

CHAP I SYSTEMS OF LINEAR Equations and MATRICES

Consider the following equations:

a) $2x - y = 1$

b) $y - x^2 = 3$

c) $x + 2y + z = 1$

d) $z - x^2 - y^2 = 0$

e) $e^x + 2y + \sin(z) = 1$

f) $xy + 2z + 5y = 2$

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Def. - A linear equ. in the variables $x_1, \dots, x_n$ is an equation that can be written as

$$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n = b \quad (1)$$

Where $a_1, \dots, a_n$ are real or complex numbers called the "coefficients" and b is also a real or complex number called the "independent term".

Solution

Consider the pairs: i) $(1, 1)$, ii) $(2, 1)$

Subst. in (a) leads to

$(1, 1)$: $2(1) - 1 = 1 \checkmark$ equ. is satisfied.

$(2, 1)$: $2(2) - 1 = 3 \neq 1$ " is not ".

We will say that $(1, 1)$ is a "soln" of equ. (a) and $(2, 1)$ is not a "soln".

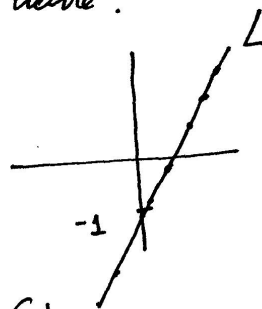
~~But~~ ~~then~~. How many solns. does equ. (a) have?

All points on the line $y = 2x - 1$

are solutions. In fact, they are all

the solutions. We say that all points

in L constitute the "general soln." of equ. (a).



→ Def. of Soln.

Def. - A soln. of a lin. eqn. (1)

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$$

is a list of n numbers $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$

Such that eqn. (1) is satisfied when we

Substitute $x_1 = s_1, \dots, x_n = s_n$.

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LINEAR SYSTEMS.

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

$(2, 3)$ is a soln. Since

$$2(2) - 3 = 1 \checkmark$$

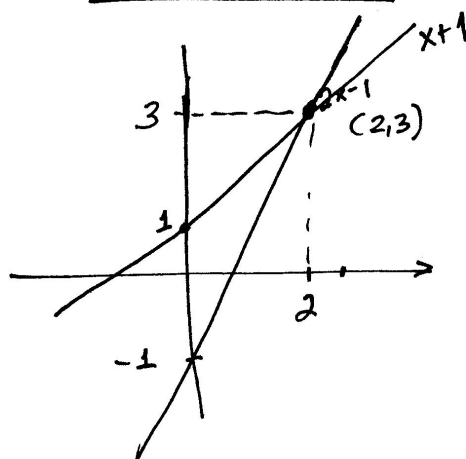
$$2 - 3 = -1 \checkmark$$

but $(4, 5)$ is not. Since

$$2(4) - 5 = 3 \neq 1$$

$$4 - 5 = -1 \checkmark$$

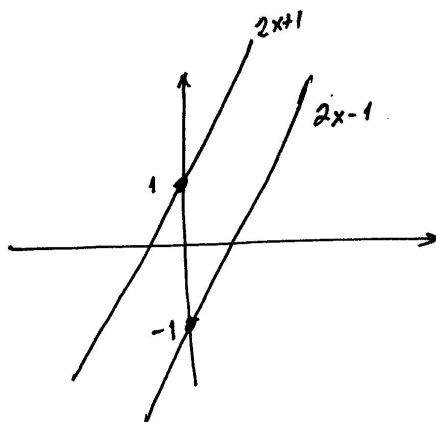
Geometrical soln.



How many solns?

Example 2. -

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

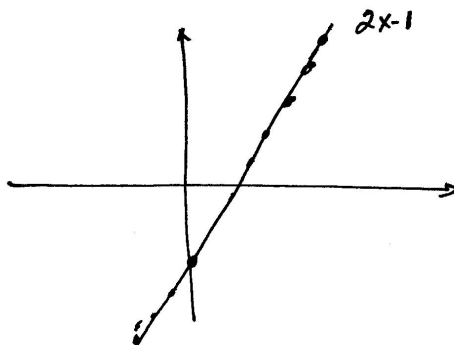


Example 3. -

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 1 \\ 4x - 2y = 2 \end{cases}$$

$(2, 3)$ and $(3, 5)$ are solns.

but $(1, 2)$ is not a soln.



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Def. - A system of linear eqs. is a collection of one or more linear eqs. involving the same variables $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

m equations and n variables or unknowns.

Def. - A ^{list} of numbers $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$ is a soln. of ^{system} (1) if this ^{list} is a solution of every equation of system (1).

Examples 1 - 3 illustrate the following general result:

$\Rightarrow$ "Every ^{system} of linear eqs. has either no solns.,
exactly one soln or infinitely many solns."

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Def. - A linear syst with one soln. or infinitely many solns is said to be consistent. Otherwise, ^(no solns.) it's called inconsistent.

