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# 10.1.1 Visualizing Planes, Lines, and Solutions

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## 10.1.1 Part 1

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Dr. Robert van de Geijn: (The) course is progressing nicely.

You have noticed by now that the material

has changed a little bit in nature since we finished the mid-term.

We're now focusing more on the traditional topics that

are covered in a linear algebra course,

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Homework 10.1.1.1

1/1 point (graded)  
Consider the equation from Example 10.1 (see text):

$$x_0 - 2x_1 + 4x_2 = -1$$

Which of the following represent(s) a general solution to this equation? (Mark all)

- ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_0 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_1 \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$
- ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -0.25 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_0 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_1 \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$
- ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_0 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_1 \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$



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Homework 10.1.1.2

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Now you find the general solution for the **second** equation in the system of linear equations with which we started this unit. Consider

$$x_0 = 2$$

Which of the following is a true statement about this equation:

- ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a specific solution.

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☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a specific solution.

☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a general solution.

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Dr. Robert van de Geijn: So you went ahead  
and did the exercise of finding a specific solution and general solution  
to the second equation.  
And just like before, you look at the equation,  
you set the free variables to zero, you solve for the dependent variable

Homework 10.1.1.3

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Now you find the general solution for the **third** equation in the system of linear equations with which we started  
Consider

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$$x_0 + 2x_1 + 4x_2 = 3$$

Which of the following is a true statement about this equation:

- ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a specific solution.
- ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -0.25 \end{pmatrix}$  is a specific solution.
- ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_0 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_1 \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a general solution.
- ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -0.25 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_0 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_1 \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a general solution.
- ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_0 \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_1 \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a general solution.



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Dr. Robert van de Geijn: So then you just did  
the homework that walks you through exactly  
the same steps for the third equation.  
And again, you identify your free variables and your dependent variable.  
You plug in your choose your free variables to be equal to zero.

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...and some may be passing a line where  
pairs of planes intersect.  
Notice that that means we need to draw  
three lines where  
the three pairs of planes intersect, and  
that might help us  
see where they all intersect in one point.  
Now, to do that, you need to do some  
more calculations.

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Homework 10.1.1.4

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We notice that it would be nice to put lines where planes meet. Now, let's start by focusing on the first two equations:  
Consider

$$\begin{matrix} x_0 & - & 2x_1 & + & 4x_2 & = & -1 \\ x_0 & & & & & = & 2 \end{matrix}$$

Compute the general solution of this system with two equations in three unknowns and indicate which of the following is true about this system?

- ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -0.25 \end{pmatrix}$  is a specific solution.
- ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a specific solution.
- ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a general solution.

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -0.25 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 is a general solution.



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Dr. Robert van de Geijn: The line where the first two planes intersect is the line of all points that satisfy both of these equations. So, we need to find all the points that simultaneously satisfy both of these equations. And how do you do that?



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Homework 10.1.1.5

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Similarly, consider

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= 2 \\ x_0 + 2x_1 + 4x_2 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Compute the general solution of this system with two equations in three unknowns and indicate which of the following is true about this system?

☒

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -0.25 \end{pmatrix}$$
 is a specific solution.

☒

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$
 is a specific solution.

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☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a general solution.

☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -0.25 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a general solution.



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Dr. Robert van de Geijn: You can do exactly the same exercise with the second equation and the third equation. You can set it up as an appended system, you can transform it into row echelon form. You can then identify the free variable and the two dependent variables.

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Homework 10.1.1.6

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Finally consider

$$\begin{matrix} x_0 & - & 2x_1 & + & 4x_2 & = & -1 \\ x_0 & + & 2x_1 & + & 4x_2 & = & 3 \end{matrix}$$

Compute the general solution of this system with two equations in three unknowns and indicate which of the following is true about this system?

☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -0.25 \end{pmatrix}$  is a specific solution.

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✓  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a specific solution.

✓  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a general solution.

✓  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -0.25 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a general solution.

