

1.2: MATRIX METHODS FOR SOLVING SYSTEMS① Matrices

A matrix is a box of #'s.

Ex A 2×3 matrix:
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{size}}$
 "by"

$$\begin{array}{l} 2 \rightarrow \\ \text{rows} \rightarrow \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ & 3 & \text{columns} \end{array}$$

has 6 entries/elements

Form for an $m \times n$ matrix:

$$\begin{array}{l} m \\ \text{rows} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ & n & \text{columns} \end{array}$$

has mn entries: the " a_{ij} "s
 $\begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \text{row} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \nwarrow \\ \text{col.} \end{array}$

squarem=n
"order" $\begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix}$ Ⓑ Writing the Augmented Matrix for a System

① Write the eqs. in standard form

$$\text{Ex } \begin{cases} 3x + 2y - z = 0 \\ -2x + y = 3 \\ y = 4z - 5 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 3x + 2y - z = 0 \\ -2x + y = 3 \\ y - 4z = -5 \end{cases}$$

(OK that coeff. of x is "-")

② Line up like terms (in columns)

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 2y - z = 0 \\ -2x + y = 3 \\ y - 4z = -5 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ x & y & z \\ \text{terms} & & \end{pmatrix}$$

③ (Optional). Write in 0, ±1 coeffs.

$$\begin{pmatrix} +y \rightarrow +1y \\ -z \rightarrow -1z \\ \text{no } x \text{ term} \rightarrow 0x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 2y - 1z = 0 \\ -2x + 1y + 0z = 3 \\ 0x + 1y - 4z = -5 \end{cases}$$

④ Write the augmented matrix

x	y	z		Right-hand side (RHS)
3	2	-1		0
-2	1	0		3
0	1	-4		-5

coefficient/ matrix

(book omits)

Even though it's tempting to do it by columns, you may be better off doing it by rows. When you read the eqs., you're less likely to omit the \pm s. Still, lining up like terms a good idea.

skip

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Ex } \begin{cases} 3x - y = -4 \\ 5x = 7 \end{cases} \\ \\ \begin{cases} 3x - 1y = -4 \\ 5x + 0y = 7 \end{cases} \\ \\ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & | & -4 \\ 5 & 0 & | & 7 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right)$$

© Elementary Row Operations (EROs)

Equivalent equations have the same sol'n set.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Ex } 2x - 1 = 5 \\ \quad 2x = 6 \\ \quad x = 3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \downarrow \text{sequence} \\ \text{of eqs.} \\ \leftarrow \text{an eq. whose} \\ \text{sol'n is obvious} \end{array}$$

Equivalent systems have the same sol'n set.

EROs: legal
chess moves

EROs allow us to write a sequence of equivalent systems until we get one whose sol'n is easy to find.

EROs:

① Row Interchange

If we have a sol'n
What does it do?

$$\text{Ex } \begin{cases} 3x - y = 1 \\ x + y = 4 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x + y = 4 \\ 3x - y = 1 \end{cases} \text{ (same sol'n set)}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow \\ R_2 \rightarrow \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$

(We can rewrite the rows in any order.)

② Row Rescaling

We can ^{mult.} (or \div) through a row
by any (non-0) #.

$$\text{Ex } \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}y = 3 \\ y = 4 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x + y = 6 \\ y = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left(2 \cdot R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \right. \\ \left. \text{(old)} \quad \text{(new)} \right)$$

③ Row Replacement

We can add a multiple of one row
to another row. (Idea: Addition Method.)

$$\text{Ex } \begin{cases} x + 3y = 3 \leftarrow (-2) \\ -2x + 5y = 16 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 6y = 6 \leftarrow \text{revert to original} \\ -2x + 5y = 16 \leftarrow \text{can replace} \\ \hline 11y = 22 \\ \text{(hybrid eq.)} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x + 3y = 3 \\ 11y = 22 \end{cases}$$

$$R_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -2 & 5 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 + 2 \cdot R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \text{ (new)}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} R_2: -2 \quad 5 \quad | \quad 16 \\ + 2 \cdot R_1: 2 \quad 6 \quad | \quad 6 \\ \hline \text{new } R_2: 0 \quad 11 \quad | \quad 22 \end{array} \downarrow \text{Add}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Same } R_1 \\ \text{New } R_2 \\ R_2 \leftarrow \div 11 \\ \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \text{ Good form!} \end{array}$$

If this is not
we want to
turn the "-2"
into a "0"

Only ~40%
have seen

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① Gaussian Elimination (Easy Exs.)

