

How to reduce the example from class to RREF:
(not RREF yet)

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 & 33 \\ \textcircled{2} & 1 & 7 & 3 & -1 & 22 \\ -2 & 0 & -8 & 0 & -1 & -31 \\ 4 & -1 & 17 & -3 & 7 & 92 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \text{swap, } R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$$

To get that 2 as the first pivot.

$$\begin{array}{l} -2x \\ +1x \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} \textcircled{2} & 1 & 7 & 3 & -1 & 22 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 & 33 \\ -2 & 0 & -8 & 0 & -1 & -31 \\ 4 & -1 & 17 & -3 & 7 & 92 \end{array} \right]$$

use the pivot "2" to eliminate all other first-column entries.

$$\begin{array}{l} R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_4 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} +3x \\ -1x \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 2 & 1 & 7 & 3 & -1 & 22 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & -1 & 3 & 4 & 33 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & -2 & -9 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & -9 & 9 & 48 \end{array} \right]$$

use the pivot "1" in row 2 to eliminate all nonzero entries below it.

$$\begin{array}{l} R_3 - R_2 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_4 + 3 \cdot R_2 \rightarrow R_4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} +\frac{7}{2}x \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 2 & 1 & 7 & 3 & -1 & 22 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 & 33 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{-6} & -42 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 21 & 147 \end{array} \right]$$

use the pivot "-6" in row 3 to cancel the "21" below it.

$$R_4 + \frac{7}{2}R_3 \rightarrow R_4$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 2 & 1 & 7 & 3 & -1 & 22 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 & 33 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 & -42 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

and we obtain the REF matrix from the handout in class.

How to reduce the example from class from REF
to reduced REF (RREF):

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{scale by } \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{scale by } \frac{-1}{6} \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} \textcircled{2} & 1 & 7 & 3 & -1 & 22 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 & 33 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{-6} & -42 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Turn the non-1 pivots
to 1 by scaling rows.

$$\frac{1}{2}R_1 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$-\frac{1}{6}R_3 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \times \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{7}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 11 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & -1 & 3 & 4 & 33 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

eliminate entries above the
row-2 pivot.

$$R_1 - \frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$\begin{array}{l} +\frac{5}{2} \times \\ -4 \times \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -\frac{5}{2} & -\frac{11}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 & 33 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

eliminate entries above the
row-3 pivot.

$$R_1 + \frac{5}{2}R_3 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$R_2 - 4R_3 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

and we obtain the
RREF matrix
from the handout.