# 4. EQUATION SOLVING

f) Different approaches to solving systems of linear equations

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We will try solving systems of linear differential equations using matrices, and using different approaches...

### Support functions...

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[2]: # Imports and support functions for all the below operations...
     from numpy import matrix, zeros, linalg
     import numpy as np
     # Reads the equation strings and converts them into lists of various values...
     def getLists(equationList):
         var, coef, const, varCount, eqCount = {}, [], [], 0, 0
         # NOTES:
         # 'coef' is a list of lists.
         # Each sublist is for a variable, each sublist element corresponds to the
      \rightarrow equation number.
         \# 'var' is the dictionary, with key as variable name and value as the \sqcup
      \rightarrow variable index.
         # Variable indices are simply to help associate the coefficient lists to | |
      \rightarrow the variables.
         for e in equationList:
             e, i, varsFound, sign = e + "\", 0, [], 1
             # If coefficient of a variable is to the right of "=", we will take it_
      → to the LHS, reversing its sign.
             # If constant term is to the left of "=", we will take it to the RHS, u
      \rightarrow reversing its sign.
             # Going through the equation...
             while e[i] != "\\":
                  coefValue = ""
                  while e[i].isspace(): i = i + 1 # To traverse possible spaces_
      ⇒before '-'.
                  if e[i] == "-": coefValue, i = coefValue + "-", i + 1 # Negative
      \rightarrow sign detection.
                 while e[i].isspace(): i = i + 1 # To traverse possible spaces after
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# Number encountered...
           if e[i].isnumeric():
               coefValue, i = coefValue + e[i], i + 1
               while e[i].isnumeric() and e[i] != "\\":
                   coefValue, i = coefValue + e[i], i + 1
           # Alphabet encountered (potential variable)...
           if e[i].isalpha():
               varName, i = e[i], i + 1
               while e[i].isalnum() and e[i] != "\\":
                   varName, i = varName + e[i], i + 1
               # (This stores the entire unspaced string as a variable, if \Box
\rightarrow encountered)
               # If variable already encountered in equation...
               if varName in varsFound:
                   coef[var[varName]][-1] = coef[var[varName]][-1] +
→float(coefValue) * sign
                   # Coefficients get added.
               # If variable is newly encountered in the equation...
               else:
                   varsFound.append(varName)
                   # If the variable is newly encountered in the system...
                   if(varName not in var):
                       var[varName], varCount = varCount, varCount + 1
                       coef.append([])
                   # If no numerical coefficient specified...
                   if coefValue == "" or coefValue == "-": coefValue =_
⇒coefValue + "1"
                   # Making sure zero constants are put where required...
                   1 = len(coef[var[varName]])
                   while 1 < eqCount:</pre>
                       coef[var[varName]].append(0)
                       1 = 1 + 1
                   coef[var[varName]].append(float(coefValue) * sign)
           # If a constant is identified...
           elif coefValue != "":
               # If a constant already exists in the equation...
               if "c" in varsFound:
                   const[-1] = const[-1] + float(coefValue) * -sign
               # If a constant hasn't been encountered before...
               else:
                   varsFound.append("c")
                   const.append(float(coefValue) * -sign)
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# If equal-to sign encountered, invert the sign variable...
            else:
                if e[i] == "=": sign = -1
                i = i + 1
        eqCount = eqCount + 1
        # Making sure zero constant sums are put where required...
        if len(const) < eqCount: const.append(0)</pre>
    return (coef, const, var)
\# Uses the lists of values from "getLists" and creates the necessary matrices...
def getMatrices(equationList):
    (coef, const, var) = getLists(equationList)
    nVar, nEq = len(coef), len(const)
    A = np.zeros((nEq, nVar))
    B = np.zeros((nEq, 1))
    for i in range(0, nEq):
        for j in range(0, nVar):
            try: A[i][j] = coef[j][i]
            except: A[i][j] = 0
    for i in range(0, nEq):
        B[i][0] = const[i]
    return (A, B, var)
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Main...

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[10]: # Method 1
    print("\nMethod 1 solutions:")
    X = linalg.inv(A)*B
    for i in var:
        print("{0} = {1}".format(i, X[var[i], 0]))
# Method 2
    print("\nMethod 2 solutions:")
    X = linalg.solve(A, B)
    for i in var:
        print("{0} = {1}".format(i, X[var[i], 0]))
# Method 2
    print("\nMethod 2 solutions:")
    X = A**(-1)*B
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for i in var:
    print("{0} = {1}".format(i, X[var[i], 0]))
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### Method 1 solutions:

x = 2.4967741935483874

y = -1.6322580645161289

z = 0.17419354838709689

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x = 2.496774193548387

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