

# Linear Systems

① Solve  $\begin{cases} x+y = 4 & \textcircled{A} \\ 2x-y = -1 & \textcircled{B} \end{cases}$

Express  $y$  or  $x$  in terms of one another

$\textcircled{A} \Rightarrow y = 4 - x \quad \textcircled{C}$

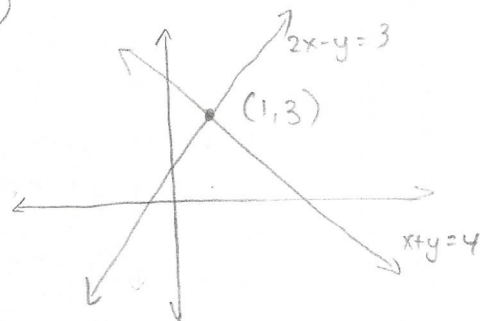
$\textcircled{C} \Rightarrow \textcircled{B} \quad 2x - (4 - x) = -1$

$3x = 3$

$x = 1$

$\Rightarrow \textcircled{C} \quad y = 3$

$(x, y) = (1, 3)$



②  $\begin{cases} x+y = 4 & \textcircled{A} \\ 2x+2y = 7 & \textcircled{B} \end{cases}$

$\textcircled{A} \Rightarrow y = 4 - x \quad \textcircled{C}$

$\textcircled{C} \Rightarrow \textcircled{B} \quad 2x + 2(4 - x) = 7$

$2 + 8 - 2x = 7$

$8 = 7$

impossible

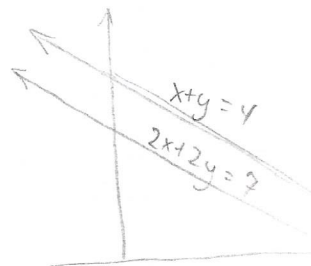
$\textcircled{A} \Rightarrow x = 4 - y \quad \textcircled{C}$

$\textcircled{C} \Rightarrow \textcircled{B} \quad 2(4 - y) + 2y = 7$

$8 - 2y + 2y = 7$

$8 = 7$

Impossible



No solution

Case 1: a solution : the 2 lines are not parallel

Case 2: no solutions : they are parallel

Case 3: many/all sol'ns : they are the same line.

If they are not parallel, there is at least one solution ( $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

WWS 3 (6) Solve the following system

$$\begin{cases} 6x + 9y = -30 & \text{(A)} \\ -5x + 7y = -120 & \text{(B)} \end{cases}$$

(A)

$$6x = -30 - 9y$$

$$x = -5 - \frac{3}{2}y$$

⇒ (B)

$$-5(-5 - \frac{3}{2}y) + 7y = -120$$

$$25 + 7.5y + 7y = -120$$

$$14.5y = -145$$

$$y = -10$$

$$x = -5 - \frac{3}{2}(-10)$$

$$= 10$$

$$(x, y) = (10, -10)$$

WWS 7 (7) Solve the system.

$$4x + 5y = a \quad \text{(A)}$$

$$-5x - 6y = b \quad \text{(B)}$$

(A)

$$4x = a - 5y$$

$$x = \frac{1}{4}a - \frac{5}{4}y$$

⇒ (B)

$$-5(\frac{1}{4}a - \frac{5}{4}y) - 6y = b$$

$$-\frac{5}{4}a + \frac{25}{4}y - 6y = b$$

$$\frac{1}{4}y = b + \frac{5}{4}a$$

$$y = 4b + 5a$$

$$x = \frac{1}{4}a - \frac{5}{4}(4b + 5a)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}a - 5b - \frac{25}{4}a$$

$$= -5b - 6a$$

$$(x, y) = (-5b - 6a, 4b + 5a)$$

WWT 8) Find the quadratic polynomial whose graph goes through the points  $(-1, 5)$ ,  $(0, 4)$ , and  $(2, 20)$ .

$$f(x) = \underline{\quad}x^2 + \underline{\quad}x + \underline{\quad}$$

$$a(-1)^2 + b(-1) + c = 5$$

$$c = 4$$

$$a(2)^2 + b(2) + c = 20$$

$$a - b = 1$$

$$a = b + 1$$

$$a = (2) + 1$$

$$4a + 2b = 16$$

$$4(b+1) + 2b = 16$$

$$= 3$$

$$4b + 4 + 2b = 16$$

$$6b = 12$$

$$b = 2$$

$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 4$$

### Geometry of solutions of Linear System in $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3$

① 2 variables  $x, y$

Each equation  $b_1x + b_2y = c$  defines a line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
(if  $\vec{b} = [b_1, b_2] \neq \vec{0}$ )

Solution of a linear system  $\leftrightarrow$  Common intersection of the corresponding lines

Special case:  $\begin{cases} b_{11}x + b_{12}y = c_1 \leftrightarrow L_1 \\ b_{21}x + b_{22}y = c_2 \leftrightarrow L_2 \end{cases}$

