

2.5 Gauss and Gauss Jordan elimination.

$$4x_1 - 3x_2 + 6x_3 = 2$$

$$x_1 - 3x_2 + 6x_3 = 5$$

$$-2x_1 + 3x_2 - 8x_3 = -6$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & -3 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 & 6 & 5 \\ -2 & 3 & -8 & -6 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{P_{12}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 6 & 5 \\ 4 & -3 & 6 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -8 & -6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 9 & -18 & -18 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & 4 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 & 10 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad \text{REF}$$

$$x_3 = 1, \quad x_2 - 2x_3 = -2 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 - 3x_2 + 6x_3 = 5 \quad x_1 = -1 \quad (-1, 0, 1) \text{ solution}$$

Let's try this for RREF.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x_3 = 1 \quad x_2 = 0 \quad x_1 = 1$$

REF to solve problem: Gaussian elimination.

RREF to solve problem: Gauss-Jordan elimination

Compare A and $A^\#$ (the augmented matrix)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 & 6 \\ 1 & -3 & 6 \\ -2 & 3 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = 3$ and by previous $\text{rank}(A^\#) = 3$

Lemma If $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^\#) = \#$ of unknowns in the system, then UNIQUE solution

Pf: It is easy to see that the back substitution works here.

Rank(A) cannot be larger than

what happens if:

1) $\text{rank}(A) < \text{rank}(A^\#)$

2) $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^\#) < \#$ of unknowns

Ex: $x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 1$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 4$$

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

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

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = 2 \quad \text{rank}(A^\#) = 3$$

The last equation is

$$0x_1 + 0x_2 + \dots + 0x_3 = -2 \quad \text{which is not}$$

possible.

Lemma

So if $\text{rank}(A) < \text{rank}(A^\#)$ then INCONSISTENT.

Ex

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 9 & -9 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad 2 = \text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^\#) < 3$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3 = -1$$

$$x_2 - x_3 = 1$$

Set $x_3 = t$ then $x_2 = t + 1$

$$x_1 - 3(t+1) + 2t = -1 \Rightarrow x_1 = -1 + 3t + 3 - 2t = t + 2$$

Solution $S: \{ (t+2, t+1, t) : t \in \mathbb{R} \}$

We can write this as

$$S = \{ (2, 1, 0) + t(1, 1, 1) : t \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$S = \{ \vec{a} + \vec{b}t : t \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$t \equiv$ free variable.

Lemma: Let n be # of unknowns.
In general if $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^\#) = r^\#$

the # of free variables = $n - r^\#$.

DO NOT

Choose as free variables those where you have ones on the diagonal in REF.

Theorem: $Ax = b$ $A_{m \times n}$ $b_{m \times 1}$ $n = \#$ of unknowns.

$$r = \text{rank}(A) \quad r^\# = \text{rank}(A^\#)$$

1) $r = r^\# = n$ Unique solution

2) $r = r^\# < n$ Infinitely many solutions.

3) $r < r^\#$ Inconsistent.

Homog. eqns

If RHS $\vec{b} = 0$.

$$Ax = \vec{0} \quad \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right] = A^\#$$

Lemma: $x = 0$ is always a solution.

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^\#)$$

$0 \equiv$ trivial solution.

Ex 1

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 \end{vmatrix} \quad Ax = 0$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \equiv \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^\#) = 2 < 3$$

\Rightarrow 1 free variable

So $x_1 = t$, free variable

$$S = \{ (t, 0, 0) : t \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

Complex # example: Ex 2.5.13