

# MATH2267 Week 3

## Simultaneous Equations

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# Week 3. Simultaneous Equations

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# Week 3. Simultaneous Equations

## Part 1a

### Linear Systems

# Part 1a. Linear Systems

## 1.1. Introduction

A **system of linear equations** (**linear system** in brief) involves a number linear equations of some fixed unknowns. For example

$$\begin{array}{rrcr} x & -3y & +2z & = & 1 \\ -2x & +3y & -4z & = & -8 \\ 3x & -y & +2z & = & 7 \end{array}$$

Here we have 3 linear equations in 3 unknowns in the system.

A set of values of the unknowns, if satisfy all the equations simultaneously, is called **a solution** (or **a set of solutions**). Solving a linear system is to find all sets of solutions.

# Part 1a. Linear Systems

## 1.2. Gaussian Elimination

### Gaussian elimination method:

very efficient for solving linear systems

can be carried out manually or by computer codes

based on 3 types of **elementary operations**

### Elementary operations:

- Two equations are interchanged
- One equation is multiplied by a nonzero number
- A multiple of one equation is added to another

These operations do not change the solutions of the system.

# Part 1a. Linear Systems

## 1.2. Gaussian Elimination

**Main Idea** Consider:

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} x & - & y & & = & -1 \\ & & y & - & z & = & -1 \\ & & & & z & = & 3 \end{array}$$

The system is solved easily:

We can find  $z = 3$  from last eqn.

Then, we can find  $y = z - 1 = 3 - 1 = 2$  from 2nd eqn.

Then, we can find  $x = y - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$  from 1st eqn.

Idea of Gaussian elimination:

- reduce system to simple form (similar to above)
- solve the system (back substitution)

# Part 1a. Linear Systems

## 1.2. Gaussian Elimination

**Example.** Solve:

$$x - 5y + 2z = -5 \quad (5)$$

$$x - 14y + 3z = -8 \quad (6)$$

$$4x - 18y + 4z = -10 \quad (7)$$

**Solution:**

$$x - 5y + 2z = -5 \quad (8)$$

$$(6) - (5) \quad -9y + z = -3 \quad (9)$$

$$(7) - 4(5) \quad 2y - 4z = 10 \quad (10)$$

$$x - 5y + 2z = -5 \quad (11)$$

$$2y - 4z = 10 \quad (12)$$

$$(9) \leftrightarrow (10) \quad -9y + z = -3 \quad (13)$$

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$$x - 5y + 2z = -5 \quad (11)$$

$$2y - 4z = 10 \quad (12)$$

$$-9y + z = -3 \quad (13)$$

$$x - 5y + 2z = -5 \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(12) \quad y - 2z = 5 \quad (15)$$

$$-9y + z = -3 \quad (16)$$

$$x - 5y + 2z = -5 \quad (17)$$

$$y - 2z = 5 \quad (18)$$

$$(16) + 9(15) \quad -17z = 42 \quad (19)$$

$$(19) \Rightarrow z = -42/17$$

$$(18) \Rightarrow -9y - 42/17 = -3 \Rightarrow y = 1/17$$

$$(17) \Rightarrow x - 5(1/17) - 84/17 = -5 \Rightarrow x = 4/17$$



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## Part 1b

### Linear Systems (continued)

# Part 1b. Linear Systems

## 1.2. Gaussian Elimination

In previous example, our operations affected only the constants rather than  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$ . To be more efficient, we solve without writing unknowns.

To facilitate this, we need operations on rows of numbers:

Consider tow row:

$$R_1: \quad 2 \ 1 \ 2$$

$$R_2: \quad 1 \ 0 \ 1$$

operation  $2R_2$  results in new row:  $2 \ 0 \ 2$

operation  $R_1 - 2R_2$  results in new row:  $0 \ 1 \ 0$

Rows of  $n$  numbers can be operated as above.

