

Lesson 3 : System of Linear Equations

Definition:

Let $a_{ij}, b_j \in \mathcal{R}$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$ and $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. A finite set of linear equations;

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

is said to be a system of linear equations with n variables i.e. $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$

Example:

- Determine the number of equations and variables that the following system of linear equations do have?

A

$$\begin{array}{l} 3x + 5y + z + r = 0 \\ x - 5y + 3z + 8r = 0 \\ 5x + y - 5z + 6r = 0 \\ 7x + 2y - 3z - 9r = 0 \end{array}$$

B.

$$\begin{array}{l} x - 5y + z = 6 \\ 5x + 3y - 6z = 0 \\ 2x + y - 9z = 2 \\ 7x + 8y + z = 6 \end{array}$$

Solution

A. The system has

- Four equations
- Four variable
- It is a homogenous equation

B. the system has

- four equations
- three variables
- it is a non-homogenous equation

❖ **NB** In a Linear System

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

where, $\begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}$ are all zero we call it homogenous system of linear equations

and $\begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}$ are non- zero we call it non-homogenous system of linear equations.

❖ The above system of linear equation can also be written in the form, $AX = B$

$$\blacksquare \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\blacksquare \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \text{ is the coefficient matrix.}$$

$$\blacksquare \quad (A|B) = \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right) \text{ is the augmented matrix}$$

Example

- 1.
2. Identify
 - a. coefficient matrix
 - b. augmented matrix for the following equation

$$\begin{aligned} x - 5y + z &= 6 \\ 5x + 3y - 6z &= 0 \\ 2x + y - 9z &= 2 \\ 7x + 8y + z &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

Solution

- a. the coefficient matrix is $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & -6 \\ 2 & 1 & -9 \\ 7 & 8 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- b. the Augmented matrix is $(A|B) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -5 & 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & -6 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -9 & 2 \\ 7 & 8 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right)$

1.8.1. Solutions of System of Linear Equations

There are different methods of finding solutions

- Elimination
- Gauss- method
- Gauss-Jordan method

1. Elimination method

- This method is effective on 3-4 number of equations and variables.

Example

$$\text{Solve the system } \begin{cases} x + y + z = 3 \\ x - 2y + z = 1 \\ 3x + 2y - 3z = 4 \end{cases}$$

Solution

Eliminate the number of equations

$$\begin{array}{lll} \begin{cases} x + y + z = 3 \\ x - 2y + z = 1 \end{cases} & \begin{cases} x - 2y + z = 1 \\ 3x + 2y - 3z = 4 \end{cases} & \begin{cases} x + y + z = 3 \\ 3x + 2y - 3z = 4 \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow x = 3 - y - z & x = 1 + 2y - z & x = 3 - y - z \\ \Rightarrow 3 - y - z - 2y + z = 1 & 3(1 + 2y - z) + 2y - 3z = 4 & x = 3 - \frac{2}{3} - \frac{13}{18} \\ \Rightarrow -3y = -2 & 3 + 6y - 3z + 2y - 3z = 4 & x = \frac{54-25}{18} \\ \Rightarrow y = \frac{2}{3} & 8y - 6z = 1 & x = \frac{29}{18} \\ & \Rightarrow z = \frac{8y-1}{6} & \\ & \Rightarrow z = \frac{8(\frac{2}{3})-1}{6} & \\ & \Rightarrow z = \frac{13}{18} & \end{array}$$

Solution of the system is a row matrix $(x \ y \ z) = \left(\frac{29}{18} \ \frac{2}{3} \ \frac{13}{18}\right)$

2. Gaussian Method

Gauss used elementary row / column operations on augmented matrix

- **Swapping**:- interchanging rows of a matrix ($R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$)
- **Re-scaling**:- multiplying a row of a matrix by a non zero constant ($R_i \rightarrow kR_i$)
- **Pivoting** :- adding constant multiple of one row of a matrix on to another row. ($R_j \rightarrow R_j + kR_i$)

