

Last Day

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

- Gaussian elimination to reduce the system

- echelon form

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad \checkmark$$

- reduced echelon form

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

Example:

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -2 & -7 & -29 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 8 \end{array} \right)$$

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→ A

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Continue ~~to reduce~~ with A to reduced echelon form

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$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_1 = 2R_2 - R_1 \\ R_2 = 2R_3 - R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & -2 & -5 & -25 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 8 \end{array} \right) R_1 = R_1 - 2R_2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 8 \end{array} \right) R_1 = R_1 + 2R_2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_1 = R_1 + R_4 \\ R_2 = R_2 + R_4 \\ R_3 = R_3 - 2R_4 \\ R_4 = R_4 / 2 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{array} \right)$$

Example:

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & -6 & -4 & 5 & 5 \\ -1 & -3 & 2 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -1 & 5 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_2 = R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 = R_3 + 2R_1 \\ R_4 = R_4 + R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -1 & 5 \end{array} \right) R_2 = R_2 / 2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -3 \end{array} \right) R_4 = R_4 - 4R_2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) R_4 = R_4 + R_3$$

$$\text{row 3, } x_4 = 3$$

4

$$\text{row 2, } x_3 = 2$$

$$\text{row 1, } x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 - 2x_4 = -1$$

~~$$x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 - 2x_4 = -1$$~~
~~$$x_1 + 3x_2 + 4 - 6 = -1$$~~
$$x_1 + 3x_2 + 4 - 6 = -1$$

$$x_1 = -1 - 3x_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 - 3x_2 \\ x_2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The solution of the system lies on a line
with parametric form

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

If we have an echelon form that looks like

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|ccc} x & x & x & x & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Then the system has infinitely many solutions

Example!

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_2 = R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 = R_3 + R_1 \\ R_4 = R_4 - 2R_1 \end{array}$$

from row 4, $0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y = 2$, not possible!

∴ the system has no solution!

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccccc|c} x & x & x & x & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & x & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x \end{array} \right)$$

If we have an echelon form that looks like this, then the system has no solution.

Rank of a matrix

The rank of a matrix is the number of non-zero rows of the echelon form of the matrix.

Example!

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{rank} = 4$$

the coefficient matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, rank = 2.

We say a system has no solution if the rank of the augmented matrix is greater than the rank of the coefficient matrix.

Example:

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 15 \end{array} \right), \text{ rank} = 3$$

rank of coefficient matrix = 3

A system has a unique solution if the rank of its augmented matrix equals the rank of the coefficient matrix and equals the number of unknowns in the system.

Example:

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

A system has infinitely many solutions if the rank of the coefficient matrix and augmented matrix are equal (say r) and less than the number of unknowns n in the system (say n)

i.e. if $n > r$

and the system has $(n-r)$ parameters.

HOMOGENEOUS SYSTEMS

Consider

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} b_{11}x_1 & + & b_{12}x_2 & + & \dots & + & b_{1n}x_n & = & c_1 \\ b_{21}x_1 & + & b_{22}x_2 & + & \dots & + & b_{2n}x_n & = & c_2 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{m1}x_1 & + & b_{m2}x_2 & + & \dots & + & b_{mn}x_n & = & c_m \end{array}$$

If $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_m = 0$, then the system is homogeneous. That is, if the right hand side of all the equations in the system are zero.

Solutions of homogeneous system.

* trivial solution $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

* ~~Non-trivial solution~~ An homogeneous system has a non-trivial solution if after reducing the system to echelon form, the number of unknown is greater than the number of non-zero rows in the matrix,

that is, if the rank of the matrix is less than the number of unknowns in the system.

Example!

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 0x_3 - x_4 = 0$$

$$-x_1 - 3x_2 + 4x_3 + 5x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 4x_2 - 8x_3 - 9x_4 = 0$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & 4 & 5 & 0 \\ +1 & 4 & -8 & -9 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 & -8 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_2 = R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3 = R_3 - R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) R_3 = R_3 + 2R_2$$

the rank $= 2$
number of unknowns $= 4$

∴ the system has infinitely many solutions.

from row 2,

$$-x_2 + 4x_3 + 4x_4 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 4x_3 + 4x_4$$

from row 1, $x_1 + 2x_2 - x_4 = 0$

$$x_1 = x_4 - 2x_2$$

$$= x_4 - 2(4x_3 + 4x_4)$$

$$x_1 = -8x_3 - 7x_4$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -8x_3 - 7x_4 \\ 4x_3 + 4x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_3, x_4 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Properties of solutions of homogeneous system.

(i) A homogeneous system has either
— a unique solution which is the trivial solution
— infinitely many solutions.

(ii) The addition of two solutions is also a solution of the system. i.e. if

$$\vec{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ are solutions, then } \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n + y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

is also a solution.

(iii) The scalar multiple of a solution is also a solution, i.e. if

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ is a solution then } \lambda \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x_1 \\ \lambda x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

is also a solution

Principle of superposition

The linear combination of solutions is also a solution

i.e. $\lambda_1 \vec{X} + \lambda_2 \vec{Y}$ is also a solution.