## 1.2. Gaussian Elimination

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} x & - & 3y & + & 2z & = & 1 \\ -2x & + & 3y & - & 4z & = & -8 \\ 3x & - & y & + & 2z & = & 7 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} x & y & z & \text{rhs} \\ \hline 1 & -3 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & -4 & -8 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 & 7 \end{array}$$

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$x$	$y$	$z$	rhs	
1	-3	2	1	
-2	3	-4	-8	
3	-1	2	7	
1	-3	2	1	
0	-3	0	-6	$R_2 + 2R_1$
0	8	-4	4	$R_3 - 3R_1$
1	-3	2	1	
0	1	0	2	$R_2/(-3)$
0	8	-4	4	
1	-3	2	1	
0	1	0	2	
0	0	-4	-12	$R_3 - 8R_2$
1	-3	2	1	
0	1	0	2	
0	0	1	3	$R_3/(-4)$

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$x$	$y$	$z$	rhs
1	-3	2	1
0	1	0	2
0	0	1	3

Last row:  $\implies z = 3$ .

Second row:  $\implies y = 2$ .

First row:  $x = 1 + 3y - 2z = 1 + 6 - 6 = 1$ .

Solution to linear system:  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 2$ ,  $z = 3$ .

# Part 1b. Linear Systems

## 1.2. Gaussian Elimination

**Example.** Solve

$$\begin{array}{ccccrc} x_1 & +2x_2 & -x_3 & +3x_4 & = & 9 \\ 2x_1 & -x_2 & +2x_3 & +x_4 & = & 0 \\ x_1 & +x_2 & & +2x_4 & = & 5 \\ 3x_1 & -4x_2 & +3x_3 & +x_4 & = & -1 \end{array}$$

... continued

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	rhs	
1	2	-1	3	9	
2	-1	2	1	0	
1	1	0	2	5	
3	-4	3	1	-1	
1	2	-1	3	9	
0	-5	4	-5	-18	$-2R_1 + R_2$
0	-1	1	-1	-4	$-R_1 + R_3$
0	-10	6	-8	-28	$-3R_1 + R_4$
1	2	-1	3	9	
0	-5	4	-5	-18	
0	0	$\frac{1}{5}$	0	$-\frac{2}{5}$	$-\frac{1}{5}R_2 + R_3$
0	0	-2	2	8	$-2R_2 + R_4$
1	2	-1	3	9	
0	-5	4	-5	-18	
0	0	$\frac{1}{5}$	0	$-\frac{2}{5}$	
0	0	0	2	4	$10R_3 + R_4$

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$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	rhs
1	2	-1	3	9
0	-5	4	-5	-18
0	0	$\frac{1}{5}$	0	$-\frac{2}{5}$
0	0	0	2	4

Back substitution

$$R_4: 2x_4 = 4 \implies x_4 = 2$$

$$R_3: \frac{1}{5}x_3 = -\frac{2}{5} \implies x_3 = -2$$

$$R_2: -5x_2 + 4x_3 - 5x_4 = -18$$

$$\implies x_2 = \frac{-18 - 4x_3 + 5x_4}{-5} = \frac{-18 + 8 + 10}{5} = 0$$

$$R_1: x_1 + 2x_3 - x_3 + 3x_4 = 9$$

$$\implies x_1 = 9 - 2x_2 + x_3 - 3x_4 = 9 - 0 - 2 - 6 = 1$$

**Solution:**  $x_1 = 1$ ,  $x_2 = 0$ ,  $x_3 = -2$ , and  $x_4 = 2$ .



# Part 1b. Linear Systems

## 1.2. Gaussian Elimination

### Standard notations – Matrix

**Example.** Solve

$$\begin{array}{rrcr} x & - & 2y & - & 3z & = & -7 \\ 3x & - & 4y & - & 2z & = & -8 \\ 3x & - & 2y & - & z & = & -1 \end{array}$$

