

**MATH 312**  
**LECTURE 2**

: Matrices and inverses.

1) Systems in matrix form.

We can write systems, like the following one

$$2x - y + z = 2 \quad E1$$

$$4x + y - z = 1 \quad E2$$

$$2x + 2y + 2z = 1 \quad E3$$

using the so-called augmented matrix:

$$\begin{array}{l} E1 \\ E2 \\ E3 \end{array} \begin{array}{ccc|c} x & y & z & \\ \hline [2] & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{array}$$

Now, the gaussian elimination steps are row operations:

$$\begin{array}{l} R2' = R2 - 2R1 \\ R3' = R3 - R1 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{ccc|c} [2] & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & [3] & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \xrightarrow{R3'' = R3' - R2'} \begin{array}{ccc|c} [2] & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & [3] & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & [4] & +2 \end{array}$$

Therefore:  $z = \frac{+2}{4} = \frac{+1}{2}$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 3y = -3 + 3z \rightarrow y = -1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{-1}{2} \\ 2x = 2 + y - z = 2 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 1 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x = 1/2 \\ y = -1/2 \\ z = +1/2 \end{array}$$

The matrix obtained after applying gaussian elimination is said to be in "echelon form".

• let's see one example with infinite solutions:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 2 \\ 4x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 &= 1 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2' = R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3' = R_3 - R_1 \end{array} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{2} & -1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & \boxed{3} & -3 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \\ R_3'' = R_3' - R_2' \end{array}$$

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

↑  
free variable

Let  $x_4 = \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  parameter. Then,

$$4x_3 = 2 + 2\alpha \Rightarrow x_3 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

$$3x_2 = -3 + 3x_3 \Rightarrow x_2 = -1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 &= 2 + x_2 - x_3 - \alpha \Rightarrow x_1 = 1 + \frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) - \alpha = \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\alpha}{4} - \frac{\alpha}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2) Gauss-Jordan elimination

This method consists in continuing elimination upwards after we find the "echelon form":

$$\text{Ex: } \left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_3 + 4x_4 = -1 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1 \\ x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 - 2x_4 = 4 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & -2 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2' = R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3' = R_3 - R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{1} & 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -6 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3'' = R_3' - R_2'}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{1} & 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & -2 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2'' = R_2' - R_3'' \\ R_1' = R_1 - R_3''}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & -2 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

Echelon form

Row Reduced Echelon Form

Therefore,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_4 = \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \text{ free variable,} \\ x_1 = 2 - 2\alpha \\ x_2 = -4 \\ x_3 = 3 + 2\alpha \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Say that a system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is transformed through Gauss-Jordan elim. into  $R\vec{x} = \vec{d}$ , with  $R$  row reduced ech. form of  $A$ .  
 Find  $R$  and  $\vec{d}$  if the complete solution is

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (A \text{ is } 4 \times 4)$$

SR:

There are two parameters  $\rightarrow$  2 free variables  $\rightarrow$  2 pivots.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] & & \vec{d} & \left[ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\ \text{free variables} & & & \end{array}$$

### 3) Inverse

Def: The matrix  $A$  has an inverse, denoted  $A^{-1}$ , if

$$AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I.$$

Question: Which matrices have an inverse?

Let's try an example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow A^{-1} ? \text{ Define } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{21}, x_{22} ?$$

Use definition,  $AA^{-1} = I \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4x_{11} + 2x_{21} & 4x_{12} + 2x_{22} \\ x_{11} + x_{21} & x_{12} + x_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} 4x_{11} + 2x_{21} \\ x_{11} + x_{21} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{21} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 4x_{12} + 2x_{22} \\ x_{12} + x_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{12} \\ x_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{cases} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Two linear systems.}$$

So now we can solve this systems to find  $x_{11}, \dots, x_{22}$ .

If one of the systems doesn't have a solution, then the inverse doesn't exist.

Notice that we would solve them using the augmented matrices

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right], \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

so we can solve them together  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$

• Method to find  $A^{-1}$ : Gauss-Jordan.

1) Create the augmented matrix  $[A \ I]$

$$\text{Ex: } A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2) Apply elimination to get echelon form:

$$[A \ I] \sim \begin{bmatrix} \text{pivot} & & & \\ 0 & \text{pivot} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \text{pivot} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & -1/4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3) Are there  $n$  pivots?  $\rightarrow$  Yes: continue  
 $\downarrow$   
No: The inverse does not exist.

4) Continue until obtain the identity on the left:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & -1/4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1/2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1 \\ -1/2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{A^{-1}}$

Remark:  $A^{-1}$  exists if  $A$  is row equivalent to the identity.

~~Remark~~

## Properties:

1)  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$

2) If  $A, B$  invertible,  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

3)  $(A+B)^{-1} \neq A^{-1} + B^{-1}$

4) If the inverse exists, it is unique.

5) If  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  for some  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ , the  $A^{-1}$  doesn't exist.

## Proof:

1) Let  $B = A^{-1}$ . Is  $B^{-1} = A$ ?

$$BA = AB = I \quad \checkmark$$

2) ~~Let  $C = (AB)^{-1} \Rightarrow C(AB) = (AB)C = I$~~

Let  $C = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ , Is  $C(AB) = (AB)C = I$ ?

4) Assume  $B \neq C$  two inverses of  $A$ . Then

$$\begin{cases} B(AC) = BI = B \\ (BA)C = IC = C \end{cases} \Rightarrow B = C \quad \checkmark$$

5) Assume  $A^{-1}$  exists. Then,  $A^{-1}A\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{0} \Rightarrow I\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = \vec{0} \rightarrow \checkmark$ .

#### 4) Elementary matrices and elimination.

$$\text{Gauss-Jordan: } [A \ I] \xrightarrow[\text{operation}]{\text{row}} [I \ A^{-1}]$$

$$\text{Same as } [A \ I] \xrightarrow{A^{-1}} [I \ A^{-1}]$$

That is, row operations can be encoded as multiplications by certain matrices.

• Three types of row operations:

T1: Subtract  $b_{ij}$  times equation  $j$  from equation  $i$ .

T2: Interchange row  $i$  and row  $j$ .

T3: Scale row  $i$  by some number

Which matrices represent these operations?

##### 1) T1 operation

Consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and let's do first step in elimination:

$$R_2' = R_2 - 2R_1$$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



We want

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{21}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}}_A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

In general, the matrix for a TI operation is the identity with an extra nonzero entry given by  $-l_{ij}$  in the  $(i,j)$  position.

Ex: Write all the steps as elementary matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2' = R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3' = R_3 - 2R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3' = R_3 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$$

$$R_3'' = R_3' - \frac{-5}{-3} R_2' \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

So

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -5/3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Remark:  $A \xrightarrow{E_{21}} \xrightarrow{E_{31}} \xrightarrow{E_{32}} U$  (upper triangular), i.e.

$$U = E_{32} E_{31} E_{21} A.$$

• Q: Can we always invert these  $E_{ij}$  matrices?

Of course:

$E_{ij}$ : subtracts  $l_{ij}$  times eq.  $j$  from eq.  $i$ .

$E_{ij}^{-1}$  does the opposite effect: adds  $l_{ij}$  times eq.  $j$  to eq.  $i$ .

So,

$$E_{2,1}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_{3,1}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \dots$$

2) T2 operation:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{P_{23}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix  $P_{ij}$  = identity with rows  $i$  and  $j$  interchanged.

→ of course,  $P_{ij}^{-1} = P_{ij}$ .

3) T3 operation

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 12 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ eq. multiplied by } 3.$$

"identity matrix with row  $i$  multiplied by  $\lambda$ ".