

# MAT 307 LECTURE 4

- REDUCED ROW ECHÉLON FORM
- LINEAR INDEPENDENCE

RECALL FROM LAST CLASS:

A LINEAR SYSTEM HAS THE  
FORM:  $m$  EQUATIONS,  $x_1, \dots, x_n$   
UNKNOWN

$$\begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE:

$$\begin{aligned}2x + 3y &= 4 \\ x - y &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

BASIC STRATEGY: FORM

COMBINATIONS OF EQUATIONS TO

ELIMINATE VARIABLES:

$$\text{EQ'N 1} - 2 \cdot \text{EQ'N 2} = 5y = 2$$

$$y = 2/5$$

$$x = 7/5$$

## Row REDUCTION PROCESS:

IN EACH ROW OF A MATRIX

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

THE FIRST NON-ZERO ENTRY IS CALLED A LEADING ENTRY

(1) PICK A COLUMN IN WHICH SOME ROW HAS A LEADING ENTRY

(2) DIVIDE THE ROW BY THE LEADING ENTRY SO THAT THE LEADING ENTRY IS NOW 1.

(3) SUBTRACT MULTIPLES OF THE ROW FROM OTHER ROWS TO CLEAR THE REST OF THE COLUMN.

REPEAT WHILE THE ABOVE CHANGES THE MATRIX.

EACH TIME THAT THIS COLUMN PROCESS OCCURS, THE NUMBER OF COLUMNS WITH 1 ENTRY 1, REMAINING ENTRIES 0 INCREASES BY 1, SO TERMINATES IN FINITELY MANY STEPS.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

CLAIM: AFTER COLUMN 1 PROCESS, THE 3rd Row ALWAYS HAS LEADING ENTRY IN COLUMN 1, THIS ROW IS NEVER PICKED AGAIN, AND COLUMN 1 REMAINS UNCHANGED IN THE REST OF THE PROCESS.

THIS IS BECAUSE, TO CHANGE COLUMN 1 NOW, WE WOULD HAVE TO SUBTRACT ROW 3 FROM ANOTHER ROW, BUT THIS NEVER OCCURS SINCE THE LEADING 1 IS ALWAYS IN THE FIRST COLUMN AND THE REST OF THE COLUMN IS 0.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 & -3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

THIS MATRIX IS REDUCED!  
 EACH LEADING ENTRY IN A ROW IS 1, IT BELONGS TO A COLUMN WITH REMAINING ENTRIES 0. THUS THERE ARE NO FURTHER MOVES TO MAKE.

IT IS COMMON TO INCLUDE  
A FURTHER OPERATION,  
SWAP TWO ROWS.

★ ONCE NO FURTHER  
COLUMN OPERATIONS CAN BE  
PERFORMED, ORDER THE ROWS  
SO THAT THEIR LEADING  
ENTRY MOVES LEFT TO RIGHT.

# REDUCED ROW ECHELON FORM

(R.R.E.F.):

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

★ 0 OR MORE ROWS OF ALL ZEROS AT BOTTOM.

★ EACH NON-ZERO ROW HAS LEADING ENTRY 1 (PIVOT) 0'S BEFORE IT AND IN REST OF THE COLUMN.

★ THE PIVOTS MOVE LEFT-TO-RIGHT AS YOU MOVE DOWN

THE MATRIX.

**THEOREM: ANY MATRIX CAN BE PUT IN R.R.E.F. BY ROW OPS.**



RECALL: A LINEAR SYSTEM

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

$$\vdots$$

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

CAN BE WRITTEN AS A MATRIX

EQUATION  $A \cdot \underline{x} = \underline{b}$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{m1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}.$$

RECALL IF  $A$  IS  $m \times n$ ,  
 $B$  IS  $n \times p$  THEN  
 $A$  HAS ROWS  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\alpha_1- \\ \vdots \\ -\alpha_n- \end{pmatrix},$$

$B$  HAS COLUMNS  $\beta_j \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ \beta_1 & \dots & \beta_p \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}.$$

THEN  $C = A \cdot B$  HAS  $i, j$  ENTRY  
 $\alpha_i \cdot \beta_j$ . (DOT PRODUCT OF  
 VECTORS)

THEOREM: MATRIX MULTIPLICATION  
 IS LINEAR, THAT IS,

$$(aM + bN) \cdot A = aMA + bNA.$$

$$B \cdot (aM + bN) = aBM + bBN.$$

PROOF: THE LINEAR COMBINATION  
 $aM + bN$  FORMS A LINEAR  
 COMBINATION OF THE ROWS  
 OF  $M$  AND  $N$ . THE DOT  
 PRODUCT IS LINEAR.