Only coefficients/rhs change with ERO. So consider **augmented coefficient matrix**:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -3 & -7 \\ 3 & -4 & -2 & -8 \\ 3 & -2 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -3 & -7 \\ 3 & -4 & -2 & -8 \\ 3 & -2 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{the} \\ \leftarrow \text{augmented} \\ \text{matrix} \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -3 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 7 & 13 \\ 0 & 4 & 8 & 20 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} R2 - 3 R1 \\ R3 - 3 R1 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -3 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 7 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & -6 \end{array} \right] \quad R3 - 2 R2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -3 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 7 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad R3 / (-6)$$

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Apply back-substitution to the last system

Last matrix:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -3 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 7 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Last row:  $z = 1$

Second row:  $2y = 13 - 7z = 13 - 7 = 6. \implies y = 3.$

First row:  $x - 2y - 3z = -1.$

Sub.  $y = 3, z = 1$  into eqn:

$$x - 2 \times 3 - 3 \times 1 = -7 \implies x = 2$$

Solution to linear system:  $x = 2, y = 3, z = 1.$

# Week 3. Simultaneous Equations

## Part 2

Nonlinear Systems (2 variables)

## Part 2. Nonlinear Systems

### 2.1. Substitution

**Example.** Solve the nonlinear system:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 100$$

$$x + y = 14$$

**Solution:**

1. Find  $y = 14 - x$  from the 2nd equation.
2. Substitute  $y = 14 - x$  into  $x^2 + y^2 = 100$ :

$$x^2 + (14 - x)^2 = 100$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 28x + 96 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 14x + 48 = 0$$

3. Solve  $2x^2 - 28x + 96 = 0$ :  $x_1 = 6$ ,  $x_2 = 8$ .
4. Substitute  $x_1 = 6$  and  $x_2 = 8$  into  $y = 14 - x$  and obtain  $y_1 = 8$  and  $y_2 = 6$ , respectively.

Solutions are  $(x, y) = (6, 8)$  and  $(x, y) = (8, 6)$ .

## Part 2. Nonlinear Systems

### 2.1. Substitution

**Example.** Solve the nonlinear system:

$$x^2 - 2x - y + 1 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$x + \sqrt{y} - 5 = 0 \quad (2)$$

**Solution:**

From (2),  $y = (5 - x)^2$ .

Substitute into (1):

$$x^2 - 2x - (5 - x)^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x - 24 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

Substitute  $x = 3$  into  $y = (5 - x)^2$ :  $y = (5 - 3)^2 = 4$ .

4. Finally, solution is  $(x, y) = (3, 4)$ .

## Part 2. Nonlinear Systems

### 2.1. Substitution

**Example.** Solve the nonlinear system:

$$3x^2 + 4x - y = 7 \quad (3)$$

$$2x - y = -1 \quad (4)$$

**Solution:** From (4),  $y = 2x + 1$ .

Substitute  $y = 2x + 1$  into (3):

$$3x^2 + 4x - (2x + 1) = 7 \Rightarrow 3x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$x_1 = \frac{-2 + \sqrt{2^2 - 4 \times 3 \times (-8)}}{2 \times 3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{-2 - \sqrt{2^2 - 4 \times 3 \times (-8)}}{2 \times 3} = -2$$

Substituting into  $y = 2x + 1$ :

$$y_1 = \frac{11}{3}, \quad y_2 = -3.$$

Solutions are  $(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{11}{3})$  and  $(-2, -3)$

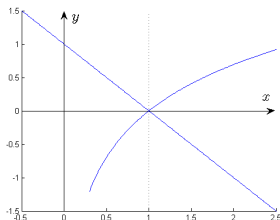
## Part 2. Nonlinear Systems

### 2.2. Graphical Method

**Example.** Solve the system using graphical method.

$$y = \ln x \quad (5)$$

$$x + y = 1 \quad (6)$$



**Solution:** Graph shows there one solution  $(1, 0)$ .

Check:  $0 = \ln 1$  correct  $1 + 0 = 1$  correct

We will find applications in optimization.



# Next Week

- Matrices  
Matrix Algebra  
Inverse Matrix  
Determinant