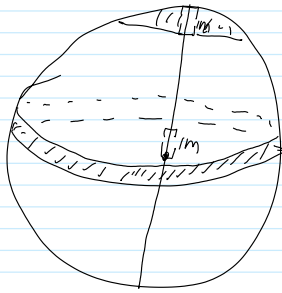


Riddle.



which has more area, the band or the cap?

ouch!
I should have asked: a spherical loaf of bread goes into a bread slicer...

- Today. 1. How far can we reach w/ row reduction? (ref)
2. Solving systems of linear eqn's, Theory & practice.

Row/col reduction:

- * Interchange two rows/cols
- * Multiply a row/col by $c \neq 0$
- * Add c times row/col j to row/col i

* Implemented by $A \rightarrow EA, AE$

* Preserves ranks.

* Can reach $\left(\begin{array}{c|c} I_k & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$

* Can compute inverses

sometimes

Proof we can reach $\left(\begin{array}{c|c} I_k & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$ always.

How far can you go with row reduction?

1. The first non-zero entry in each row ("the pivot") is a 1.

2. In the column of a pivot, all else is 0

[scan from left to right, to prevent interference]

3. Going down the rows, the pivots are further & further to the right.

(And then with col?)
BTW, this is an amusing app of associativity

"reduced row echelon form"
r.r.e.f

Example:

$\left[\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 9 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 7 & 0 & \pi \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$		$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{non-zero rows} \\ \text{pivot rows} \end{array} \right\}$			
			$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{zero rows} \\ \text{non-pivot rows} \end{array} \right\}$		
				$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{pivot cols} \\ \text{non-pivot cols} \end{array} \right\}$	
					$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{pivot cols} \\ \text{non-pivot cols} \end{array} \right\}$

save some space; do not erase until end.

.... And now with col. ops., can reach $\left(\begin{array}{c|c} I_k & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$

claim The rank of a r.r.e.f matrix is the number of pivots / non-zero rows in it.

claim If A is invertible, its r.r.e.f. is I

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 7y = -3 \\ 2y - x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{In this case,} \\ A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -7 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{7}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (x, y) = (2, 1) \end{array} \right.$$

In general

$$\begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{array} \Rightarrow Ax = b \quad \text{where } A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}$$

"solving for the coordinates of an unknown vector"

Taxonomy: $Ax = 0$: homogeneous system of lin. eqns

$Ax = b$: inhomogeneous system of lin eqns

If we are lucky and A is invertible, then $x = A^{-1}b$. Often we are, but often we are not.

The homogeneous case 1. x is a sol'n iff $x \in \ker A$.
 2. 0 is always a sol'n (so the set of sol'n is always a subspace of F^n)

The general case

1. A sol'n exists iff $b \in R(A) = \text{im}(A) = \text{col-spc}(A)$.

2. If x_0 is a sol'n then x_1 is also a sol'n iff

$x_1 = x_0 + x$ where x is a sol'n of the homogeneous eq'n $Ax = 0$ ("affine subspace")

$$Ax = b \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \underline{E}Ax = \underline{E}b \\ Cx = d \end{array} \quad (A|b) \xrightarrow[\text{ops}]{\text{row}} (C|d)$$

If C is r.r.e.f.:

Example: $\left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 9 & 0 & e & d_1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 7 & 0 & \pi & d_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & d_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_4 \end{array} \right] \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{non-zero} \\ \text{rows} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{pivotal} \\ \text{rows} \end{array}$

↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ } zero rows / non-pivotal rows.

↑ ↑ } pivotal col's

↑ } non-pivotal col's

1. Sol'n exist iff the d_i 's in the non-pivotal rows are 0.
2. The x_j 's corresponding to the non-pivotal col's can be set arbitrarily, the x_j 's corresponding to the pivotal rows are then fixed.

Example

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 + 4x_4 - 9x_5 &= 17 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 - 3x_5 &= 6 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 - 5x_5 &= 8 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 - 8x_5 &= 14, \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & -9 & 17 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -5 & 8 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & -8 & 14 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & -9 & 17 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -5 & 8 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & -8 & 14 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow$$

and so...

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2t_1 + 2t_2 + 3 \\ t_1 - t_2 + 1 \\ t_1 \\ 2t_2 + 2 \\ t_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t_1 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

All done.