Method for solving systems.

Steps

① Write the augmented matrix.

② Use EROs to write a sequence of row-equivalent matrices until you get the form

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & & \end{array} \right]$$

All "0"s
below

"1"s along the
main diagonal

(if coeff. matrix
is square)

Strategy: "Correct" the columns from left-to-right.

③ Write the new system.

④ Use back-substitution to find
the solution.

Can ✓ in original system.

Meyer p.1
Chinese 200 BC
→ Europe
Gauss popularized
it.

What's
checkmate?

Top of a
jigsaw puzzle
box.

You don't want
to undo the
good work
you've done.

Before you
get your
dirty hands
all over it...

Solve

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 5y = 7 \\ x - y = 1 \end{cases}$$

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Lial 24

$$\left(\begin{cases} 3x - 5y = 7 \\ x - y = 1 \end{cases} \text{ (optional)} \right)$$

Augmented Matrix

want "1"

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -5 & 7 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \leftarrow \text{If we } \div 3, \text{ fractions!}$$

Let's $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$ (Write steps - in case you \checkmark later.)
back

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -5 & 7 \end{array} \right] \leftarrow \text{can't } \cdot 0$$

want "0"
(elimination)

Let's:

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - 3 \cdot R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \\ \text{(old)} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{(new)} \\ \text{OR} \\ R_2 + (-3) \cdot R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} R_2: 3 \quad -5 \quad | \quad 7 \\ +(-3) \cdot R_1: -3 \quad 3 \quad | \quad -3 \\ \hline \text{new } R_2: 0 \quad -2 \quad | \quad 4 \end{array} \quad \downarrow \text{Add}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 \end{array} \right] \leftarrow \div (-2) \text{ or } \cdot (-\frac{1}{2})$$

want "1" here

Don't want
to use this
row - we'll
disturb
"0"

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

⇒ System

$$\begin{cases} 1x - 1y = 1 & (\text{can skip}) \\ 0x + 1y = -2 & (\text{skip}) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x - y = 1 \\ y = -2 \end{cases} \uparrow$$

Back-Sub

$$y = -2$$

$$\begin{aligned} x - y &= 1 \\ x - (-2) &= 1 \\ x + 2 &= 1 \\ x &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

(You)

What's my sol'n?

$$\{(-1, -2)\}$$

up to 23,
except
7, 4, 11, 21

Can ✓ (in original system.)

Ex Solve $\begin{cases} 3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 8 \\ 6x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 = 18 \\ -9x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = -20 \end{cases}$

Like rusty #32

$$\left(\begin{cases} 3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 8 \\ 6x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 = 18 \\ -9x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = -20 \end{cases} \right) \text{ (optional)}$$

6, -9 are
mults. of 3

Use \rightarrow $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & | & 8 \\ 6 & -1 & 3 & | & 18 \\ -9 & 1 & -1 & | & -20 \end{bmatrix}$ (if we $\div 3$, fractions early!)

want "0"

want $\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$

$$\begin{array}{r} R_2: 6 \quad -1 \quad 3 \quad | \quad 18 \\ + (-2) \cdot R_1: -6 \quad -4 \quad -2 \quad | \quad -16 \\ \hline \text{new } R_2: 0 \quad -5 \quad 1 \quad | \quad 2 \end{array} \quad \downarrow \text{Add}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} R_3: -9 \quad 1 \quad -1 \quad | \quad -20 \\ + 3 \cdot R_1: 9 \quad 6 \quad 3 \quad | \quad 24 \\ \hline \text{new } R_3: 0 \quad 7 \quad 2 \quad | \quad 4 \end{array}$$

Let's assume
you're not afraid
of fractions for now.
Can $\rightarrow 7$
 $\rightarrow 5$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 2 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 7 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \div 3 \text{ (maybe later)} \\ \leftarrow \div (-5) \end{array}$$

want "1"

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 2 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & -5 & 7 & 14 \\ 0 & 35 & 10 & 20 \end{array} \right] R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 2 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & -5 & 7 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & 17 & 34 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \div 7 \\ \leftarrow \div 17 \end{array}$$

