

System of linear equations

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(Proved)

H.W.

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System of Linear Equations

→ Linear Equation: An equⁿ having one variable.

An equⁿ of the form $ax+by=c$, where a, b, c are real constants is called linear equation.

In general; an equⁿ is called linear if it is of the form $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$ — ①

where a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are real numbers / constants and x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are n -variables.

(i) If $b=0$, then ① is called a homogeneous linear equⁿ.

(ii) If $b \neq 0$, then ① " " a non-homogeneous " "

Examples:

1. $y - mx = 0 \rightarrow$ homogeneous linear equⁿ.

2. $2x + 3y = 5 \rightarrow$ non-homogeneous " "

3. $2x^2 + 3y = 1 \rightarrow$ non-linear equⁿ.

4. $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0 \rightarrow$ non-linear equⁿ.

Note: An equⁿ which is not linear is called non-linear equⁿ.

Degenerate and Non-degenerate Linear Equ's

Non-degenerate equ'n:

The general linear equation is

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b \quad \text{non degenerate}$$

is also called non-degenerate linear equation.

Degenerate equ'n:

A linear equ'n is said to be degenerate if it has the form

$$0x_1 + 0x_2 + \dots + 0x_n = b \quad (*)$$

i.e., if every coefficient of the variable is equal to zero.

The soln of such a degenerate linear equ'n is as follows:

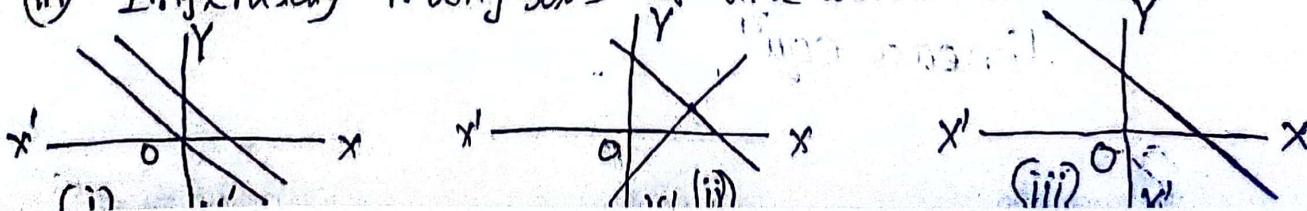
- If $b \neq 0$, then the above equ'n (*) has no soln.
- If $b = 0$, then every vector $\underline{u} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ is a soln of the above equ'n (*).

Note: There are three possible solns of a linear equ'n

(i) No soln if the lines are parallel.

(ii) Unique soln if the lines intersect.

(iii) Infinitely many solns if the lines coincide.



\Rightarrow System of Linear Equations

A system of linear eqn's in n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is a set of equations of the form (i) .

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \text{ and } (i)$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \text{ (ii)} \\ \dots \dots \dots \text{ (m) equations and } b_i$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \text{ (m)}$$

where the coefficients of the variables a_{ij}

$i=1, 2, \dots, m$ and $j=1, 2, \dots, n$, and the free terms

$b_i, i=1, 2, \dots, m$ are the real numbers.

\Rightarrow classification of system of linear eqn's in terms of homogeneity

(i) If $b_i = 0$, then (1) is called a homogeneous system.

(ii) If at least one b_i is not zero, then the system (1) is called a non-homogeneous system.

