

Linear system solving

An algorithm to find Reduced Echelon Form

Example 1

Use the method of Gauss-Jordan elimination to find reduced echelon form of the following matrix.

Solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & -3 & 9 & 12 \\ 4 & 4 & -2 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{R1} \leftrightarrow \text{R2} \\ \approx \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & -3 & 9 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & -2 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(1/3)\text{R1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & -2 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{R3} + (-4)\text{R1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(1/2)\text{R2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} R1+R2 \\ R3+(-2)R2 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 \end{array} \right]$$

pivot

$$\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} R1+(-2)R3 \\ R2+R3 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 17 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 \end{array} \right]$$

The matrix is the reduced echelon form of the given matrix.

Gauss-Jordan Elimination

- To solve a system of equations, we can perform **elementary row operations**
 - Interchange two rows of a matrix
 - Multiply the elements of a row by a nonzero constant
 - Add a multiple of the elements of one row to the corresponding elements of another row

```
>> A = [ 0 0 2 -2 2 2;3 3 -3 9 12;4 4 -2 11 12]
```

A =

$$\begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & -3 & 9 & 12 \\ 4 & 4 & -2 & 11 & 12 \end{matrix}$$

Row operation I

Multiply elements of a row by a non-zero constant

```
function A = row_op1(A, i, s)  
% multiply s to row i
```

Exercise 1
Write a Matlab
function for
row_op1

```
>> A = [ 0 0 2 -2 2 2;3 3 -3 9 12;4 4 -2 11 12]
```

A =

0	0	2	-2	2
3	3	-3	9	12
4	4	-2	11	12

Exercise 2
Give an
example to
test row_op1

```
>> A = row_op1(A, 2, 2)
```

A =

0	0	2	-2	2
6	6	-6	18	24
4	4	-2	11	12

Row operation II

Swap row i and row j

```
function A = row_op2(A, i, j)  
% swap row i and row j
```

Exercise 3
Write a Matlab
function for
row_op2

```
>> A = [ 0 0 2 -2 2 2; 3 3 -3 9 12; 4 4 -2 11 12]
```

A =

0	0	2	-2	2
3	3	-3	9	12
4	4	-2	11	12

Exercise 4
Give an
example to
test row_op2

```
>> A = row_op2(A, 1, 2)
```

A =

3	3	-3	9	12
0	0	2	-2	2
4	4	-2	11	12

Row operation III

Add a multiple of row j to row i

```
function A = row_op3(A, i, j, s)
% add a multiple of row j to
% row i
```

Exercise 5
Write a Matlab
function for
row_op3

```
>> A = [ 0 0 2 -2 2;3 3 -3 9 12;4 4 -2 11 12]
```

A =

0	0	2	-2	2
3	3	-3	9	12
4	4	-2	11	12

Exercise 6
Give an
example to
test row_op3

```
>> A = row_op3(A,2, 3, 2)
```

A =

0	0	2	-2	2
11	11	-7	31	36
4	4	-2	11	12

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A = row_op2(A,1,2);
A= row_op1(A,1,1/3);
A=row_op3(A, 3,1, -4);
A=row_op1(A,2,1/2)

A = row_op2(A,1,2);

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A=row_op3(A, 3,1, -4);

$$\xrightarrow{\text{R3}+(-4)\text{R1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(1/2)\text{R2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

A=row_op1(A,2,1/2)

```
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A =

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Exercise 7
Give row
operations to
find rref of
matrix A

```
>> A = row_op2(A,1,2);  
A= row_op1(A,1,1/3);  
A=row_op3(A, 3,1, -4);  
A=row_op1(A,2,1/2)
```

A =

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -4 \end{matrix}$$

A = row_op3(A,1,2,1);

A = row_op3(A,1,2,1);
A = row_op3(A,3,2,-2);
A = row_op3(A,1,3,-2);
A = row_op3(A,2,3,1)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} R1+R2 \\ R3+(-2)R2 \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

A = row_op3(A,3,2,-2);

pivot

A = row_op3(A,1,3,-2);

R1+(-2)R3
—————
R2+R3

A = row_op3(A,2,3,1)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 17 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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```
>> A = row_op3(A,1,2,1);  
A=row_op3(A,3,2,-2);  
A=row_op3(A,1,3,-2);  
A=row_op3(A,2,3,1)
```

A =

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 17 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 \end{matrix}$$

Exercise 7 Give
row operations
to find rref of
matrix A

```
function B=my_rref(A)
```

```
B=A;  
[M N]=size(B);  
pivot_col = 0;
```

```
for i = 1:M  
    for j=pivot_col+1:N
```

find the first non-zero element of col j from row i to row M

if such element exist

use it to create a leading 1 for row i

eliminate other elements in column j

pivot_col=j;

break

end

end

```
end
```

Exercise 8
Write a Matlab
function to
implement my_rref

find the first non-zero element of col j
from row i to row M

```
>> A = [ 0 0 2 -2 2; 3 3 -3 9 12; 4 4 -2 11 12]
```

A =
 $\begin{matrix} & \downarrow \\ \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & -3 & 9 & 12 \\ 4 & 4 & -2 & 11 & 12 \end{matrix} & \end{matrix}$

i:2 →

```
>> i = 2; M = 3; j = 2;  
>> ind = find(A(i:M,j) ~= 0);  
>> length(ind)
```

ans =

2

i: 2

M: 3

j: 2

Such element does not exist

find the first non-zero element of col j
from row i to row M

```
>> A = [ 1 2 0 0 1; 0 0 0 1 1; 0 0 0 1 0; 0 0 1 1 1]
```

A = $\begin{matrix} & \downarrow & \\ & j:2 & \\ \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} & \\ \xrightarrow{i:2} & \end{matrix}$

```
>> ind = find(A(2:4,2)~=0);  
>> length(ind)
```

ans =

0

i: 2
M: 4
j: 2

Such element does not exist

find the first non-zero element of col j
from row i to row M

```
>> A = [ 1 2 0 0 1; 0 0 0 1 1; 0 0 0 1 0; 0 0 1 1 1]
```

j:3

A =

1	2	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	1

i:2 →

```
>> i = 2; M = 4; j = 3;  
>> ind = find(A(i:M,j) ~= 0);  
>> length(ind)
```

ans =

1

```
>> A(i-1+ind(1),j)
```

ans =

1

Such element exists

How to use such element to
create a leading in row i?

Apply row_op2 to swap row
i-1+ind(1) and row i
Apply row_op1 to create a
leading 1

The first non-zero
element

```
>> B = my_rref(A)
```

B =

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 17 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 \end{matrix}$$

Exercise 9 Give
two examples to
test my_rref

Determine the inverse of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & -5 \\ -1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}[A : I_n] &= \left[\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & -5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\approx \begin{array}{l} R2 + (-2)R1 \\ R3 + R1 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{\approx} \begin{array}{l} (-1)R2 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$



```
>> A=[1 -1 -2;2 -3 -5;-1 3 5]; my_rref([A eye(3)])
```

ans =

1	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	5	-3	-1
0	0	1	-3	2	1

```
>> inv(A)
```

ans =

0	1.0000	1.0000
5.0000	-3.0000	-1.0000
-3.0000	2.0000	1.0000

Exercise 10
Find inverse of A
using my_rref