

Example for solution of homogeneous system

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$$x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 = 0$$

$$3x_1 + 6x_2 - 4x_3 = 0$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 6 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 5R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + 3R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

No. of pivot positions = 2
No. of variables = 3
∴ there are free variables

This corresponds to the system:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 &= 0 \\ x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We re-write it as:-

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= -2x_2 \\ x_2 &= x_2 \\ x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can treat x_2 as a parameter; by setting it to different values, we get different solutions, → infinitely many

An example to illustrate Proposition 3.

$$A\bar{x} = \bar{0} \quad \text{where}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1}]{} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 5R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{-1}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow[\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3 \\ R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_3}]{} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Corresponds to the system

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = 0 \end{array} \quad \Bigg| \quad \rightarrow$$

= unique solution — necessarily the trivial solution.

To be done in both sections on Wednesday 2016/08/10



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Examples for Non-Homogeneous System

Solve $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$, $\bar{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 9 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix}$

Work with augmented matrix $[A: \bar{b}] =$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 7 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 9 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 & 30 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 4R_1]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow (-1)R_3]{R_2 \rightarrow (-1)R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow[R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3]{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

Corresponds to the system:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 1 \\ x_2 &= 2 \\ x_3 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Unique solution $\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

No free variables

Example 2:- $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 8 & 16 \\ 8 & 20 & 40 \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 11 \\ 28 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$[A : \bar{b}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & : & 3 \\ 3 & 8 & 16 & : & 11 \\ 8 & 20 & 40 & : & 28 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & : & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & : & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & : & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ RREF}$$

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 basic basic free

leads to the system

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 1 \\ x_2 &= 1 - 2x_3 \\ x_3 &= x_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow \bar{u} \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \bar{v}$

Every solution is of the form:

$$\bar{u} + x_3 \bar{v} \quad \text{where}$$

\bar{u} is a soln. of the given non-homog. system

\bar{v} is a soln. of associated homog. system

Check: $A\bar{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 8 & 16 \\ 8 & 20 & 40 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 11 \\ 28 \end{bmatrix} = \bar{b}$ (5)

OTOH, $A\bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 8 & 16 \\ 8 & 20 & 40 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$

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Another Example

Example 3:- $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & : & 4 \\ 3 & 8 & 16 & : & 11 \\ 8 & 20 & 40 & : & 28 \end{bmatrix}$ $\bar{b} =$

$\begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 8R_1 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & : & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & : & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 8 & : & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & : & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & : & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & : & -2 \end{bmatrix} (*)$

$\begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}R_3 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & : & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & : & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & : & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 4R_3 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + \frac{1}{2}R_3 \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & : & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & : & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Here, the last row is of the form $[0 \dots 0 : b]$ with $b \neq 0$. It corresponds to the equation $0 \cdot x_1 + 0 \cdot x_2 + 0 \cdot x_3 = b \neq 0$, which is not possible. So this system is inconsistent.

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Proof of Observation 6: Suppose the non-homogeneous system $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ has at least one solution, say $\bar{u} \neq \bar{0}$.

A vector \bar{y} is a solution of the system if and only if $\bar{y} = \bar{u} + \bar{v}$, where \bar{v} is a solution of the associated homogeneous system $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$.

[\Rightarrow] Suppose \bar{y} is a ~~solution~~ solution of the system. Put $\bar{v} = \bar{y} - \bar{u}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } A\bar{v} &= A(\bar{y} - \bar{u}) = A\bar{y} - A\bar{u} \\ &= \bar{b} - \bar{b} = \bar{0}. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \bar{v}$ is a solution of the homogeneous system, and $\bar{y} = \bar{u} + \bar{v}$.

[\Leftarrow] Conversely, suppose \bar{v} is any solution of the homogeneous system.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } A(\bar{u} + \bar{v}) &= A\bar{u} + A\bar{v} \\ &= \bar{b} + \bar{0} = \bar{b}. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \bar{u} + \bar{v}$ is a solution of the non-homogeneous system.

Summary for Non-Homogeneous System: $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$

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Associated Homogeneous System $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$

Non-Homogeneous System

Case 1: Unique Solution
(trivial)
 \Downarrow
No free variable



Inconsistent
OR
Unique Solution

Case 2: Infinitely many
solutions
 \Updownarrow
At least one
free variable



Inconsistent
OR
Infinitely Many
solutions
