

# NCERT-10.3.4.2.1

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## QUESTION:

If we add 1 to the numerator and subtract 1 from the denominator, a fraction reduces to 1. It becomes  $\frac{1}{2}$  if we only add 1 to the denominator. What is the fraction?

## THEORETICAL SOLUTION:

Let the fraction be  $\frac{x}{y}$ .  
Given,  $\frac{x+1}{y-1} = 1$  and,  $\frac{x}{y+1} = \frac{1}{2}$

Solving them:

$$x + 1 = y - 1 \implies x - y + 2 = 0$$

$$x - y + 2 = 0 \tag{0.1}$$

$$2x - y - 1 = 0 \tag{0.2}$$

$$y = x + 2$$

$$2x - (x + 2) - 1 = 0$$

$$x = 3$$

Substituting  $x = 3$  in equation (0.1), we get  $y = 5$ .

Therefore the fraction is  $\frac{3}{5}$

## USING LU DECOMPOSITION

LU Decomposition is used primarily to simplify the process of solving systems of linear equations and other matrix-related computations. The main reason for using LU decomposition is to break down a complex matrix operation into simpler steps.

The system of equations (0.1) and (0.2) can be written as:

$$A \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \tag{0.3}$$

where,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We decompose the matrix  $A$  into two simple triangular matrices  $L$  (lower triangular) and  $U$  (upper triangular).

Instead of solving the system directly, solve two systems:

$L \cdot y = b$  (forward substitution)

$U \cdot x = y$  (backward substitution)

Given below are the steps for implementation of this algorithm.

1. Initialize  $L$  as an identity matrix and  $U$  as  $A$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Perform Gaussian elimination to make  $U$  upper triangular

Eliminate  $U_{21}$  (second row, first column) - The multiplier is:

$$l_{21} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$$

- Subtract 2 times the first row from the second row:

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Store the multiplier in  $L$  :

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Final Result

We have decomposed  $A$  into:

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, we have  $A = LU$ .

Since  $A = LU$ , we rewrite it as:

$$LUx = b$$

Define  $y$  such that:

$$Ly = b$$

This gives two triangular systems:

1. Solve  $Ly = b$  (Forward Substitution)
2. Solve  $Ux = y$  (Backward Substitution)

STEP 1: SOLVE  $Ly = b$  (FORWARD SUBSTITUTION)

Expanding:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This gives the equations:

$$y_1 = -2$$

$$2y_1 + y_2 = 1$$

Solving for  $y_2$ :

$$y_2 = 1 - 2(-2) = 1 + 4 = 5$$

Thus,

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

STEP 2: SOLVE  $Ux = y$  (BACKWARD SUBSTITUTION)

Expanding:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

This gives the equations:

$$x_1 - x_2 = -2$$

$$x_2 = 5$$

Solving for  $x_1$ :

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

Thus, the solution is:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

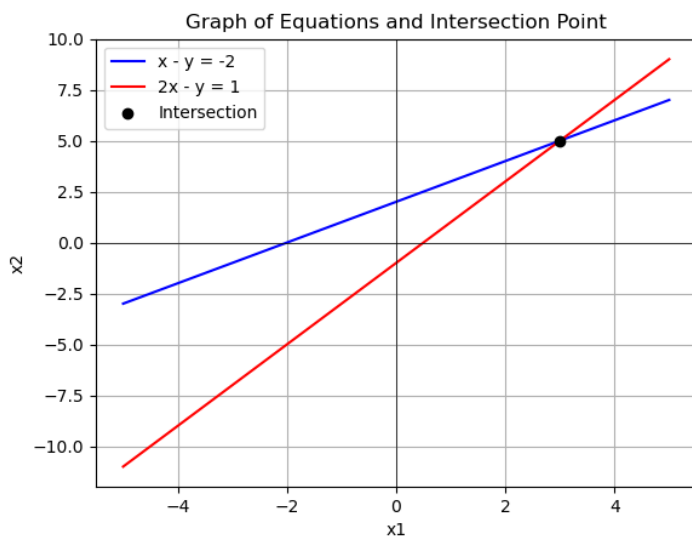


Fig. 0.1: Graph of the equations with the intersection point