

System of Linear Equations (Linear System)

Linear Equation:

Def:

"An equation in which variable's highest power is one is called Linear Equation."

Examples:

$$x + 2 = 3$$

$$x + y = 5$$

In general linear equation

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$$

Linear Systems:-

Def:

"A system (group) of two or more linear equations involving same variables is called System of linear equations or Linear system."

Examples:

$$(i) \begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 7 \\ -4x_1 + x_3 = 6 \\ 7x_1 - x_2 + 4x_3 = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \begin{cases} x + 2y = 7 \\ x - 3y + z = 8 \end{cases}$$

General Linear System:

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

So, this is general linear system of 'm' equations in 'n' variables.

Solution of Linear Systems:

Basic:

Solution of a linear eq

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 - x_2 + 1.5x_3 = 8 \\ x_1 - 4x_3 = -7 \end{cases}$$

$$x + 2 = 3 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3) = (1, 6.5, 3)$$

Putting $x=1$ in eq (1)

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 5, x_2 = 6.5, x_3 = 3$$

$$1 + 2 = 3$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 + 1.5x_3 = 8, \quad x_1 - 4x_3 = -7$$

$$2(5) - 6.5 + 1.5(3) = 8, \quad 5 - 4(3) = -7$$

$$8 = 8$$

$$-7 = -7$$

A system of linear equations has either:

- i) No solution
 - ii) Exactly one solution
 - iii) Infinitely many solutions
- } \rightarrow Consistent
 \rightarrow Inconsistent

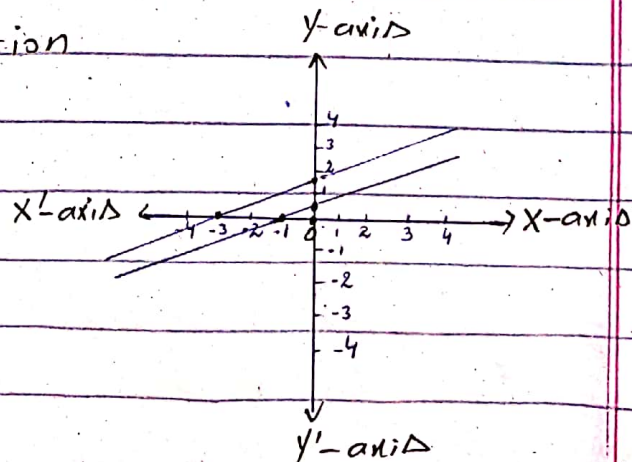
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- i) no solution

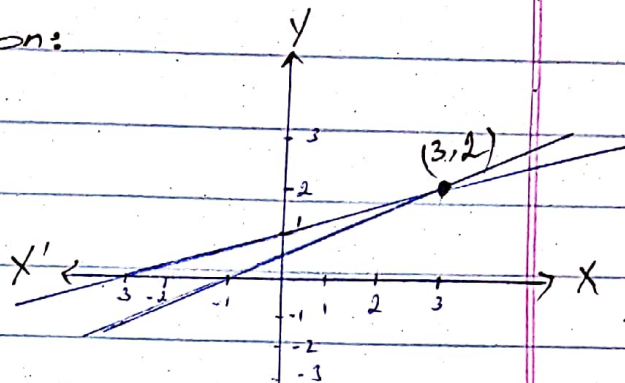
$$x_1 - 2x_2 = -1$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 3$$



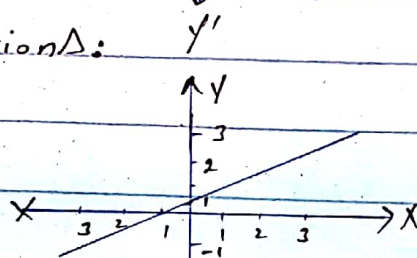
ii) A system of linear equations has exactly one solution:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 2x_2 = -1 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 = 3 \end{cases}$$



iii) A linear system has infinitely many solutions:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 2x_2 = 1 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$



Matrix Notation of a Linear System

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

$$0x_1 + 2x_2 - 8x_3 = 8$$

$$-4x_1 + 5x_2 + 9x_3 = -9$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 \\ -4 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow Ax = b$$

$$Ab = [A \mid b]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 & 8 \\ -4 & 5 & 9 & -9 \end{array} \right]$$

Linear Combination of Vectors

Let

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ a linear combination

of x_1, x_2, x_3 ?

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \alpha_3 x_3 = b$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R.R \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

\Rightarrow No - Solution

b is not a linear combination of x_1, x_2, x_3 .

Rank of a matrix by reducing to Echelon Form:

Note: only row operations

Reduce to upper triangular matrix

No. of non-zero rows = Rank of matrix

Example:

Find rank of matrix by reducing to echelon form.

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -3 \\ -1 & -2 & 6 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \sim R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \sim R_3 + R_1$$

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

$$P(A) = 2$$

Permutation Matrix

Def:-

"Permutation matrix is a square binary matrix that has exactly one entry of 1 in each row and each column and 0s elsewhere".

Example:

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$PA = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AP = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b & a \\ d & c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

This can be written in $3!$ ways.

i.e.

$$(1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 2), (2, 1, 3), (2, 3, 1), (3, 1, 2), (3, 2, 1)$$

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 5 \\ 7 & 9 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

System of Homogeneous Linear Equations

A system of 'm' homogeneous linear equations in 'n' unknowns ($x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$) is represented by

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = 0$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = 0$$

$$\vdots$$
$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = 0$$

Above eq's in matrix form.

$$AX = 0$$

where $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$ is called the coefficient matrix of order $m \times n$

$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ is a vector of order $n \times 1$

and 0 is a null vector of order $m \times 1$

The no. of linearly independent solutions of eqs $AX=0$ is $n-r$ where $n \rightarrow$ no. of unknown and $r \rightarrow$ rank of coefficient matrix A .

