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Row-reduction also answers our linear system questions...

THEOREM: Given a linear system $AX=Y$ with $M := [A|Y]$
(PROP 1.2.13, plus a bit more)
 (so if $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ then $M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (n+1)}$)

having $M' = [A'|Y']$ as a row-echelon form,

(i) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{solutions } X \text{ to} \\ AX=Y \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{solutions } X \text{ to} \\ A'X=Y' \end{array} \right\}$

(ii) Such solutions X exist $\iff M' = [A'|Y']$ has no pivot 1's in its last column Y'

(iii) If such solutions X exist, either

(a) they're unique if every column of A' contains a pivot 1,

(b) otherwise for each nonpivot column i of A' one can pick $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ arbitrarily, and ^{this} determines the x_j for the pivot columns to get all solutions X .

e.g. $M = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} -2 & -6 & -5 & -11 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right]$ $\xrightarrow{\text{row-reduction}}$ $M' = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 3 & 0 & 8 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & -1 & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$ $\xrightarrow{\text{had solutions!}}$ $X = \left[\begin{array}{c} 1+x_4 \\ x_2 \\ -3-3x_2-8x_4 \\ x_4 \end{array} \right]$
arbitrary x_4

whereas if instead

$M = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} -2 & -6 & -5 & -11 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right]$ $\xrightarrow{\text{row-reduction}}$ $M' = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 3 & 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} \end{array} \right]$ \Rightarrow no solutions X
no pivot 1 in Y'

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proof of THM:

(i): Since M' is the row reduction of M , $M' = E_1 E_2 \dots E_r M$ with E_i elementary
 $= PM$ with $P = E_1 E_2 \dots E_r$ invertible.

Hence $M' = PM$
 $[A' | Y'] = P[A | Y] = [PA | PY]$

~~is~~ meaning $A' = PA$ and one has $AX = Y$
 $Y' = PY$
 \Downarrow mult. on left by P \Uparrow mult. on left by P^{-1}
 $PAX = PY$
i.e. $A'X = Y'$

(ii) and (iii): If $M' = [A' | Y']$ has a pivot 1 in Y'
then the system $A'X = Y'$ has an equation $0 = 1$,
so no solutions.

Otherwise all the pivot 1's are in columns of A' , and
one can see how to get all solutions from arbitrarily
assigning the $x_j \in \mathbb{R}$ for non-pivot columns j of A' :

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} x_1 & x_2 & x_{p_1} & x_{p_2} & x_{p_3} & x_r & x_n & \\ \hline 0 & \dots & 0 & \textcircled{1} & \dots & * & 0 & \dots & * & 0 & \dots & * & * & * \\ 0 & & 0 & \textcircled{1} & \dots & * & 0 & \dots & * & 0 & \dots & * & * & * \\ 0 & & 0 & 0 & & & \textcircled{1} & \dots & * & 0 & \dots & * & * & * \\ 0 & & 0 & 0 & & & 0 & & & \textcircled{1} & \dots & * & * & * \\ \hline & & & & & & & & & & & & & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$x_{p_1}, x_{p_2}, \dots, x_{p_r}$
are determined
by the non-pivot x_i 's.

COROLLARY: For square $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, T.F.A.E.
(THM 1.2.21)

- (a) A invertible
- (b) $AX = Y$ has ~~one~~ a unique solution X for any choice of Y
- (c) $AX = 0_n$ has only the solution $X = 0_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_n$.

proof: (a) \Rightarrow (b) since A invertible $\Rightarrow AX = Y$ forces $A^{-1}AX = A^{-1}Y$
 $X = A^{-1}Y$
(b) \Rightarrow (c) trivially since $X = 0_n$ is at least one solution to $AX = 0_n$
(c) \Rightarrow (a) since $AX = 0$ having only one solution $\Rightarrow A$ has echelon form A'
with all pivot columns in A' , so $A' = I_n$ \square

(12) §1.3 Transpose

DEFIN: $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has transpose matrix $A^t \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$
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 $(a_{ij})_{\substack{i=1, \dots, m \\ j=1, \dots, n}}$ || $(a_{ji})_{\substack{j=1, \dots, n \\ i=1, \dots, m}}$
||
 $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$ || $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$

that is, $(A^t)_{ij} := A_{ji}$

Not hard to check things like $(A^t)^t = A$

$$(A+B)^t = A^t + B^t$$

$$(cA)^t = c(A^t)$$

$$(AB)^t = B^t A^t$$

$$\Rightarrow (A^t)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^t \text{ if } A \text{ invertible}$$

worth trying as an easy exercise

Because of $A \leftrightarrow A^t$, many statements about row ops/reduction, have analogues for col ops/reduction.

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we'll come back to §1.4...
§ 1.5 Permutations and their signs

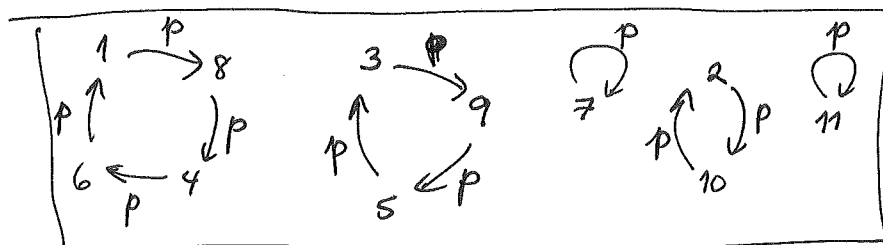
DEFIN: $S_n = \{ \text{all permutations } \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \xrightarrow{P} \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \}$
is called the symmetric group (on n letters)
= bijections
= injective and surjective functions

recall injective means $p(x)=p(y) \Rightarrow x=y$
surjective means $\forall y \exists x \text{ with } p(x)=y$

We'll use several notations for them!

EXAMPLE: in S_{11} , $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 8 & 10 & 9 & 6 & 3 & 7 & 4 & 5 & 2 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$ in two-line notation

can also be written in functional directed graph notation as



meaning
 $p(1)=8$
 $p(2)=10$
 \vdots
 $p(11)=11$

or in cycle notation(s)

$$\begin{aligned} p &= (1\ 8\ 4\ 6)(3\ 9\ 5)(7)(2\ 10)(11) \\ &= (4\ 6\ 1\ 8)(9\ 5\ 3)(7)(10\ 2)(11) \\ &= (4\ 6\ 1\ 8)(9\ 5\ 3)(10\ 2) \\ &= (7)(11)(2\ 10)(3\ 5\ 9)(6\ 1\ 8\ 4) \\ &\quad \vdots \text{ etc.} \end{aligned}$$

Permutations can be composed, and order matters!

e.g. $p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 2\ 3)(4) = (1\ 2\ 3)$

$q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 4)(2)(3) = (1\ 4)$

have $p \circ q = (1\ 2\ 3)(1\ 4) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 4\ 2\ 3)$

$q \circ p = (1\ 4)(1\ 2\ 3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 2\ 3\ 4)$