

Why learn linear algebra?

Goal \rightarrow Solving systems of linear equation

\hookrightarrow each term has a degree of one or zero

How? \rightarrow Algebra: Substitution, elimination, or graphing

Linear Algebra: Matrices

How to use substitution to solve linear equations?

- ① Get a variable by itself in one of the equations
- ② Plug it into another equation
- ③ Solve the equation in step 2 for the remaining variable
- ④ Plug the result into the first equation

Ex: $y = x + 3$
 $2x - 3y = 10$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 2x - 3(x + 3) &= 10 \\ 2x - 3x - 9 &= 10 \\ x &= -19 \\ y = x + 3 &= -16 \\ (x, y) &= (-19, -16) \end{aligned}$$

How to use elimination to solve linear equations?

- ① Multiply one or both equations by a constant that will allow either the x-terms or the y-terms to cancel when the equations are added or subtracted.
- ② Add or subtract the equations.
- ③ Solve for the remaining variable
- ④ Plug it into one of the original equations and solve for the other variable.

Using substitution, elimination and/or graphing to solve a linear system gets very expensive as the system gets larger. That's why we use matrices.

Ex:

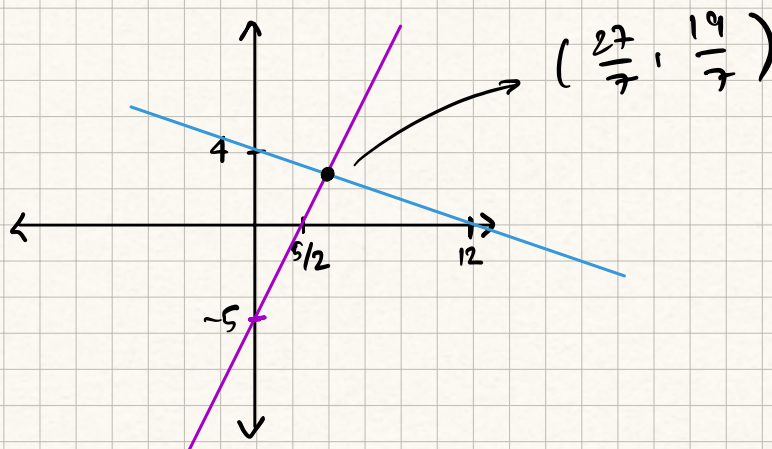
$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 y = 3x - 4 & \Rightarrow & 3x - y = 4 \\
 -x + 2y = 12 & + & -x + 2y = 12 \\
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 5x = 20 & & \\
 x = 4 & &
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 \begin{array}{rcl}
 3 \cdot 4 - y = 4 & & \\
 12 - y = 4 & & \\
 y = 8 & & \\
 (x, y) = (4, 8) & &
 \end{array}$$

How to use graphing to solve linear equations?

- ① Solve for y in each equation
- ② Graph both equations on the same Cartesian coordinate sys.
- ③ Find the point of intersection of the lines.

Ex

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 x + 3y = 12 & \Rightarrow & y = \frac{12-x}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}x + 4 \\
 2x - y = 5 & \Rightarrow & y = 2x - 5
 \end{array}$$



What is a matrix and why do we need matrices?

Matrix \rightarrow A rectangular array of values, where each value is an entry in both a row and a column.

Why? Larger the system \rightarrow Harder to solve with substitⁿ, eliminatⁿ, and graphing. Easier with matrices.

Matrix notation, dimensions and entries

$$A_{2 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagram labels:
 - A : name of the matrix (in capital)
 - 2×3 : # of rows and # of columns
 - $a_{i,j}$: entries

How to represent systems with matrices?

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 2y &= 7 \\ 1x - 6y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \overset{x}{3} & \overset{y}{2} \\ 1 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Regular matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 2 & \overset{\text{Constant}}{7} \\ 1 & -6 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \text{Augmented Matrix}$$

How to solve equations with matrices?

With Row Operations:

- ① We can switch rows. Ex: $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$
- ② We can multiply a row with a constant. Ex: $\frac{1}{2} R_1 \rightarrow R_1$
 "multiply Row 1 with $\frac{1}{2}$ and replace the result with Row 1"
- ③ We can add rows.
 Ex: $R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2$
 $R_1 + (-1) \cdot R_2 \rightarrow R_2 = R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_2$

What's the goal with row operations?

To change the matrix into row-echelon form (REF) or reduced row-echelon form (RREF)

- ① All the pivot entries (1st non-zero entry of a row) are equal to 1.
- ② Any rows with only zeros are at the bottom
- ③ Pivot entries in staircase pattern
- ④ In each pivot column, the pivot is the only non-zero entry

To solve a linear system, we change the matrix into reduced row-echelon form by using row operations such as swapping, adding, and scalar multiplication.

What is Gauss-Jordan Elimination?

An algorithm to get the matrix to RREF.

- ① Pull out any scalars from each row
- ② Make sure the first entry of the first row is 1. (Swap with another row if necessary)
- ③ Multiply through the first row by a scalar to make the leading entry equal to 1.
- ④ Add scaled multiples of the first row to every other row in the matrix until every entry in the first column, other than the leading 1 in the first row, is a 0.
- ⑤ Go back to step 2 and repeat until the matrix is in RREF.

Ex:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -x - 5y + z & = & 17 \\ -5x - 5y + 5z & = & 5 \\ 2x + 5y - 3z & = & -10 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & -5 & 1 & 17 \\ -5 & -5 & 5 & 5 \\ 2 & 5 & -3 & -10 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ \frac{1}{5}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ 2R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array}$$

$$R_2 \cdot (1/4) \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 5 & -1 & -17 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & -3 & -10 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 5 & -1 & -17 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & -16 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & -8 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 5 & -1 & -17 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & -8 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 - 3R_2 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & -1 & -17 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-R_3 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & -1 & -17 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 & -21 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 - 5R_2 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, y, z) = (-1, -4, -4)$$

Number of solutions
to the linear
system

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & c \end{array} \right]$$

\Rightarrow Unique solution

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c \end{array} \right]$$

\Rightarrow $\begin{cases} c=0 \Rightarrow \text{Infinitely many solutions} \\ c \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{No solution} \end{cases}$