

# Linear Algebra from Scratch: Matrices and Systems

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- Obtained by multiplying the second row by  $-2$ . Adding the first and second equations, will give us:

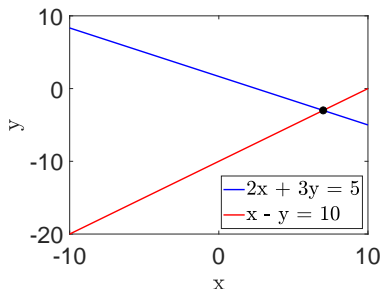
$$5y = -15 \longrightarrow y = -3$$

After substituting  $y = -3$  into second equation, one obtains  $x = 7$ . The solution of system of two linear equations is the ordered tuplet:  $(7, -3)$ .

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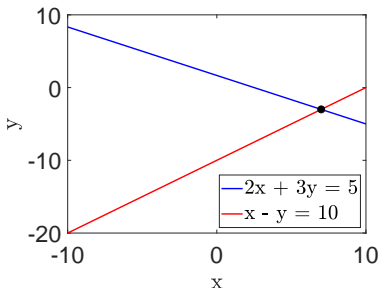
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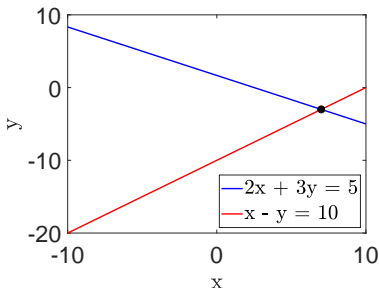




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- 3 The solution is **unique** if the lines intersect only once.



## Example: A System of Two Linear Equations

In the previous example, one can classify the different constituents of the system as follows:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \textit{Coefficient Matrix}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \sim \textit{Column Vector}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \sim \textit{Vector of 2 Unknowns}$$

# General Form of the System of Two Linear Equations

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A system of two linear equations with two unknowns is expressed as follows:

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 = b_1$$

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Where:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The system is **linear** if each element belonging to the vector of unknowns  $x_j$  has a power of 1 and does not contain nonlinear functions such as trigonometric functions or exponential functions.

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A system of  $m$  linear equations with  $n$  unknowns has the following form:

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$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2j}x_j + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots = \vdots$$

$$a_{i1}x_1 + a_{i2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{ij}x_j + \cdots + a_{in}x_n = b_i$$

$$\vdots = \vdots$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mj}x_j + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

We will refer to:

$$a_j = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mj} \end{bmatrix} \sim j_{th} \text{ Column Vector and } a_i' = (a_{i1}, \dots, a_{in}) \sim i_{th} \text{ Row Vector}$$

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## Definition (Matrix form of System of $n$ Linear Equations)

The matrix form of the set of  $m$  linear equations with  $n$  unknowns where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is:  $Ax = b$ , which is expressed as:

$$Ax = b \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1j} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2j} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \dots & a_{ij} & \dots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mj} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_i \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_i \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

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We will refer to the matrix of size  $m \times n$  where  $m$  is the number of rows and  $n$  is the number of columns, denoted  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , is:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1j} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2j} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \dots & a_{ij} & \dots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mj} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$



# Augmented System of Linear Equations

## Definition (Augmented System)

Let:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then:

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1j} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2j} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \dots & a_{ij} & \dots & a_{in} & b_i \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mj} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right]$$

is the augmented system of  $Ax = b$ .

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The  $j_{th}$  column vector of  $A$  is denoted  $\mathbf{a}_j \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$ :

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The  $i_{th}$  row vector of  $A$  is denoted  $\mathbf{a}_i' \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$ :

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The intersection of the  $i_{th}$  row of  $A$  and  $j_{th}$  column of  $A$  is the  $(i, j)_{th}$  element of  $A$  denoted:  $a_{ij}$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1j} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2j} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \dots & a_{ij} & \dots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mj} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$



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③ (2, 5)

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# Elementary Row Operations

## Definition (Elementary Row Operations)

An elementary row operation is an invertible operation applied between two rows of a matrix. Row operations may be classified as:

- 1 Interchange of two rows AKA row swap
- 2 Multiply a row by a nonzero real number
- 3 Replace a row by its sum with a multiple of another row

# Elementary Row Operations

Suppose that  $A_1$  is the original matrix and we swap the  $i_{th}$  and  $k_{th}$  row resulting in the matrix  $A_2$ .

