

Math 2210-1

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§ 11.5 Linear systems and matrices

General set up for m linear equations in n -unknowns:

(goal is to find all n -tuples $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ which solve each eqn (simultaneously))

$$\begin{array}{rcl} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots & + & a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots & + & a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots & & \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots & + & a_{mn}x_n = b_m. \end{array}$$

If you have 3 unknowns (x_1, x_2, x_3) , or (x, y, z) you are looking for intersections of planes in $\mathbb{R}^3$

If you have 2 unknowns, e.g. (x, y) , you are looking for intersections of lines in $\mathbb{R}^2$

BUT linear systems occur in very diverse settings, even though you may give them this geometric interpretation

example 1

actual eqns

$$\begin{array}{l} 3x + y = 1 \\ x - 2y = 5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} E_2 \quad x - 2y = 5 \\ E_1 \quad 3x + y = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} E_1 \quad x - 2y = 5 \\ -3E_1 + E_2 \quad 7y = -14 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} E_1 \quad x - 2y = 5 \\ E_2/7 \quad y = -2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} E_1 + 2E_2 \quad x = 1 \\ y = -2 \end{array}$$

synthetic version

$$\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 \end{array}$$

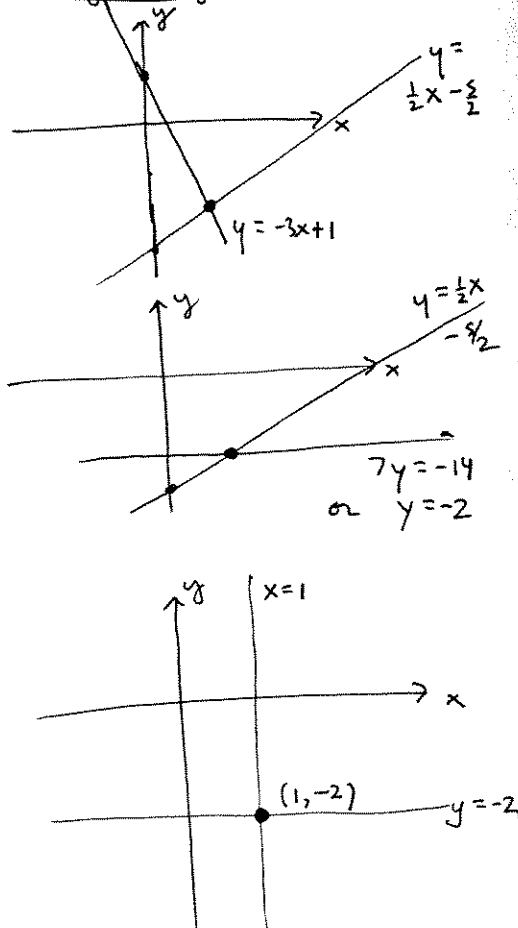
$$\begin{array}{cc|c} R_2 & 1 & -2 & 5 \\ R_1 & 3 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc|c} R_1 & 1 & -2 & 5 \\ -3R_1 + R_2 & 0 & 7 & -14 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc|c} R_2/7 & 1 & -2 & 5 \\ & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc|c} R_1 + 2R_2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array}$$

geometry



Elementary equation operations:

- ① interchange ("swap") two eqns
- ② multiply an eqn by a non-zero constant
- ③ replace an equation with the sum of itself and a multiple of another eqn

synthetic $\rightarrow$

Elementary row operations

- ① swap rows
- ② multiply a row by a non-zero const.
- ③ replace a row with the sum of itself and another row.

Theorem: Consider the set of solutions to a system of equations

E_1
 E_2
 $\vdots$
 E_m

The solution set remains the same whenever we use elementary equation operations to construct a new system of equations (even though the ~~st~~ solution set to an individual eqn may change.).

proof: (by the way, this theorem is illustrated by the example on page 1).

→ After you plug in the variables you are just dealing with the question of whether real numbers are equal. The theorem then follows because for real numbers the following pairs of eqns are all equivalent:

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= c_2 \\ d_1 &= d_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d_1 &= d_2 \\ c_1 &= c_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t c_1 &= t c_2 \quad t \neq 0 \\ d_1 &= d_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= c_2 \\ d_1 + t c_1 &= d_2 + t c_2 \end{aligned}$$

Example 2

$$\begin{aligned} x - 2y + z &= 4 \\ 3x + 8y + 7z &= 20 \\ -x + z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

