

I. Matrices / vocabs

II. Linear systems

III. Using matrices to solve lin. sys.

Vocabs \mathbb{R} = set of real #s

eg. 2, $\sqrt{3}$, π ,

NOT $2+2i$

• A matrix is a rectangular array of #s.

eg. $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 4 \\ 3 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is a 2×3 matrix

row column

convention: we use lower-case letters to denote the entries of a matrix with two subscripts.

eg. $m_{21} = 3$, $m_{23} = 2$, $m_{13} = 4$

• A vector is a matrix with only one column

eg. $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is a vector.

in fact, it is a 4-dimensional vector.

• Given a whole # n , we write \mathbb{R}^n to denote the set of n -dimensional vectors with entries in \mathbb{R})^{1.2}

(Aside: \mathbb{C} = set of complex #s.

\mathbb{C}^n = set of n -dimensional vectors with entries in \mathbb{C} .

eg. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is in \mathbb{R}^3 . It is not in \mathbb{R}^4

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is also in \mathbb{C}^3 .

$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1+i \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ is in \mathbb{C}^3 but not in \mathbb{R}^3

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^3$$

\uparrow "is a subset of"
"is contained in"

Q Solve the following linear systems:

① $x+y=1$
 $2x+3y=5$

② $7x+7y=7$
 $2x+3y=5$

③ $x+y=1$
 $3x+4y=6$

④ $x+y=1$
 $y=3$

⑤ $2x+3y=5$
 $x+y=1$

What do you notice? Why?

A they all have same solutions!

$$\cancel{x=3}, \cancel{y=2} \quad x=-2, y=3$$

Why?

① and ②: if you divide $7x+7y=7$ by 7 you get $x+y=1$

i.e. you get ② from ① by multiplying the top row by 7.

① and ③: you get ③ from ① by ~~add~~ replacing the bottom row with bottom row + top row

$$\begin{array}{l} x+y=1 \\ 2x+3y=5 \end{array} \Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{array}{l} x+y=1 \\ 3x+4y=6 \end{array}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x+y=1 \\ + 2x+3y=5 \\ \hline 3x+4y=6 \end{array}$$

④ = get this by subtracting $2 \cdot$ (top row) from the bottom row

of ①
↑

In summary, you can perform the following operations on a sys. of lin. eqs without changing the solutions:

- ① Multiply any equation by a constant
- ② Add a multiple of one equation to another
- ③ Swap the order of the equations

Solving lin. sys. with matrices

eg. Solve

$$\begin{aligned} x + 4y + 2z &= 1 \\ y + z &= -1 \\ -6y - 9z &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

First: rewrite this system using a ^{augmented} matrix

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

$x \quad y \quad z \quad \rightarrow \text{RHS}$
 $\hookrightarrow =$

add $-4 \cdot \text{row } 2$ to row 1

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

add $0 \cdot \text{row } 2$ to row 3

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

divide row 3 by -3

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

add $-1 \cdot \text{row } 3$ to row 2

Q how can we add multiples of row 3 to other rows to clear circled entries?

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

add $2 \cdot \text{row } 3$ to row 1

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 11 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow
 x y z

In summary, we rewrote our system as a matrix, then we performed those 3 operations, to get this matrix

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1x + 0y + 0z = 11 \\ 0x + 1y + 0z = -4 \\ 0x + 0y + 1z = 3 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$x=11, y=-4, z=3$$

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Vocab: these three operations are called "elementary row operations"

Notation

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$