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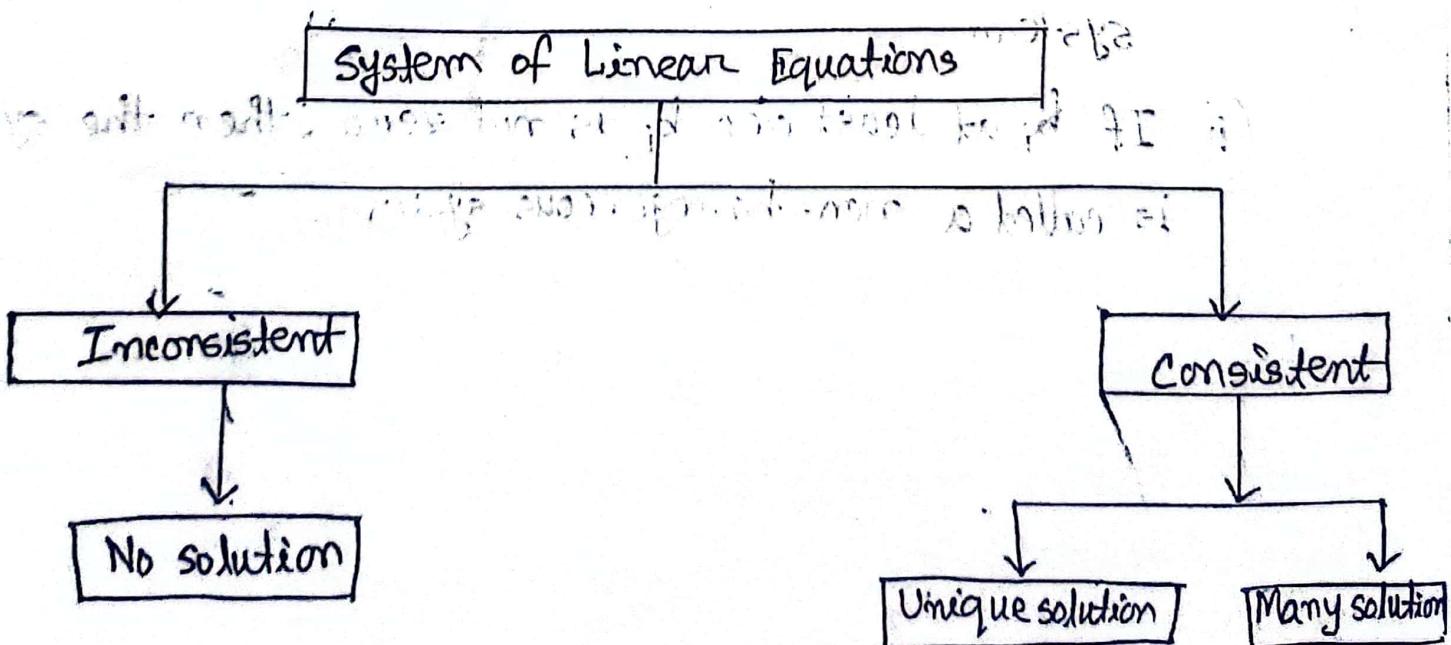
[Exercise 1]

[Exercise 2]

⇒ Classification of system of linear eqns in terms of solutions.

- (i) A system of linear eqns (1) is called consistent if it has at least one solution.
- (a) A consistent system is called determinate if it has a unique solⁿ.
 - (b) A consistent system is called non-indeterminate if it has more than one solⁿ.
- (ii) A system of linear eqns (1) is called inconsistent if it has no solution.

⇒ Question: Write down the classification of system of linear eqns in tabular form.



Echelon Matrix:

A matrix is said to be echelon matrix if it satisfies the following two properties:

(i) the 1st k rows are non-zero, the other rows are zero.

(ii) the 1st non-zero element in each non-zero row is 1 and it appears in a column to the right of the 1st non-zero element of any preceding row.

Example:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -13 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 35 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

are echelon matrix.

⇒ Row- Reduced echelon form:

A matrix is said to be in reduced echelon form if it satisfies the following properties

- (i) the matrix is in the echelon form
- (ii) the 1st non-zero element in each non-zero row is the only non-zero element in its column.

Example:

With notation

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ are reduced echelon matrix

\Rightarrow Augmented matrix

If we add constant in a coefficient matrix, then

We get a new matrix called augmented matrix.

i.e., Let $a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\cdots \cdots \cdots \cdots \cdots \cdots$$

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

Then the augmented matrix is

$$A|B = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{array} \right] \left| \begin{array}{c} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{array} \right]$$

which is called matrix A

consist of m rows and n columns

and m rows and n columns

Augmented matrix

So Example-01:

Solve the following system of linear equations

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

$$x_1 + 5x_2 + 2x_3 = 6$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

using echelon matrix.

