

1. Solve the system by Gauss-Jordan elimination

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$$\begin{aligned} x - 2y + z &= 2 \\ 2x - 4y + 2z &= 4 \\ 5x - y + 2z &= 13. \end{aligned}$$

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Solution: Start with the augmented matrix and transform it to RREF [Reduced Row Echelon Form] by applying a set of EROs.

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & -1 & 2 & 13 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 5 & -1 & 2 & 13 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 - 5R_1}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & -3 & 3 \end{array} \right] \\ \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{9}R_3 \text{ then } R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} &\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 + 2R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{8}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -\frac{1}{3}z + \frac{8}{3} \\ y &= \frac{1}{3}z + \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{aligned} x &= -\frac{1}{3}t + \frac{8}{3} \\ y &= \frac{1}{3}t + \frac{1}{3} \\ z &= t \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{where } t \text{ is} \\ \text{a parameter} \\ \text{with } -\infty < t < \infty \end{array} \right.$$

Re write as vector:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3}t + \frac{8}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3}t + \frac{1}{3} \\ t + 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{t}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where parameter t has values between $(-\infty, \infty)$. Particular values (solutions) can be obtained by assigning specific or particular values for t . Examples

For $t=0$ $x = 8/3$, $y = 1/3$, $z = 0$

$t=3$, $x = -1 + \frac{8}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$, $y = \frac{2}{3}$, $z = 3$.
etc.

(1) Use the Gauss-Jordan method to find all solutions of the following system:

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$$\begin{array}{rclcl} 2x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_3 - x_4 - 2x_5 & = & 0 & \textcircled{1} \\ 4x_1 & & -x_5 & = & 0 \textcircled{2} \\ 8x_1 & & -x_3 & = & 0 \textcircled{3} \\ 10x_1 & & -2x_4 & = & 0 \textcircled{4} \end{array}$$

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Solution: From equations $\textcircled{2}$, $\textcircled{3}$ and $\textcircled{4}$ we can obtain: $x_3 = 8x_1$, $x_4 = 5x_1$, $x_5 = 4x_1$.
Now replace x_3 , x_4 and x_5 in equation $\textcircled{1}$

$$\text{Thus } 2x_1 + 2x_2 - 2(8x_1) - 5x_1 - 2(4x_1) = 0$$

$$\text{or } 2x_2 = 27x_1 \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{27}{2}x_1$$

We obtain parametric solution for the above system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_2 = \frac{27}{2}x_1 \\ x_3 = 8x_1 \\ x_4 = 5x_1 \\ x_5 = 4x_1 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Now let } x_1 = t, -\infty < t < \infty \\ \text{Thus the general solution of the system is:} \\ x_1 = t, x_2 = \frac{27}{2}t, x_3 = 8t \\ x_4 = 5t \text{ and } x_5 = 4t \\ \text{where } -\infty < t < \infty. \end{array} \right.$$

This system has infinitely many solutions including the zero solution for $t=0$. That is when $t=0$

$x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = x_5 = 0$. Also,
when $t=2$, $x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 27$, $x_3 = 16$
 $x_4 = 10$ and $x_5 = 8$

MARKS

1. Use the Gauss-Jordan method to find all the solutions of the system:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 &= 8 \\ -x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= 1 \\ 3x_1 - 7x_2 + 4x_3 &= 10.\end{aligned}$$

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2. Determine the values of a for which the system has no solution, exactly one solution or infinitely many solutions:

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y - 3z &= 4 \\ 3x - y + 5z &= 2 \\ 4x + y + (a^2 - 14)z &= a + 2.\end{aligned}$$

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1 Soln: start with the augmented matrix and apply a set of EROs to obtain RREF.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ -1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -7 & 4 & 10 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2+R_1 \\ R_3-3R_1}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & -1 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & -10 & -2 & -14 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1+R_2 \\ R_3-10R_2}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 7 & 17 \\ 0 & -1 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & -52 & -104 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{52}R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 7 & 17 \\ 0 & -1 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1-7R_3 \\ R_2-5R_3}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{aligned}x_1 &= 3 \\ x_2 &= 1 \\ x_3 &= 2.\end{aligned}$$

2. Aug. matrix: $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & a^2-14 & a+2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_3-4R_1 \\ R_2-3R_1}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -7 & 14 & -10 \\ 0 & -7 & a^2-2 & a-14 \end{array} \right]$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3-R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -7 & 14 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2-16 & a-4 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -7 & 14 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & (a+4)(a-4) & a-4 \end{array} \right]$$

Note that R_3 is a zero row when $a-4=0$

Also when $a+4=0$, Row 3: $0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -8 \Rightarrow 0 = -8$

This implies the system has no solution.

when $a = -4$. Finally when $a \neq \pm 4$ the system will have unique soln.

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2. Determine the values of a for which the system has no solution, exactly one solution or infinitely many solutions:

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y - 3z &= 4 \\ 3x - y + 5z &= 2 \\ 4x + y + (a^2 - 14)z &= a + 2.\end{aligned}$$

Solution: Apply a set of EROS to the augmented matrix of the system:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & a^2 - 14 & a + 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - (R_1 + R_2)} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & a - 16 & a - 4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & (a-4)(a+4) & a-4 \end{array} \right]$$

For $a = 4$ Row 3 becomes a row of zeros. This reduces

the system to 2 equations in 3 unknowns. The system has infinitely many solutions.

For $a + 4 = 0$ or $a = -4$ Row 3 becomes

$$[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -8] \text{ or } 0 = -8 \Rightarrow \text{No solution.}$$

For $a \neq 4, -4$ the system will have

unique solution as the Row 3 will have the form $[0 \ 0 \ m \ n]$ where m and n are non zero numbers.

1. Using the Gauss-Jordan method (i.e. reduced row echelon form method), find all the solutions of the following system of equations

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$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 2y + 2u + 3v &= 1 \\ 3x - 3y - z + 5u + 2v &= 3 \\ 2x - 2y - 2z + 6u &= -2. \end{aligned}$$

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Solution: This is a non-homogeneous linear system of 3 equations in 5-unknowns. The system has infinitely many solutions. I start with augmented matrix of the system and apply a set of EROs (Elementary Row operations) to transform the system into RREF [Reduced Row Echelon Form]

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 2 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 & -1 & 5 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & -2 & 6 & 0 & -2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_3} \left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 2 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 & -1 & 5 & 2 & 3 \\ \textcircled{1} & -1 & -1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 - 2R_3 \\ R_2 - 3R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 0 & 0 & 2 & -4 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -4 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 0 & 0 & 2 & -4 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 - 2R_2 \\ R_3 + R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_3 - R_1 \\ R_2 - R_1 \end{array} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x - y + u = 5 \\ z - 2u = 6 \\ v = -3 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} x = y - u + 5 \\ z = -2u + 6 \\ v = -3 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Replace} \\ y = t_1, u = t_2 \\ -\infty < t_1, t_2 < \infty \end{array}$$

Thus the general solution:

$$\begin{cases} x = t_1 - t_2 + 5 \\ y = t_1 \\ z = -2t_2 + 6 \\ u = t_2 \\ v = -3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = t_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 6 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

General solution is a comb of three vectors.