

Lecture 5

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$$AX = B$$

\downarrow column matrix

Rmk:

Assume that $\dots = b_1$ is the reduced system
 $\dots = b_2$
 \vdots
 $0 = b_n$

a) If $b_n \neq 0$ then the eqn. $0 = b_n$ has no solution
 then the system is inconsistent

b) If we do not have such an eqn. then the system is consistent.

c) For a consistent system if the number of the equations and the number of unknowns are equal and echelon form of the augmented matrix has no zero rows then the system has a unique solution.

Ex: Find all values of a & b for which the system has

$$2x - y + 2az + t = b$$

$$-2x + ay - 3z = 4$$

$$2x - y + (2a+1)z + (a+1)t = 0$$

$$-2x + y + (1-2a)z - 2t = -2b-2$$

a) a unique soln,

b) infinitely many solns.

c) no solution.

Soln:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -1 & 2a & 1 & b \\ -2 & a & -3 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & 2a+1 & a+1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & (1-2a) & -2 & -2b-2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{exc.}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -1 & 2a & 1 & b \\ 0 & \cancel{a-1} & 2a-3 & 1 & b+4 \\ 0 & \cancel{0} & 1 & a & -b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cancel{-1-a} & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

$\cancel{a=1}$
 $\cancel{a=-1}$

Consider last row $(-1-a)t = -2$ if $-1-a=0$ then $0 \cdot t = -2$ hence no soln.

∴ If $a=-1$ then the system is inconsistent i.e. no soln.

put $a \neq -1$ but $a=1$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -1 & 2 & 1 & b \\ -2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & b+4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\dots]{\text{2 row op.}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -1 & 2 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & b+4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -1 & 2 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & b+4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{2\text{ row op.} \\ \dots}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -1 & 2 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & b+4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

again $0=2$ & the system is inconsistent i.e (no soln.)

Hence; for $a=1, -1$ the system has no solution (c)

for $a \neq \pm 1$ then the system has a unique soln.
and we do not have infinitely many solns.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -1 & 2a & 1 & b \\ 0 & a-1 & 2a-3 & 1 & b+4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & a & -b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -a & -2 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 2x - y + 2az + t &= b & x = \dots \\ (a-1)y + (2a-3)z + t &= b+4 & y = \dots \\ z + at &= -b & z = -b - \frac{2a}{a+1} \\ (-1-a)t &= -2 & t = \frac{2}{a+1} \end{aligned}$$

2.2. Systems of Homogeneous Equations:

Defn: If the system is of the form $AX=0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

then it is called "homogeneous system".

Obviously $A \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow A \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{m \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times 1}$

thrs soln. i.e. $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_m = 0$ is calle "trivial solution".

RMK: A homogeneous system is always consistent & the question is are there any non-trivial solns.

ex: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x + 3y + 3z + 2t = b_1 \\ 2x + 6y + 9z + 7t = b_2 \\ -x - 3y + 3z + 4t = b_3 \end{array} \right. \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 & b_1 \\ 2 & 6 & 9 & 7 & b_2 \\ -1 & -3 & 3 & 4 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{exc.}$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & -2b_1 + b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5b_1 - 2b_2 + b_3 \end{array} \right]$$

(*) is inconsistent if $5b_1 - 2b_2 + b_3 \neq 0$. Otherwise it is consistent.

When $5b_1 - 2b_2 + b_3 = 0$ then we have infinitely many solns, and any two of the unknowns will be independent variables & the other two will be dependent variables.

e.g. $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 0$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow x + 3y + 3z + 2t = 0 \Rightarrow x + 3y - t = 0 \Rightarrow x = \underline{\underline{t - 3y}}$$

$$3z + 3t = 0 \Rightarrow z = \underline{\underline{-t}}$$

let $t = \alpha$ $y = \beta$ $\Rightarrow z = -\alpha$ $x = \alpha - 3\beta$

solutions are

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha - 3\beta \\ \beta \\ -\alpha \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; \text{ s.t. } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}.$$

are called fundamental solutions of (*)
when $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 0$

Let $b_1 = 2, b_2 = 5, b_3 = 0$, the corresponding augmented matrix's echelon form is

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow x + 3y + 3z + 2t = 2 \xrightarrow{x+3y+1-3t+2t=2} x = -3y + t + 1$$

$$3z + 3t = 1 \Rightarrow z = \frac{1-3t}{3}$$

solutions are

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3y + t + 1 \\ y \\ \frac{1-3t}{3} \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$t = \alpha$ $y = \beta$ fund. soln. particular soln.

solution to the corresponding homogeneous system.

general solution of the system

$$AX = B$$