

Lecture 13

→ Linear systems

$[A \cdot x = b]$ → Gaussian elimination method.

• $(n \times n \text{ matrices } A \rightarrow \boxed{\det(A)})$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$n=2 \quad \det(A) = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

$$n=3 \quad \left\{ \det(A) = a_{11} \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} - a_{12} \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} + a_{13} \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{pmatrix} \right.$$

• A is invertible $\Leftrightarrow$ there exists A^{-1} such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(I_n \cdot x = x)$$

$$A^{-1} \cdot A = A \cdot A^{-1} = I_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\det(A) \neq 0]$$

∴ The system $[A \cdot x = b]$ has a unique solution if $\det(A) \neq 0$
in which case

$$\text{Note } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[A \cdot x = b] \Leftrightarrow \overbrace{A^{-1} \cdot A}^{I_n} x = A^{-1} b \Leftrightarrow x = A^{-1} b.$$

If $\det(A) = 0$, it can either have

no solution or an infinite number of them

4. For which values of the constant c the system of equations below has a unique solution, infinitely many solutions and no solutions at all?

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$$\begin{cases} x + 2y - 3z = 4 \\ 3x - y + 5z = 2 \\ 4x + y + (c^2 - 14)z = c + 2 \end{cases}$$

$$A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ c+2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{b})$$
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -1 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 & c^2 - 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

If $\det(A) \neq 0$, the system has a unique solution

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$$\det(A) = 1 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ 1 & c^2 - 14 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 4 & c^2 - 14 \end{pmatrix} + (-3) \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \cdot (-c^2 + 14 - 5) - 2 \cdot (3c^2 - 42 - 20) - 3 \cdot (3 - (-1)4)$$

$$= (9 - c^2) - 2(3c^2 - 62) - 21$$

$$= 9 - c^2 - 6c^2 + 124 - 21 = -7c^2 + 112$$

$$\text{Now } \det(A) = 0 \Leftrightarrow -7c^2 + 112 = 0 \Leftrightarrow c^2 = \frac{112}{7} = 16$$

$$\Leftrightarrow c = \pm \sqrt{16} = \pm 4.$$

So if $c \neq \pm 4$, then the system has a unique solution.

Now stop. Study the system for $\boxed{c=4}$ and $\boxed{c=-4}$
(We will continue this in this - lecture!)

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$$c = 4$$

$$c = -4$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right) \quad \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{array}$$

$\underline{c=4}$

lets look first to a simpler example

Solve the equation (find all (x, y) satisfying)


$$x+y=1$$

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(1-equation

(2-unknowns. (we have "1 too many")

We can write $[x+y=1]$ as $[x=1-y]$

If we let $\begin{cases} y=t \\ x=1-t \end{cases}$ with $t \in \mathbb{R}$, this describes (parametrises)
($x+y=t+(1-t)=1$)

all possible solutions

2-equations
3-unknowns.

$$(1) \begin{cases} x+z=1 \\ y+z=0 \end{cases}$$

We could write it as

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

So if we let $\begin{cases} z=t \\ x=1-t \\ y=-t \end{cases}$ $t \in \mathbb{R}$, this describes all

the solutions of (1)

$$\begin{cases} x+z=t+(1-t)=1 \\ y+z=-t+t=0 \end{cases}$$

$$[x+y=1]$$

$$1 \downarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad (1 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 1$$

2 columns

$$[y=t \in \mathbb{R}]$$

$$(1 \mid 1-t)$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 1-t \\ y = t \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x+z=1 \\ y+z=0 \end{cases}$$

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

$$[z=t] \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

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

$$\begin{cases} x = 1-t \\ y = -t \end{cases}$$

How many solutions have the following systems

i) $0 \cdot x = 0 \quad (0 \mid 0)$
Infinite

ii) $0 \cdot x = 1 \quad (0 \mid 1)$
No solution.

iii) $0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y = 0$
Infinite
 $(0 \ 0 \mid 0)$

iv) $0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y = 1$
No solution
 $(0 \ 0 \mid 1)$

v) $0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y + 0 \cdot z = 0$
Infinite
 $(0 \ 0 \ 0 \mid 0)$

vi) $0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y + 0 \cdot z = 1$
No solution
 $(0 \ 0 \ 0 \mid 1)$

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$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & | & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & 5 & | & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & | & 6 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & | & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & -7 & 14 & | & -10 & -10 \\ 0 & -7 & 14 & | & -10 & -18 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} -3R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -4R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & | & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & -7 & 14 & | & -10 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim -R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\boxed{c = -5}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & | & 4 \\ 0 & -7 & 14 & | & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y + 0 \cdot z = -8}$$

The system has no solutions of $c = -4$.

