

# Basic Math | Class 16

## Rank, Systems of linear equations

① Solve the following systems of equations and answer the following questions:

①<sup>o</sup> Using the EBT method solve the system. Find all its solutions. Give the solutions in vector / scalar form. Free variables bound variables?

②<sup>o</sup> If it is consistent  $\Rightarrow$   
give the set of solutions

$$M=S.$$

③<sup>o</sup> Give the solution set  
 $U_h = S_h$  of the associated  
homogenous system.

Determine a basis in  $U_h$ .

Find the direct  $S_h$

④<sup>o</sup> What is the coefficient  
matrix of the system? and  
give its rank.

$$\text{Rank } A = ?$$

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# CASE OF UNIQUE SOLUTION

$$a) \begin{cases} x_2 - 3x_3 = -5 \\ 4x_1 + 5x_2 - 2x_3 = 10 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 = 7 \end{cases}$$

Scalar form of this  
system

Coefficient matrix :

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

Vector b :

$$b := \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 10 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \text{ right hand side.}$$

If  $x := \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  then

the vector form of this system is:

$$x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 10 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and}$$

the matrix form of it

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 4 & 5 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 10 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A \cdot X = b.$$

Remark: we can have solution  
(the system is CONSISTENT)

$$\text{(iff)} \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 10 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}; \right.$$

$$\left. \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

or

$$b \in \text{Span}(a_1, a_2, a_3)$$

where  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  are the  
column vectors of  $A$ .

Solve the system by the  
GAUSS-JORDAN  
elimination method  
using the Elementary  
Basis Transformation  
(E.B.T.) This is the

method we will use to  
solve systems of linear  
equations.

Let's see it.



pivot element

	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$b$	
$e_1$	0	1	-3	-5	$1 \cdot (-3)$ $1 \cdot (-5)$
$e_2$	4	5	-2	10	$(+)$
$e_3$	2	3	-1	4	$(+)$
$a_2$	0	1	-3	-5	
$e_2$	4	0	13	35	$(+)$
$e_3$	2	0	8	22	$1:2$ $1 \cdot (-2)$
$a_2$	0	1	-3	-5	$(+)$
$e_2$	0	0	-3	-9	$1: (-3)$
$a_1$	1	0	4	11	$1 \cdot (-1)$ $1 \cdot \frac{4}{3}$

	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$b$
$a_2$	0	1	0	4
$a_3$	0	0	1	3
$a_1$	1	0	0	-1

We could change  
 all the basis elements  
 $e_1, e_2, e_3$  by  $a_2, a_3, a_1$   
 so the algorithm  
 stops and in this  
 case we have a unique  
 solution, namely  
 $x_1 = -1, x_2 = 4, x_3 = 3$



So we have

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ is}$$

the only solution.

Free variables: 0

Bound variables: 3

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) =$$

$\text{rank}(A) = 3 = \text{number}$   
of bound variables

Solution set

$$S = \left\{ x = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = x_0 + S_h$$

$$X_B = \text{basis solution} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_h = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}. \quad \underline{\text{So}}$$

$$AX = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is the}$$

homogenous system

$$\text{When } b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

we get the only  
solution  $X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$

$$\Rightarrow \dim S_h = 0;$$

By theorem 2 part :

If  $r = \text{rank}(A)$  ,

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \Rightarrow$

bound variables  $= r$

$$\dim S_u = n - r$$

Now  $n = 3 ; r = 3$

$$\text{So } n - r = 0.$$

b) CASE OF INFINITELY  
MANY SOLUTIONS.

$$\begin{cases} -3x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - x_4 - 2x_5 = 2 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 + x_5 = 0 \\ -x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 - x_5 = 8 \\ x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 = 6 \end{cases}$$

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Here  $m = 4$  (number of equations)

$n = 5$  (number of unknowns) So this is

a  $4 \times 5$  type of system.



Coefficient matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 5}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 8 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4; \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^5$$

So matrix form  
of our system is

$$A \cdot x = b$$

Solve it by E.B.T.

