

System of Linear Equations

1. Linear System: a collection of one or more linear equations involving the same variables

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{linear equation}$$

n variables.

m ↑
方程

a_{ij} 's are called coefficients

e.g. $\frac{dx^2}{2x} = 1 \quad (x)$

$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{x} = 1 \\ x \neq 0 \end{cases}$ 不等式组.

$5xy + 3y^2 + 3z = 2y - 6t \quad (x)$ not linear.

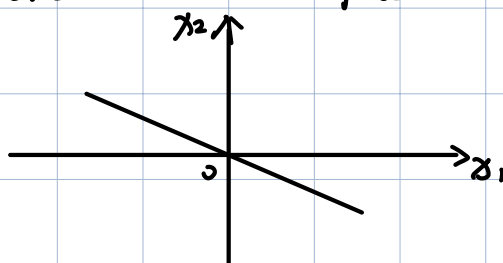
1) Remark.

A linear system is either:

① consistent $\begin{cases} \text{exactly one solution} \\ \text{infinite many solutions} \end{cases}$

② inconsistent: no solutions.

e.g. ① $\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 3x_2 = 0 \\ 4x_1 + 6x_2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_2 = -\frac{2}{3}x_1 \\ x_2 = -\frac{4}{6}x_1 = -\frac{2}{3}x_1 \end{cases}$

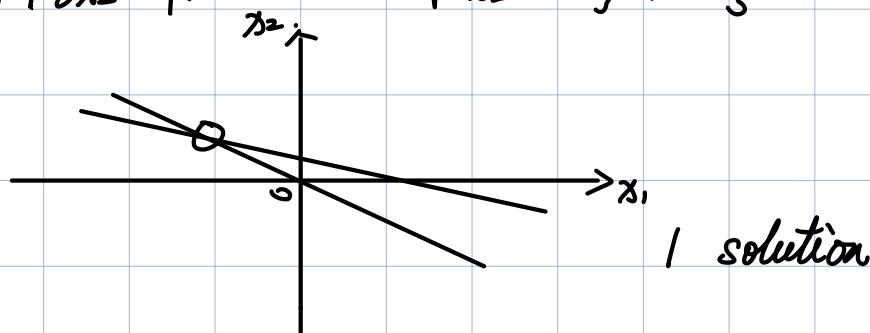


infinite solutions

0, 1, 无数
解的数量.

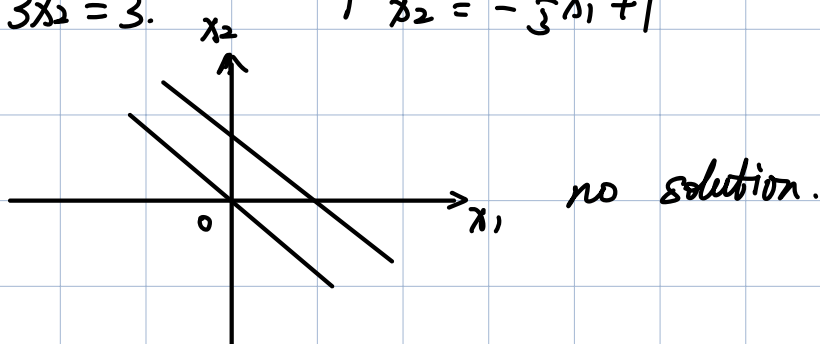
$$\textcircled{1} \begin{cases} 2x_1 + 3x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_2 = -\frac{2}{3}x_1 \\ x_2 = -\frac{1}{3}x_1 + \frac{1}{3} \end{cases}$$



$$\textcircled{2} \begin{cases} 2x_1 + 3x_2 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_2 = -\frac{2}{3}x_1 \\ x_2 = -\frac{2}{3}x_1 + 1 \end{cases}$$



2. Solving linear system by Matrix using row reduction.

1) Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

row \rightarrow equation
column \rightarrow variables.

coefficient matrix

把方程组中系数拿出

加上一行 b 即是 augmented matrix

① size: $m \times n$.

row number \uparrow column number.

