Solving System of Linear Equations

Equivalent

• Two systems of linear equations are **equivalent** if they have exactly **the same solution set**.

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + x_2 = 10 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$
Solution set:
$$\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \}$$
equivalent
$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 3 \\ x_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$
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Equivalent

- Applying the following three operations on a system of linear equations will produce an equivalent one.
- 1. Interchange

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + x_2 &= 10 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 &= 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} x_1 - 3x_2 &= 0 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 &= 10 \end{cases}$$

• 2. Scaling (non zero)

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + x_2 &= 10 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 &= 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} 3x_1 + x_2 &= 10 \\ -3x_1 + 9x_2 &= 0 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 &= 0 \\ x_1 - 3x_1 &= 0 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 &= 0 \\ x_1 - 3x_1 &= 0 \\$$

• 3. Row Addition

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + x_2 = 10 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} 10x_2 = 10 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solving system of linear equation

• Strategy

- We know how to transform the given system of linear equations into another equivalent one.
- We do it again and again until the system of linear equation is very simple
- Finally, we know the answer at a glance.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 & -3x_2 &= 0 \ 3x_1 & +x_2 &= 10 \\ x_1 & x_2 &= 10 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{x}_3} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{x}_1} \begin{cases} x_1 & -3x_2 &= 0 \\ 10x_2 &= 10 \ \mathbf{x}_1/10 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 &= 1 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{x}_3} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{x}_2} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{x}_3} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{$$

Augmented Matrix

a system of linear equation

 $\begin{array}{rcl} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &=& b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n &=& b_2 \\ \vdots & & & & & & & & & & \\ \end{array}$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$
coefficient matrix

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a system of linear equation

 $a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$ $a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$ $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ $a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$ m x (n+1) $\begin{bmatrix} A & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{bmatrix}$ augmented matrix

Back to Equivalent

• 1. Interchange

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + x_2 &= 10 \\ x_1 & -3x_2 &= 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} x_1 & -3x_2 &= 0 \\ 3x_1 & +x_2 &= 10 \end{cases}$$

• 2. Scaling (non zero)

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + x_2 = 10 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} 3x_1 + x_2 = 10 \\ -3x_1 + 9x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

• 3. Row Addition

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + x_2 = 10 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 10x_2 = 10 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 = 0 \\ x$$

Back to Equivalent elementary row operations

• 1. Interchange Interchange any two rows of the matrix

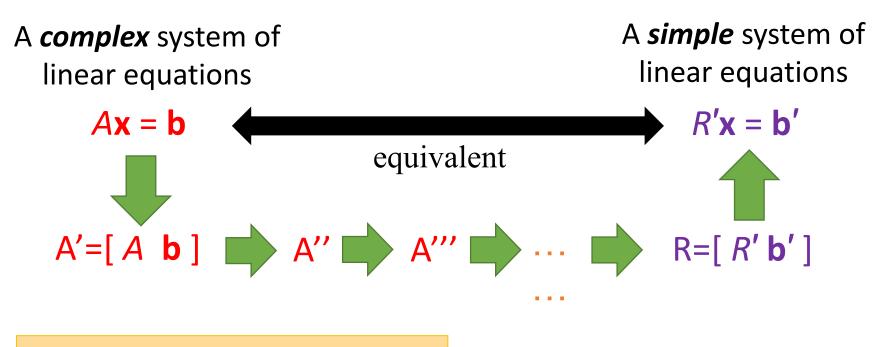
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 10 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 2. Scaling (non zero) [3 1 10] Multiply every entry of some row by the same nonzero scalar [3 1 10]
- 3. Row Addition

Add a multiple of one row of the matrix to another row

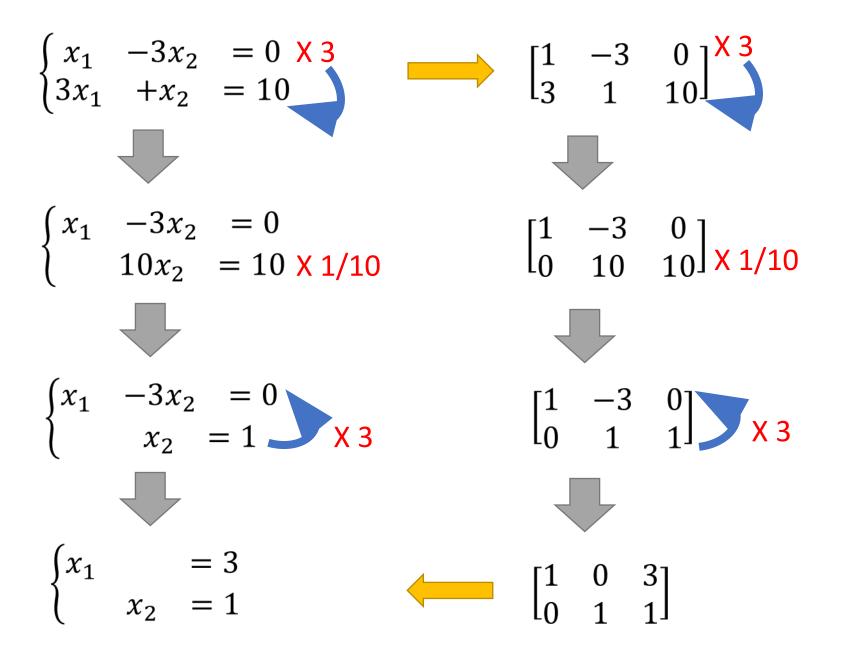
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 10 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{X(-3)} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 10 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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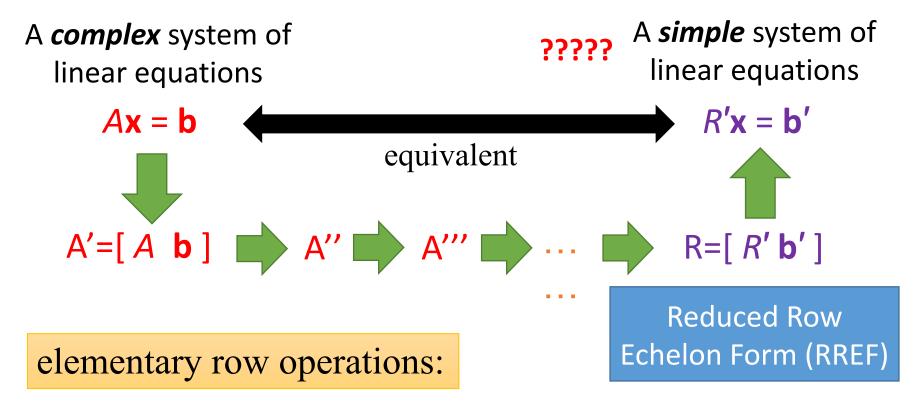


elementary row operations

- 1. Interchange any two rows of the matrix
- 2. Multiply every entry of some row by the same nonzero scalar
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