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1j} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2j} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \dots & a_{ij} & \dots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{k1} & a_{k2} & \dots & a_{kj} & \dots & a_{kn} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mj} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

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After swapping the  $i_{th}$  and  $k_{th}$  row, one obtains:

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$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 6 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$



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$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 15 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Equivalent Systems of Linear Equations

## Lemma (Equivalence of Systems)

*Given two systems of linear equations, the systems are equivalent provided a sequence of elementary row operations can be applied from one matrix to the other.*

*In other words, if  $A_1 \rightarrow A_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_k$  is an iterative sequence of applying  $k - 1$  row operations, then  $A_1x = b_1$  and  $A_kx = b_k$  are equivalent systems.*

**Remark:** *Two systems are equivalent provided the solution sets of each are identical.*

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- ② In other words,  $a_{ij} = 0$  when  $i > j$ . If  $m = n$ , then  $A$  is referred to as a lower triangular matrix. Alternatively, if in the  $k_{th}$  equation, the coefficients of the first  $k - 1$  variables are all zero and the coefficient of  $x_k$  is nonzero for each  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

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- ③ Formally, we will refer to this process as **Gaussian Elimination**.



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

Which can be solved using **Back Substitution**

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# Row Echelon Form

We will refer to the nonzero element of  $a_{ij}$  where

$a_{i1} = a_{i2} = \dots = a_{i,j-1} = 0$  as a pivot corresponding to the  $i_{th}$  row. Given the matrix:

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

The pivot of the third row is 2, the pivot the second row is 1, and the pivot of the first row is 3. The matrix can be reduced into **Row Echelon Form (REF)** provided the leading nonzero entry (pivot) have a value of 1. Diving each row by its corresponding pivot value gives:

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

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# Gaussian Elimination

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Given the system of linear equations  $Ax = b$ , where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  whose augmented system is:

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1j} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2j} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \dots & a_{ij} & \dots & a_{in} & b_i \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mj} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right]$$

The process of utilizing the 3 elementary row operations to transform the linear system from an augmented matrix to **Row Echelon Form** is referred to as **Gaussian Elimination**.



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The last row of the reduced form implies that  $0x_1 + 0x_2 = 2$ , which is not possible and a solution does not exist!

Therefore, the system of linear equations is **inconsistent**!

**Remark:** Generally, over-determined systems are more often than not inconsistent, but not necessarily.

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As our solution. Generally, under-determined systems will not have unique solutions ( $\alpha, \beta$  are free).

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## Lemma (Solution to Under-determined Systems)

*Given the under-determined system of the homogeneous equation:  $Ax = 0$ , where where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $m < n$ , there exists a **non-trivial** solution:  $x \neq 0$ .*

**Remark:** *The trivial solution  $x = 0$ , is always a solution to the homogeneous equation:  $Ax = 0$*



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If  $A$  and  $B$  have the same shape, then we will say that  $A$  and  $B$  are **conformal** and matrix addition is well-defined.

# Matrix Addition II

## Definition (Matrix Addition)

We will define the addition of matrices  $C = A + B$  where the  $(i, j)_{th}$  element of  $C$  is the sum of the corresponding elements of  $A$  and  $B$ , e.g.,  $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$ :

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} (a_{11} + b_{11}) & (a_{12} + b_{12}) & \dots & (a_{1j} + b_{1j}) & \dots & (a_{1n} + b_{1n}) \\ (a_{21} + b_{21}) & (a_{22} + b_{22}) & \dots & (a_{2j} + b_{2j}) & \dots & (a_{2n} + b_{2n}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (a_{i1} + b_{i1}) & (a_{i2} + b_{i2}) & \dots & (a_{ij} + b_{ij}) & \dots & (a_{in} + b_{in}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (a_{m1} + b_{m1}) & (a_{m2} + b_{m2}) & \dots & (a_{mj} + b_{mj}) & \dots & (a_{mn} + b_{mn}) \end{bmatrix}$$

A simplified notation is:  $[c_{ij}] = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}]$  for each  $i = \overline{1, m}$  and  $j = \overline{1, n}$ .

