

4.3. Gauss - Jordan Elimination

Goals: ① Reduced row echelon form of a matrix

② Gauss-Jordan Elimination.

Matrices associated with linear system of 3 variables.

Ex. $x + 2y - z = 5$

$$2x - 3y + z = 3$$

$$3x - y - 2z = 7$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 & 7 \end{array} \right)$$

Possible final "nice" form

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

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 3 \\ y &= 4 \\ z &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

} consistent system with unique solution.

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

→ No solutions
Inconsistent.

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

→ Infinitely many solutions

Reduced Row Echelon form.

A matrix is in Reduced Row Echelon form if:

- ① Each row consisting entirely of zeros is below any row having at least a nonzero entry
- ② The leftmost nonzero element in each row is 1.
- ③ All other elements in the column containing the left most 1 of a given row are zeros.
- ④ The left most 1 in any row is to the right of the left most 1 in the row above it

Gauss - Jordan Elimination

$$x + y - z = -2$$

$$2x - y + z = 5$$

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

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 + (-2)R_1}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & 9 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 + R_1}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{3}R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\downarrow R_3 + (-3)R_2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 8 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{4}R_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{-1} & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & \boxed{-1} & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 + R_2}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 + R_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 - R_2}$$

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

$$x = 1$$

$$y = -1$$

$$z = 2$$