

# Linear algebra

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# 1 Systems of linear Systems of Linear Equations

A system of linear equations are multiple equations containing unknowns which are shared. Ex.

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

$$x + y + z = 6$$

$$x + 3y + 2z = 13$$

The same system may be written in form of a matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 10 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

When solving a system there may be

- No solutions - No possible value can be assigned to the variable such that all equations are true
- One solution - A combination of values can be assigned to make every equation true
- Infinite solutions - One or more unknowns may have an infinite amount of possible assignable values

By transforming a system of equations to a matrix, the following operations can be performed:

- Multiply a row through by a nonzero constant.
- Interchange two rows.
- Add a constant times one row to another.

## 1.1 Gaussian Elimination

Solving a system of equations in a matrix, can be done such that the matrix has the following requirements

- If the row contains nothing but zeroes the first number should be a 1, called the leading 1.

- If a row is made of nothing but zeroes it should be grouped at the bottom
- In two rows the top row should contain a leading 1 further to the left than the bottom
- Each column which contains a leading 1, every number in the same column below should be 0

This form is called row echelon form.

The solution may also be written as:

$$x_1 = 4, x_2 = 6, x_3 = t, x_4 = v, x_5 = 1$$

Where variables means they can be any possible assignment or a function with given restrictions.

In case of the leading 1 column is zero both above and underneath the matrix is in reduced echelon form.

To make a matrix into echelon form the following algorithm can be used:

1. Locate the leftmost column that does not consist entirely of zeros and exchange it to the top
2. Multiply the top row by  $\frac{1}{a}$  where  $a$  is the leading number in the row
3. subtract top row from every other below row, such the top row is the only non zero value in the column
4. Repeat 2 and 3 but ignore the top row and let the second top row be the top

To reduce the echelon form, from the bottom the bottom row is added to the above rows until the leading 1 is the only in the column. This is repeated until the top is reached.

A homogeneous linear system are systems which all constant (right part of equal) are 0 and the trivial solution (all variables are assigned 0) are a possible solution.

A free variable is the term for a variable which can be assigned multiple values. The number of free variables will be equal to the number of variables minus zero rows.

In a homogeneous linear system if the number of unknowns exceed the number of equation there will be an infinite amount of solutions.

Back substitution is a method taking the echoloe form and starting from the bottom isolating the leading variable and substituting it upwards. A echoloe form is not unique to a system but a reduced echoloe form is unique and the number of zero rows will be unique.