Example1

$$1. \text{ Solve the system using Gauss method } \begin{cases} x + y + z = 3 \\ x - 2y + z = 1 \\ 3x + 2y - 3z = 4 \end{cases}$$

Solution

Transform in matrix form;

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}, X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } X \text{ is the solution vector}$$

$$\text{Step1: Augmented matrix } A|B = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 & 4 \end{array} \right)$$

Step 2: change A|B into echelon form

$$, R_2 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow R_3 \rightarrow -3R_1 + R_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -6 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{3}R_2 + R_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & -\frac{13}{3} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & -\frac{13}{3} \end{pmatrix} \text{ is the echelon form}$$

$$\text{Using back substitution } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & -\frac{13}{3} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x + y + z = 3 \\ -3y = -2 \\ -6z = -\frac{13}{3} \end{array}$$

$$, \Rightarrow z = -\frac{13}{3(-6)} = \frac{13}{18}, -3y = -2 \Rightarrow y = \frac{2}{3} \text{ and } x = 3 - y - z = 3 - \frac{2}{3} - \frac{13}{18} = \frac{29}{18}$$

$$\text{Therefore the solution is } = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{29}{18} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{13}{18} \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } (x \ y \ z) = \left(\frac{29}{18} \ \frac{2}{3} \ \frac{13}{18} \right)$$

3. Gauss – Jordan method

- This method uses the method of row reduced echelon (RREF)
- Eliminate until coefficient matrix is changed into an identity matrix

Example1:

1. Solve the system using Gauss-Jordan method $\begin{cases} x + y + z = 3 \\ x - 2y + z = 1 \\ 3x + 2y - 3z = 4 \end{cases}$

$$\text{step 1 Augmented matrix } A|B = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 & 4 \end{array} \right)$$

Step 2 : reduce rows;

$$R_2 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow R_3 \rightarrow -3R_1 + R_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -6 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{3}R_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & -1 & -6 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow R_3 \rightarrow R_2 + R_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & -\frac{13}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - \frac{3}{-6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{13}{18} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow R_1 \rightarrow -R_2 + R_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & \frac{7}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{13}{18} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_1 \rightarrow -R_3 + R_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{29}{18} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{13}{18} \end{pmatrix} \text{ here the coefficient matrix is transformed in to identity}$$

$$\text{Then } \begin{matrix} x = \frac{29}{18} \\ y = \frac{2}{3} \\ z = \frac{13}{18} \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{29}{18} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{13}{18} \end{pmatrix}$$

3.8.2. Different Solutions of System of Linear Equations

There are three solution types

- Unique (one) solution (consistent)
- Many solution (dependent, consistent)
- No solution (inconsistent)

1. Unique (one) solution

- A linear system has unique solution if and only if it has only one solution.

Example:

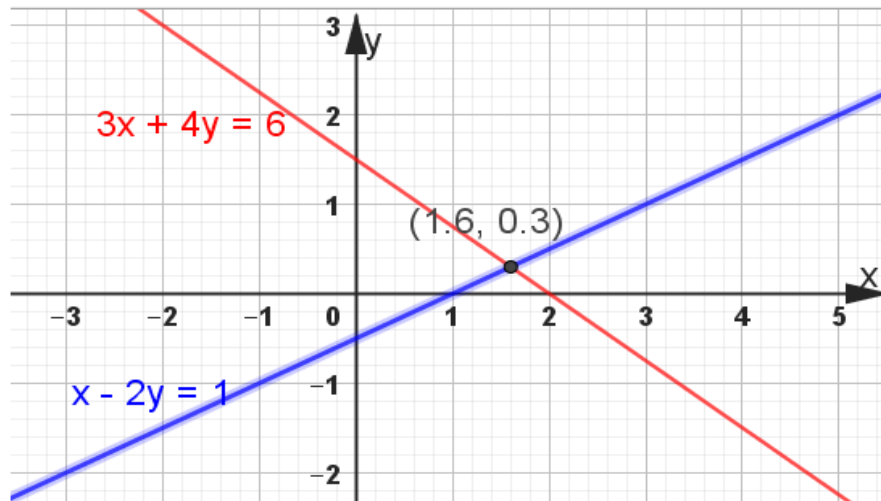
a. Solve $\begin{cases} 3x + 4y = 6 \\ x - 2y = 1 \end{cases}$

Solution:

let $l_1: 3x + 4y = 6$ and $l_2: x - 2y = 1$ be two lines, if l_1 and l_2 intersect at a point then the system has one solution.