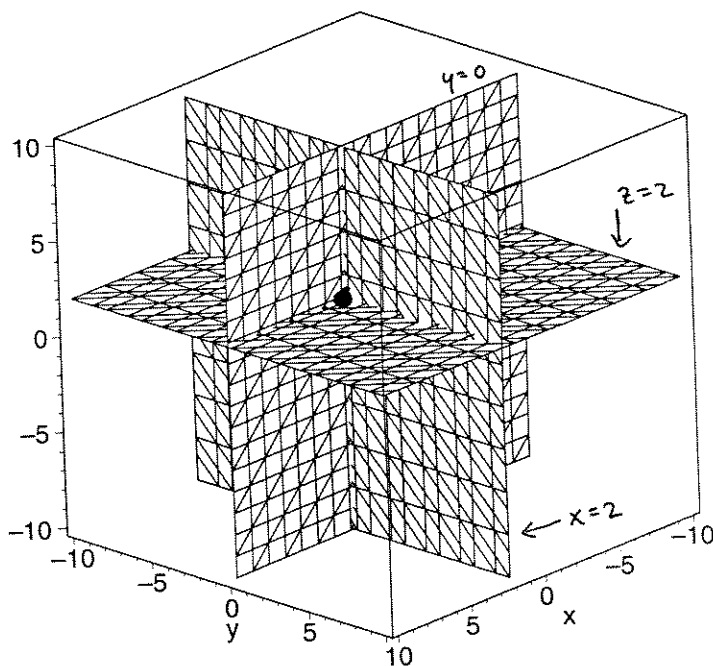
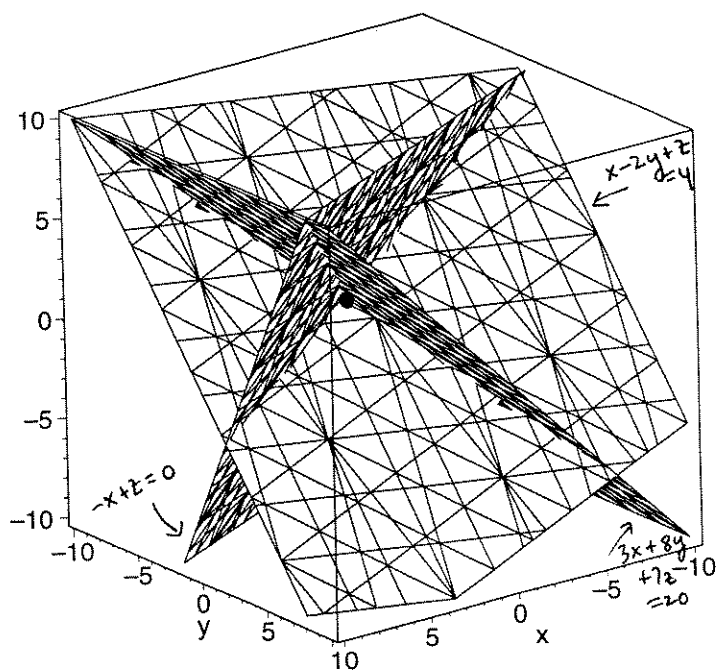
check $x=2$
 $y=0$
 $z=2$ solves original system!

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 8 & 7 & 20 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ -3R_1+R_2 & 0 & 14 & 8 \\ R_1+R_3 & 0 & -2 & 2 \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ R_2/2 & 0 & 7 & 2 \\ R_3/-2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ R_3 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ R_2 & 0 & 7 & 2 \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -7R_2+R_3 & 0 & 0 & 18 \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ R_1-R_3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ R_3+R_2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 2R_2+R_1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \end{array}$$

← row echelon form
 can backsolve from here
 $z=2$
 $y - z = -2 \Rightarrow y = \cancel{2} - 2 = 0$
 $x = 4 + 2y - z = 4 - 2 = 2$
 $x=2$
 $y=0$
 $z=2$

← reduced row echelon form

see $x=2$
 $y=0$ immediately
 $z=2$



lots of possibilities!

Draw schematic pictures!

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example 3

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 8 & 7 & 20 \\ 0 & 14 & 4 & 8 \end{array}$$

$-3R_1 + R_2$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 14 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 14 & 4 & 8 \end{array}$$

$R_3 - R_2$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 14 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

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$2R_2 + R_1$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2/7 & 4/7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 11/7 & 36/7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2/7 & 4/7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= t \\ y &= 4/7 - 2/7 t \\ x &= 36/7 - 11/7 t \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 36/7, 4/7, 0 \rangle + t \langle -11/7, -2/7, 1 \rangle$$

what geometric object is this?

example 4

$$\text{or } \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 8 & 7 & 20 \\ 0 & 14 & 4 & 7 \end{array}$$

← only thing changed.

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 14 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 14 & 4 & 7 \end{array}$$

(as before)

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 14 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array}$$

← $0 = -1$! NO SOLUTION.

example 5

$$\text{or } \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= t \\ y &= s \\ x &= 4 - z + 2y = 4 - t + 2s \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 4, 0, 0 \rangle + s \langle 2, 1, 0 \rangle + t \langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle$$

parametric expression of a plane!