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Question:

Solve the following system of rational equations

$$\frac{10}{x+y} + \frac{2}{x-y} = 4 \quad (0.1)$$

$$\frac{15}{x+y} - \frac{5}{x-y} = -2 \quad (0.2)$$

Solution:

Introduce a and b as follows:

$$a = \frac{1}{x+y} \quad b = \frac{1}{x-y} \quad (0.3)$$

Also define

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.4)$$

This gives us simplified equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 10 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a} = 4 \quad (0.5)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 15 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a} = -2 \quad (0.6)$$

Augmented matrix for the given system is

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 10 & 2 & 4 \\ 15 & -5 & -2 \end{array} \right) \quad (0.7)$$

By row reductions

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 10 & 2 & 4 \\ 15 & -5 & -2 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - \frac{3}{2} \times R_1} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 10 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -8 & -8 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + \frac{1}{4} \times R_2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 10 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -8 & -8 \end{array} \right) \\ & \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 10 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -8 & -8 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow \frac{1}{10} \times R_1} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & -8 & -8 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{-8} \times R_2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{5} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.8)$$

Substituting value of a and b again we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x+y} \\ \frac{1}{x-y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{5} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x+y \\ x-y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.10)$$

Introduce

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.11)$$

This gives us the equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.12)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \quad (0.13)$$

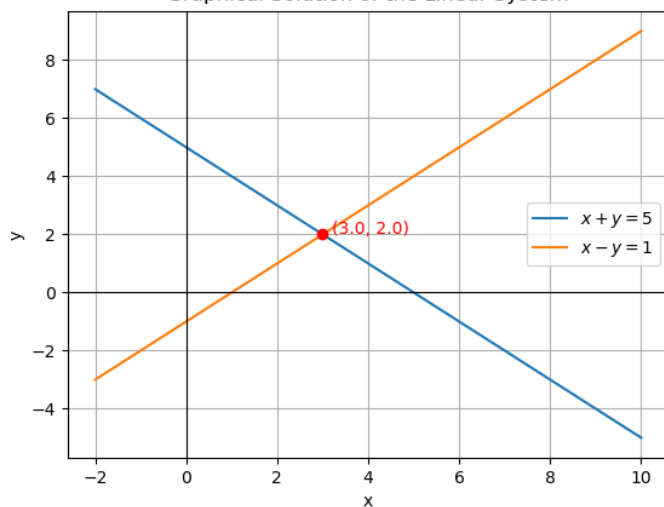
$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.14)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{5}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.15)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.16)$$

Thus $x = 3$ and $y = 2$

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