Find intersection point $x = 1 + 2y$ and $3(1 + 2y) + 4y = 6 \Rightarrow 10y = 3 \Rightarrow y = \frac{3}{10}$

And $x = 1 + 2\left(\frac{3}{10}\right) = \frac{16}{10} = \frac{8}{5}$ the intersection point is at $(x, y) = \left(\frac{8}{5}, \frac{3}{10}\right)$



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$$3x + 2y - z = 6$$

b. Solve $x - 2y + 3z = 3$ using gauss method.

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

Solution

Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ be the coefficient matrix and $A|B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ be augmented matrix

$$\Rightarrow R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow -3R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_3 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 8 & -10 & -3 \\ 0 & 5 & -5 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{5}{8}R_2 + R_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 8 & -10 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{4} & -\frac{1}{8} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Then back substitution} \\ x - 2y + 3z = 3 \\ 8y - 10z = -3 \\ \frac{5}{4}z = -\frac{1}{8} \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = -\frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{5} = -\frac{1}{10},$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{-3 + 10z}{8} = \frac{-3 + 10\left(-\frac{1}{10}\right)}{8} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } x = 3 + 2y - 3z = 3 - 1 + \frac{3}{10} = \frac{23}{10}$$

$$\text{solution} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{23}{10} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{10} \end{pmatrix}$$

Note: For a linear system

- $A|B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 8 & -10 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{4} & -\frac{1}{8} \end{pmatrix}$ has three non-zero rows.
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- $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 8 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{4} \end{pmatrix}$ has three non-zero rows
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- The number of rows of coefficient matrix A is equal to number of rows of augmented matrix A|B
- The system has unique (one) solution.

2. Many(infinite) solution

- The last row of reduced augmented matrix is zero.
- Graph of equations coincide to each other.

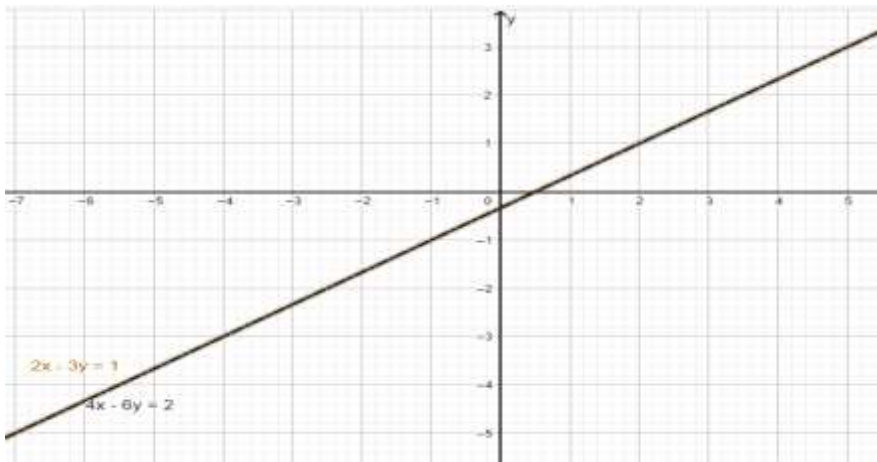
Example

- a. Solve $\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 1 \\ 4x - 6y = 2 \end{cases}$ graphically

Solution

Determine the intersection point and draw the graph

$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 1 \\ 4x - 6y = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -4x + 6y = -2 \\ 4x - 6y = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 0 = 0$ the two lines meet at infinitely many points. Solution = \mathbb{R}



- b. Solve the linear system $\begin{cases} x + y - 3z = 3 \\ x - 3y + 2z = 5 \\ 2x - 2y - z = 8 \end{cases}$ using Gauss method

Solution

Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ is the coefficient matrix and $A|B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$ be augmented matrix

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_3 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow R_3 \rightarrow -R_2 + R_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Here you observe that the last row is a zero row. So the system has many solutions.