$$c=4 \quad \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -7 & 14 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -7 & 14 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$[0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y + 0 \cdot z = 0]$$

$$\sim \left[-\frac{1}{7} R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \right] \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & \frac{10}{7} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left[-2R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \right] \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & \frac{-20}{7} + 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & \frac{10}{7} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4 - \frac{20}{7} &= \\ &= \frac{28 - 20}{7} \\ &= 8/7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 8/7 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 10/7 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} x + z = 8/7 \\ y - 2z = 10/7 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 8/7 - z \\ y = 10/7 + 2z \end{cases} \quad (z \in \mathbb{R})$$

Let $z = t \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 8/7 - t \\ 0 & 1 & 10/7 + 2t \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} z = t \\ x = 8/7 - t \\ y = 10/7 + 2t \end{cases}$$

There is an
infinite number
of solutions if
 $c = 4$.

1. Find all solutions to the following systems of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & 3y - z + w = 1 \\ & -x + 2y + 2z = 0 \\ & -x + y - 3z + w = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad & 2A - B - 2C = -2 \\ & 2A + 2B + 4C = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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(b) Writing the system using matrices we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Which is equivalent to

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

Gaussian elimination gives us the system is equivalent to.

$$(-R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2) \quad \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left[\cdot \frac{1}{3} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \right] \quad \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \left(\frac{1}{2} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \right)$$

$R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1$

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

So we have

$$\begin{cases} x = -\frac{1}{2} \\ y + 2z = 1 \end{cases}$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} x = -\frac{1}{2} \\ y = 1 - 2z \\ z \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = -\frac{1}{2} \\ y = 1 - 2t \\ z = t \end{cases} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -3 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \sim \begin{array}{l} -R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_1 \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -3 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \\ &\sim \begin{array}{l} R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -5 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \\ &\sim \begin{array}{l} -R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sim [-3R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3] \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -16 & 4 & -2 \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim [\frac{1}{4}R_3 \rightarrow R_3] \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim [R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2] \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim [2R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1] \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} /$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 1 \\ y + z = \frac{1}{2} \\ -4z + w = -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} z = t & t \in \mathbb{R} \\ x = 1 \\ y = \frac{1}{2} - t \\ w = -\frac{1}{2} + 4t \end{cases} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} - z \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} + 4t \end{array} \right)$$

3. Let A be the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2+k \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ k & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$, depending on a parameter $k \in \mathbb{R}$.

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(a) Find $\det A$, as a function of k .

(b) Show that A is always invertible for any value of k .

(c) Find the maximal and minimal values $\det A$ can take, for k in the range $-2 \leq k \leq 2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= 2 \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} - 0 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ k & -2 \end{pmatrix} + (2+k) \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ k & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 4 - 0 + (2+k)k = 4 + 2k + k^2 =: f(k) \end{aligned}$$

$$b) \quad k^2 + 2k + 4 = 0 \Leftrightarrow k = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 16}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-12}}{2}$$

The equation has no real solutions as $\sqrt{-12}$ is not real.

So for all $k \in \mathbb{R}$ $f(k) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow A$ is invertible.

$$c) \quad f(k) = k^2 + 2k + 4 \quad k \in [-2, 2].$$

$$f'(k) = 2k + 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow k = -1 \quad \& \quad f(-1) = (-1)^2 - 2 + 4 = 3$$

$$f(-2) = 4 - 4 + 4 = 4 \quad f(2) = 4 + 4 + 4 = 12.$$

the maximum value of $\det(A)$ on $[-2, 2]$ is 12
and the minimum value on $[-2, 1]$ is 3.

$$\left[\deg(P) \leq 1 \right.$$

$$\frac{P(x)}{(x-a)(x-b)} = \frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{x-b} \left. \right]$$

4. (a) For which values of c is the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & c \\ 1 & c & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ invertible?

(b) Find all solutions to the equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

or determine that it has no solutions.

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3. Find all solutions of the following systems of equations.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & 2x - 2y + w = 4 \\ & x - 3z + w = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad & x_2 + 3x_3 = 1 \\ & x_1 + 3x_3 = 0 \\ & x_1 + 2x_2 + 9x_3 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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5. Find all the possible solutions of the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 5; \\x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 &= 10; \\x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 3x_4 &= 15; \\x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 &= 20.\end{aligned}$$

First we will write the system of equations in matrix form and we get

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 10 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 15 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 20 \end{array} \right)$$

We will use Gaussian elimination to find the solutions. First we subtract the first row from the second, third and fourth row and we get

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 10 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 15 \end{array} \right)$$

Then we subtract the second row from the third and the fourth row and get

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 10 \end{array} \right)$$

After that we subtract the third row from the fourth row and get

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right)$$