Soln.

The augmented matrix of the given system is

$$A|B \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad \text{Step 1: New row}$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -16 & -5 & -20 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad R_2' = R_2 - 3R_1 \quad R_3' = R_3 - 2R_1$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -16 & -5 & -20 \\ 0 & -7 & -3 & -12 \end{array} \right)$$

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which is in echelon form. Solving it,

Now we can write

$$x_1 + 5x_2 + 2x_3 = 6 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{---} \quad 1} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$-16x_2 - 5x_3 = -20 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{---} \quad 2} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\frac{13}{16}x_3 = -\frac{13}{4} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{---} \quad 3}$$

From ③, we get

$$-\frac{13}{16}x_3 = -\frac{13}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{16}x_3 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_3 = \frac{16}{4}$$

$$\therefore x_3 = 4$$

From ②, we get

$$-16x_2 - 5 \times 4 = -20$$

$$\Rightarrow -16x_2 = -20 + 20$$

$$\Rightarrow -16x_2 = 0$$

From ①, we obtain

$$x_1 + 5x_0 + 2 \times 4 = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 6 - 8$$

$$\therefore x_1 = -2$$

$\therefore x_1 = -2, x_2 = 0$ and $x_3 = 4$ are the required

solution.

\Rightarrow Example-02:

Prove that the following system of linear equation
is inconsistent

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 1$$

$$5x_1 + 3x_2 - 4x_3 = 2$$

$$3x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 7$$

Sol:

The augmented matrix is

$$A|B = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 5 & 3 & -4 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 5-5\times 1 & 3-5\times 2 & -4-5(-3) & 2-5(-1) \\ 3-3\times 1 & -1-3\times 2 & 2-3(-3) & 7-3(-1) \end{array} \right] \quad R_2' = R_2 - 5R_1 \quad R_3' = R_3 - 3R_1$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & -7 & 11 & 7 \\ 0 & -7 & 11 & 10 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & -7 & 11 & 7 \\ 0 & -7-(-7) & 11-11 & 10-7 \end{array} \right] \quad R_3' = R_3 - R_2$$

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$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_2 - 4R_1 \\ R_3 - 7R_1 \end{matrix}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & 6 \\ 0 & -6 & -12 & 10 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_3 - 2R_2 \\ R_2 \times (-1) \end{matrix}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 \end{array} \right]$$

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$\lambda \rightarrow \text{lambda}$
 $\mu \rightarrow \text{mu}$

Example-03:

For what values of λ and μ the following system of linear equations

$$x + y + z = 6$$

$$x + 2y + 3z = 10$$

$$x + 2y + \lambda z = \mu$$

has (i) no solution, (ii) more than one solution
 and (iii) a unique solution.

Solⁿ:

The augmented matrix is

$$A|B = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 10 \\ 1 & 2 & \lambda & \mu \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & \lambda-1 & \mu-6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2' = R_2 - R_1$$

$$R_3' = R_3 - R_1$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda-1 & \mu-6-4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3' = R_3 - R_2'$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-3 & \mu-10 \end{array} \right] \quad \text{Row 3: } 2R_1 - R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \quad \text{Row 2: } R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2$$

which is in echelon form.