	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$	$b$	
$e_1$	-3	1	1	-1	-2	2	$1 \cdot (-2) \quad   \cdot (-1)$
$e_2$	2	-1	0	0	1	0	$\oplus$
$e_3$	-1	1	2	1	-1	8	$\oplus$
$e_4$	0	1	1	2	0	6	
$a_3$	-3	1	1	-1	-2	2	$\oplus \quad   \cdot (-2)$
$e_2$	2	-1	0	0	1	0	$  \cdot 2 \quad   \cdot (-3)$
$e_3$	5	-1	0	3	3	4	$\oplus$
$e_4$	3	0	0	3	2	4	$\oplus$
$a_3$	1	-1	1	-1	0	2	$\oplus$
$a_5$	2	-1	0	0	1	0	$\oplus$
$e_3$	-1	2	0	3	0	4	$  \cdot (-1) \quad   \cdot 2$
$e_4$	-1	2	0	3	0	4	$  \cdot (-1)$



	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$	$b$
$a_3$	0	1	1	2	0	6
$a_5$	0	3	0	6	1	8
$a_1$	1	-2	0	-3	0	-4
$e_4$	0	0	0	0	0	0

Here there is no 0 element. So no more  
 basis vectors of  $a_2, a_4$   
 Can exchange vector  
 $e_4$  So the algorithm  
 STOPS.

When the  $\square$  part is  
0 in  $b$  and



all are 0

Then we have  
infinitely many  
solutions, so the  
system can be solved,  
it is called

CONSISTENT  
System of equations.



How can we find the solutions? What is this last table mean?

$$x_2 + \textcircled{x_3} + 2x_4 = 6$$

$$3x_2 + 6x_4 + \textcircled{x_5} = 8$$

$$\textcircled{x_1} - 2x_2 - 3x_4 = -4$$

$$\underline{0x_1} + \underline{0x_2} + \underline{0x_3} + \underline{0x_4} + \underline{0x_5} = \boxed{0}$$

We could change

$e_1, e_2, e_3 \iff$  to

$a_3, a_5, a_1 \implies$

variables  $x_3, x_5, x_1$

are bound or dependent variables

variables :  $x_2, x_4$  are  
free variables (independent ones)

$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = r = 3$   
(number of bound variables)

$\Rightarrow \dim \text{Ker}(A) =$   
 $= n - r = 5 - 3 = 2$

(number of free variables)

$$\text{Ker } A = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = 0\}$$

$= S_h$  = the set of  
all homogenous solutions

$$\dim S_h = \dim \text{Ker } A =$$
$$= n - r = n - \text{rank } A =$$

$$= 5 - 3 = \boxed{2} \text{ Solutions}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_2, x_4 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ are free} \\ x_1 = -4 + 2x_2 + 3x_4 \\ x_3 = 6 - x_2 - 2x_4 \\ x_5 = 8 - 3x_2 - 6x_4 \end{array} \right.$$

SCALAR FORM OF SOLUTION

Solution in vector form:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 + 2x_2 + 3x_4 \\ x_2 \\ 6 - x_2 - 2x_4 \\ x_4 \\ 8 - 3x_2 - 6x_4 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 6 \\ 0 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}}_{X_B} + x_2 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}}_{=: N_2} + x_4 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}}_{=: V_4}$$

basis  
solution



The set of all solutions:

$$S = \left\{ x_B + x_2 \cdot v_2 + x_4 \cdot v_4 \mid x_2, x_4 \in \mathbb{R} \right\} =$$

$$= x_B + \left\{ x_2 \cdot v_2 + x_4 \cdot v_4 \mid x_2, x_4 \in \mathbb{R} \right\} =$$

$$= x_B + \text{Span}(v_2, v_3) =$$

$$= x_B + S_u,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S_h &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^5 : Ax = 0\} = \\ &= \text{Ker } A = \text{by theorem} = \\ &= \text{Span}(v_2, v_4). \end{aligned}$$

