

Linear Equation is equation where n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n can be expressed in the form $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$ where a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n and b are constants, and a 's are not all zero.

System of linear equations or **linear system** is a finite test of linear equations. The variables are called **unknowns**

Solution of a linear system with n unknowns x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is a sequence of n numbers s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n for which the substitution $x_1 = s_1, x_2 = s_2, \dots, x_n = s_n$ makes each equation a true statement.

Every system of linear equations has zero, one or infinitely many solutions. There are no other possibilities.

Consistent linear system is the one that has at least one solution. They are two equations in this system, one solution of infinitely many.

Inconsistent linear system is the one that has no solutions.

Augmented Matrix is a matrix obtained by appending the columns of two given matrices.

Given the matrices A and B, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

the augmented matrix $(A|B)$ is written as

$$(A|B) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Augmented Matrix can be used to represent system equations. For example :

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 9 \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 - 3x_3 = 1 \\ 3x_1 + 6x_2 - 5x_3 = 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 9 \\ 2 & 4 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Elementary Row Operations The basic method for solving a linear system is to perform appropriate algebraic operations on the system that do not alter the solution set and that produce a succession of increasingly simple system, until a point is reached where it can be ascertained whether the system is consistent, and if so, what its solutions are. Typically, the algebraic operations are as follows:

1. Multiply an equation through by a nonzero constant
2. Interchange two equations
3. Add a constant times of one equation to another

Since the rows (horizontal lines) of an augmented matrix correspond to the equations in the associated system, these three operations correspond to the following operation on the rows of the augmented matrix

1. Multiply a row through by a nonzero constant
2. Interchange two rows
3. Add a constant times of one row to another

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x + y + 2z & = & 9 \\ 2x + 4y - 3z & = & 1 \\ 3x + 6y - 5z & = & 0 \end{array} \qquad \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 9 \\ 2 & 4 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Add -2 times the first equation to all equation Add -2 times the first row to all row

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -x - y - 2z & = & -9 \\ 2y - 7z & = & -17 \\ x + 4y - 9z & = & -18 \end{array} \qquad \left[\begin{array}{cccc} -1 & -1 & -2 & -9 \\ 0 & 2 & -7 & -17 \\ 1 & 4 & -9 & -18 \end{array} \right]$$

Add the first equation the third equation Add the first row to the third row

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -x - y - 2z & = & -9 \\ 2y - 7z & = & -17 \\ 3y - 11z & = & -27 \end{array} \qquad \left[\begin{array}{cccc} -1 & -1 & -2 & -9 \\ 0 & 2 & -7 & -17 \\ 0 & 3 & -11 & -27 \end{array} \right]$$

Add -1 of the third equation to the second equation Add -1 of the third row to the second row

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -x - y - 2z & = & -9 \\ -y + 4z & = & 10 \\ 3y - 11z & = & -27 \end{array} \qquad \left[\begin{array}{cccc} -1 & -1 & -2 & -9 \\ 0 & -1 & +4 & 10 \\ 0 & 3 & -11 & -27 \end{array} \right]$$

Add -1 of the second equation to the first equation Add -1 of the second row to the first row

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -x + 0y - 6z & = & -19 \\ -y + 4z & = & 10 \\ 3y - 11z & = & -27 \end{array} \qquad \left[\begin{array}{cccc} -1 & 0 & -6 & -19 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & 10 \\ 0 & 3 & -11 & -27 \end{array} \right]$$

Add 3 times of the second equation to the third equation Add 3 times of the second row to the third row

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -x + 0y - 6z & = & -19 \\ -y + 4z & = & 10 \\ z & = & 3 \end{array} \qquad \left[\begin{array}{cccc} -1 & 0 & -6 & -19 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

Add 6 times of the third equation to the first equation Add 6 times of the third row to the first row

$$\begin{array}{r} -x = -1 \\ -y + 4z = 10 \\ z = 3 \end{array} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Add -4 times of the third equation to the second equation Add -4 times of the third row to the second row

$$\begin{array}{r} -x = -1 \\ -y = -2 \\ z = 3 \end{array} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply -1 times for each equation 1 and 2 Multiply -1 times for each row 1 and 2

$$\begin{array}{r} x = 1 \\ y = 2 \\ z = 3 \end{array} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Echelon Forms and Reduced Echelon Forms

1. If row does not consists of entirely zeroes, then the first nonzero number in the row is a 1. This is called a *leading 1*.
2. If there are any rows that consist entirely of zeroes, then they are grouped together at the bottom of the matrix.
3. In any two successive rows that do not consist entirely of zeros, the leading 1 in the lower row occurs farther to the right than the leading 1 in the higher row.
4. Each column that contains a leading 1 has zeroes everywhere else in the column.

1 to 3 is property of *row echelon form*, meanwhile 1 to 4 is property of *reduced row echelon form*.

Example of Reduced Echelon Form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example of Echelon Form but not Reduced

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

General Solutions. If a linear system has infinitely many solutions, then a set of parametric equations from which all solutions can be obtained by assigning numerical values to the parameters is called **general solution** to the system.

Elimination Procedure is steps that can be used to reduce matrix to reduced echelon form

Gauss-Jordan Elimination.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 7 & 12 \\ 2 & 4 & -10 & 6 & 12 & 28 \\ 2 & 4 & -5 & 6 & -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Locate the leftmost column that does not consist entirely zeros

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 7 & 12 \\ 2 & 4 & -10 & 6 & 12 & 28 \\ 2 & 4 & -5 & 6 & -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inner Product The standard *inner product* (also called *dot product*) of two n -vectors is defined as the scalar

$$a^T b = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n$$

Linear combinations. if $a_1 \dots a_m$ are n -vectors, and $\beta_1 \dots \beta_m$ are scalars, the n - vector

$$\beta_1 a_1 + \dots + \beta_m a_m$$

is called a *linear combination* of vectors $a_1 \dots a_m$. The scalars $\beta_1 \dots \beta_m$ are called the *coefficients* of the linear combination.

The inner product function. Suppose a is an n - vector. We can define scalar-valued function f of n - vectors, given by

$$f(x) = a^T x = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n \quad (1)$$

for any n - vector x . This function gives the inner product of its n - vector argument x with some (fixed) n - vector.

Superposition and linearity. The inner product function f defined above satisfies property

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha x + \beta y) &= a^T(\alpha x + \beta y) \\ &= a^T(\alpha x) + a^T(\beta y) \\ &= \alpha(a^T x) + \beta(a^T y) \\ &= \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y) \end{aligned}$$

for all n - vectors x, y , and all scalars α, β . This property is called *superposition*. A function that satisfies the superposition property is called *linear*.

Superposition equality is thus

$$f(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y) \quad (2)$$

A function $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is linear if satisfies

- *Homogeneity.* For any n -vector x and any scalar α , $f(\alpha x) = \alpha f(x)$
- *Additivity.* For any n -vector x and y , $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$

Inner product representation of linear function A function is linear if it is defined as inner product of its argument with some fixed vector.

$f(x) = a^T x$ for all x . $a^T x$ is inner product representation of f

Affine functions. A linear function plus a constant is called an *affine* function. A function $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is affine if and only if it can be expressed as $f(x) = a^T x + b$