

# Linear Algebra (MTH231)

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**Part I :**

- Systems of Linear Equations, Row Reduction and Echelon Forms.
- Vector Equations, The Matrix Equation.
- Solution Sets of Linear Systems, Linear Independence.
- Introduction to Linear Transformations, The Matrix of a Linear Transformation, Applications.

**Part II :**

- Matrix Operations
- The Inverse of a Matrix, Characterization of Invertible Matrices
- Matrix Factorizations, Applications.
- Introduction to Determinants and Properties of Determinants.

### Part III :

- Vector Spaces and Subspaces, Bases, Null Spaces, Column Spaces.
- Coordinate Systems.
- The Dimension of a Vector Space Rank, Applications.
- Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues, The Characteristic Equation, Cayley Hamilton Theorem.
- Diagonalization, Applications, Inner Product, Length and Orthogonality.
- Orthogonal sets, Orthogonal Projections
- The Gram-Schmidt Process Applications

### The text book :

**David C. Lay**, Linear Algebra and Its Applications, Fourth Edition, Addison-Wesley, ISBN-13 : 978-1408280560.

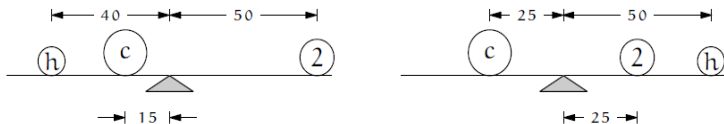
### Reference books :

- **Gilbert Strang**, Introduction to Linear Algebra, Fourth Edition, Wellesley-Cambridge Press, ISBN : 9780980232714.
- **Lee W. Johnson, R. Dean Riess and Jimmy T. Arnold**, Introduction to Linear Algebra, Fifth Edition, Addison-Wesley, ISBN-13 : 9780201658590.

### **Assessment Plan for the Course :**

- Four Assignments 10%.
- Four Quiz 15%.
- First Sessional Exam 10%.
- Second Sessional Exam 15%.
- Final Exam 50%.

## Mass Balance :



$$40h + 15c = 100$$

$$25c = 50 + 50h$$

**Linear Programming** : The airline industry, for instance, employs linear programs that **schedule flight crews**, **monitor the locations of aircraft**, or plan the varied schedules of support services such as maintenance and **terminal operations**.

**Electrical Networks** : Engineers use simulation software to **design electrical circuits** and **microchips** involving millions of transistors. Such software relies on linear algebra techniques and systems of linear equations.

**Example :** The equations

$$3x_1 - 5x_2 = 4x_1 \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 - \sqrt{5}x_2 = 4x_2 + 5\sqrt{5}$$

are linear equations and can be simplified to

$$x_1 + 5x_2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 - (4 + \sqrt{5})x_2 = 5\sqrt{5}.$$

The equations

$$x_1 - x_2 + x_2x_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 - \sqrt{5}x_2 = 4x_2 + \sqrt{x_2}$$

are not linear equations.

A **linear equation** in the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  has the form

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 + \dots + a_nx_n = d$$

where  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are real or complex numbers (**usually known**)  $d \in \mathbb{R}$  is the constant.

**Examples :**

$$2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 = 10$$

$$-x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 = 5$$

$$-x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 + x_4 = 10$$

$$2x_1 + 5x_2 + 2x_3 - 2x_4 = 5$$

$$9x_1 - 10x_2 + x_3 - 3x_4 = 5$$

A system of linear equations with  $m$  equations and  $n$  variables

$$a_{1,1}x_1 + a_{1,2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1,n}x_n = d_1$$

$$a_{2,1}x_1 + a_{2,2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2,n}x_n = d_2$$

$$\vdots$$

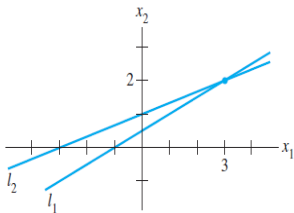
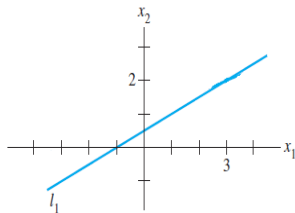
$$a_{m,1}x_1 + a_{m,2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{m,n}x_n = d_m$$



