

# System of linear equation

Example:

(1)  $ax = b$

Case-1: if  $a \neq 0$ , then

$x = \frac{b}{a}$  is unique solution of the equation  $ax = b$ .

Case-2 If  $a = 0$ , and  $b \neq 0$  then Equation has no solution.

Case-3 If  $a = 0$  and  $b = 0$  then the equation  $ax = b$  has infinity many solutions.

(2)  $x + 2y = 1$        $x + 3y = 1$

$(x, y)^t = (1, 0)$  is unique solution.

(3)  $x + 2y = 1$  and  $2x + 4y = 2$

$(x, y)^t = (1 - 2y, y)^t$

infinity many solutions.

### Example - 3

$$x + 2y = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 2x + 4y = 3$$

has no solution.

Def: (1) A system of  $m$ -linear equations in  $n$ -variables (or  $n$ -unknowns) is of the following form:

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

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$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

where  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are unknowns and  $a_{ij}$  and  $b_k$  are constants.

(2) A sequence of numbers  $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n)^*$  is a solution of the system if  $x_1 = s_1, \dots, x_n = s_n$  satisfy each equation in the system.

(3) If  $b_1 = b_2 = \dots = b_m = 0$ , then the system of linear equations is called homogeneous system of linear equations.

So, question is how to find ~~system of linear~~ solution of a given system of linear equations?

Note 1st: ~~A~~ a homogeneous system of linear equations always has a solution, namely

$x_1 = 0 = \dots = x_n = 0$ , called trivial solution.

So, given a homogeneous system of linear equations, we always look for a non-trivial (non-zero) solution.

Def: (1) A system of linear equations is said to be consistent if it has at least one solution.

(2) A system of linear equations is said to be inconsistent if it has no solution.

The idea for solving a system of linear equations is to transfer the system of linear equations to a simpler system of linear equations without changing the solution set.

Example,

Consider the system of 2-linear equation  
in 2-unknowns.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_1x + b_1y = c_1 \quad \text{--- (A)} \\ a_2x + b_2y = c_2 \quad \text{--- B} \end{array} \right\} \text{--- (1)}$$

Eliminate  $x$  from (B)

$$(A) \times -\frac{a_2}{a_1} + B$$

$$\left(b_2 - \frac{a_2}{a_1} b_1\right) y = c_2 - \frac{a_2}{a_1} c_1$$

Now the system of linear equation

$$a_1x + b_1y = c_1$$

$$\left(b_2 - \frac{a_2}{a_1} b_1\right) y = \left(c_2 - \frac{a_2}{a_1} c_1\right) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

has the same solution as (1).

$$x = \frac{b_2 c_1 - b_1 c_2}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1}, \quad y = \frac{a_1 c_2 - a_2 c_1}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1}$$

Now consider two system of linear equation

$$a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n = b_i \rightarrow i\text{th row}$$

$$a_{j1}x_1 + \dots + a_{jn}x_n = b_j \rightarrow j\text{th row}$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

and if  $x_1 = s_1, \dots, x_n = s_n$  is a solution of this system.

Note - (1) Interchanging rows does not alter the solution set.

$$a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{j1}x_1 + \dots + a_{jn}x_n = b_j$$

$$a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n = b_i$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

Still  $x_1 = s_1, \dots, x_n = s_n$  is a solution of this system of linear equation.

Rule-2

Multiply an equation by a constt. 'C'  
does not change the solution.

$$a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$C a_{11}x_1 + \dots + C a_{1n}x_n = C b_1$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

$$x_1 = b_1, \dots, x_n = b_n \text{ is also a solution.}$$

Rule-3: Adding a constt. multiply of row to another  
row does not alter the solution.

$$a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$(a_{11} + c a_{j1})x_1 + \dots + (a_{1n} + c a_{jn})x_n = b_1 + c b_j$$

$$a_{j1}x_1 + \dots + a_{jn}x_n = b_j$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

$$x_1 = b_1, \dots, x_n = b_n \text{ is also a solution.}$$

New notation come into picture.

Consider the system of linear equations

$$a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

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$$a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

Then this system can be written in a matrix form,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix:

$\begin{bmatrix} a_{ij} \end{bmatrix}$  is called the coefficient

matrix of the system.

The matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & - & a_{1n} & : & b_1 \\ & & & : & 1 \\ & & & : & \\ a_{m1} & - & a_{mn} & : & b_m \end{bmatrix} \text{ is called augmented}$$

matrix of the system.

Ex: Put this system of linear equation in matrix form, indicate its co. eff. and augmented mat

$$x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 = 3$$

$$2x_1 + 6x_2 - 2x_3 + 4x_4 = 18$$

$$x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 = 10.$$



Method of finding solution of a given system of linear equation:

Given a system of linear equation:

$$a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

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$$a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

We find its augmented matrix,

$$[A|b] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Then apply the following elementary row operations to  $[A|b]$ :

(1) Multiply a <sup>non-zero</sup> constt. throughout a row,  
 $R_i \rightarrow cR_i$

(2) Interchange any two rows.

$$R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$$

(3) Add a constt. multiple of a row to another row,

$$R_i \rightarrow R_i + cR_j$$

(4) Make ~~first~~ non-zero entry in each row non-zero to reduce  $[A|b]$  into form

Ex:

$$2y + 4z = 2$$

$$x + 2y + 2z = 3$$

$$3x + 4y + 6z = -1$$

$$[A|b] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 6 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} c_{11} & \dots & c_{1n} & d_1 \\ & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & c_{mi} & d_m \end{array} \right]$$

↓  
This process is called ~~Gauss-Jordan~~ Gauss-Jordan method.

