

Math Bootcamp

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About this math bootcamp

Linear Equations

Methods

- Substitution

- Elimination of Variables

Gauss-Jordan

Matrix Operations

This course portion intends to refresh/level your basic math knowledge. I divided it into five classes:

- ▶ Monday: Linear Algebra I
 - ▶ Tuesday: Linear Algebra II
 - ▶ Wednesday: Calculus I
 - ▶ Thursday: Calculus II
 - ▶ Friday: Calculus III + Probability
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Class organization:

- ▶ Spans from 9:00 to 12:00.
- ▶ 40-50 minutes of lecture.
- ▶ 10-15 minutes of exercises.
- ▶ 10 minutes break.

Exercises:

- ▶ Each class chunk has a few exercises.
- ▶ You have to get them done and hand them in by the end of the class.
- ▶ I will grade and return them by the next lecture.

There is no such thing as a bad question!

Books:

- ▶ Linear Algebra: Anton and Rorres, *Elementary Linear Algebra*.
- ▶ Calculus: Stewart, *Calculus*.
- ▶ Applied to Econ: Simon and Blume, *Math for Economists*.
- ▶ Applied for DS: <https://tinyurl.com/3wabr3j2>

Lectures:

- ▶ Microsoft FDS: <https://tinyurl.com/58jcey9w>
- ▶ Martin Osborne Math for Econ:
<https://tinyurl.com/48p6sb78>

If you find something cool online, please let us know!

My name is Umberto Mignozzetti.

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Something interesting: This is my first UCSD class!

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What is a linear equation?

Definition: Linear Equation

A linear equation is an equation that can be represented as:

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \cdots + a_nx_n = b$$

Where x_i are the **unknowns** and a_i and b are **constants** (with at least some different than zero).

Examples of linear equations?

When we consider more than one equation simultaneously, we have a **system of linear equations**.

- ▶ Linear equations describe geometric objects such as lines and planes.
- ▶ Linear systems: advantage that we can calculate exact solutions to the equations.
- ▶ Solution the nonlinear system often cannot be calculate explicitly.
- ▶ Linear systems are among the most frequently studied in social sciences.

For a linear system, we are interested in the following three questions:

1. Does a solution exist?
2. How many solutions are there?
3. Is there an efficient algorithm that computes the solutions?

There are, essentially, three ways of solving such systems:

1. Substitution
2. Elimination of variables
3. Matrix methods (Gauss-Jordan)

Example:

$$x - 2y = 8$$

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Solution:

$$x = 8 + 2y,$$

$$3(8 + 2y) + y = 3,$$

$$7y = -21,$$

$$y = -3$$

$$x = 8 + 2(-3) = 2$$

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Solution: Multiplying the equation 1 by -3 obtain $-3x + 6y = -24$. Adding this to 2, and the result is

$$x = 2 \quad y = -3$$

Your turn! Find which equations are linear in x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 :

(a) $x_1 + 5x_2 - \sqrt{2}x_3 = 1$ (b) $x_1 + 3x_2 + x_1x_3 = 2$

(c) $x_1 = -7x_2 + 3x_3$ (d) $x_1^{-2} + x_2 + 8x_3 = 5$

(e) $x_1^{3/5} - 2x_2 + x_3 = 4$ (f) $\pi x_1 - \sqrt{2}x_2 = 7^{1/3}$

Solve the following systems using the methods we have seen so far:

a) $3x + 3y = 4$	b) $4x + 2y - 3z = 1$	c) $2x + 2y - z = 2$
$x - y = 10;$	$6x + 3y - 5z = 0$	$x + y + z = -2$
	$x + y + 2z = 9;$	$2x - 4y + 3z = 0.$

Another method that is more efficient is the Gauss-Jordan Elimination. We have to transform a system into a matrix to perform it:

$$x + 2y = 3$$

$$3x + 2y = 4$$

The coefficient matrix is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

And the augmented matrix is:

$$A^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the augmented matrix for the following systems:

$$x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 + 2x_5 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + 6x_2 - 5x_3 - 2x_4 + 4x_5 - 3x_6 = -1$$

$$5x_3 + 10x_4 + 15x_6 = 5$$

$$2x_1 + 6x_2 + 8x_4 + 4x_5 + 18x_6 = 6$$

And:

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 8$$

$$-x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 1$$

$$3x_1 - 7x_2 + 4x_3 = 10$$

Elementary row operations are critical because, when done in the augmented matrix, they do not change the solution of the system.

