

last lecture 6.2

- Gaussian algorithm
- Gauss-Jordan algorithm

any Matrix \rightarrow row echelon format
 \rightarrow reduced row echelon

6.3. special classes of linear system.

Definition. A $m \times n$ linear system $\begin{matrix} \nearrow \text{\# equations.} \\ \searrow \text{unknown variable} \end{matrix}$

- overdetermined if $m > n$
- underdetermined if $m < n$

\triangleright Usually overdetermined systems are inconsistent, which means no solution.

\triangleright Underdetermined system $\begin{cases} \text{no solution, inconsistent} \\ \text{infinite many solutions} \end{cases}$

Theorem 6.3.2. If an underdetermined system is consistent, it must have infinitely many solutions.
proof.

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(m rows)

Note that we know any matrix can be transformed to the row echelon form. (r rows) ^{no zero}

thus we have $r \leq m$, thus there are r leading variables, and consequently $n - r \geq n - m > 0$, free variables.

Definition 6.3.3. A linear system

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{cases}$$

is said to be homogeneous if $b_i = 0$ for all i .

Otherwise it is said to be inhomogeneous.

$$\left(A \mid \begin{matrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{matrix} \right) \longrightarrow \left(A \mid \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{matrix} \right)$$

Associated homogeneous system

Example 6.3.4.

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 2 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 5 \end{cases}$$

⇒ The associated homogeneous system

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$m \times n$

$$\begin{cases} \sum a_{ij} x_j = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \sum a_{mj} x_j = 0 \end{cases}$$

Any homogeneous linear system always have a solution, so called trivial or zero solution $(0, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$.

Theorem 6.3.5. An underdetermined homogeneous system always has non-trivial solutions.

Proof. We know a homogeneous system is consistent. Thus if the system is underdetermined and homogeneous it must have infinitely many solutions by theorem 6.3.2. Thus it must have a non-zero (non-trivial) solution.

Now we look at a special case of $n \times n$ system.

Theorem 6.3.6 An $n \times n$ system is consistent and has a unique solution, if and only if the only solution of the associated homogeneous system is the zero solution.

Proof. Follows two observations.

- The same sequence of elementary row operations that brings the augmented matrix of a system to row echelon form (Gaussian Algorithm), also bring ~~the~~ ~~an~~ augmented matrix of the associated homogeneous system to row echelon form.
- A $n \times n$ system in row echelon form has a unique solution if there are n leading variables.

Thus, if an $n \times n$ system is consistent and has a unique solution, the corresponding homogeneous system must also have a unique solution, which is necessarily the zero solution.

Chapter 7

Matrices.

7.1. Matrices and basic properties.

Definition 7.1.7. An $m \times n$ matrix A is a rectangular array of scalar (real numbers)

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

We write $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ or $A = (a_{ij})$ to denote an $m \times n$ matrix whose (i, j) -entry is a_{ij} . If $m \times n$ is to be square, it means $m = n$, we have $n \times n$ matrix

Definition 7.1.3 Two matrices A and B are equal. we write $A = B$ if they have the same size and $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$, where $A = (a_{ij})$ and $B = (b_{ij})$

Definition If $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ and α is a scalar. the αA is the $m \times n$ matrix whose (i, j) -entry is αa_{ij}

Definition 7.1.5. If $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ and $B = (b_{ij})_{m \times n}$ the sum $A + B$ is the $m \times n$ matrix whose (i, j) -entry $a_{ij} + b_{ij}$

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Example 7.1.6

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$3A + 2B =$$

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