

2.2 Solving Systems Cont'd

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Gaussian Elimination

Coefficients \rightarrow REF

Solve by back-substitution

Ex: Solve by Gaussian elimination

$$\begin{array}{c} x \quad y \quad z \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 8 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$R_2 - 2R_1 \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 8 \end{array} \right] \text{ Current Row } \neq \# \text{ (Pivot Row)}$$

$$\frac{R_2}{-2} \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 8 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 - 3R_2 \quad \begin{array}{c} x \quad y \quad z \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

REF ✓

Back-substitution

$$-2z = 2 \rightarrow \boxed{z = -1}$$

$$y + z = 2 \rightarrow y - 1 = 2 \rightarrow \boxed{y = 3}$$

$$x + 2y + z = 6 \rightarrow x + 6 - 1 = 6 \rightarrow \boxed{x = 1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

- 1) matrix is in REF
- 2) the leading nonzero entry in each row is 1
- 3) leading 1's have 0's everywhere else in their column

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

RREF

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

RREF

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

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not RREF

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

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Gauss-Jordan Elimination

Coefficients \rightarrow RREF

Ex: Solve by Gauss-Jordan elimination

$$\begin{array}{c} x \quad y \quad z \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 15 \\ 5 & 7 & 9 & 29 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - 3R_1 \\ R_3 - 5R_1 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & -6 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & -6 \end{array} \right]$$

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

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

Circle the leading nonzero entry in each row
Columns without circles are free variables

$$\boxed{z = k} \leftarrow \text{"parameter"}$$

$$x - z = 3 \rightarrow x = z + 3 \rightarrow \boxed{x = k + 3}$$

$$y + 2z = 2 \rightarrow y = -2z + 2 \rightarrow \boxed{y = -2k + 2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} k + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

System has infinitely-many solutions

Ex: Solve by Gauss-Jordan Elimination

$$\begin{array}{c} x \quad y \quad z \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -6 & 17 \\ 2 & 2 & -8 & 22 \\ 3 & 3 & -14 & 39 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 - 3R_1 \end{array} \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -6 & 17 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -12 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -12 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\frac{R_2}{4} \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -6 & 17 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -12 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_1 + 6R_2 \\ R_3 - 4R_2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} x \quad y \quad z \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \quad \text{RREF}$$

$$\boxed{y = k}$$

$$x + y = -1 \rightarrow x = -y - 1 \rightarrow \boxed{x = -k - 1}$$

$$\boxed{z = -3}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} k$$