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QUESTION

A part of monthly hostel charges is fixed and the remaining depends on the number of days one has taken food in the mess. When a student *A* takes food for 20 days she has to pay ₹1000 as hostel charges whereas a student *B*, who takes food for 26 days, pays ₹1180 as hostel charges. Find the fixed charges and the cost of food per day.

SOLUTION

Lets assume x is the fixed charge and y as the extra per day charge.

From given we can say,

$$x + 20y = 1000 \quad (0.1)$$

$$x + 26y = 1080 \quad (0.2)$$

The above equations can be written in the form $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

Where,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 20 \\ 1 & 26 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.3)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1000 \\ 1080 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.4)$$

The matrix \mathbf{A} can be decomposed into:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{U}, \quad (0.5)$$

where:

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (0.6)$$

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 20 \\ 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (0.7)$$

Factorization of LU:

Given a matrix \mathbf{A} of size $n \times n$, LU decomposition is performed row by row and column by column. The update equations are as follows:

1. Start by initializing \mathbf{L} as the identity matrix $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{I}$ and \mathbf{U} as a copy of \mathbf{A} .
2. For each column $j \geq k$, the entries of \mathbf{U} in the k -th row are updated as:

$$U_{k,j} = A_{k,j} - \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} L_{k,m} \cdot U_{m,j} \quad \forall \quad j \geq k \quad (0.8)$$

3. For each row $i > k$, the entries of L in the k -th column are updated as:

$$L_{i,k} = \frac{1}{U_{k,k}} \left(A_{i,k} - \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} L_{i,m} \cdot U_{m,k} \right) \quad \forall \quad i > k \quad (0.9)$$

The system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is transformed into $L \cdot U \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$. Let \mathbf{y} satisfy $L\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1000 \\ 1080 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (0.10)$$

Using forward substitution:

$$y_1 = 1000 \quad (0.11)$$

$$y_1 + y_2 = 1080 \quad (0.12)$$

$$y_2 = 80 \quad (0.13)$$

Thus:

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1000 \\ 80 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (0.14)$$

Next, solve $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 20 \\ 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1000 \\ 80 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (0.15)$$

Using backward substitution:

$$6y = 80 \quad (0.16)$$

$$y = \frac{40}{3} = 13.33 \quad (0.17)$$

$$x + 20y = 1000 \quad (0.18)$$

$$x = \frac{2200}{3} = 733.33 \quad (0.19)$$

Hence the fixed charge is ₹733.33 and extra per day cost is ₹13.33.

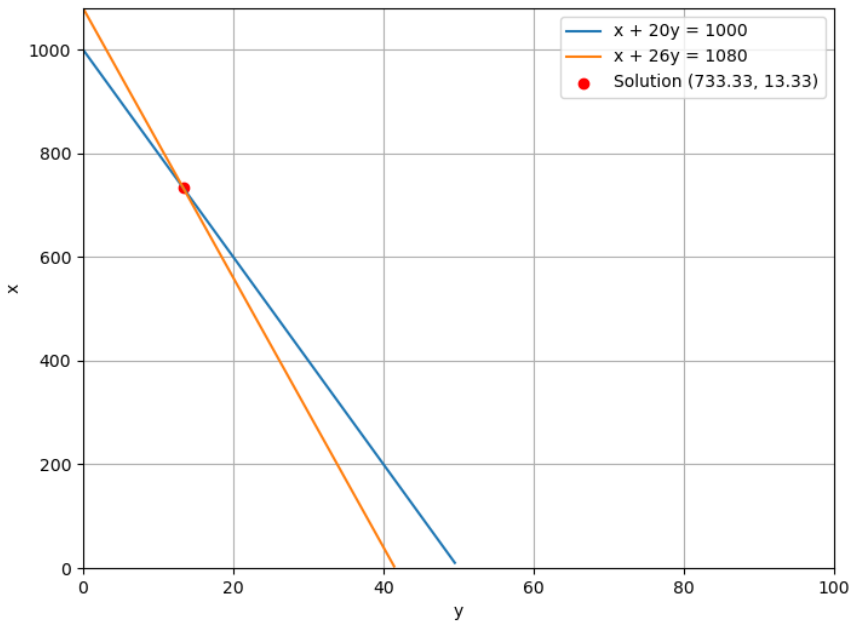


Fig. 0.1: Solution to set of linear equations