$$\text{eg. } \begin{cases} 3x_1 + x_3 = 9 \\ 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 4 \\ x_1 + 4x_2 = 7 \end{cases} \longrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

2) Row Operations

① Interchange: between 2 rows.

$$\begin{cases} 2x+y=1 \\ 3x-y=2 \end{cases} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} 3x-y=2 \\ 2x+y=1 \end{cases}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

② Scaling: Multiply all entries in a row by a nonzero constant.

$$\begin{cases} 3x-y=2 \\ 2x+y=1 \end{cases} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} 6x-2y=4 \\ 2x+y=1 \end{cases}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 6 & -2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

③ Replacement: replace one row by the sum of itself and a multiple of another row. ($m_1 \rightarrow m_1 + 2m_2$) 其它行可以是倍数.

$$\begin{cases} 6x-2y=4 \\ 2x+y=1 \end{cases} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} 6x-2y=4 \\ 8x-y=5 \end{cases}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 6 & -2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 6 & -2 & 4 \\ 8 & -1 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

Row equivalent: a sequence of elementary row operations that transforms one matrix

into the other:

④ Row operations are reversible.

⑤ Corollary: If the augmented matrices of two linear systems are row equivalent, then the two systems have the same solution set.

⑥ Two linear systems are equivalent if they have the same solution set.

3. Some Definitions:

1) Nonzero Row: contains a least one nonzero entry.

Zero Row: contains only zero.

2) Leading Entry: the leftmost nonzero entry.

e.g. $\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ leading entry.

3) Row Echelon Form (REF) (more than one matrix)

① All nonzero rows are above any rows of all zeros.

② Each LE of a row is in a column to the right of the leading entry of the row above it.

e.g. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ✓

③ All entries in a column below a LE are zeros.

4) Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF) (besides the above three) *unique for any nonzero matrix*

④ The LE in each nonzero row is 1.

⑤ Each leading 1 is the only nonzero entry in its column.

5) Pivot Position: a location in matrix corresponds to a LE 1 in its RREF form.

e.g.
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{reduction}]{\text{row}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagram annotations: A blue box highlights the second column. Arrows point to a_{12} (labeled PP1) and a_{32} (labeled PP2). A label "pivot column." points to the second column. An arrow points to a_{33} (labeled PP3) with the text "有 LE."

6) Basic Variable & Free Variable: The variables corresponding to the pivot columns are called basic variables and other are called free variables.

4. Solve a linear system.

1) Write the augmented matrix for the linear system.

e.g.
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 + x_5 = 2 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 + 5x_4 + 5x_5 = 7 \end{cases}$$

$$3x_1 + 6x_2 + 4x_3 + 7x_4 + 10x_5 = 11$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 + 3x_4 + 6x_5 = 9$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 6 & 4 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 6 & 9 \end{array} \right]$$

2) 按列. 从左至右, 从上至下 先变成 REF, 用 replacement, 已处理好的便不用管 (从左上至右下)

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 - 3R_1 \\ R_4 - R_1 \end{array} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 7 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 5 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_4 - 3R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 7 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -8 & -16 & -8 \end{array} \right]$$

3) REF \rightarrow RREF.

① Using Scaling to make LE being '1'.

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 \times (-\frac{1}{3}) \\ R_4 \times (-\frac{1}{8}) \end{array} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 7 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

② Using Replacement to make the column be '0'. (从下至上)

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - 3R_4} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 7 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{r_2 + \frac{1}{3}r_3} \\ \xrightarrow{r_2 + \frac{1}{3}r_4} \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{r_1 - 2r_2} \\ \xrightarrow{r_1 - r_3} \\ \xrightarrow{r_1 - 2r_4} \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

4) 用 free variable 表示出 basic variable. (BV = FV)

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 4x_5 = -2 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 + x_5 = 2 \\ x_4 + 2x_5 = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 4x_5 - 2 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = -x_5 + 2 \\ x_4 = -2x_5 + 1 \end{cases}$$

5) Write it in vector form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4x_5 - 2 \\ 0 \\ -x_5 + 2 \\ -2x_5 + 1 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_5 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