, back substitution

$$x + y - 3z = 3$$

$$-4y + 5z = 5 \Rightarrow \text{here the number of equations is less than number of variables}$$

The solution we fix is **dependent** on a certain variable we fix (parameter).

$$\text{Let } z = t \in R, \Rightarrow -4y + 5z = 5 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{5-5z}{4} = \frac{5t-5}{4}$$

$$\text{And from } x + y - 3z = 3 \Rightarrow x = 3 - y + 3z \Rightarrow x = 3 - \frac{5t-5}{4} + 3t$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{7t}{4} + \frac{17}{4}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \blacksquare \end{matrix} \text{ Therefore our solution is } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7t+17}{4} \\ \frac{5t-5}{4} \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7t & 17 \\ 5t & (-5) \\ t & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dots \text{dependent}$$

3. No Solution (Inconsistent)

- The system has no set of values satisfying the equations simultaneously.
- The lines do not intersect at all.

Example:

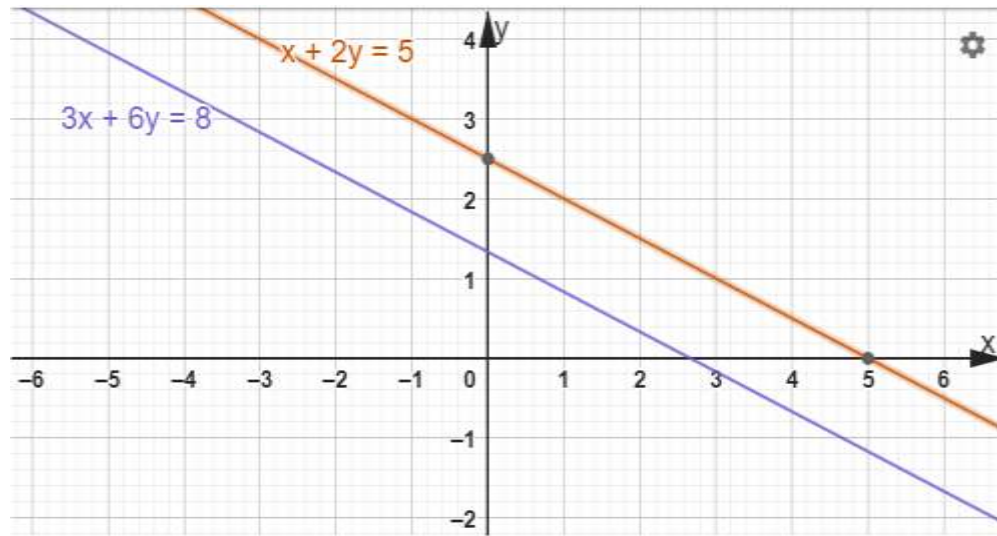
a. Solve $\begin{matrix} x + 2y = 5 \\ 3x + 6y = 8 \end{matrix}$ graphially

Solution:

$$\text{let's find the intersection point of the equations } x = 5 - 2y \text{ and } 3(5 - 2y) + 6y = 8 \\ \Rightarrow 15 - 6y + 6y = 8 \Rightarrow 15 = 8 \text{ is false.}$$

Therefore it has no intersection point. (no solution)

Graphically



b. Solve the system using Gauss method

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

Solution:

Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ = coefficient matrix, $A|B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ be augmented matrix

$$\text{,Then } \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_3 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow R_3 \rightarrow -R_2 + R_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The row reduce form shows that the system has no solution.

