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- New people need the handout?
- All my lecture notes will be available on the webpage!
- No office hours tomorrow Jan. 15 (winter storm)

Last time, we did this example: (replace "equation" by "row" and "variable" by "column")

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 8 \\ 3x + y = 5 \end{cases}$$

{ algebraic operations
with equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & | & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & | & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

{ same operations
but in matrix form

$$\begin{cases} x + 0y = 1 \\ 0x + y = 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \begin{cases} x = 1 \\ y = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

this is a very
simple example
of a matrix in
reduced row-echelon
form

From this read solution

$$x = 1, y = 2$$

A little background on matrices. Need some terminology + notation. See §1.2
(Note - matrices will be very important this semester, not only in the above context!)

Def A rectangular array of numbers is a matrix.

Ex 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 7 & 9 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

This has 3 rows and 4 columns

we refer to it as a 3×4 matrix

rows # columns

The entries of the matrix are the numbers that appear.

e.g. the $(3,2)$ -entry is 9
row column

the entries aren't restricted to numbers. They can be variables of different kinds

Ex 2

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \end{bmatrix}$$

If this represents the matrix in Ex 1 then $a_{32} = 9$

A is a 3×4 matrix

Some terminology.

Def let $B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$

B is an $m \times n$ matrix

If $m = n$, B is a square matrix

If $a_{ij} = 0$ for all i, j then B is a zero matrix (not necess. square)

Def let B be a square matrix.

- if $a_{ij} = 0$ whenever $i \neq j$ then B is a diagonal matrix
- if $a_{ij} = 0$ whenever $i > j$ then B is an upper triangular matrix
- if $a_{ij} = 0$ whenever $i < j$ then B is a lower triangular matrix

Ex 3

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_7 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_8 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_9 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_{10} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

square matrix: all except A_1, A_9

diagonal matrix: A_5, A_7, A_{10}

upper triangular matrix: A_3, A_5, A_6, A_7

lower triangular matrix: $A_4, A_5, A_7, A_8, A_{10}$

Def A matrix with only one column (ie an $m \times 1$ matrix for some m) is called a column vector or sometimes just a vector.

The set of all column vectors with n entries (ie n components) (ie the set of all $n \times 1$ matrices) is denoted $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Def A matrix with only one row (a $1 \times n$ matrix) is a row vector.

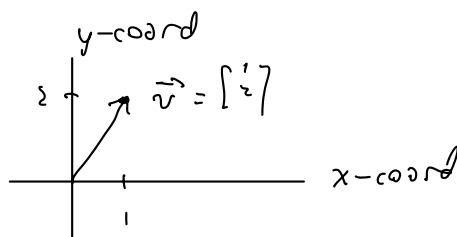
Ex $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ column vector, or just vector, in $\mathbb{R}^3$.

We write $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

$\mathbb{R}^1, \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3$, etc agree with what you've seen before. Just tweak the notation.

Ex $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$\longleftrightarrow$



Ex what's the set of all vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$ of the form $\begin{bmatrix} a+1 \\ a+2 \end{bmatrix}$ look like?

think of a point (x, y) in $\mathbb{R}^2$ with such form

$$\begin{aligned} x &= a+1 & \Rightarrow & a = x-1 & \Rightarrow & x-1 = y-2 \\ y &= a+2 & & a = y-2 & & \Rightarrow y = x+1 \end{aligned}$$

This is a line!

Back to linear systems.

Ex (see book §1.2)

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 8y + 4z = 2 \\ 2x + 5y + z = 5 \\ 4x + 10y - z = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 10 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the coefficient matrix

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 8 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 & 10 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

is the augmented matrix

Going thru similar computations to what we did Monday they reduce the augmented matrix to

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

ie

$$x = 11$$

$$y = -4$$

$$z = 3$$

This is an example of reduced row-echelon form

We write the sol'n as

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

see book for the steps

Ex Try same approach w/ 3 eqns, 5 variables (again from book §1.2)

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - x_2 + 4x_5 = 2 \\ x_3 - x_5 = 2 \\ x_4 - x_5 = 3 \end{cases}$$

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

another example of reduced row-echelon form

We can immediately read off the sol'n — solve for the circled variables

$$x_1 = 2 + x_2 - 4x_5$$

$$x_3 = 2 + x_5$$

$$x_4 = 3 + x_5$$

Now any values we (arbitrarily) assign to x_2 and x_5 gives a sol'n to the lin. syst.!

e.g. if we choose $x_2 = 8$

and $x_5 = 10$

Then $x_1 = 2 + 8 - 40 = -30$

$$x_3 = 12$$

$$x_4 = 13$$

i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -30 \\ 8 \\ 12 \\ 13 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the corresponding solution

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More generally

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 + r - 4t \\ r \\ 2 + t \\ 3 + t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

for any choice

of r, t

- infinitely many
sol's (sol'n set
is 2-dimensional)