

8.6 Elimination using matrices

ex:
$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y &= 7 \\ 3x + 4y &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

is represented by the
"augmented matrix"

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

ex: Here as an augmented matrix of a system of equations.
What is the system of equations?

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

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 5y - 3z = 4 \\ x - y = 7 \\ 2y + 3z = 0 \end{cases}$$

Elementary Row Operations

Each of these row operations produces a "row-equivalent matrix."

["Row equivalent" means that the systems represented by the matrices are equivalent, i.e. has the same solution set.]

- ① Swap any two rows, e.g. $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3$
- ② Multiply a row by a (nonzero) constant, e.g. $-3R_2$.
- ③ Add a multiple of (a copy of) one row to another
e.g. $5R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2$.

ex:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + y + 3z & = & 1 \\ x + 2y + 4z & = & 6 \\ -2x & & -z = 7 \end{array}$$

has as its augmented matrix:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

Goal: A matrix in "row echelon form"

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

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$$-2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & -5 & -11 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & -5 & -11 \\ 0 & 4 & 7 & 19 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & -5 & -11 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & -3 & -5 & -11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

← Row-echelon form

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 4z = 6 \\ \quad y + 2z = 8 \\ \quad \quad z = 13 \end{cases}$$

← The corresponding system of equations.

Now do back-substitution:

$$y + 2(13) = 8$$

$$y + 26 = 8$$

$$y = 8 - 26$$

$$y = -18$$

$$x + 2(-18) + 4(13) = 6$$

$$x - 36 + 52 = 6$$

$$x + 16 = 6$$

$$x = -10$$

$$(x, y, z) = (-10, -18, 13)$$

check:

$$2(-10) + (-18) + 3(13) = -20 - 18 + 39 = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$-10 + 2(-18) + 4(13) = -10 - 36 + 52 = 6 \quad \checkmark$$

$$-2(-10) - (13) = 20 - 13 = 7 \quad \checkmark$$

ex: [How to detect inconsistent systems]

$$\begin{aligned} x + 3y &= 7 \\ -2x - 6y &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ -2 & -6 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 29 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{cases} x + 3y = 7 \\ 0 = 29 \end{cases}$$

↑ Inconsistent system.

$$\text{ex: } \begin{cases} x + 3y = 7 \\ -2x - 6y = -14 \end{cases} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ -2 & -6 & -14 \end{bmatrix} \quad 2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ Dependent system

Warmup/Hint for the quiz

A warehouse contains parts to manufacture unicycles, bicycles, and tricycles. The warehouse holds 9 seats, 19 wheels, 6 sets of handlebars.

How many unicycles, bicycles, tricycles can we manufacture from these parts?

NOTE: A unicycle has 1 seat, 1 wheel, No handlebars
 A bicycle has 1 seat, 2 wheels, 1 set of handlebars
 A tricycle has 1 seat, 3 wheels, 1 set of handlebars.

Let x = number of unicycles
 y = number of bicycles
 z = number of tricycles

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \textcircled{1} & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Seats:} \\ \text{wheels:} \\ \text{sets of bars:} \end{array} \right. & \begin{array}{rcl} x & + & y & + & z & = & 9 \\ x & + & 2y & + & 3z & = & 19 \\ & & y & + & z & = & 6 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -1 \cdot \textcircled{1} & -x & -y & -z & = & -9 \\ \textcircled{2} & x & + & 2y & + & 3z & = & 19 \\ \hline & & & y & + & 2z & = & 10 \\ \textcircled{4} & & & -y & - & z & = & -6 \\ \hline & & & & & z & = & 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -1 \cdot \textcircled{3} \\ \textcircled{5} \\ \text{use } \textcircled{3} \\ \text{use } \textcircled{1} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \boxed{4 \text{ tricycles}} \\ y + 4 = 6 \Rightarrow y = 2 \Rightarrow \boxed{2 \text{ bikes}} \\ x + 2 + 4 = 9 \Rightarrow x = 3 \Rightarrow \boxed{3 \text{ unicycles}} \end{array}$$

Intro to 8.7ex $[2 \times 2 \text{ "determinant"}]$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 7 & 12 \end{vmatrix} = (3)(12) - (7)(5) \\ = 36 - 35 = 1$$

$$\text{ex: } \begin{vmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ 4 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = (7)(8) - (4)(-2) \\ = 56 + 8 = 64$$

$$\text{ex: } \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ 4 & 14 \end{vmatrix} = (2)(14) - (4)(7) \\ = 28 - 28 = 0$$

$$\text{ex: } \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -5 \\ -2 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{vmatrix} = (-3)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) - (-2)(-5) \\ = \frac{3}{2} - 10 = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{20}{2} = -\frac{17}{2}$$

$$\text{Defn: } \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$