Note

- $A|B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ has three non-zero rows
- $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ has two non-zero rows
- the number of non-zero rows of A is less than the number non-zero rows of $A|B$
- The system has no solution

Examples:

1. Find the values of c for which the system give below has an infinite number of solutions

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 4y = 6 \\ -3x + 6y = c \end{cases}$$

- For what values of k does $\begin{cases} x + 2y - 3z = 5 \\ 2x - y - z = 8 \\ kx + y + 2z = 14 \end{cases}$ has a unique solution?
- Find the values of c and d for which both the given points lie on the given straight line $l: cx + dy = 2$; $(1, 4)$ and $(2, 16)$.
- Find a quadratic function $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ contains the points $(1, 9)$, $(4, 6)$ and $(6, 14)$?

Solution

- Let $A|B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 & 6 \\ -3 & 6 & c \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow R_2 \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}R_1 + R_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & c-9 \end{pmatrix}$
 Since the system has many solution, the last row must be zero $\Rightarrow c - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow c = 9$
- $\begin{cases} x + 2y - 3z = 5 \\ 2x - y - z = 8 \\ kx + y + 2z = 14 \end{cases}$ and $A|B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 8 \\ k & 1 & 2 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\Rightarrow \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow -kR_1 + R_3]{R_2 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & -5 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & 1-2k & 2+3k & 14-5k \end{pmatrix}$
 $\Rightarrow R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{5}R_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & \frac{2}{5} \\ 0 & 1-2k & 2+3k & 14-5k \end{pmatrix}$
 $\Rightarrow R_3 \rightarrow (2k-1)R_2 + R_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & \frac{2}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & k+3 & -\frac{24k+68}{5} \end{pmatrix}$
 if it has unique solution $k+3 \neq 0 \Rightarrow k \neq -3$
 \Rightarrow therefore $k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-3\}$
- substitute x and y on to $l: cx + dy = 2$
 at $(1, 4) \Rightarrow c + 4d = 2$ and at $(2, 16) \Rightarrow 2c + 16d = 2$
 Then it gives a system $\begin{cases} c + 4d = 2 \\ 2c + 16d = 2 \end{cases}$
 $\Rightarrow A|B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 16 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow R_2 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 8 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$
 Back substitution $\begin{matrix} c + 4d = 2 \\ 8d = -2 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow 8d = -2 \Rightarrow d = -\frac{1}{4}$ and $c = 2 - 4d = 2 + 1 = 3$
 Therefore $\begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -\frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}$
- $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ contains the points $(1, 9)$, $(4, 6)$ and $(6, 14)$
 substitution
 at $(1, 9) \Rightarrow 9 = a(1) + b(1) + c \Rightarrow a + b + c = 9$
 At $(4, 6) \Rightarrow 6 = a(4)^2 + b(4) + c \Rightarrow 16a + 4b + c = 6$
 At $(6, 14) \Rightarrow 14 = a(6)^2 + b(6) + c \Rightarrow 36a + 6b + c = 14$

$$a + b + c = 9$$

Then the linear system $16a + 4b + c = 6$

$$36a + 6b + c = 14$$

Matrix form $AX + B \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 16 & 4 & 1 \\ 36 & 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 6 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix}$

Then we solve it by using Gauss method:

$$, \Rightarrow A|B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 9 \\ 16 & 4 & 1 & 6 \\ 36 & 6 & 1 & 14 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow -16R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -36R_1 + R_3 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & -12 & -15 & -138 \\ 0 & -30 & -35 & -310 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$, \Rightarrow R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{30}{12}R_2 + R_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & -12 & -15 & -138 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{2} & 35 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a + b + c = 9$$

Back substitution $-12b - 15c = -138$

$$\frac{5}{2}c = 35$$

$$, \Rightarrow \frac{5}{2}c = 35 \Rightarrow c = 14, -12b - 15c = -138 \Rightarrow b = -\frac{15c-138}{12} = -\frac{210-138}{12} = -6$$

$$, \Rightarrow a + b + c = 9 \Rightarrow a = 9 - b - c \Rightarrow a = 9 + 6 - 14 = 1$$

Therefore the function $y = ax^2 + bx + c \Rightarrow y = x^2 - 6x + 14$