Other books:
OK
 \rightarrow system avoids fractions

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{8}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ 0 & 7 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{"in trouble"} \\ \leftarrow \text{want "0"} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_3: 0 \quad 7 \quad 2 \quad 4 \\ (-7) \cdot R_2: 0 \quad -7 \quad \frac{7}{5} \quad \frac{14}{5} \\ \hline \text{new } R_3: 0 \quad 0 \quad \frac{17}{5} \quad \frac{34}{5} \end{array}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{8}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{17}{5} & \frac{34}{5} \end{array} \right] \leftarrow \div \left(\frac{17}{5}\right)$$

want "1"

Some books allow you to stop earlier here
Key: Or below

Notice $\frac{34}{5}$ is
twice $\frac{17}{5}$

I demand that
you go all
the way!

$$\begin{array}{c} x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{8}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

⇒ System

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + \frac{2}{3}x_2 + \frac{1}{3}x_3 = \frac{8}{3} \\ x_2 - \frac{1}{5}x_3 = -\frac{2}{5} \\ x_3 = 2 \end{cases} \quad \uparrow$$

Back-Sub

$$x_3 = 2$$

$$x_2 - \frac{1}{5}x_3 = -\frac{2}{5}$$

$$x_2 - \frac{1}{5}(2) = -\frac{2}{5}$$

$$x_2 - \frac{2}{5} = -\frac{2}{5}$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 + \frac{2}{3}x_2 + \frac{1}{3}x_3 = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$x_1 + \frac{2}{3}(0) + \frac{1}{3}(2) = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$x_1 + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{6}{3}$$

$$x_1 = 2$$

Watch order
here - lucky -
palindrome

$$\{ \overset{x_1}{2}, \overset{x_2}{0}, \overset{x_3}{2} \}$$

Can ✓

See (Ex 3) (p.16), (Ex 5) (p.18) - for more practice.

Up to
25,
except
7, 9, 11, 21

⑤ When Does a System Have No Solution?

If we ever get a row

$$\underbrace{0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0}_{\text{(all "0"s on) the coeff. side}} \left| \underbrace{\text{a non-0 \#}}_{\text{RHS}} \right.$$

STOP! Sol'n set = \emptyset
System "inconsistent"

Ex $\begin{cases} x + y = 1 \\ x + y = 4 \end{cases}$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right] \leftarrow 0=3 \text{ can never be satisfied}$$

⑤

See (Ex 6) (p. 20)

Teach
 $R_2 + (-1)R_1$

Up to 25
except
7, 9, 11

(F) Row-Echelon Form for a Matrix

We aimed for

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & 0 & & \end{array} \right] \quad \text{special care of}$$

What if we can't get this? Ex [not square] isn't even square?)

In general, we aim for row-echelon form.

Properties

- ① If there are any "all-0" rows, they must be at the bottom.

Aside from "all-0" rows,

- ② Every row must have a "leading 1" as its leftmost non-0 entry.

- ③ The "leading 1" of a row must always be to the right of the "leading 1"s of all higher rows. ($\begin{matrix} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{matrix}$)

- ③ The "leading 1"s go down and to the right. ($\begin{matrix} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{matrix}$)

They go down and to the right. JFK

is this matrix
in row-ech
form?

Ex
$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

not leading

"Leading 1"s are in the pivot positions

not in book

Ex Solve
$$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 21 \\ 4x - 6y = 42 \\ 2x - 2y = 16 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow \\ R_3 - R_1 \rightarrow \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -3 & 21 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \end{array} \right]$$

What do
we get?
Walk around

or -2 1st

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -3 & 21 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -3 & 21 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \leftarrow \div 2$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{21}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

→ Systems

$$\begin{cases} x - \frac{3}{2}y = \frac{21}{2} \\ y = -5 \\ 0 = 0 \end{cases} \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{any sol'n of this} \\ \text{automatically satisfies "0=0"} \end{array} \right)$$

← can drop

Back-Sub

$$y = -5$$

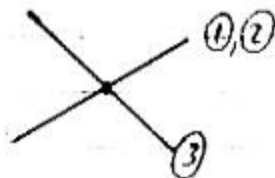
$$\begin{aligned} x - \frac{3}{2}y &= \frac{21}{2} \\ x - \frac{3}{2}(-5) &= \frac{21}{2} \\ x + \frac{15}{2} &= \frac{21}{2} \\ (x &= \frac{6}{2}) \\ x &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\{(3, -5)\}$$

Can ✓

Note

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 21 \\ 4x - 6y = 42 \\ 2x - 2y = 16 \end{cases} \begin{array}{l} \text{same stupid} \\ \text{line!} \end{array}$$



③ Reduced Row-Echelon (RRE) form

Recite ①-③

Row-echelon form and

Or directly
above, below

Property ④: Each leading 1 has all "0"s elsewhere in its column.