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Alternative notation is:  $\alpha[a_{ij}] = [\alpha a_{ij}]$

# Scalar Multiplication II

Suppose that:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

After multiplying  $B = 3 * A$ , one obtains:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9 \\ 15 & 21 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrix Transposition

## Definition (Matrix Transposition)

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , then the transposition of  $A$  denoted  $A'$  or  $A^T$  is a matrix whose  $(i, j)_{th}$  element of  $A$  is the  $(j, i)_{th}$  element of  $A'$

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**Remark:** Generally, if  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , then:  $A' \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$



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# Matrix Multiplication I

## Definition (Matrix Multiplication)

Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times n}$ , then:  $C = AB$  is a well defined matrix product provided  $p = q$ . The resulting matrix  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , whose  $(i, j)_{th}$  element is obtained by taking the weighted sum of the  $i_{th}$  row of  $A$  and  $j_{th}$  column of  $B$

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When the number of columns of  $A$  is the the same as the number of rows of  $B$ , in which matrix product  $AB$  is well-defined, we will say that  $A$  and  $B$  are **compatible**.

# Matrix Multiplication II

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Recalling that the  $(i, j)_{th}$  element of  $C$  is the product between the  $i_{th}$  row of  $A$  and the  $j_{th}$  column of  $B$  one has:

$$\begin{aligned}c_{ij} &= \mathbf{a}_i' * \mathbf{b}_j \\&= (\mathbf{a}_{i1}, \mathbf{a}_{i2} \dots \mathbf{a}_{ik} \dots \mathbf{a}_{ip})' * \begin{bmatrix} b_{1j} \\ b_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ b_{kj} \\ \vdots \\ b_{pn} \end{bmatrix} \\&= \sum_{k=1}^p \mathbf{a}_{ik} * \mathbf{b}_{kj}\end{aligned}$$

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Take:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} C = AB &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 * 2 + 3 * 3 & 1 * 4 + 3 * 5 & 1 * 6 + 3 * 7 \\ 2 * 2 + 4 * 3 & 2 * 4 + 4 * 5 & 2 * 6 + 4 * 7 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 19 & 27 \\ 16 & 28 & 40 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**Remark:** Generally, the product  $C = AB$  can be expressed as:  $[Ab_1, Ab_2 \dots Ab_j \dots Ab_n]$ , meaning the  $j_{th}$  column of  $C$  is  $Ab_j$ .

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$$b = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j a_j$$

for some  $x_j \in \mathbb{R}$ .



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## Definition (Equality of Matrices)

Given two conformal matrices  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , **two matrices are equal**  $A = B$  iff:

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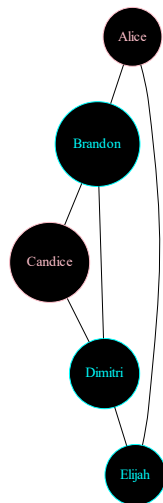
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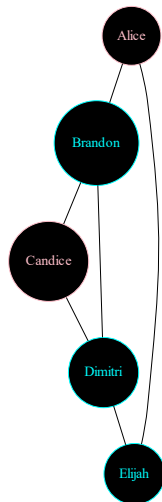


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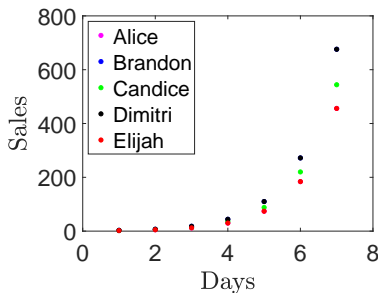


# Evaluating the total number of connections in time

## Lemma (Connectivity over $k$ steps)

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$$A^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 & 6 & 11 & 1 \\ 3 & 15 & 8 & 7 & 11 \\ 6 & 8 & 8 & 8 & 6 \\ 11 & 7 & 8 & 15 & 3 \\ 1 & 11 & 6 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$



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