Our theorem is also  
stating that vectors

$v_2, v_4$  are linearly  
independent here  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \dim S_h &= \dim \text{Ker } A = \\ &= \dim \text{Span}(v_2, v_4) = 2 = \\ &= n - r = n - \text{rank } A = \\ &= 5 - 3 = 2. \end{aligned}$$

So a basis in  $S_h$  is

$v_2, v_4$  ;

Remark. If someone is  
choosing different generator  
elements, may have a  
solution of other form  
as well (but the same  
structure: 2 free variables  
3 bound variables,  $\text{rank } A = 3$ ;  
 $\dim S_h = 2 \dots$ )

C) CASE OF INCONSISTENT  
SYSTEM. SOLVE :

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 = -1 \\ x_1 + 4x_2 - 4x_3 + 3x_4 = 2 \\ 4x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & -4 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4},$$

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = ?$$



$$S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid Ax = b\} = ?$$

$$S_h = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid Ax = 0\} = ?$$

	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$b$	
$e_1$	2	3	-1	2	-1	$\swarrow \oplus$
$e_2$	1	4	-4	3	2	$\swarrow \oplus$
$e_3$	4	<span style="border: 1px solid orange;">1</span>	5	0	1	$  \cdot (-4) \quad   \cdot (-3)$
$e_1$	-10	0	-16	<span style="border: 1px solid orange;">2</span>	-4	$  : 2 \quad   \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$
$e_2$	-15	0	-24	3	-2	$\swarrow \oplus$
$a_2$	4	1	5	0	1	
$a_4$	-5	0	-8	1	-2	
$e_2$	<span style="border: 1px solid orange;">0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid orange;">0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid orange;">0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid orange;">0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid red;">4</span>	
$a_2$	4	1	5	0	1	

There could be only one option to continue namely to change  $e_2$  by  $a_3$  or  $a_1$  but their coefficient in  $e_2$ -s row is 0 so the algorithm STOPS

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0	0	0	0
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) We check now what is in column of  $b$  at line of  $e_2$  : 

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 $\neq 0$

$\Rightarrow$  There is no solution so the system is called



to be INCONSISTENT.

(If here  $\boxed{\quad}$  would be 0  
we would have infinitely  
many solutions see  
point b))

So  $\boxed{S = \emptyset}$  ; BUT

if  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$  we  
get the homogeneous  
solutions, since  
through the whole

algorithm stops the  
0 vector then.

Let's find the solutions

Final table:

	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$b$
$a_4$	-5	0	-8	1	0
$e_2$	0	0	0	0	0
$a_2$	4	1	5	0	0

Dependent variables

$x_2, x_4 \Rightarrow$

$\text{rank } A = 2$   $\Rightarrow$

$$\dim S_u = n - r = 4 - 2 = \underline{\underline{2}}$$

Solutions:

$$\begin{cases} -5x_1 - 8x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ 0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 + 0x_4 = 0 \\ 4x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Free variables:  $x_1, x_3$

Bound  $\text{---}$ :  $x_2, x_4$

$$\begin{cases} x_2 = -4x_1 - 5x_3 \\ x_4 = 5x_1 + 8x_3 \\ x_1, x_3 \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$



Vector form:

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ -4x_1 - 5x_3 \\ x_3 \\ 5x_1 + 8x_3 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ -4x_1 \\ 0 \\ 5x_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -5x_3 \\ x_3 \\ 8x_3 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= x_1 \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}}_{v_1} + x_3 \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}}_{v_3}$$

So the homogenous solutions:

$$S_h = \left\{ x_1 \cdot v_1 + x_3 \cdot v_3 \mid x_1, x_3 \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \text{Span}(v_1, v_3)$$

By the theorem of linear systems:

$v_1, v_3$  is lin. indep.

System  $\Rightarrow$

$$\dim S_h = \dim \text{Ker } A = 2$$

and a basis in  $S_u$  or  
 $\text{Ker } A$  are vectors:

$$u_1, u_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

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