Old Ex Solve
$$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 21 \\ 4x - 6y = 42 \\ 2x - 2y = 16 \end{cases}$$

using Gauss-Jordan elimination
(\rightarrow RRE form).

Augmented Matrix

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -3 & 21 \\ 4 & -6 & 42 \\ 2 & -2 & 16 \end{array} \right]$$

Which # must
 $\rightarrow 0$

We need to
eliminate up
from the
leading 1s.

Old Ex

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{21}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Need "0" for RRE form} \\ \text{Row-Echelon} \\ \text{Form} \end{array}$$

In Gauss-Jordan elimination, we \rightarrow RRE form

$$\begin{array}{l} R_1: 1 \quad -\frac{3}{2} \quad \frac{21}{2} \\ +\frac{3}{2}R_2: 0 \quad \frac{3}{2} \quad -\frac{15}{2} \\ \hline \text{new } R_1: 1 \quad 0 \quad 3 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{"Work" moves from} \\ \text{Back-Sub stage} \\ \text{to here} \end{array} \right\}$$

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$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \underline{\text{RRE form}}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 3 \\ y = -5 \end{cases} \quad (\text{Sol'n pops out!})$$

MATLAB
If you're working
with friends

Note Every matrix has a unique RRE form.

Ex 7 (p. 21)

Book:

Row-echelon form \rightarrow RRE form

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Book: 1st} \nearrow 0 \\ \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right] \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{3} \nearrow 0 \\ \text{3} \nearrow 0 \\ \text{1} \nearrow 0 \end{array} \end{array}$$

Faster: "Clear up" columns from
right-to-left.

(You get to take advantage
of "0"s along the way)

We like to take
advantage of D.
He's easy to
push around.
Take his lunch
money.

(H) Systems with ∞ Many Sol'n's

Col of 0s
see 16-44

Ex Solve
$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 + 5x_4 = 3 \\ 2x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3 + 7x_4 = 5 \end{cases}$$

Augmented Matrix

$$R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & 5 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -3 & | & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\cdot (-1) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & 5 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 2 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Row-Echelon Form}$$



Free vars. correspond to columns in the coeff. matrix that do not have a leading 1.
(Here, x_2 and x_4 .)

If there are free vars and the system is consistent (no row $0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ | \neq 0$),
 $\Rightarrow \infty$ many sol'n's.
You must \rightarrow RRE form to describe the sol'n set.

Some Sol'ns

$$\begin{array}{cc|cccc} f & u & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 7 & -20 & -4 & -20 & 7 \end{array}$$

2D plane of sol'ns in 4D space.
2 free vars 4 vars

See (Ex 8) (p. 22)

① Homogeneous Systems of Linear Eqs.

(have augmented matrices that have all "0"s in RHS.)

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} & \begin{array}{c} \text{RHS} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{array} \end{array} \right]$$

Ex $\begin{cases} x + y - z = 0 \\ 2x + y - 3z = 0 \end{cases}$ Consistent

We (automatically) know $(0, 0, 0)$ is a sol'n (the trivial sol'n).

(Any such system is consistent.)

If more vars. than eqs., then

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} \text{"fat"} \\ \text{(coeff.} \\ \text{matrix)} & \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{array} \end{array} \right]$$

There will be free vars.

∞ many sol'ns.

we're going to have what kind of vars?

Note

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} \text{square} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right] \quad \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \text{skinny} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right]$$

can have 1 or ∞ many sol'n's.

Ex (You)

Homog. system w/ more eqs. than vars.
that has ∞ many sol'n's

Use 32 vars.

write \rightarrow
They got it!

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 0 \\ 2x + 2y = 0 \\ 3x + 3y = 0 \end{cases} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{can} \\ \text{drop} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{some stupid} \\ \text{line.} \end{array}$$

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

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

x
y
(free)

Too easy

Ex 1 sol'n

$$\begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y = 0 \\ 2y = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

{(0,0)}

① Combos

		<u>0</u>	# sol'ns <u>1</u>	<u>∞ many</u>
Go col by col	[square]	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & & 4 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
A skinny can do whatever a square can do	[skinny]	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
	[fat]	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	NO!	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

(Is there a relationship between matrix size and # sols.? Not really, except NO!)
(Other than that, anything goes!)