Sec 1.1 Intro to Linear Systems

Recall algebra, e.g. $x + 5 = 3$. Generalize to two variables:

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 5 \\ 3x - y = -1 \end{cases}.$$

Solving intuitively, $x = 1, y = 4$. The problem on Page 1:

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 3z = 39 \\ x + 3y + 2z = 34 \\ 3x + 2y + z = 26 \end{cases}. \tag{1}$$

Answer is $x = 2.75, y = 4.25, z = 9.25$.

Some systems are not (uniquely) solvable.

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 4y + 6z = 0 \\ 4x + 5y + 6z = 3 \\ 7x + 8y + 9z = 6 \end{cases}. \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 3z = 0 \\ 4x + 5y + 6z = 3 \\ 7x + 8y + 9z = 0 \end{cases}. \tag{3}$$

Geometric interpretation: find points that lie on all three planes.

"Degrees of freedom" (from Sec 1.3)

$$\begin{cases} x + z = -7 \\ x + 3z = 3 \\ x + 5z = 13 \end{cases} \qquad \begin{cases} x + y + z = 1 \\ y + 3z = 3 \end{cases} \qquad \begin{cases} x + y + 4z = 1 \\ x - y + z = 1 \\ 3x + y - z = 5 \\ x + 4y - 6z = 0 \end{cases}$$

First: $x = -12, z = 5$ but no constraint on y.

Quick check, doesn't prove solvability.

Geometric interpretation (from Sec 1.3)

- $ax + by + cz = 0$ defines a plane perpendicular to (a, b, c) passing origin. Translate it to get $ax + by + cz = d$.

- Intersection of planes, either unique or infinitely many solutions. (Houdini demo)

Solvability (from Sec 1.3)

Not solvable: contradiction after some reduction. See (3).
Infinite solutions: parametrization. See (2).

Sec 1.2 Matrices, Vectors, and Gauss-Jordan Elimination

- matrix dimension; row, column, index notation
- identity, zero, square, upper/lower triangular, symmetric matrices
- vector, vector spaces $\mathbb{R}^n$ (column vectors!)
- solve (1) using extended matrix
- Gaussian reduction: three operations
- RREF: definition, solve (1), show (2) is not full rank

Sec 1.3 On the Solutions of Linear Systems; Matrix Algebra

Rank

Matrices from (1) and (2) have rank 3 and 2. Full rank matrix has identity in RREF.

Matrix Algebra

- from linear system to matrix-vector equation
- matrix addition, matrix-vector multiplication, matrix-matrix multiplication
- distribution law, commutative law etc.
- linear combination
- interpret matrix-vector multiplication as linear combination with columns

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Sec 2.1 Linear Transformations

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \tag{4}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \tag{5}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \tag{6}$$

- linearity
- $Ae_i = T(e_i)$
- Finding the corresponding matrix
- Markov chain: EXAMPLE 9 on p.5, distribution vectors and transition matrices

Sec 2.2 Linear Transformation in Geometry