Matrix Representation

Example 4. -

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 - 4x_3 = -10 \\ x_2 + 3x_3 = 2 \\ 3x_1 + 5x_2 + 8x_3 = -6 \end{cases}$$

Associated matrix to example 4 is given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

It's called Coefficient matrix. Another important matrix is the augmented matrix:

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

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Solving a linear system

Replace given syst $\xrightarrow{\text{by}}$ another ^{equivalent} syst. easier to solve.

Three basic operations are performed on original syst.

- 1.- Scaling. Multiply by a nonzero constant
- 2.- Replacement. Add a multiple of one equation to another
- 3.- Interchange. Interchange two equations.

↘ By an equivalent system we mean a new system that has the the same set of solns as the original one.

Work on Transparencies Example 4.



Example 4.-

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 2x_1 & -4x_3 & = -10 \\
 x_2 + 3x_3 & = & 2 \\
 3x_1 + 5x_2 + 8x_3 & = & -6
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \left(
 \begin{array}{cccc}
 2 & 0 & -4 & -10 \\
 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\
 3 & 5 & 8 & -6
 \end{array}
 \right)$$

① Multiply 1st equ. by $\frac{1}{2}$.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 x_1 & -2x_3 & = -5 \\
 x_2 + 3x_3 & = & 2 \\
 3x_1 + 5x_2 + 8x_3 & = & -6
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \left(
 \begin{array}{cccc}
 \textcircled{1} & 0 & -2 & -5 \\
 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\
 \boxed{3} & 5 & 8 & -6
 \end{array}
 \right)$$

② Add $-3 \times (\text{equ. 1})$ to equ. 3 to eliminate x_1 coeff.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 x_1 & -2x_3 & = -5 \\
 x_2 + 3x_3 & = & 2 \\
 5x_2 + 14x_3 & = & 9
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \left(
 \begin{array}{cccc}
 1 & 0 & -2 & -5 \\
 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\
 0 & \textcircled{5} & 14 & 9
 \end{array}
 \right)$$

③ $-5 \times (\text{equ. 2}) + \text{equ. 3}$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 x_1 & -2x_3 & = -5 \\
 x_2 + 3x_3 & = & 2 \\
 -x_3 & = & -1
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \left(
 \begin{array}{cccc}
 1 & 0 & -2 & -5 \\
 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\
 0 & 0 & -1 & -1
 \end{array}
 \right)$$

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④ $(-1) \times (\text{eq. 3})$

$$x_1 - 2x_3 = -5$$

$$x_2 + 3x_3 = 2$$

$$x_3 = 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

⑤ $(-3) \times (\text{eq. 3}) + \text{eq. 2}$

$$x_1 - 2x_3 = -5$$

$$x_2 = -1$$

$$x_3 = 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

⑥ $2 \times (\text{eq. 3}) + \text{eq. 1}$

$$x_1 = -3$$

$$x_2 = -1$$

$$x_3 = 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Soln: $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (-3, -1, 1)$.

Example 4. - (Summary)

$$2x_1 - 4x_3 = -10$$

$$x_2 + 3x_3 = 2$$

$$3x_1 + 5x_2 + 8x_3 = -6$$

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

Basic operations or row operations

$$x_1 - 2x_3 = -5$$

$$x_2 + 3x_3 = 2$$

$$x_3 = 1$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Further row operations

$$x_1 = -3$$

$$x_2 = -1$$

$$x_3 = 1$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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The three basic operations on the equations of the system correspond to three elementary row operations on the augmented matrix:

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

Def - We will say that two matrices are row equivalent if there is a sequence of elementary row operations that transform one matrix into the other.

Remark: Row operations are reversible

If the augmented matrices of two linear systems are row equivalent then the two systems have the same solution set.

Exercise #12

$$(1) \quad x_1 - 5x_2 + 4x_3 = -3$$

$$(2) \quad 2x_1 - 7x_2 + 3x_3 = -2$$

$$(3) \quad -2x_1 + x_2 + 7x_3 = -1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & 4 & -3 \\ 2 & -7 & 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & 7 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

① $\text{Eq}(1) \times (-2) + \text{Eq}(2)$ and $\text{Eq}(1) \times (2) + \text{Eq}(3)$

$$x_1 - 5x_1 + 4x_3 = -3$$

$$3x_1 - 5x_3 = 4$$

$$-9x_1 + 15x_3 = -7$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & -5 & 4 \\ 0 & -9 & 15 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

② $\text{Eq}(2) \times (3) + \text{Eq}(3)$

$$x_1 - 5x_1 + 4x_3 = -3$$

$$3x_1 - 5x_3 = 4$$

$$\boxed{0 = 5}$$

Contradiction!

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & -5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, the system (1)-(3) is "inconsistent". It means, it has no solution.

Two Fundamental Questions About Linear Systems

1.- Is the System Consistent?

2.- Is the Solution unique?

Consistent means there is at least one Solution.

Unique means if a Solution exists that Solution is the only one.