

# 152 Lecture 6

Last day:  $\text{span}\{\vec{a}, \vec{b}\} =$  ~~all~~ <sup>all possible</sup> linear combinations of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

Ex write  $[1, 1]$  as linear combination of  $\vec{a} = [2, 3]$  and  $\vec{b} = [1, 2]$

$$[1, 1] = s[2, 3] + t[1, 2]$$

[back up: is it even possible? note  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  not collinear  $\Rightarrow \text{span}\{\vec{a}, \vec{b}\} = \mathbb{R}^2$

if ~~not~~  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  collinear  $\left. \begin{aligned} \text{span}\{\vec{a}, \vec{b}\} &= \text{span}\{\vec{a}\} \\ &= s\vec{a} \end{aligned} \right\}$

today

A: 
$$\begin{aligned} 2s + t &= 1 \\ 3s + 2t &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

a linear system

solve (somehow) ...  $s=1$  and  $t=-1$

So  $[1, 1] = [2, 3] - [1, 2]$ .

Note: "1" and "-1" are coordinates in  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  directions.

Ex Can  $[1, 1, 1]$  be written as a linear comb. of  $[1, -2, 1]$  and  $[1, 0, 1]$ ?  
↳ and what is it?

Algebra:  $[1, 1, 1] = s[1, -2, 1] + t[1, 0, 1]$

Geom: is  $[1, 1, 1]$  on the plane given by (through origin)

$$\begin{aligned} s + t &= 1 & t &= 3/2 \\ -2s + 0 &= 1 & \Rightarrow s &= -1/2 \\ s + t &= 1 & & \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s + t &= 1 \\ -2s &= 1 \\ s + 3t &= 1 \quad \times \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} t &= 3/2 \\ s &= -1/2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

b/c  $-1/2 + 9/2 = 4 \neq 1$

3 eqns, 2 unknowns together.

Ex Fred and Louise have 8 bitcoin.  
Louise has 2 more bitcoin than Fred.  
How many does each have?

let  $x_1$  be # of Fred's bitcoin  
 $x_2$  " " " Louise's bitcoin.

Model :

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 &= 8 \\ -x_1 + x_2 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

System of eqns

Solve: add,  $2x_2 = 10$ ,  $x_2 = 5$ ,  $x_1 = 3$

Fred has 3 bitcoin, Louise has 5 bitcoin

# Solving Linear Systems

m eqns  
n unknowns

specific example:

(\*)

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 &= 1 & (1) \\ x_2 + x_3 &= 0 & (2) \\ x_1 + x_3 &= 2 & (3) \end{aligned}$$

the Augmented Matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

coeff                      data

Three operations that leave sol'n unchanged.

① interchange two eqns

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 &= 1 \\ x_1 + x_3 &= 2 & (2) \leftrightarrow (3) \\ x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

① interchanging two rows

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

equivalent: lin sys has same sol'n.

② mult. eqn by non-zero number

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 + 3x_2 &= 3 & (1) \leftarrow 3(1) \\ x_1 + x_3 &= 2 \\ x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

②

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

③ add a multiple of one equation to another.

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 + 3x_2 &= 3 \\ 4x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 &= 5 & (2) \leftarrow (2) + 1(1) \\ x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

This new system has same solns as (\*) b/c each operation is reversible

Systems that are easiest to solve

reduced row  
echelon form

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

so  $x_3 = 5$ ,  $x_2 = 2$ ,  $x_1 = 9$

Easier

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

echelon  
form

Back substitution

start with last eqn,  
work upwards

$$3x_3 = 3 \Rightarrow x_3 = 1$$

$$2x_2 = 1 - 5x_3 = 1 - 5(1) = 1 - 5 = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = -2$$

~~$$x_1 = 6 - x_2 - x_3 = 6 - (-2) - (1) = 9$$~~

$$x_1 = 6 - x_2 - x_3 = 6 - (-2) - 1 = 7$$

Ex on (\*)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \text{nice!} \rightarrow \\ \text{eliminate.} \end{matrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \\ \textcircled{3} \leftarrow \textcircled{3} - \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{3} \leftarrow \textcircled{3} + \textcircled{2} \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{echelon form}$$

Back sub:  $2x_3 = 1, x_3 = 1/2$   
 $x_2 = 0 - x_3 = -1/2$   
 $x_1 = 1 - x_2 = 1 - (-1/2) = 3/2.$

This is called Gaussian Elimination and computers spend a lot of their time doing it!

