

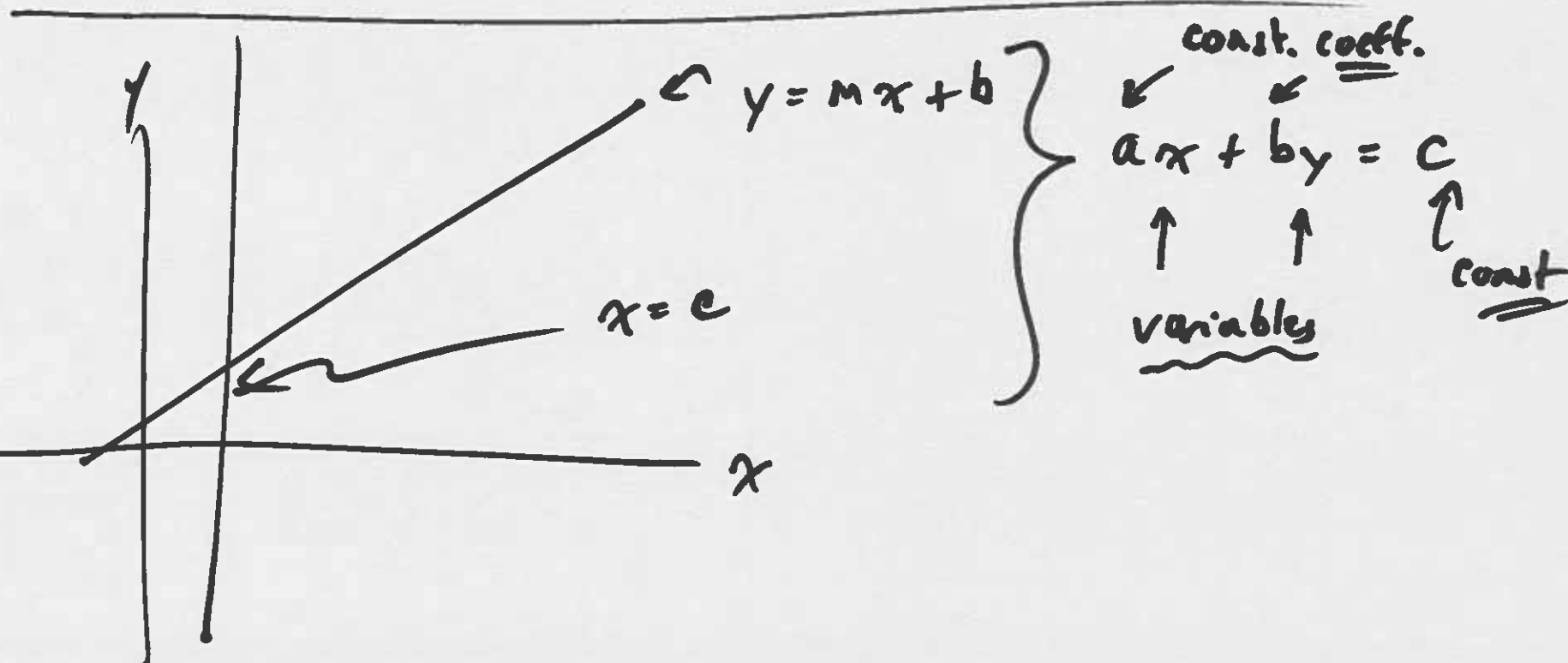
Math 1ZC3

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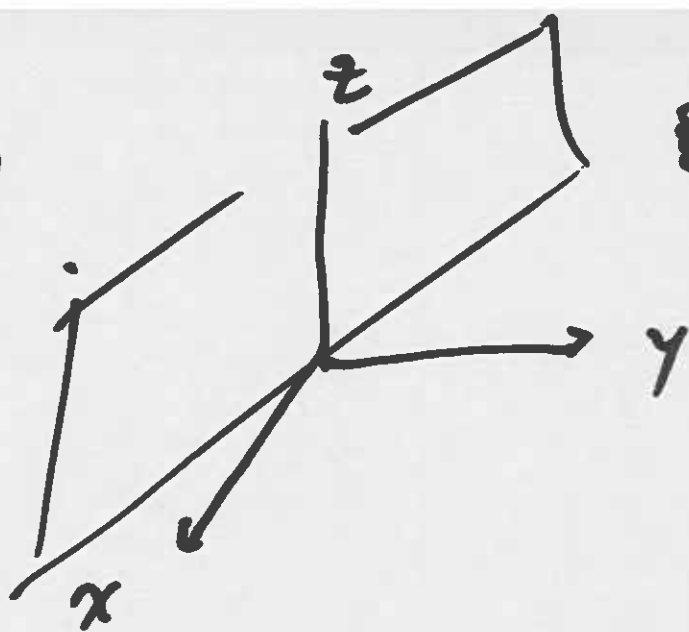
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(x, y, z)



constant coeff. constant

$$ax + by + cz = d$$

variables

A general linear equation has form:

$$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n = b$$

where a_1, a_2, \dots i.e. $a_i = \text{const. coeff.}$

x_1, x_2, \dots i.e. $x_i = \text{variables}$

$b = \text{constant}$

generalises
lines & planes
in n
variables!

A linear system is a set of linear equations in the same variables

eg.
$$\begin{cases} x + y = 2 \\ 2x - y = 5 \end{cases}$$

eg.
$$\begin{cases} 2u - 3v + 6w = 12 \\ 8u - 2v + \underline{\underline{0w}} = 16 \end{cases}$$

eg.
$$\begin{cases} 2u + 5v = 6 \\ 6u - 3v = 5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2u + 5v + 0x + 0y = 6 \\ 0u + 0v + 6x - 3y = 5 \end{cases}$$

A solution to a linear system

is a set of values of the variables that satisfy all equations in that linear system.

eg. $\begin{cases} x + y = 2 \\ x - y = 4 \end{cases} \rightarrow x = 2 - y$

so $2 - y - y = 4$
 $-2y = 2$
 $y = \underline{-1}, x = 2 - (-1) = \underline{3}$

Solution $(x, y) = (\underline{3}, \underline{-1})$

eg $\begin{cases} x + y - z = 2 \\ x + y - z = 12 \end{cases}$ inconsistent
no solution
"parallel planes"
(3D!)

eg $(2x + 3y - 2z = 0)$

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

↑ all const are 0

⇒ homogeneous system

All homog. systems have at least the
"trivial" all-zero solution!

g. here: $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$

notice any $\begin{cases} x = t \\ y = 0 \\ z = t \end{cases}$ or $(x, y, z) = t(1, 0, 1)$
all solutions

so ∞ solutions!