

Lecture 1-19

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Systems of Linear Equations

3 Possible Sol'n Types:

- 1 sol'n **CONSISTENT & UNIQUE**
- no sol'n
- ∞ -many sol'n **CONSISTENT**

Ex 1.
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x+3y=4 \\ 2x-y=1 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} x+3y=4 \\ 6x-3y-3 \\ \hline 7x \quad -7 \\ \hline \boxed{x=1} \end{array}$$

one sol'n

$$1+3y=4 \Rightarrow 3y=3 \Rightarrow \boxed{y=1}$$

Geometrically: two lines (in 2D space) that intersect at the point (1,1).

Ex 2. $x+2y-z=0$

$$\underline{2y+z=1}$$

$$x+4y=1 \Rightarrow x=1-4y$$

$$(1-4y)+2y-z=0$$

$$1=2y+z$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}z}$$

$$x = 1 - (2 - 2z)$$

$$\boxed{x = -1 + 2z}$$

Have ∞ -many sol'n because z can be anything.

Geometrically: intersection of two planes at a line
 (the specific line is best describe parametrically
 by the above, where z is the parameter).

You probably learned this method a while ago, and know that it gets tedious pretty fast. So lets use **augmented matrices** and **elementary row operations** to solve larger systems.

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

Would like to make this at least upper triangular (or better yet the identity matrix).

switched rows 1 & 2
(optional)

when I refer to row 1, I mean the row 1 of the prior step
 add $-2 \times (\text{row 1})$ to row 2

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

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

add $-1 \times (\text{row 2})$ to row 3

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

The augmented matrix is now upper triangular. I could keep using ERO, but I have done enough work to solve the system.

$$x - y + z = 1 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$3y - 5z = -2 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$7z = 5 \quad \textcircled{3}$$

solve $\textcircled{3}$, then
 $\textcircled{2}$, then $\textcircled{1}$

$$\boxed{z = \frac{5}{7}}$$

$$3y - \frac{25}{7} = -2 \Rightarrow 3y = -\frac{14}{7} + \frac{25}{7} = \frac{11}{7}$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{11}{21}}$$

$$x - \frac{11}{21} + \frac{15}{21} = \frac{21}{21}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{17}{21}}$$

Exercises. Solve the following using the augmented matrix & ERO technique.

1. $x + 2y - z = 4$

$$x - y = 2$$

$$2x - y + 2z = -8$$

$$\text{SOL'N: } \boxed{x = \frac{6}{7}, y = -\frac{8}{7}, z = -\frac{38}{7}}$$

2. $x + 3z = 4$

$$2x + 2y - 4z = 0$$

$$x + z = 4$$

$$\text{SOL'N: } \boxed{x = 4, y = -4, z = 0}$$

3. $x + 2y - z + w = 0$

$$2x + 3z - w = 1$$

$$y + 4z + 2w = 4$$

$$x + y + z = 1$$

$$\text{SOL'N: } \boxed{\begin{array}{ll} x = -1 & y = \frac{10}{9} \\ z = \frac{8}{9} & w = -\frac{1}{3} \end{array}}$$