

## 16.5 Gauss-Jordan Elimination

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y = 7 \\ 3x + 4y = 15 \end{cases}$$

will be written

$$\begin{array}{cc|c} x & y & \# \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 15 \end{array}$$

A matrix is in reduced row echelon form (RREF) if:

- 1) First nonzero entry in each row is 1
- 2) These leading 1's have 0 everywhere else in their columns
- 3) Leading 1's move down and right
- 4) Any zero rows are at the bottom

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

RREF ✓

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

RREF ✓

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

RREF ✓

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

not RREF

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

not RREF

Ex: Solve using Gauss-Jordan Elimination

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 4y + z = 25 \\ 2x + 4y + z = -16 \\ x \quad \quad + 5z = 11 \end{cases}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} x & y & z & \# \\ 3 & -4 & 1 & 25 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & -16 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 & 11 \end{array} \right]$$

Gauss-Jordan Elimination:

left side  $\rightarrow$  RREF using 3 operations

- 1) Swap 2 rows
- 2) Mult/divide a row by a nonzero #
- 3) Replace  $R_i$  with  $R_i \pm kR_j$   
e.g.  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 4R_1$

Get a 1

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & -16 \\ 3 & -4 & 1 & 25 \end{array} \right]$$

Get 0's

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 - 3R_1 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 0 & 4 & -9 & -38 \\ 0 & -4 & -14 & -8 \end{array} \right]$$

Get a 1

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2/4 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{9}{4} & -\frac{38}{4} \\ 0 & -4 & -14 & -8 \end{array} \right]$$

Get 0's

$$\begin{array}{l} R_3 + 4R_2 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{9}{4} & -\frac{38}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & -23 & -46 \end{array} \right]$$

Get a 1

$$R_3/(-23) \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{9}{4} & -\frac{38}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$R_1 - 5R_3$

$R_2 + \frac{9}{4}R_3$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \leftarrow -\frac{38}{4} + \frac{9}{4}(2) = -5$$

$$x = 1$$

$$y = -5$$

$$z = 2$$

$$(x, y, z) = (1, -5, 2)$$

Ex: Solve 
$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 2z = 4 \\ 3x + y + 4z = 6 \\ 4y + 2z = 5 \end{cases}$$

Get 0's 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 2 & | & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & | & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & | & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_2 - 3R_1$  
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & | & 4 \\ 0 & -5 & -2 & | & -6 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & | & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Get a 1  $R_2 / (-5)$  
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & | & 4 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & \frac{2}{5} & | & \frac{6}{5} \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & | & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_1 - 2R_2$  
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{6}{5} & | & \frac{8}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{5} & | & \frac{6}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{5} & | & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_3 - 4R_2$  
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{6}{5} & | & \frac{8}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{5} & | & \frac{6}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & | & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_3 \times \frac{5}{2}$  
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{6}{5} & | & \frac{8}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{5} & | & \frac{6}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & | & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_1 - \frac{6}{5}R_3$   $R_2 - \frac{2}{5}R_3$  
$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z & | & \# \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\leftarrow \frac{8}{5} - \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$   
 $\leftarrow \frac{6}{5} - \frac{2}{5} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

$$(x, y, z) = \left(1, 1, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

Ex: Solve

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} x & y & z & \# \\ \hline \textcircled{1} & 2 & 1 & 9 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 12 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 - R_1 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & -8 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_1 - 2R_2 \\ R_3 - 2R_2 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -14 \end{array} \right]$$

$0 = -14$   
impossible

" System has no solution.  
" System is inconsistent "

Ex: If you see a row like this, system has no solution:

$$[0 \ 0 \ | \ 3]$$

$$[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ | \ -2]$$

$$[ \text{all zero} \ | \ \text{nonzero} ]$$

Ex: Solve

$$\begin{array}{c} x \quad y \quad z \quad \# \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 9 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 12 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 & 15 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$R_2 - R_1$

$R_3 - R_1$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

$R_1 - 2R_2$

$R_3 - 2R_2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} x & y & z & \# \\ 1 & 0 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

RREF

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} x & y & z & \# \\ 1 & 0 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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Any column without a leading 1 gets a parameter

( $\infty$ -many solutions)

$$\boxed{z = t} \leftarrow \text{any real } \#$$

$$y + 2z = 3$$

$$y = 3 - 2z$$

$$\boxed{y = 3 - 2t}$$

$$x - 3z = 3$$

$$x = 3 + 3z$$

$$\boxed{x = 3 + 3t}$$

$$(x, y, z) = (3+3t, 3-2t, t)$$

Some particular solutions:

$$(t=0) \quad (x, y, z) = (3, 3, 0)$$

$$(t=1) \quad (x, y, z) = (6, 1, 1)$$

$$(t=-1) \quad (x, y, z) = (0, 5, -1)$$

etc.

Most triples are not solutions

e.g.  $(1, 1, 1)$  is not a solution.

Ex: Solve

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} x & y & z & \# \\ \hline 4 & -8 & 12 & 20 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{array}$$

$$R_1/4 \quad \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & -2 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 - 3R_1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 7 & -8 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2/7 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{8}{7} & -\frac{10}{7} \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_1 + 2R_2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} x & y & z & \# \\ \textcircled{1} & 0 & \frac{5}{7} & \frac{15}{7} \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & -\frac{8}{7} & -\frac{10}{7} \end{array} \right]$$

RREF

( $\infty$ -many solutions)

$$\boxed{z = t}$$

$$y - \frac{8}{7}z = -\frac{10}{7}$$

$$y = -\frac{10}{7} + \frac{8}{7}z$$

$$\boxed{y = -\frac{10}{7} + \frac{8}{7}t}$$

$$x + \frac{5}{7}z = \frac{15}{7}$$

$$x = \frac{15}{7} - \frac{5}{7}z$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{15}{7} - \frac{5}{7}t}$$

$$(x, y, z) = \left( \frac{15}{7} - \frac{5}{7}t, -\frac{10}{7} + \frac{8}{7}t, t \right)$$



Ex: Solve 
$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} x & y & z & & \# \\ \hline 3 & 6 & 6 & & 12 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & & 15 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 & & 8 \end{array}$$

$R_1/3$  
$$\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 2 & | & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & | & 15 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 & | & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_2 - 3R_1$   
 $R_3 - 2R_1$  
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Can't make this 1  
 Move further right

$R_2/2$  
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & | & 3/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_1 - 2R_2$  
$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} x & y & z & & \# \\ \hline \textcircled{1} & 2 & 0 & & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & & 3/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & 0 \end{array}$$

(no many solutions)

$\uparrow$   
 $y = t$

$z = 3/2$

$x + 2y = 1$   
 $x = 1 - 2y$

$x = 1 - 2t$

$(x, y, z) = (1 - 2t, t, 3/2)$

Recap: A system can have 0, 1 or  $\infty$ -many solutions

1) 1 solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z & | & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = 4$$

$$y = 5$$

$$z = 6$$

2) No solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

3)  $\infty$ -many solutions

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} & x & y & z & \# \\ \textcircled{1} & 0 & -2 & & 4 \\ & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 6 & 3 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{z = t}$$

$$y + 6z = 3$$

$$\boxed{y = 3 - 6t}$$

$$x - 2z = 4$$

$$\boxed{x = 4 + 2t}$$

## Two Methods for Solving a System :

1)  $AX = B$

$$X = A^{-1}B$$

- Fast
- Only works when  $A^{-1}$  exists

2) Gauss-Jordan Elimination

- More work
- More powerful