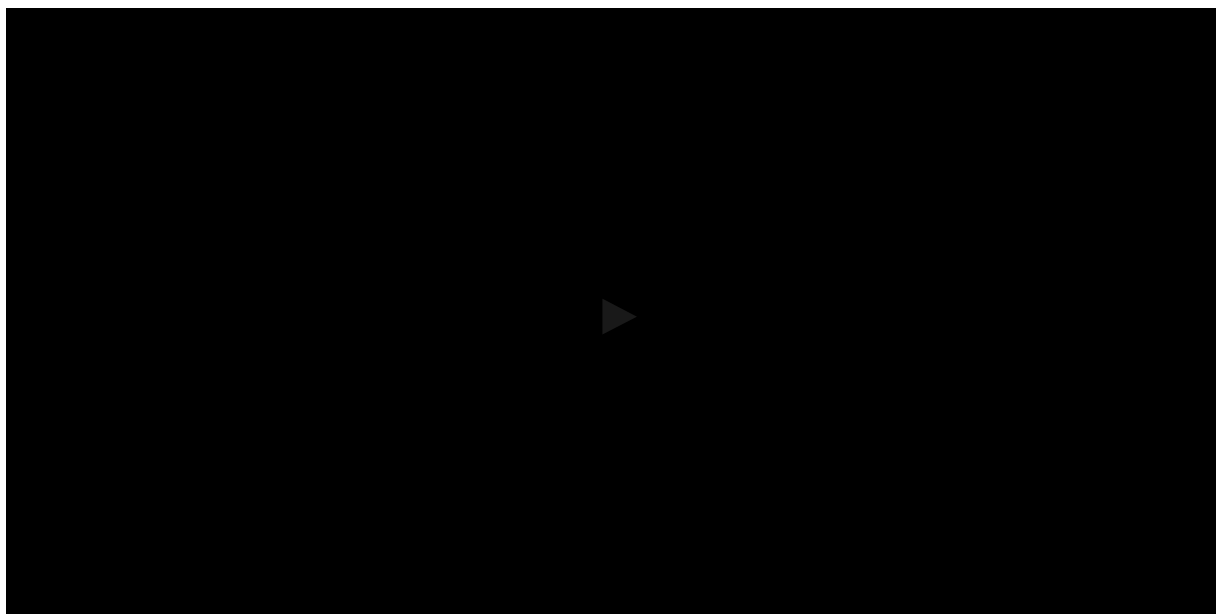


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Dr. Robert van de Geijn: So then we take the first equation

and the last equation, set it up as an appended system,

reduce it to row echelon form, identify a free variable

and the dependent variables, and then we again

recognized that we know a specific solution because we know the point

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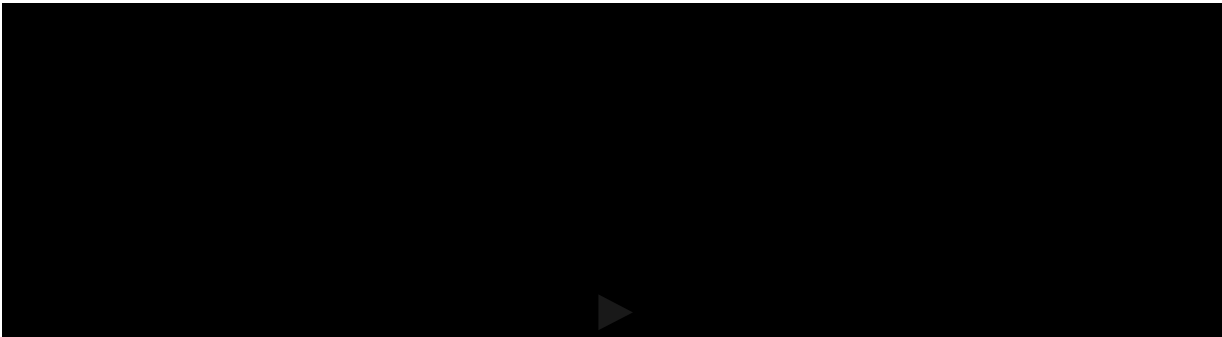
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then the equation is consistent since  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -0.25 \end{pmatrix}$  is a solution of that equation. In that case, the new plane intersects the others at that solution.

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