

(3) Matrix addition, scaling, multiplication satisfy lots of properties that are easy to check, usually following from properties of  $+$ ,  $\times$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , e.g.

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 A+B = B+A & c(A+B) = cA+cB & (cA)B = c(AB) = A(cB) \\
 (A+B)+C = A+(B+C) & A(B+C) = AB+AC & \\
 \boxed{A(BC) = (AB)C} & (A+B)C = AC+BC & 
 \end{array}$$

⤴ associativity is not to be taken for granted - it has implications!

Note commutativity fails in general:  $AB \neq BA$

sometimes for obvious dimension reasons, e.g.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{matrix} 1 \times 2 & 2 \times 1 \\ A & B \end{matrix} & & \begin{matrix} 2 \times 1 & 1 \times 2 \\ B & A \end{matrix} \\
 [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & \neq & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [1 \ 1] \\
 \begin{matrix} \parallel \\ [2] \\ \parallel \\ 1 \times 1 \end{matrix} & & \begin{matrix} \parallel \\ [2 \ 2] \\ \parallel \\ 2 \times 2 \end{matrix}
 \end{array}$$

but also even when  $A, B$  are square  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

e.g. 
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{matrix} A & B \\ [1 \ 1] & [0 \ 1] \end{matrix} & \neq & \begin{matrix} B & A \\ [0 \ 1] & [1 \ 1] \end{matrix} \\
 \parallel & & \parallel \\
 [1 \ 1] & & [0 \ 1]
 \end{array}$$

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The addition of matrices has  $O_{m \times n} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  as (additive) identity  $O+A=A=A+O$   
 $\forall A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

and  $-A = (-1)A$  is the (additive) inverse of  $A$

For multiplication, the (multiplicative) identity matrix  $I_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  has  $I_n A = A$   $\forall A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$   
 $A I_n = A$

and matrix inverses are more subtle:

Call  $L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  with  $LA = I_m$  a left-inverse for  $A$   
 $R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  with  $AR = I_n$  a right-inverse for  $A$

•  $A$  might have neither, e.g.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

•  $A$  might have one but not the other, e.g.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has any  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ r_1 & r_2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 as a right-inverse  $AR = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_2$   
 but check it has no left-inverse.

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Why is  $(AB)C = A(BC)$

for matrices  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  ?  
 $m \times n$     $n \times p$     $p \times q$

proof: Compare

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \overbrace{(AB)}^{m \times p} \overbrace{C}^{p \times q} \right)_{ij} &= \sum_{k=1}^p (AB)_{ik} C_{kj} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^p \left( \sum_{l=1}^n A_{il} B_{lk} \right) C_{kj} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{l=1}^n A_{il} B_{lk} C_{kj} \end{aligned}$$

versus

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \overbrace{A}^{m \times n} \overbrace{(BC)}^{n \times q} \right)_{ij} &= \sum_{l=1}^n A_{il} (BC)_{lj} \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^n A_{il} \left( \sum_{k=1}^p B_{lk} C_{kj} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{l=1}^n A_{il} B_{lk} C_{kj} \end{aligned}$$

SAME ?



(4) Associativity forces this...

PROP: If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  has both a left- and a right-inverse, then they're the same:  $L=R$ .

$$LA = I_m$$

$$AR = I_n$$

(Q: What dimensions must  $L, R$  have?)

proof: Consider

$$R = \underbrace{(LA)}_{I_m} R \stackrel{\text{associativity}}{=} L \underbrace{(AR)}_{I_n} = L$$

In this case, one says  $A$  has ~~an~~ a (two-sided) inverse, or just an inverse, and one calls this  $L=R=:A^{-1}$ , satisfying  $A^{-1} \cdot A = I_m$  and  $A \cdot A^{-1} = I_n$ .

But what's not yet clear is that this also forces  $m=n$  i.e.  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  must be square!

For this, it helps to develop row-reduction.

