

Section 5.4  
Matrices and Systems of Equations

**Matrices:**

If  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers, an \_\_\_\_\_ is a rectangular array

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

in which each  $a_{ij}$ , called \_\_\_\_\_, of the matrix is a real number.

An  $m \times n$  matrix has \_\_\_\_\_ rows and \_\_\_\_\_ columns.

NOTE:  $a_{ij}$  is the entry in the \_\_\_\_\_ row and \_\_\_\_\_ column. (Ex.  $a_{53}$  is in the \_\_\_\_\_)

- A matrix having  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns is said to be of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
- If \_\_\_\_\_, the matrix is called a \_\_\_\_\_ matrix of order \_\_\_\_\_.
- For a square matrix, the entries \_\_\_\_\_ (ex. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_) are the \_\_\_\_\_ entries.

**Example 1:** Determine the order of each matrix.

a.  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & -2 & -1 & 4 \\ 2 & 13 & -5 & 7 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 & 3 & 0 & -11 \end{bmatrix}$

b.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

c.  $[1 \ 0 \ -6]$

The goal in this section is to solve the systems of linear equations by using matrices.

A matrix can be derived from a system of linear equations.

<u>System</u>	<u>Augmented Matrix</u>	<u>Coefficient Matrix</u>
$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 6 \\ 2x - y + z = 3 \\ 3x \quad - z = 0 \end{cases}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \vdots & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & \vdots & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 & \vdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

We can apply the elementary row operations to matrices.

**Elementary Row Operations:**

1. Interchange two rows.
2. Multiply a row by a nonzero constant.
3. Add a multiple of a row to another row.

**Example 2:** Compare the linear systems and matrix operations.

System	Associated Augmented Matrix
$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 6 \\ 2x - y + z = 3 \\ 3x \quad -z = 0 \end{cases}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \vdots & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & \vdots & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 & \vdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Gauss-Jordan Elimination:

**Example 3:** What is the corresponding system of a given matrix below?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \vdots & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Gauss-Jordan Elimination is a method to solve systems by continuing the reduction process until you

obtained a matrix of the form,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \vdots & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & c \end{bmatrix}$  (where a, b, c are real numbers).

**Example 4:** Solve the system of linear equations by using Gauss-Jordan elimination.

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

b. 
$$\begin{cases} 2y - z = 14 \\ 7x - 5y = 6 \\ 2x - y + 3z = 24 \end{cases}$$

**Example 5:** Solve the system of linear equations.

a. 
$$\begin{cases} x + 4z = 1 \\ x + y + 10z = 10 \\ 2x - y + 2z = -5 \end{cases}$$

b. 
$$\begin{cases} 3x - 3y + 6z = 6 \\ x + 2y - z = 5 \\ 5x - 8y + 13z = 7 \end{cases}$$