

1.1 Systems of Linear Equations.

• $y = mx + b$ is a linear equation

• Linear system:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x - y & = & 2 \quad (1) \\ 2x + y & = & 7 \quad (2) \end{array} \quad (\text{system of linear equations})$$

Method of substitution:

• Solve for x from (1): $x = y + 2$

• Substitute it into (2):

$$2(y + 2) + y = 7$$

$$\underline{2y} + 4 + \underline{y} = 7$$

$$3y + 4 = 7$$

$$3y = 3$$

$$y = 1$$

$$x = 1 + 2$$

$$x = 3$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y = 1 \\ x = 1 + 2 \\ x = 3 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow (x, y) = (3, 1)$$

(2) Method of elimination:

• Eliminate y by adding (1) to (2):

$$3x = 9$$

$$x = 3$$

• Substitution back to (1):

$$3 - y = 2$$

$y = 1$
 $\rightarrow (x, y) = (3, 1)$ is the solution of our system.

The system of linear equations has the following format:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \dots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} m \text{ equations} \\ (L) \end{array}$$

n variables: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .

a_{ij} ($1 \leq i \leq m$, $1 \leq j \leq n$) are known coefficients.

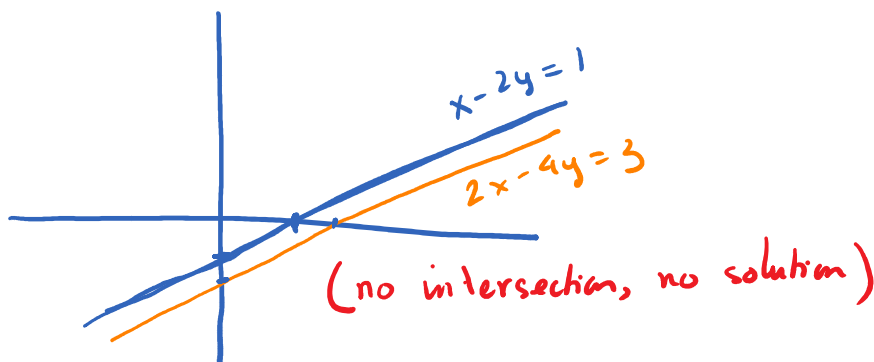
The system is called consistent if it has a solution (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) satisfying the system (L).

_____ inconsistent _____ does not have a solution.

ex:
$$\begin{array}{rcl} x - 2y = 1 & \textcircled{1} & \xrightarrow{x(-2)} \\ 2x - 4y = 3 & \textcircled{2} & + \end{array} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -2x + 4y = -2 \\ 2x - 4y = 3 \end{array} \right.$$

$$0x + 0y = 1$$

$0 = 1$
 (not possible, no solution)



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

← equivalent

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 - x_2 - 3x_3 &= -1 & (2) \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 &= 4 & (3) \end{aligned}$$

equivalent

Elimination:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -3(1) + (2) & : & \begin{array}{r} -3x_1 - 6x_2 - 3x_3 = -9 \\ + 3x_1 - x_2 - 3x_3 = -1 \\ \hline -7x_2 - 6x_3 = -10 \end{array} \end{array} \quad (2_{\text{new}})$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -2(1) + (3) & : & \begin{array}{r} -2x_1 - 4x_2 - 2x_3 = -6 \\ + 2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 4 \\ \hline -x_2 - x_3 = -2 \end{array} \end{array} \quad (3_{\text{new}})$$

$(2_{\text{new}}) - 7(3_{\text{new}})$:

$$\begin{array}{r} -7x_2 - 6x_3 = -10 \\ - (-7x_2 - 7x_3 = -14) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x_3 = 4$$

Back substitution:

• Substitute x_3 into (3_{new}) :

$$-x_2 - 4 = -2$$

$$-x_2 = 2$$

$$x_2 = -2$$

• Substitute x_2, x_3 into (1) :

$$x_1 + (-4) + 4 = 3$$

$$x_1 = 3$$

$(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (3, -2, 4)$ is the solution.

We have 3 elementary operations for system of linear equations :

① Interchange 2 equations

② Multiply an equation by a nonzero number.

③ Replace an equation by its sum with a multiple of another equation.