

Calculus and Linear Algebra: Gaussian Elimination

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Problem 1.1 *Using Cramer's rule solve the following systems of linear equations when possible*

$$a) \begin{cases} -2x + 4y = 4 \\ -2x - 3y = -10 \end{cases}$$

$$b) \begin{cases} x + 3y = 0 \\ 4x + y = 6 \end{cases}$$

$$c) \begin{cases} x - 3y = 1 \\ 2x + y = 6 \end{cases}$$

$$d) \begin{cases} x - 4y + 2z = 0 \\ 2x + 5y + z = 1 \\ 5x - 2z = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$e) \begin{cases} x - y + 3z = -2 \\ 5x - z = 0 \\ y - 3z = 1 \end{cases}$$

Problem 1.2 *Do the following systems of linear equations have a solution? Find it when they do.*

$$a) \begin{cases} -3x - y = -14 \\ 3x + 4y = 11 \\ 5x + y = 24 \end{cases}$$

$$b) \begin{cases} -2x - 3z = -6 \\ x - 2y + 3z = -7 \\ 3x - y - 2z = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$c) \begin{cases} -x + y - 2z = 2 \\ -2x + y + z = -4 \\ -y + 3z = -4 \end{cases}$$

$$d) \begin{cases} -3x + 2y + z = 8 \\ -3x - 3y + 2z = -10 \\ -9x + y + 4z = 7 \end{cases}$$

$$e) \begin{cases} -2x - y = 5 \\ 3x - y + 3z = -7 \\ -x - 2z = 1 \\ 2x + 2y - 3z = -7 \\ 3x + 2y + z = -6 \end{cases}$$

$$f) \begin{cases} 2x_2 - 2x_3 + x_4 = 4 \\ 4x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 = -11 \\ x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 4 \\ 5x_1 + x_2 + 9x_3 = 8 \end{cases}$$

$$g) \begin{cases} -3x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 = 4 \\ -4x_1 - 3x_3 - 3x_4 = -8 \\ -3x_1 - x_2 + 3x_4 = 7 \\ -7x_1 - 4x_2 + 2x_4 = 3 \end{cases}$$

Problem 1.3 Given a set of ‘ m ’ vectors of dimension ‘ n ’ we can test whether they are linearly independent by building a matrix ‘ A ’ of size $m \times n$ (the vectors are the rows of the matrix) and find the number of non-zero rows after applying Gaussian elimination. That number will tell how many linearly independent vectors are in the set.

Given the following sets of vectors find whether they are linearly independent.

a) $\mathbf{u}_1 = [2, 1]$ and $\mathbf{u}_2 = [-2, 1]$

b) $\mathbf{u}_1 = [-2, 5]$ and $\mathbf{u}_2 = [\frac{1}{5}, -2]$

c) $\mathbf{u}_1 = [-4, 8, 2]$, $\mathbf{u}_2 = [2, 12, 6]$ and $\mathbf{u}_3 = [0, -16, -7]$

d) $\mathbf{u}_1 = [-1, 6, 3]$, $\mathbf{u}_2 = [2, 16, 8]$ and $\mathbf{u}_3 = [3, 4, 0]$

e) $\mathbf{u}_1 = [0, 2, 1, 6]$, $\mathbf{u}_2 = [-4, 6, -10, 2]$ and $\mathbf{u}_3 = [2, 0, 6, 0]$

f) $\mathbf{u}_1 = [0, 1, 2, 3]$, $\mathbf{u}_2 = [2, -10, -4, 6]$ and $\mathbf{u}_3 = [3, -12, 0, 18]$