IF  $M$  HAS ROWS  $\begin{pmatrix} -r_1- \\ \vdots \\ -r_m- \end{pmatrix}$

$N$  HAS ROWS  $\begin{pmatrix} -s_1- \\ \vdots \\ -s_m- \end{pmatrix}$  THEN

$aM + bN$  HAS ROWS

$$\begin{pmatrix} -ar_1 + bs_1- \\ -ar_2 + bs_2- \\ \vdots \\ -ar_m + bs_m- \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{IF } A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | \\ \alpha_1 & \dots & \alpha_p \\ | & | \end{pmatrix}$$

$(aM + bN) \cdot A$  HAS  $i, j$  ENTRY  
 $(ar_i + bs_i) \cdot \alpha_j = a(r_i \cdot \alpha_j) + b(s_i \cdot \alpha_j)$ .  
 $\square$

THEOREM: EVERY SOLUTION OF

$$\underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{b} \quad \text{AS} \quad \underline{x} = \underline{x}_p + \underline{x}_h$$

WHERE  $\underline{x}_p$  IS A SINGLE

PARTICULAR SOLUTION

AND  $\underline{x}_h$  SATISFIES  $\underline{A}\underline{x}_h = \underline{0}$

IS A SOLUTION OF THE  
HOMOGENEOUS SYSTEM.

PROOF: SUPPOSE  $\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2$   
ARE ANY SOLUTIONS  
OF  $A\underline{x}_1 = \underline{b}$ ,  $A\underline{x}_2 = \underline{b}$ .  
THEN  $A(\underline{x}_1 - \underline{x}_2) = \underline{b} - \underline{b}$   
 $= \underline{0}$

SO IF ANY  $\underline{x}_p$  IS CHOSEN  
A SOLUTION  $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$  CAN  
BE WRITTEN  $\underline{x} = \underline{x}_h + \underline{x}_p$   
WHERE  $\underline{x}_h = \underline{x} - \underline{x}_p$  SATISFIES  
 $A\underline{x}_h = \underline{0}$ .  $\square$

WE HAVE SEPARATE STRATEGIES  
FOR SOLVING THE  
HOMOGENEOUS SYSTEM  
AND THE PARTICULAR  
PART.

SUPPOSE  $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$  HAS BEEN  
REDUCED TO

$$\hat{A}\underline{x} = \hat{b}$$

WHERE

$$\tilde{A} = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & * & \dots & * & * \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & * & * \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & & & & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & * & * \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & & & & & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \end{array} \right) \Bigg|_{k} \text{R.R.E.F.}$$

$$\hat{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_k \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

BELOW  $k$  ROWS  
 WE HAVE ALL  
 ZEROS

SO NO SOLUTION IF  
 $\tilde{b}_j \neq 0$  FOR  $j > k$ .

TO FIND A PARTICULAR  
 SOLUTION IF  $\tilde{b}_j = 0$  FOR  $j > k$ :

FOR EACH  $j \leq k$ , SUPPOSE  
 THE PIVOT IN ROW  $j$  IS AT  
 POSITION  $p(j)$ . THEN

$$\text{SET } x_{p(j)} = \tilde{b}_j$$

THE  $x$ 'S NOT CORRESPONDING

TO PIVOTS CAN BE SET TO 0.

THIS GIVES A METHOD OF  
 FINDING A PARTICULAR SOL'N.

EXAMPLE: GIVEN THE

SYSTEM:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2/5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9/5 \\ 2/5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$x, y$  PIVOT VARIABLES; SET  $z=0$ .

$$x = 9/5, \quad y = 2/5.$$

THIS IS A PARTICULAR SOLUTION. □

HOMOGENEOUS SYSTEM:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{cases} x - z = 0 \\ y - z = 0 \end{cases} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = z \\ y = z \end{array} \right.$$

THIS HAS SOLUTION  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} z \\ z \\ z \end{pmatrix} : z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$   
 EACH VARIABLE CORRESPONDING

TO A PIVOT CAN BE  
 EXPRESSED AS A LINEAR  
 COMBINATION OF THE NON-PIVOT  
 VARIABLES, WHICH ARE  
FREE PARAMETERS.