Apply  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 6 & -1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & -10 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -8 \end{array} \right] \downarrow$$

$$2 = -2$$

$$x + 2y + 2z = 3 \Rightarrow x = -1$$

$$2y + 4z = 2 \Rightarrow y = +3$$

$$4z = -8 \Rightarrow z = -2$$

Backward substitution method.

Def: Two augmented matrices (or system of linear equations) are said to be row-equivalent if one can be transformed to other by a finite sequence of elementary row operations.

→ Note that elementary row operations can be applied to any matrix.

Def: A row-echelon form of an  $n \times n$  augmented matrix is of the following form:

- (1) The zero rows, if they exist, come last in the order of rows.
- (2) The first non-zero entries in the non-zero rows are 1, called leading 1's.
- (3) Below each leading 1, is a column of zeros. Thus in any consecutive non-zero rows, the leading in the lower row appears further to the right than the leading 1 in the upper row.

The reduced row-echelon form of an augmented matrix is of the form:

- (4) Above each leading 1 is a column of zeros, in addition to the row-echelon form.

Two matrices are said to be row-equivalent, if one can be obtained from other, by applying finitely many elementary row operations.

Exercise: Identify, which of the  
following is in row-echelon form  
or reduced row echelon form;

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Methods of finding solutions of a system of linear equations

\* Suppose  $AX = b$  is a system of linear equations given in a matrix form.

Let  $[A|b]$  be the augmented matrix.

→ Then, we find row-Echelon form of  $[A|b]$  and ~~use~~ we use backward substitution method to find the solution.

This process is called Gauss-Elimination method.

→ If we find reduced row-Echelon form of  $[A|b]$  and use backward substitution method to find the solution, then this process is called Gauss-Jordan Elimination method.

Ex:

$$y + z = 2$$

$$2x + 3z = 5$$

$$x + y + z = 3$$

$$[A|b] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow 2R_3 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_1, R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{3}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = 1, y = 1, x = 1$$

unique solution.

Ex: Solve the system of linear equation eqs by Gaussian elimination method.

$$x + y + z = 3$$

$$x + 2y + 2z = 5$$

$$3x + 4y + 4z = 12$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow -3R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y + 0 \cdot z = 1$$

hence this system of linear eqs has

no solution.  
 $\Rightarrow$



\* If given a system of <sup>non-homogeneous</sup> linear equations, if row-echelon form of <sup>corresponding</sup> augmented matrix has a row of the form  $[0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, b]$   $b \neq 0$ , then the system has no solution.  
 i.e. system is inconsistent.

Example:

$$2y - 2 = 1$$

$$4x - 10y + 3z = 5$$

$$3x - 3y + 0 = 6$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & -10 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_{12}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -10 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow \frac{3}{4}R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -10 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{18}{4} & -\frac{9}{4} & \frac{9}{4} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow \frac{9}{4}R_2 + R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -10 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

has no solution.

$$6 + \frac{-15}{4}$$

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$$\frac{30}{4} - 3$$



Example: solve the system of linear eqs  
by Gauss elimination method:

$$x + y + z = 3$$

$$x + 2y + 2z = 5$$

$$3x + 4y + 4z = 11$$

Augment matrix:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 & 11 \end{array} \right]$$

Find the Echelon form of the matrix

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 & 11 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow -3R_1 + R_3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 3 \\ y + z &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{(1, 2-2, 3)}$$

infinitely many solutions

Ex

$$x + y + z = 7$$

$$x + 2y + 2z = 5$$

$$3x + 4y + 4z = 12$$

Def:

Among the variables in a system, the ones corresponding to the columns containing leading 1's are called basic variables, and the ones corresponding to the columns without leading 1's if they are any, are called the free variables.

Q. solve the system of linear equation by Gaussian Elimination method.

$$-x + y + 2z = 0$$

$$3x + 4y + z = 0$$

$$2x + 5y + 3z = 0$$

$$[A|b] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow 3R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 7 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow 2R_1 + R_3}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow -R_2 + R_3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x - y + 2z = 0$$

$$y + z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -z$$

$$x = -z,$$

$(-z, -z, z)$  are the solutions.

Ex: Find the reduced row Echelon form of the following matrix.

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

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -6 & 6 & 1 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 6R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 18 & 25 & -13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{18} R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{25}{18} & -\frac{13}{18} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{11}{9} & \frac{4}{9} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{25}{18} & -\frac{13}{18} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & \frac{25}{18} & 5 - \frac{13}{18} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{11}{9} & \frac{4}{9} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{25}{18} & -\frac{13}{18} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{11}{9} & \frac{4}{9} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{25}{18} & -\frac{13}{18} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example : Find row Echelon form and reduced row Echelon form of the following matrices.

$$(1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -9 & 10 & 2 & 9 \\ 2 & -6 & 4 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -6 & 8 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$