They are:

1. Interchange two rows of a matrix.
2. Change a row by adding a multiple of another row.
3. Multiply each element in a row by the same number (scalar multiplication).

Examples?

Definition: Row Echelon Form

A matrix row is said to have k leading zeros if the first k elements of the row are all zeros and the $(k + 1)th$ element of the row is not zero. A matrix is in row echelon form if each row has more leading zeros than the preceding one.

Examples: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

The reduced row echelon form is excellent for finding solutions for Systems of Linear Equations:

The following matrices are in reduced row echelon form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The following matrices are in row echelon form but not reduced row echelon form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve the following system using Gauss-Jordan:

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 8$$

$$-x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 1$$

$$3x_1 - 7x_2 + 4x_3 = 10$$

Solve the system of equations $\begin{cases} -4x + 6y + 4z = 4 \\ 2x - y + z = 1. \end{cases}$

Definition: Rank of a Matrix

The Rank of a matrix is the number of nonzero rows in its row echelon form.

Examples:

► $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

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Find the Rank of the following matrices:

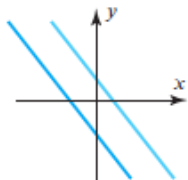
$$a) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad c) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & -7 & 3 \\ 1 & 9 & -6 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & -8 & 4 \end{pmatrix},$$

The following theorem allows classifying the solutions of a linear system of equations (homogeneous ($Ax = 0$) or not ($Ax = b$)) using the range of the coefficient matrix.

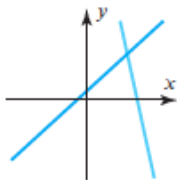
Consider the linear system of equations $Ax = b$.

- (a) If the number of equations $<$ the number of unknowns, then:
 - (i) $Ax = 0$ has infinitely many solutions,
 - (ii) for any given b , $Ax = b$ has 0 or infinitely many solutions, and
 - (iii) if $\text{rank } A = \text{number of equations}$, $Ax = b$ has infinitely many solutions for every b .
- (b) If the number of equations $>$ the number of unknowns, then:
 - (i) $Ax = 0$ has one or infinitely many solutions,
 - (ii) for any given b , $Ax = b$ has 0, 1, or infinitely many solutions, and
 - (iii) if $\text{rank } A = \text{number of unknowns}$, $Ax = b$ has 0 or 1 solution for every b .
- (c) If the number of equations $=$ the number of unknowns, then:
 - (i) $Ax = 0$ has one or infinitely many solutions,
 - (ii) for any given b , $Ax = b$ has 0, 1, or infinitely many solutions, and
 - (iii) if $\text{rank } A = \text{number of unknowns} = \text{number of equations}$, $Ax = b$ has exactly 1 solution for every b .

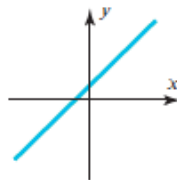
A system with two unknowns is comprised of lines:



No solution

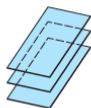


One solution



Infinitely many
solutions
(coincident lines)

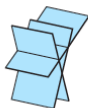
A system with three unknowns is comprised of planes:



No solutions
(three parallel planes;
no common intersection)



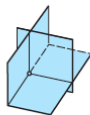
No solutions
(two parallel planes;
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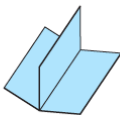
No solutions
(no common intersection)



No solutions
(two coincident planes
parallel to the third;
no common intersection)



One solution
(intersection is a point)



Infinitely many solutions
(intersection is a line)



Infinitely many solutions
(planes are all coincident;
intersection is a plane)



Infinitely many solutions
(two coincident planes;
intersection is a line)

Your turn! Solve the following systems:

$$\begin{array}{ll} a) & x - 3y + 6z = -1 \\ & 2x - 5y + 10z = 0 \\ & 3x - 8y + 17z = 1; \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} b) \quad x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ \quad 12x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 = 5 \\ \quad 3x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 = -4. \end{array}$$

Use Gauss-Jordan elimination to determine for what values of the parameter k the system

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 + x_2 & = & 1 \\ x_1 - kx_2 & = & 1 \end{array}$$

has no solutions, one solution, and more than one solution.

