

MTH207

Linear Algebra

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1.1 Systems of Linear Equations

Definition 1.1 (Linear Equation). $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$

Definition 1.2 (A system of linear equations; Linear System). A collection of one or more linear equations involving the same set of variables, say, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n

Definition 1.3 (Solution of a Linear System). A list (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) of numbers that makes each equation in the system true when the values s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n are substituted for x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n respectively.

Theorem 1.4. A system of linear equations has (1) no solution, (2) exactly one solution, or (3) infinitely many solutions.

Definition 1.5 (Solution set). The set of all possible solutions of a linear system.

Definition 1.6 (Equivalent systems). Two linear systems with the same solution set

1.2 Second subsection