DEFINITION: VECTORS  $\underline{u}_1, \dots, \underline{u}_n$   
IN  $\mathbb{R}^m$  ARE LINEARLY  
INDEPENDENT IF THE  
ONLY SOLUTION OF

$$x_1 \underline{u}_1 + \dots + x_n \underline{u}_n = \underline{0}$$

IS  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = 0$ .

EQUIVALENTLY, NO  $\underline{u}_i$  MAY  
BE EXPRESSED AS A  
LINEAR COMBINATION OF  
THE REMAINING VECTORS.

THEOREM: THE TWO DEFINITIONS ARE EQUIVALENT.

PROOF: SUPPOSE W.L.O.G.

$$\underline{u}_n = c_1 \underline{u}_1 + c_2 \underline{u}_2 + \dots + c_{n-1} \underline{u}_{n-1}.$$

$$\text{THEN } c_1 \underline{u}_1 + \dots + c_{n-1} \underline{u}_{n-1} - \underline{u}_n = \underline{0}$$

IS A LINEAR RELATION.

CONVERSELY, IF

$$x_1 \underline{u}_1 + \dots + x_n \underline{u}_n = \underline{0} \quad \text{SOME } x_i \neq 0$$

$$\text{THEN } -x_i \underline{u}_i = \sum_{j \neq i} x_j \underline{u}_j$$

$$(\Rightarrow) \quad \underline{u}_i = \frac{-1}{x_i} \sum_{j \neq i} x_j \underline{u}_j$$

$$= \sum_{j \neq i} \left( \frac{-x_j}{x_i} \right) \underline{u}_j. \quad \square$$

DEFINITION: A  $k$ -PLANE  
IN  $\mathbb{R}^n$  HAS THE FORM

$$c_1 \underline{u}_1 + \dots + c_k \underline{u}_k + \underline{v}$$

WHERE  $\underline{u}_1, \dots, \underline{u}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  ARE  
LINEARLY INDEPENDENT,  $\underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
AND  $c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

EX:  $l(t) = t\underline{u} + \underline{v}$  (LINE).

$$P(s, t) = s\underline{u}_1 + t\underline{u}_2 + \underline{v}$$

(PLANE).

PARAMETRIC EQUATIONS.

THEOREM: IF A MATRIX B IS OBTAINED FROM A MATRIX A BY ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATIONS, ANY LINEAR RELATION IN THE COLUMNS OF A IS PRESENT IN THE COLUMNS OF B.

PROOF: LET  $A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | \\ \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \dots & \alpha_n \\ | & | & | \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . SUPPOSE  $c_1 \alpha_1 + \dots + c_n \alpha_n = 0$ ,  
 $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$ .

THIS CAN BE WRITTEN AS A MATRIX PRODUCT  
 $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \dots & \alpha_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

ELEMENTARY  $m \times m$  MATRICES

(1)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & r & \\ & & & \ddots \\ 0 & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} M_{i,r}$   
 HAS 1'S ON DIAGONAL EXCEPT  $i$ TH ENTRY  
 $r$  0'S OFF DIAGONAL.

(2)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & r & \\ & & & \ddots \\ 0 & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} E_{i,j}^r$   
 HAS 1'S ON DIAGONAL,  $r$  AT  $i,j$  ENTRY  
 0'S ELSEWHERE

(3)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots \\ 0 & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} S_{i,j}$   
 HAS 1'S ON DIAGONAL EXCEPT  $i,j$  HAS 1 AT  $(i,j)$  AND  $(j,i)$ .

$M_{i,r} \cdot A$  HAS  $r$ TH ROW OF A MULTIPLIED BY  $r$ , OTHERS THE SAME

$E_{i,j}^r \cdot A$  ADDS  $r$  TIMES ROW  $j$  TO ROW  $i$

$S_{i,j}$  SWAPS ROW  $i$  AND ROW  $j$ .

PERFORMING ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATIONS TO A MAY BE WRITTEN AS A SEQUENCE OF LEFT MULTIPLICATIONS BY ELEM MATRICES, SO IF

$B = E_1 E_2 E_3 \dots E_k \cdot A$   
 WHERE  $E_i$  IS AN ELEM MATRIX

THEN  $B = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | \\ \beta_1 & \dots & \beta_n \\ | & | & | \end{pmatrix}$

THEN  $B \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \beta_1 + \dots + c_n \beta_n$   
 $= E_1 \dots E_k \left( A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} \right)$   
 $= 0$ . □