Case - I

If $n=r$, then the eqs $AX=0$ will have non-linearly independent solutions

$$\Rightarrow X=0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = \dots = x_n = 0$$

(This is the only solution)

\hookrightarrow It is also called Trivial Solution.

Case - II

If $n > r$, then the eqs $AX=0$ will have $n-r$ linearly independent solutions.

\rightarrow It is also called Non-trivial Solution

\rightarrow The eqs $AX=0$ will have infinite sol

Note:

The system of eqs have a non-trivial solution if $\det(A) = 0$

Example:

Solve the following system of equations

$$2x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 0; \quad x_1 + 2x_2 = 0; \quad x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

Sol:

The above eqns in matrix form is

$$AX = 0$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reducing matrix 'A' to echelon form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim R_2 - 2R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim R_2 \sim R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \sim R_3 + 3R_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho(A) = 3 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} n = 3 \\ \downarrow \\ \text{no. of unknowns} \end{matrix} \rightarrow \text{rank of coefficient matrix } A$$

Hence, the system of eqns has a trivial solution

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{matrix} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} \text{Ans} //$$

Example:

Solve the following system of eq's
 $3x - y - z = 0$; $x + y + 2z = 0$; $5x + y + 3z = 0$

Sol:

The above eq's in matrix form

$$AX = 0$$

where,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

Reducing matrix A to echelon form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & -7 \\ 0 & -4 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \sim R_2 - 3R_1 \\ \sim R_3 - 5R_1$$

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

$$\Rightarrow e(A) = 2 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \begin{matrix} n=3, r=2 \\ n > r \end{matrix}$$

\Rightarrow system of eq's has a non-trivial solution.

\therefore The corresponding system of eq's is

$$x + y + 2z = 0$$

$$-4y - 7z = 0$$

Let $z = t$

$$\Rightarrow 4y = -7z = -7t$$

$$y = -7t/4$$

Also,

$$x = -y - 2z$$

$$= \frac{7t}{4} - 2t$$

$$= \frac{7t - 8t}{4}$$

$$x = -t/4$$

Hence,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = -t/4 \\ y = -7t/4 \\ z = t \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{non-trivial} \\ \text{solution of} \\ \text{given eqns} \end{array}$$

where 't' is a parameter.

System of Non-Homogeneous Linear Equations

A system of 'm' non-homogeneous linear eqns in 'n' unknown $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$ is represented by

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

The above equation in matrix form

$$AX = B$$

where $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$ is called the coefficient matrix of order $m \times n$

$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ is any vector of order $n \times 1$

$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$ is any vector of order $m \times 1$

Then, the augmented matrix of given system of linear eqns can be written as.

$$[A : B] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right]$$

Condition For Consistency:

The system of eqns

$$AX = B$$

is consistent if and only if the coefficient matrix A and the augmented matrix $[A : B]$ are of the same rank i.e. $\rho(A) = \rho([A : B])$

Case-I

If $\rho(A) = \rho([A : B]) = n$ (no of unknowns) then system of linear eqns has

a unique solution.

Case II

if $P(A) = P(A:B) < n$

then system of linear equations has many solutions.

Now,

if $P(A) \neq P(A:B)$

\Rightarrow E.V's are inconsistent and the system of linear eq's has no sol.

Example: Show that the following eq's are inconsistent.

$$x + y + z = -3; \quad 3x + y - 2z = -2; \quad 2x + 4y + 7z = 7$$

Sol: The above given eq's can be written in matrix form as

$$AX = B$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $[A:B]$ be the augmented matrix, then

$$[A:B] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & -5 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 13 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \sim R_2 - 3R_1 \\ \sim R_3 - 2R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & -5 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 20 \end{array} \right] \sim R_3 + R_2$$

Hence

$$R(A) = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad R(A:B) = 2$$

$$\therefore R(A) \neq R(A:B)$$

Hence, the given e.v's are inconsistent and has no solution.

Example: Examine the consistency of the system and if found consistent, then solve the e.v's:

$$x + y + 2z = 9; \quad 2x + 4y - 3z = 1; \quad 3x + 6y - 5z = 0$$

Sol:

The above e.v's in matrix form

$$AX = B$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & -3 \\ 3 & 6 & -5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $[A:B]$ be the augmented matrix

$$[A:B] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 9 \\ 2 & 4 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & 2 & -7 & -17 \\ 0 & 3 & -11 & -27 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \sim R_2 - 2R_1 \\ \sim R_3 - 3R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & -7/2 & -17/2 \\ 0 & 3 & -11 & -27 \end{array} \right] \sim R_2 / 2$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & -7/2 & -17/2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/2 & -3/2 \end{array} \right] \sim R_3 - 3R_2$$

Here

$$\rho(A) = \rho(A:B) = 3 = \text{no of unknowns}$$

Hence, the given system of eq's are inconsistent and has unique solution.

The corresponding system of eq's is

$$x + y + 2z = 9$$

$$y - 7/2z = -17/2$$

$$-1/2z = -3/2$$

$$\Rightarrow z = 3$$

$$\text{then, } y = -\frac{17}{2} - \frac{7}{2}(3) \Rightarrow y = 2$$

$$\text{and, } x = 9 - y - 2z \\ = 9 - 2 - (2 \times 3)$$

$$x = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} x = 1 \\ y = 2 \\ z = 3 \end{array} \right\} \text{ solution of given system of l. Eqs.}$$