Addition and subtraction of matrices are done element by element:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note: The matrix should have the same numbers of rows and columns (conform)!

Let $k \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$k \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ka & kb \\ kc & kd \end{pmatrix}$$

We define the matrix product AB if, and only if:

The number of columns in A = number of rows in B .

Example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \\ e & f \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 2} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 2} = \begin{pmatrix} aA + bC & aB + bD \\ cA + dC & cB + dD \\ eA + fC & eB + fD \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 2}$$

Note: The product taken in the inverse order is not defined.

- ▶ Associative:

$$(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$$

$$(AB)C = A(BC)$$

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In general, the product is not available.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

► Distributive:

$$A(B + C) = AB + AC$$

$$(A + B)C = AC + BC$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Properties:

$$(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T \quad (AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

$$(A - B)^T = A^T - B^T$$

$$(A^T)^T = A$$

Example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}^T = (1 \quad 2), \quad (1 \quad 2)^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Square Matrix.
Column Matrix.

$k = n$, that is, equal number of rows and columns.
 $n = 1$, that is, one column. For example,

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Row Matrix.

$k = 1$, that is, one row. For example,

$$(2 \quad 1 \quad 0) \quad \text{and} \quad (2 \quad 3).$$

Diagonal Matrix.

$k = n$ and $a_{ij} = 0$ for $i \neq j$, that is, a square matrix in which all nondiagonal entries are 0. For example,

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Upper-Triangular Matrix. $a_{ij} = 0$ if $i > j$, that is, a matrix (usually square) in which all entries below the diagonal are 0. For example,

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Lower-Triangular Matrix. $a_{ij} = 0$ if $i < j$, that is, a matrix (usually square) in which all entries above the diagonal are 0. For example,

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Symmetric Matrix. $A^T = A$, that is, $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ for all i, j . These matrices are necessarily square. For example,

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Idempotent Matrix.

A square matrix B for which $B \cdot B = B$, such as $B = I$ or

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -5 \\ 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Permutation Matrix.

A square matrix of 0s and 1s in which each row and each column contains exactly one 1. For example,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Nonsingular Matrix.

A square matrix whose rank equals the number of its rows (or columns). When such a matrix arises as a coefficient matrix in a system of linear equations, the system has one and only one solution.

Definition: Inverse Matrix

Let A a matrix $n \times n$. The matrix B of $n \times n$ is an called the **inverse** for A if $AB = BA = I$ (where I is the Identity Matrix).

If $AB = I$ then B is a *right inverse*.

If $BA = I$ then B is a *left inverse*.

Example: Calculate the inverse of:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

Important: In general, these matrices are nonsingular (and therefore invertible) if and only if $ad - bc$ different from 0.

Inverse matrices are very useful. See the theorem below:

Theorem

lent:

For any square matrix A , the following statements are equivalent:

- (a) A is invertible.
- (b) A has a right inverse.
- (c) A has a left inverse.
- (d) Every system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has at least one solution for every \mathbf{b} .
- (e) Every system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has at most one solution for every \mathbf{b} .
- (f) A is nonsingular.
- (g) A has maximal rank n .

If A is nonsingular (invertible) then for $Ax = b$ $x = A^{-1}b$.

Solve the following system using the inverse of the matrix.

$$x - 2y = 8$$

$$3x + y = 3$$

Your turn! Find the inverse of the following matrices:

$$a) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b) \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad c) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -4 & -2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$d) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 3 \\ -6 & -10 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad e) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 2 & 6 \\ -4 & -3 & 9 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$f) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 0 & 5 \\ 6 & 21 & 8 & 17 \\ 4 & 12 & -4 & 13 \\ 0 & -3 & -12 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Invert the coefficient matrix to solve the following systems of equations:

$$\begin{array}{ll} a) & \begin{array}{l} 2x_1 + x_2 = 5 \\ x_1 + x_2 = 3; \end{array} \\ b) & \begin{array}{l} 2x_1 + x_2 = 4 \\ 6x_1 + 2x_2 + 6x_3 = 20 \\ -4x_1 - 3x_2 + 9x_3 = 3; \end{array} \end{array}$$

Questions?

See you in the next class!