## Example : Unique Solution

$$x_1 - 2x_2 = -1 \quad l_1$$

$$-x_1 + 3x_2 = 3 \quad l_2$$

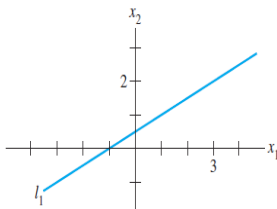
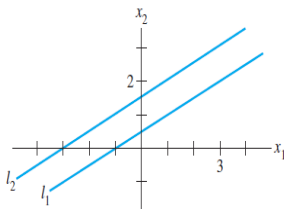


**Example :** No solution and Infinite many solutions

$$\begin{array}{rcl} (a) & x_1 - 2x_2 = -1 & l_1 \\ & -x_1 + 2x_2 = 3 & l_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} (b) & x_1 - 2x_2 = -1 \\ & -x_1 + 2x_2 = 1 \end{array}$$

**Remark :** For a system of linear equation with two variables and two unknown we have three possibilities, (i) system has unique solution, (ii) Infinite many solution, (iii) No solution.



**Example :**

The ordered pair  $(-1, 5)$  is a solution of this system. In contrast,  $(5, -1)$  is not a solution.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3x_1 & + & 2x_2 = 7 \\ -x_1 & + & x_2 = 6 \end{array}$$

**Example :** Is  $(3, 4, -2)$  a solution of the following system ?

$$\begin{array}{rcll} 5x_1 & - & x_2 & + & 2x_3 & = & 7 \\ -2x_1 & + & 6x_2 & + & 9x_3 & = & 0 \\ -7x_1 & + & 5x_2 & - & 3x_3 & = & -7 \end{array}$$

A system of linear equations with  $m$  equations and  $n$  variables

$$\begin{array}{rcll} a_{1,1}x_1 & + & a_{1,2}x_2 & + \cdots + a_{1,n}x_n & = & d_1 \\ a_{2,1}x_1 & + & a_{2,2}x_2 & + \cdots + a_{2,n}x_n & = & d_2 \\ & & & & & \vdots \\ a_{m,1}x_1 & + & a_{m,2}x_2 & + \cdots + a_{m,n}x_n & = & d_m \end{array}$$

has the solution  $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n)$  if that  $n$ -tuple is a solution of all of the equations in the system.

**Recall** : For a system of linear equation with two variables and two unknown we have three possibilities ;

- System has a unique solution,
- Infinite many solution,
- No solution.

A system of linear equations is said to be **consistent** if it has **either one solution or infinitely many solutions**; a system is **inconsistent** if it has **no solution**.

**Question** : Can a system of linear equations has only two solutions or only three solution or only 100 solutions ?

**How to find all solutions of a given system of linear equations ?**

**Matrix** : A matrix is a rectangular array of numbers.

For example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{4}{3} & -1 \\ 6 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a matrix having three row and three columns.

The order of a matrix is defined as

**order = The number of rows  $\times$  the number of columns.**

The order of the above matrix is  $3 \times 3$ .

**Examples :**  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1/3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$  is called a columns matrix or vector.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 12 & 4 \\ 2 & -6 & -7 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$$

For the system of linear equations

$$\begin{array}{rrcrcl} x_1 & - & 2x_2 & + & 3x_3 & = & 0 \\ & & 2x_2 & - & 8x_3 & = & 8 \\ -4x_1 & + & 5x_2 & + & 9x_3 & = & -9 \end{array}$$

the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 \\ -4 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  is known as **matrix of coefficients** of the system of linear equations.

The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 & 8 \\ -4 & 5 & 9 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$  is called **augmented matrix**.

**Remark :** The size of a matrix tells how many rows and columns it has.

**Example :**

$$\begin{array}{rclclcl} & & & & 3x_3 & = & 9 \\ x_1 & + & 5x_2 & - & 2x_3 & = & 2 \\ \frac{1}{3}x_1 & + & 2x_2 & & & = & 3 \end{array}$$

For the above system the **matrix of coefficients** is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & -2 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

The matrix of **augmented matrix** is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 5 & -2 & 2 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Example :** If the matrix is the augmented matrix of a system of linear equations write down the system of linear equations.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -2 & 5 \\ 7 & 2 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{array}{rclclcl} 2x_1 & & & - & 2x_3 & = & 5 \\ 7x_1 & + & 2x_2 & + & 5x_3 & = & 0 \\ x_1 & + & 4x_2 & + & 5x_3 & = & 10 \end{array}$$