Algorithm: sequence of steps to solve a problem.  
 idea behind computer code.

GE Algorithm : input augmented matrix  $\rightarrow$   $a_{ij}$  is entry in the  $i$ th row  $j$ th col.  
 $n+1$  ~~rows~~ columns  
 $m$  rows

1 start with  $i=1$  and  $j=1$   
row index column index

repeat 1 if  $a_{ij} \neq 0$  go to 2  
 else find row  $k$  where  $a_{kj} \neq 0$   
 swap  $row_i \leftrightarrow row_k$  go to 1  
 else can't find (i.e., column is all zero)  
 $j \leftarrow j+1$  go to 1

2 for rows  $k=i+1, \dots, m$   
 $row_k \leftarrow row_k - \left(\frac{a_{kj}}{a_{ij}}\right) row_i$   
 $\neq 0$  (eliminate  $x_j$  from eqn  $k$ )

3  $i \leftarrow i+1, j \leftarrow j+1$

~~exit~~  
 until  $i=n$  or  $j=m$

Ex: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

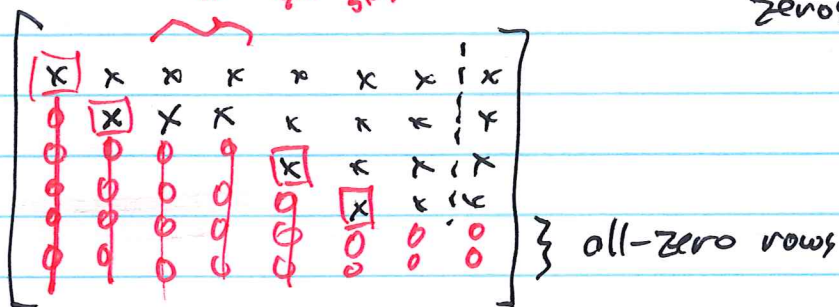
def'n: leading entry of a row is the first nonzero entry from left

GE gives us echelon form:

① all not-all-zero rows above all-zero rows

② each leading entry has zeros in the column below.

columns already zero in step II

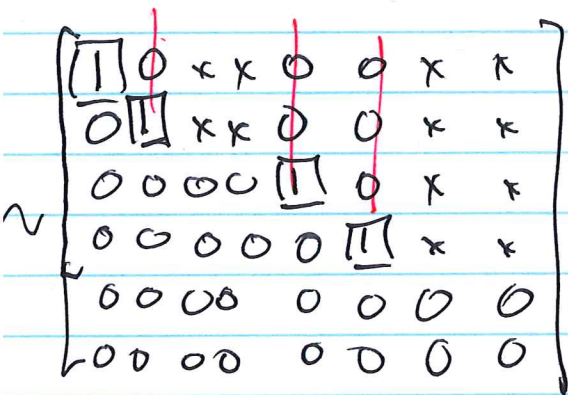


reduced row echelon form (rref)

① and ② and

③ all leading entries are 1

④ all entries above leading entry ~~are~~ are 0



Note: find rref from echelon form is done with more row operations

in practice, almost same as back sub

Questions - how to solve the system?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Ex } \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{(3)-(1)} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
 & \xrightarrow{(3)-(2)} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \leftarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

back sub:  $0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 = 1$   
 OH SNAP!  
 no sol'n

No sol'n's after GE: signature

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \sim & & & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & x \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{non zero}} \left. \vphantom{\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \sim & & & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & x \end{array} \right]} \right\} \text{no sol'n's}$$

zero in row coeff

Next day: all zero row (row/0 data).  
 $\Downarrow$  infinitely many sol'n's