

Math 2270-1

Monday 29 Aug. §1.2

On Friday Prof. Alfeld showed you a selection of (surprising) applications of the general linear system

$$\text{LS} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{array} \right.$$

$a_{ij}$  coefficients, known

$b_i$  right hand sides, known.

$x_j$  unknowns.

Many of these, and also different, examples will appear throughout the course.  
For example, this week's HW includes small examples of

- polynomial interpolation
- Leontief input-output models
- chemical equation balancing.
- physics momentum problem



Example : set up §1.1 #21.

Today: Gauss-Jordan elimination (did example Wed.)

greatest mathematician ever?

- algebra
- probability
- geometry

p. 19 story of <sup>how</sup> Gauss used "least squares" solution to 17 linear eqns in ? unknowns,  
(and invented)

to calculate orbit of Ceres... (also p. 8, Chinese knew this algorithm  
for solving linear systems 2000 years earlier. ).

Let's try solving (§1.2 #16)

$$3x_1 + 6x_2 + 9x_3 + 5x_4 + 25x_5 = 53$$

$$7x_1 + 14x_2 + 21x_3 + 9x_4 + 53x_5 = 105$$

$$-4x_1 - 8x_2 - 12x_3 + 5x_4 - 10x_5 = 11$$

by hand (!) ~ to understand how to reduce matrices, since "reduced row echelon form", the result of performing G-J elimination, is not only practically useful, but also key to understanding many "why's".

$$\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 3 & 6 & 9 & 5 & 25 & 1 & 53 \\ 7 & 14 & 21 & 9 & 53 & 1 & 105 \\ -4 & -8 & -12 & 5 & -10 & | & 11 \end{array}$$

We may use the 3 elementary row operations

- mult row by non-zero const
- interchange 2 rows
- replace a row by its sum with a multiple of another row.

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 5 | 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 | 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 | 0 \end{array}$$

rref

Reduced row echelon form: p.16

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- If a row has any non-zero entries, then the first non-zero entry is a 1, called the Leading 1 of this row
  - If a column contains a (row's) leading 1, all other column entries are zero
  - as you move down the rows of the matrix the leading 1's move to the right by at least one column

does each matrix have exactly one rref?  
ans: yes; easier to show in chapter 3.

Solution to original system:

What if rref had been

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 5 | 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 | 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 | 1 \end{array} ?$$

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In HW (§1.2 #24, 25) you ponder the fact that every elementary row operation can be reversed by an "inverse" row operation.

Since row ops correspond to equation operations,

and since a solution  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$  to a linear system is also

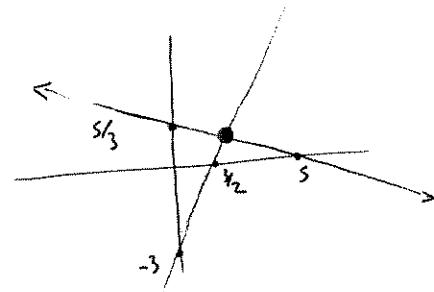
a solution to a linear system obtained by doing an elementary eqtn operation,  
deduce: elementary equation ops don't change soltn set.

So, the solution you read off from (correct) rref is the solution to original system.

### geometric example

$$\begin{aligned} x + 3y &= 5 \\ 2x - y &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

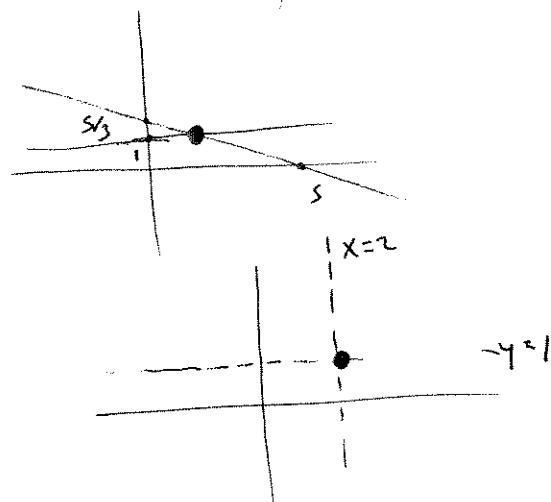


$$\begin{aligned} x + 3y &= 5 \\ -2y &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

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

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline -3R_2 + R_1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$



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reduced row echelon form  
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Let Maple compute rref for you, in big examples!

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> with(linalg): #load linear algebra library of procedures
> M:=matrix(4,6,[0,0,1,-1,-1,4,2,4,2,4,2,4,2,4,3,3,3,4,
   3,6,6,3,6,6]);
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$$M := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 3 & 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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> rref(M);
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.2 #16)

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> A:=matrix(3,6,[3,6,9,5,25,53,7,14,21,9,53,105,
   -4,-8,-12,5,-10,11]);
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$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 9 & 5 & 25 & 53 \\ 7 & 14 & 21 & 9 & 53 & 105 \\ -4 & -8 & -12 & 5 & -10 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

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> rref(A);
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.2 #17)

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> A:=matrix(5,6,[2,4,3,5,6,37,4,8,7,5,2,74,
   -2,-4,3,4,-5,20,1,2,2,-1,2,26,
   5,-10,4,6,4,24]);
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$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 37 \\ 4 & 8 & 7 & 5 & 2 & 74 \\ -2 & -4 & 3 & 4 & -5 & 20 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & -1 & 2 & 26 \\ 5 & -10 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 24 \end{bmatrix}$$

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> rref(A);
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-8221}{4340} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{8591}{8680} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{4695}{434} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-459}{434} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{699}{434} \end{bmatrix}$$