Solve the system of linear equations

$$\begin{array}{rrcr} x_1 & + & 5x_2 & - & 2x_3 & = & 2 \\ \frac{1}{3}x_1 & + & 2x_2 & & & = & 3 \\ & & & & 3x_3 & = & 9 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 5 & -2 & 2 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 2 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right].$$

The first transformation rewrites the system by **interchanging the first and third row**.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{swap row 1 with row 3} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{rrcr} \frac{1}{3}x_1 & + & 2x_2 & & & = & 3 \\ x_1 & + & 5x_2 & - & 2x_3 & = & 2 \\ & & & & 3x_3 & = & 9 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} \frac{1}{3} & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 9 \end{array} \right].$$

The second transformation **rescales the first row** by multiplying both sides of the equation by 3.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{multiply row 1 by 3} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{rrcr} x_1 & + & 6x_2 & & & = & 9 \\ x_1 & + & 5x_2 & - & 2x_3 & = & 2 \\ & & & & 3x_3 & = & 9 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 6 & 0 & 9 \\ 1 & 5 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 9 \end{array} \right].$$



We multiply both sides of the first row by  $-1$ , and add that to the second row, and write the result in as the new second row.

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} x_1 & + & 6x_2 & & = & 9 \\ \text{add } -1 \text{ times row 1 to row 2} & & -x_2 & - & 2x_3 & = & -7 \\ & & & & 3x_3 & = & 9 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 6 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 9 \end{array} \right]$$

The bottom equation shows that  $x_3 = 3$ . Substituting 3 for  $x_3$  in the middle equation shows that  $x_2 = 1$ .

Substituting those two into the top equation gives that  $x_1 = 3$ .

Thus the system has a unique solution; the solution set is  $\{(3, 1, 3)\}$ .

**Verify** that the vector  $\{ (3, 1, 3) \}$  is a solution set for the system of linear equations

$$\begin{array}{rclcl}
 & & & 3x_3 & = & 9 \\
 x_1 & + & 5x_2 & - & 2x_3 & = & 2 \\
 \frac{1}{3}x_1 & + & 2x_2 & & & = & 3 \\
 & & & + & 3(3) & = & 9 \\
 3 & + & 5(1) & - & 2(3) & = & 2 \\
 \frac{1}{3}(3) & + & 2(1) & & & = & 3
 \end{array}$$

**All equations of the system of linear equations are satisfied**, hence the set  $\{ (3, 1, 3) \}$  is a solution set of the system of linear equations.

Solve the system of linear equations

$$\begin{array}{rrcr} x_1 & - & 2x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 0 \\ & & 2x_2 & - & 8x_3 & = & 8 \\ -4x_1 & + & 5x_2 & + & 9x_3 & = & -9 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 & 8 \\ -4 & 5 & 9 & -9 \end{array} \right].$$

Keep  $x_1$  in the first equation and eliminate it from the other equations.

$$\begin{array}{rrcr} x_1 & - & 2x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 0 \\ & & 2x_2 & - & 8x_3 & = & 8 \\ & - & 3x_2 & + & 13x_3 & = & -9 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 & 8 \\ 0 & -3 & 13 & -9 \end{array} \right]$$

4[Equation 1] + [Equation 3]

Multiply equation 2 by  $1/2$  in order to obtain 1 as the coefficient for  $x_2$ .

$$\begin{array}{rrcr} x_1 & - & 2x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 0 \\ & & x_2 & - & 4x_3 & = & 4 \\ & - & 3x_2 & + & 13x_3 & = & -9 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 4 \\ 0 & -3 & 13 & -9 \end{array} \right]$$

4[Equation 1] + [Equation 3]

Use the  $x_2$  in equation 2 to eliminate the  $-3x_2$  in equation 3.

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl}
 x_1 & - & 2x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 0 \\
 & & x_2 & - & 4x_3 & = & 4 \\
 & & & & x_3 & = & 3
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{bmatrix}
 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & -4 & 4 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 3
 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3[Equation 2] + [Equation 3]

$4[\text{Equation 3}] + [\text{Equation 2}]$  and  $-1[\text{Equation 3}] + [\text{Equation 1}]$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 x_1 & - & 2x_2 & = & -3 \\
 & & x_2 & = & 16 \\
 & & x_3 & = & 3
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{bmatrix}
 1 & -2 & 0 & -3 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 16 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 3
 \end{bmatrix}.$$