Recall that when one wants to solve a linear system of  $m$  equations in  $n$  unknowns

e.g.

$$\begin{cases} -2x_1 - 6x_2 - 5x_3 - 11x_4 = 1 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 + 4x_4 = 1 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 + 6x_3 + 2x_4 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$m=3$   
 $n=4$

it's helpful to recast it as  $AX=Y$  where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$\begin{matrix} \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1} & & \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1} \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{column vectors} & & \text{column vectors} \end{matrix}$

e.g.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -6 & -5 & -11 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

and then there are 3 kinds of (invertible) operations one can do to the system, that don't change the solution set to  $AX=Y$ , and which correspond to 3 types of row operations on the augmented matrix  $[A | Y]$  ...

$$[A | Y] \quad \dots$$

↑  
last column

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Type (i): adding  $c$  times  $i^{\text{th}}$  equation to  $j^{\text{th}}$  equation,  
corresponds to adding  $c$  times row  $i$  to row  $j$  in  $[A|Y]$

Type (ii): ~~re-ordering~~ re-ordering the equations by swapping  $i^{\text{th}}$  and  $j^{\text{th}}$ ,  
corresponds to swapping rows  $i$  &  $j$  of  $[A|Y]$

Type (iii): scaling the  $i^{\text{th}}$  equation by  $c \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ ,  
corresponds to scaling  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $[A|Y]$

One can always do this until  $[A|Y]$  is in row echelon form:

e.g.  $[A|Y] = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} -2 & -6 & -5 & -11 & +1 \\ +1 & +3 & +4 & +4 & +1 \\ +1 & +3 & +6 & +2 & +3 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & * & \dots & * & \dots & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & * & \dots & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{array} \right]$

↓ add 2(row 3) to row 1 (Type (i))

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 0 & +7 & -7 & +7 \\ +1 & +3 & +4 & +4 & +1 \\ +1 & +3 & +6 & +2 & +3 \end{array} \right]$$

↓ add (-1)(row 2) to row 3 (Type (i))

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 0 & 7 & -7 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

↓ swap rows 1 and 2 (Type (ii))

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 4 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & -7 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

↓ scale row 2 by  $\frac{1}{7}$  (Type (iii))

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

↓ add (-4)(row 2) to row 1  
↓ add (-2)(row 2) to row 3

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & 8 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \leftarrow \text{row-echelon form} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & * & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

which corresponds to the easier system  $[A'|Y']$  i.e.  $A'X = Y'$   $\begin{cases} x_1 + 3x_2 + 8x_4 = -3 \\ x_3 - x_4 = 1 \\ 0 = 0 \end{cases}$   
whose solutions have  $x_2, x_4$  arbitrary in  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $x_3 = 1 + x_4$   
 $x_1 = -3 - 3x_2 - 8x_4$

(6) More formally ...

DEFIN:  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is in row-echelon form if

- (a) its zero rows all come at the end (row  $i$  zero  $\Rightarrow$  row  $j$  is zero  $\forall j > i$ )
- (b) each nonzero row has its leftmost nonzero entry being 1 (called a pivot 1)
- (c) if rows  $i$  and  $i+1$  are nonzero, the pivot 1 in row  $i$  is left of the pivot 1 in row  $i+1$
- (d) pivot 1's are the only nonzero entry in their column.

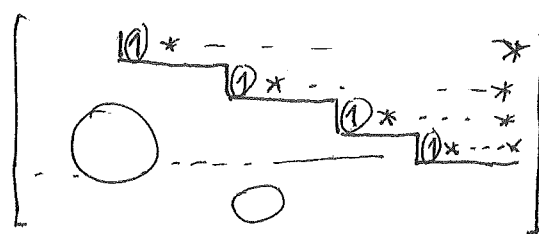
e.g.

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 & & & \text{pivot columns} & & & & \\
 & & & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \\
 \left[ \begin{array}{cccccccc}
 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & * & \dots & * & 0 & * & \dots & * \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & * & \dots & 0 & * & \dots & * \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & * & \dots & 0 & * & \dots & * \\
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 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

PROPOSITION: Every matrix  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  can be brought to row-echelon form by a sequence of row ops of type (i), (ii), (iii)

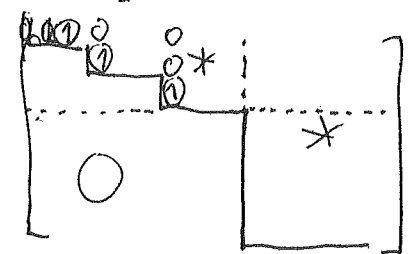
proof: Induct on the number of nonzero rows. ~~by induction on the number of nonzero rows~~

(sketch)



(Q: What does the base case of the induction look like?)

In the inductive step, one has it in this form



and one finds the leftmost nonzero entry below the dotted line, scales its row to make it a pivot 1, swaps rows until it is just below the dotted line, then uses the pivot 1 to eliminate entries ~~in the same column~~ in the same column.

REMARK: The row-echelon form for  $M$  is unique, but we won't need this.