

# Math 1119B: Week 3, Lecture 1

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- ▶ Brief test review.

## An omission on my part.

Until now, I have simply referred to row-reducing as the **row-reduction algorithm**. However, there is a proper name for this (and I will specify this more throughout the term. Row reduction to **echelon** form is called **Gaussian elimination**, and further reduction to **reduced echelon** form (RREF) is called **Gauss-Jordan elimination**.

This terminology did not show up on your test, but may be on the final exam.

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Similarly, let  $Z_2$  be a  $q \times m$  matrix.  $Z_2A$  is a  $q \times m$  matrix with every entry equal to zero.

We denote the  $m \times m$  all-zero matrix by  $0_m$ .

# The identity matrix

**Definition.** Let  $I_n$  be the  $n \times n$  matrix with 1s on the diagonal and 0s elsewhere, for example

$$I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matrix  $I_n$  is called the  $n \times n$  **identity matrix**.

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$$AB = BA = I_n,$$

then we say  $B$  is the **inverse** of  $A$ , and we often denote  $B = A^{-1}$ .

**Key points.**

- ▶ Not every matrix has an inverse (think  $O_m$ !).
- ▶ Determining when a matrix has an inverse, and solving for the inverse will be most of the content of chapter 2 and 3.

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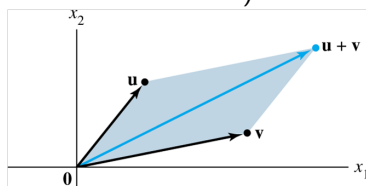
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Since vectors are of size  $n \times 1$ , for some  $n$ , multiplying vectors **is not defined** for vectors larger than  $1 \times 1$ .

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## Multiple parameters

Let

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 4 & 5 & -8 & 3 \\ 3 & -6 & -6 & 10 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

be the augmented matrix of a system of linear equations. Find the solution to the system.

**Ans.** On the tutorial.