

# Math 511

## Solving Systems of Linear Equations

① Substitution

② Elimination

equiv. systems : Same soln set

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 3 \\ 2x - y - z = 0 \\ x + 3y - z = 3 \end{cases}$$

do "work" → keeps system equivalent

$$\begin{cases} x = 1 \\ y = 1 \\ z = 1 \end{cases}$$

Soln set  
(1, 1, 1)

Same soln set

### equivalent systems

- ① interchange eqn's
- ② mult. eqn by a non-zero.
- ③ eqn + mult. eqn = new eqn

Matrix [rect. array of real numbers]

sys of eqn's →  $\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \text{coeff matrix} & \text{const matrix} \end{array} \right]$

eqn ops → row ops

- ① interchange rows
- ② mult row by non-zero
- ③ row + mult row = new row

goal of elimination is to back solve

back solve:

starting system  $\xrightarrow{\text{equiv. systems}}$

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 1 \\ 0 \quad 3y + z = 2 \\ 0 \quad 0 \quad 3z = 3 \end{cases}$$

ex

$$\begin{cases} x + y + 1 = 1 \\ 3y - 1 = 2 \end{cases}$$

$y = 1$

$$\begin{cases} x + 1 + 1 = 1 & z = 1 \\ \boxed{x = -1} \end{cases}$$

Soln  $\boxed{(-1, 1, 1)}$

1.2 get a system into row echelon form to back solve?

Def

- ① first non-zero row entry is a 1.
- ② number of leading zeros of one row is more than row above it. (unless you have all zeros)
- ③ all zero rows are at the bottom.

Goal

system of linear eq's

$$\left[ \text{coeff} \mid \text{const} \right]$$

do row ops  $\rightarrow$

$$\left[ \text{row echelon form} \mid \text{const} \right]$$

back solve this to get sol's

this is called

Gaussian Elimination

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 3 \\ 2x - y - z = 0 \\ x + 3y - z = 3 \end{cases} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

$r_1 - r_2 = 0r_1$

$$\frac{1}{2}r_1 = Nr_1 \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1/2 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right\} \leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right\}$$

let's use

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{lead var.}} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$r_2 - r_1 = Nr_2$$

$$r_3 - r_1 = Nr_3$$

$$1/3r_2 = Nr_2$$

$$5r_2 + r_3 = Nr_3$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -4 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

by back-solve

$$z = 1$$

$$y = 1$$

$$x = 1$$

$$(1, 1, 1)$$

(c) Gauss-Jordan

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} r_2 - r_3 = Nr_2 \\ r_1 + 2r_3 = Nr_1 \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

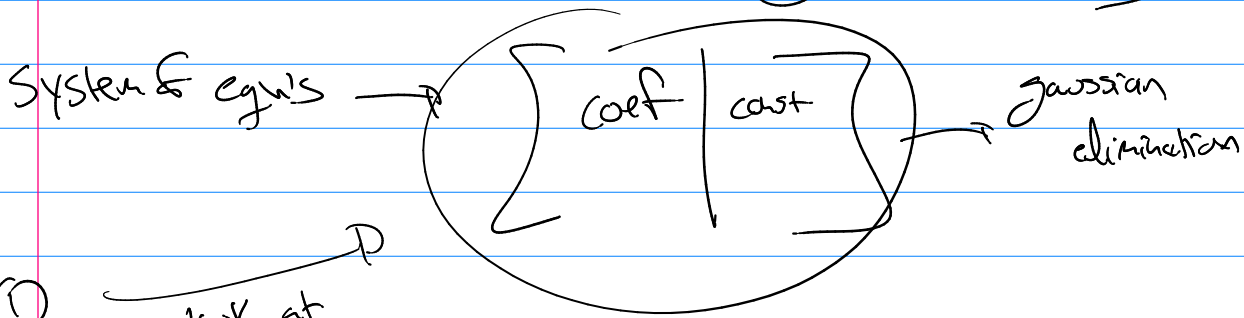
$$r_1 + 2r_2 = Nr_1$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Solve  $\rightarrow$  3 possible ans.

- ① zero soln's (inconsistent)
- ② one soln
- ③  $\infty$  soln's

(consistent)



① look at  $n^{\text{th}}$  aug. matrix

a) more rows than col's. (of coeff matrix)  
then this is overdetermined: guess zero soln's

b) more col's than rows (of coeff. matrix)  
know:  $\infty$  solns.

c) col's = rows  
guess: one soln

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

lead    free

② Consider steps of gaussian elimination.

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} x & y & z & w & \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & \pi & \pi \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

$x, z$  are lead var's

$y, w$  are free

$$w = n_2$$

$$z = \pi - 2n_2$$

$$y = n_1$$

$$x = -1 - 4n_2 - 2n_1 - 3(\pi - 2n_2)$$

any free  $\rightarrow \infty$  soln's

b)  $\xrightarrow{\text{gauss}} \xrightarrow{\text{elim}}$   $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow 0 = 1 \text{ } \underline{\text{no soln.}}$

(ex)  $\begin{cases} x+y=1 \\ x+y=\pi \end{cases} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \pi \end{array} \right] \quad r_1 - r_2 = Nr_2$

$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\pi \end{array} \right] \quad \underline{\underline{\text{No Soln.}}}$

(3)  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & \text{const} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

$\begin{cases} x+y=1 \\ y=2 \\ x+y=1 \\ y=2 \end{cases} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

Note: A very special system to know

(ex)  $\begin{cases} x+y+z=0 \\ 3x-y=0 \\ 2x+z=0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

any system where every eqn is (linear expression) = 0.

Call system a homogeneous system

Idea of why homogeneous systems being important?

(ex) College algebra:  $3x^3 + x(x^2 - 7) = 2x + 2$   
 $4x^3 + 0 \cdot x^2 - 7x - 2 = 0$   
 $4(x+)(x+)(x+) = 0$

① All homogeneous systems are consistent.

Have at least the all zero trivial soln.

② Question: does it have any non-trivial solns?

Yes.  $\leftarrow$   
If as you do gauss-elim.  
you get free variables.