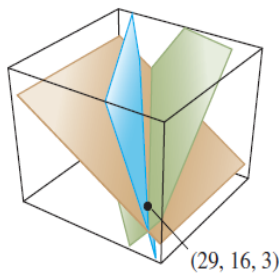
$2[\text{Equation 2}] + [\text{Equation 1}]$  leads to

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 x_1 & - & & = & 29 \\
 & & x_2 & = & 16 \\
 & & x_3 & = & 3
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{bmatrix}
 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 16 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 3
 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution of the system is  $29, 16, 3$ .**

$$\begin{array}{rrcrcl} x_1 & - & 2x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 0 \\ & & 2x_2 & - & 8x_3 & = & 8 \\ -4x_1 & + & 5x_2 & + & 9x_3 & = & -9 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rrcrcl} (29) & - & 2(16) & + & 3 & = & 0 \\ & & 2(16) & - & 8(3) & = & 8 \\ -4(29) & + & 5(16) & + & 9(3) & = & -9 \end{array}$$



**Example :** Determine if the following system is consistent.

$$\begin{array}{rrcr} & x_2 & - & 4x_3 & = & 8 \\ 2x_1 & - & 3x_2 & + & 2x_3 & = & 1 \\ 5x_1 & - & 8x_2 & + & 7x_3 & = & 1 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & -4 & 8 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & -8 & 7 & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

To obtain an  $x_1$  in the first equation, interchange rows 1 and 2 :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 2 & -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 8 \\ 5 & -8 & 7 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

To eliminate the  $5x_1$  term in the third equation, add  $-5/2$  times row 1 to row 3 :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 2 & -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 8 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 2 & -3/2 \end{array} \right]$$

## Consistent or Inconsistent System of Linear Equations

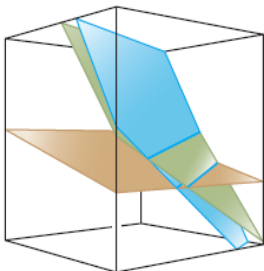
To eliminate the  $-1/2/x_2$  term from the third equation. Add  $1/2$  times row 2 to row 3 : :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The augmented matrix is in triangular form and we transform into

equation notation

$$\begin{array}{rcrcrcrcrcl} 2x_1 & - & 3x_2 & + & 2x_3 & = & 1 \\ & & x_2 & - & 4x_3 & = & 8 \\ & & & & 0 & = & 5/2 \end{array}$$



**Example :** For what values of  $h$  and  $k$  is the following system consistent ?

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - x_2 &= h \\ -6x_1 + 3x_2 &= k \end{aligned}$$

**Solution :** The augmented matrix of the system is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & h \\ -6 & 3 & k \end{bmatrix}$ .

$3[\text{Equation 1}] + [\text{Equation 2}]$  or  $3[\text{Row 1}] + [\text{Row 2}]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & h \\ 0 & 0 & k + 3h \end{bmatrix}.$$

If  $k + 3h \neq 0$  then we have  $0 = k + 3h \neq 0$  implies the system is inconsistent.

So the system will be consistent if we have  $k + 3h = 0$  or  $k = -3h$ .

For example : take  $h = 2$  then  $k = -9$  is one possibility. There are infinite many values of  $h$  and  $k$  satisfying  $k + 3h = 0$ .



**Question :** Do the lines  $2x_1 + 3x_2 = -1$ ,  $6x_1 + 5x_2 = 0$ , and  $2x_1 - 5x_2 = 7$  have a common point of intersection? Justify your answer.

**Question :** Determine the value(s) of  $h$  such that the matrix is the augmented matrix of a consistent system

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 12 & h \\ 2 & -6 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -2 \\ 2 & h & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question :** Determine whether the given system of linear equations are consistent or inconsistent.

$$\begin{array}{rclclcl} 2x_1 & & & - & 3x_3 & = & -8 & & x_1 & - & 5x_2 & + & 4x_3 & = & -3 \\ & & x_2 & - & 2x_3 & = & 3 & & 2x_1 & - & 7x_2 & + & 3x_3 & = & -2 \\ 3x_1 & + & 6x_2 & - & 2x_3 & = & -4 & & -2x_1 & + & x_2 & + & 7x_3 & = & -1 \end{array}$$

**Question :** Find an equation involving  $g$ ,  $h$ , and  $k$  that makes the augmented matrix correspond to a consistent system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 7 & g \\ 0 & 3 & -5 & h \\ -2 & 5 & -9 & k \end{bmatrix}$$