Now from the system ①, we have the following three cases:

(i) The system has no solution if

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha - 3 &= 0 \text{ but } \mu - 10 \neq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \alpha &= 3 \text{ but } \mu \neq 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right] = \text{No Ans}$$

(ii) The system has more than one solutions if

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha - 3 &= 0 \text{ and } \mu - 10 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \alpha &= 3 \text{ and } \mu = 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$1-1=0 \quad 1-2 \quad (1-1)=0 \quad 1-3 \quad 1-1$$

(iii) The system has a unique solution if

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha - 3 &\neq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \alpha &\neq 3 \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{\text{Ans}}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Ans}}$$

⇒ Example-04:

Determine the values of λ , so that the following linear system in three variables x, y and z has

- (i) a unique solⁿ (ii) more than one solⁿ (iii) no solⁿ.

$$x+y-z=1 \quad \text{... (1)}$$

$$2x+3y+\lambda z=3 \quad \text{... (2)}$$

$$x+\lambda y+3z=2 \quad \text{... (3)}$$

Solⁿ:

$\text{C} = \text{C} - \text{R}_1$ for $\text{C} = \text{C} - \text{R}_1$

The augmented matrix is

$$A|B = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & \lambda & 3 \\ 1 & \lambda & 3 & 2 \end{array} \right] \quad C = A \leftarrow$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \lambda-2 & 2 \\ 1 & \lambda-1 & 3-\lambda & 2 \end{array} \right] \quad R_2' = R_2 - 2R_1$$

Final row operation makes solⁿ (iii)

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

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \lambda+2 & 1 \\ 0 & (\lambda-1)-(\lambda-1)\cdot 4-(\lambda-1) & 1-(\lambda-1)\cdot 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad R_3' = R_3 - (\lambda-1)R_2$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \lambda+2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4-(\lambda^2+\lambda) & 1-\lambda+1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \lambda+2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4-\lambda^2-\lambda & 2-\lambda \end{array} \right]$$

and so we have

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \lambda+2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 6-\lambda^2 & 2-\lambda \end{array} \right]$$

we can see which is in echelon form.

(ii) - The system has a unique soln if
 $\Delta \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 6 - 3\lambda - (\lambda^2 + \lambda - 6) \neq 0$$

or $\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 3\lambda - 6 \neq 0$ or $\lambda \neq -3, 2$

$$\text{and } \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 3\lambda - 2\lambda - 6 \neq 0$$

$$\text{or } \Rightarrow \lambda(\lambda + 3) - 2(\lambda + 3) \neq 0 \quad (i)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 2) \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda + 3 \neq 0 \text{ or } \lambda - 2 \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \neq -3 \text{ or } \lambda \neq 2$$

$\therefore \lambda = -3 \text{ or } \lambda = 2$ (ii) $\lambda = -3 \Rightarrow \text{L.R. } (i) \text{ is not}$

(ii) The system has more than one solⁿ if

$$6-\lambda+\lambda^2=0 \text{ and } 2-\lambda=0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda+3)(\lambda-2)=0 \text{ and } 2-\lambda=0$$

$$\therefore \lambda=-3 \text{ or } \lambda=2 \text{ and } 2-\lambda=0$$

when $\lambda=2$, then $2-\lambda=2-2=0$

$$\therefore 2-2=0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0=0; \text{ which is true}$$

Hence the system has more than one solⁿ for $\lambda=2$

(iii) when $\lambda=-3$, then $2-\lambda=0$

$$\therefore 2-(-3)=0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5=0; \text{ which is impossible}$$

∴ Hence the system has no solⁿ for $\lambda=-3$!

Ans

H.W.

Determine the values of λ such that the following system in unknowns x, y and z has

(i) a unique solⁿ, (ii) no solⁿ and (iii) more than one solⁿ

$$0 + (\lambda-2)x + y + z = 1$$

$$0 + (\lambda-2)x + \lambda y + z = 1$$

$$0 + (\lambda-2)x + y + \lambda z = 1$$

Ans: (i) $\lambda \neq 1$ & $\lambda \neq -2$ (ii) $\lambda = -2$ (iii) $\lambda = 1$

Remark:

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

- (i) If $x \neq 0$, then A has unique solⁿ.
- (ii) If $x = 0$ but $y \neq 0$, then A has no solⁿ.
- (iii) If $x = 0 \& y = 0$, then A has many sol's / more than one sol's / infinite sol's.