots & b_{n} & \ldots & a_{n n}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Then if $\operatorname{det}(A) \neq 0$ the solution of (4) is given by

$$
x_{k}=\frac{\operatorname{det}\left(A_{k}(\mathbf{b})\right)}{\operatorname{det}(A)}
$$

## Example

System:

$$
\begin{array}{cccc}
3 x_{1} & +2 x_{2} & -x_{3} & =4 \\
x_{1} & +x_{2} & -5 x_{3} & =-3 \\
-2 x_{1} & -x_{2} & +4 x_{3} & =0
\end{array}
$$

Determinants:
$\operatorname{det}(A)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}3 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -5 \\ -2 & -1 & 4\end{array}\right|=8, \quad \operatorname{det}\left(A_{1}(\mathbf{b})\right)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}4 & 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & -1 & 4\end{array}\right|=17$
Solution:

$$
x_{1}=\frac{17}{8}
$$

## Cofactors of a matrix (reloaded)

## Definition 20.

Let $A$ be a $n \times n$ matrix. Then

$$
C_{i j}=(-1)^{i+j} A_{i j}
$$

The quantity $C_{i j}$ is called cofactor of $a_{i j}$.

Example:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 3 & -4 \\
2 & 5 & -1 \\
1 & 0 & 6
\end{array}\right] \quad \Longrightarrow \quad C_{12}=-M_{12}=-13
$$

Remark: Alternate signs assignment for $C_{i j}$

## Adjoint matrix

## Definition 21.

Let $A$ be a $n \times n$ matrix. Then

- Matrix of cofactors:

Obtained by replacing each term of $A$ by its cofactor Denoted by $M_{C}$

- Adjoint matrix: Denoted by $\operatorname{adj}(A)$ and defined as

$$
\operatorname{adj}(A)=M_{C}^{T}
$$

## The adjoint method

## Theorem 22.

Let $A$ be a $n \times n$ matrix. Assume:

$$
\operatorname{det}(A) \neq 0 .
$$

Then

$$
A^{-1}=\frac{1}{\operatorname{det}(A)} \operatorname{adj}(A) .
$$

Remark: Along the same lines we have

$$
A \text { invertible } \Longleftrightarrow \operatorname{det}(A) \neq 0
$$

## Example

Matrix:

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
2 & 0 & -3 \\
-1 & 5 & 4 \\
3 & -2 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

Cofactor and adjoint matrix:

$$
M_{C}=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
8 & 12 & -13 \\
6 & 9 & 4 \\
15 & -5 & 10
\end{array}\right], \quad \operatorname{adj}(A)=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
8 & 6 & 15 \\
12 & 9 & -5 \\
-13 & 4 & 10
\end{array}\right]
$$

Inverse: $\operatorname{det}(A)=55$ and thus

$$
A^{-1}=\frac{1}{55}\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
8 & 6 & 15 \\
12 & 9 & -5 \\
-13 & 4 & 10
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Determinant as area or volume

## Theorem 23.

Let $A$ be a $2 \times 2$ or $3 \times 3$ matrix. Then
(1) If $A$ is a $2 \times 2$ matrix we have $\operatorname{det}(A)=$ area of parallelogram given by columns of $A$
(2) If $A$ is a $3 \times 3$ matrix we have
$\operatorname{det}(A)=$ volume of parallepiped given by columns of $A$

## Example of area

Aim: Compute area of parallelogram given by

$$
(-2,-2), \quad(0,3), \quad(4,-1), \quad(6,4)
$$

Translation: We translate by $(2,2)$ to get a vertex at $\mathbf{0}$
$(0,0)$,
$(2,5)$,
$(6,1)$,
$(8,6)$

Area:

$$
\text { Area }=\left|\left|\begin{array}{ll}
2 & 6 \\
5 & 1
\end{array}\right|\right|=28
$$

## Area and linear transformation in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$

## Theorem 24.

Let

- $T: \mathbb{R}^{2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2}$ linear transformation
- A matrix of $T$
- $S$ parallelogram in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$

Then we have

$$
\operatorname{Area}(T(S))=|\operatorname{det}(A)| \operatorname{Area}(S)
$$

## Area and linear transformation in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$

## Theorem 25.

Let

- $T: \mathbb{R}^{3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3}$ linear transformation
- A matrix of $T$
- $S$ parallepiped in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$

Then we have

$$
\text { Volume }(T(S))=|\operatorname{det}(A)| \text { Volume }(S)
$$

## Application (1)

Aim: Find area of region $E$ delimited by ellipse

$$
\frac{x_{1}^{2}}{a^{2}}+\frac{x_{2}^{2}}{b^{2}}=1
$$

Strategy: Let $D=$ unit disk in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$. We write

$$
E=T(D), \quad \text { with } \quad A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
a & 0 \\
0 & b
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Application

## Illustration:



Area:
Area $(E)=\operatorname{Area}(T(D))=|\operatorname{det}(A)|$ Area $(D)=\pi a b$

