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Assignment 9

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1 QUESTION

Prove that if two homogenous systems of linear equations in two unknowns have the same solutions, then they are equivalent.

2 Solution

Let the two systems of homogenous equations be

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.1)

$$\begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ B_{n1} & B_{n2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.2)

$$\implies \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \tag{2.0.3}$$

$$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \tag{2.0.4}$$

We can write

$$\mathbf{CAx} = \mathbf{0} \tag{2.0.5}$$

$$\mathbf{DBv} = \mathbf{0} \tag{2.0.6}$$

where C and D are product of elementary matrices that reduce A and B into their reduced row echelon forms R_1 and R_2

(2.0.5) and (2.0.6) imply

$$\mathbf{R_1} \mathbf{x} = 0 \tag{2.0.7}$$

$$\mathbf{R_2}\mathbf{y} = 0 \tag{2.0.8}$$

Given that they have same solution, we can write

$$\mathbf{R}_1 \mathbf{x} = 0 \tag{2.0.9}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_2 \mathbf{x} = 0 \tag{2.0.10}$$

$$\implies (\mathbf{R}_1 - \mathbf{R}_2)\mathbf{x} = 0 \tag{2.0.11}$$

Note that for a solution to exist, R_1 and R_2 can be either of matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.12)

2.1 Case 1

Let us assume that the solution is unique. The unique solution is

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \tag{2.1.1}$$

Since they have the same solution, both $\mathbf{R_1}$, $\mathbf{R_2}$ must have their rank as 2. So,

$$\mathbf{R_1} = \mathbf{R_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.1.2}$$

2.2 Case 2

Let us assume that (2.0.3),(2.0.4) have infinitely many solutions

So,

$$rank(\mathbf{A}) = rank(\mathbf{B}) = 1 \tag{2.2.1}$$

equation (2.0.11) for solutions other than zero solution implies

$$\mathbf{R_1} = \mathbf{R_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.2.2}$$

So, in both the cases, we have

$$\mathbf{R_1} = \mathbf{R_2}$$
 (2.2.3)

Hence the two systems of equations are equivalent.