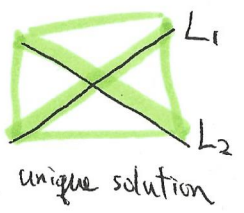
The system  $\begin{cases} * \\ * \end{cases}$  has unique solution  $\leftrightarrow L_1, L_2$  have unique intersection

$\leftrightarrow L_1, L_2$  are not parallel

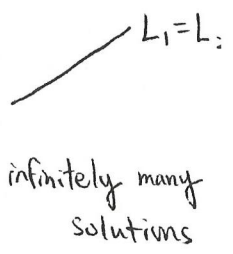
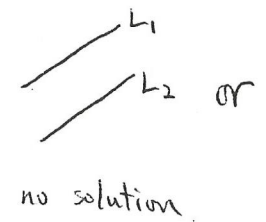
$\leftrightarrow$  Their normal vectors  $\vec{b}_1 = [b_{11}, b_{12}]$ ,  $\vec{b}_2 = [b_{21}, b_{22}]$  are not collinear

$\leftrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$

det  $\neq 0$



det = 0



e.g. Does  $\begin{cases} 2x - y = 1 \\ x - 3y = 2 \end{cases}$  have a unique sol'n?

$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -5 \quad -5 \neq 0; \text{ unique sol'n}$

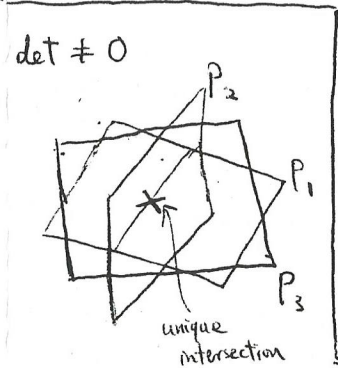
② 3 variables  $x, y, z$  (if  $\vec{b} = [b_1, b_2, b_3] \neq \vec{0}$ )  
Each equation  $b_1x + b_2y + b_3z = c$  defines a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Solution of a linear system  $\leftrightarrow$  Common intersection of the corresponding planes

Special Case:  $\begin{cases} b_{11}x + b_{12}y + b_{13}z = c_1 \leftrightarrow P_1 \\ b_{21}x + b_{22}y + b_{23}z = c_2 \leftrightarrow P_2 \\ b_{31}x + b_{32}y + b_{33}z = c_3 \leftrightarrow P_3 \end{cases}$

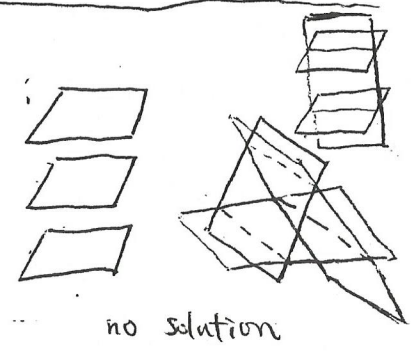
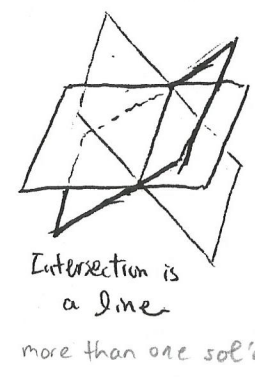
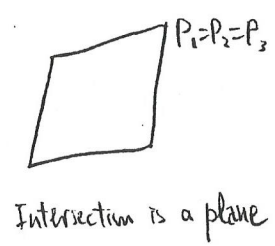
The system  $\begin{cases} * \\ * \\ * \end{cases}$  has unique solution  $\leftrightarrow P_1, P_2, P_3$  have unique common intersection

$\leftrightarrow$  Their normal vectors  $\vec{b}_1 = [b_{11}, b_{12}, b_{13}]$ ,  $\vec{b}_2 = [b_{21}, b_{22}, b_{23}]$ ,  $\vec{b}_3 = [b_{31}, b_{32}, b_{33}]$  are not coplanar i.e. (do not lie on the same plane)



$\leftrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$

det = 0



solution is a line.

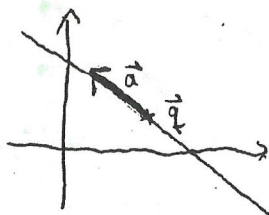
Summary: Parametric and Equation of Lines in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Given a point  $\vec{q}$  on a straight line  $L$   
and a direction  $\vec{a}$  of  $L$

Parametric form of the line is

$$\vec{x} = \vec{q} + s\vec{a}$$

i.e.  $[x_1, x_2] = [q_1 + sa_1, q_2 + sa_2]$



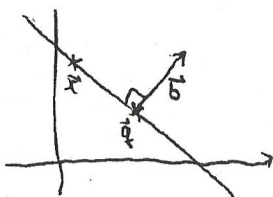
Given a point  $\vec{q}$  on a straight line  $L$   
and a normal direction  $\vec{b}$  of  $L$

For any point  $\vec{x} = [x_1, x_2]$  on  $L$

$$(\vec{x} - \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$[x_1 - q_1, x_2 - q_2] \cdot [b_1, b_2] = 0$$

$$b_1(x_1 - q_1) + b_2(x_2 - q_2) = 0$$

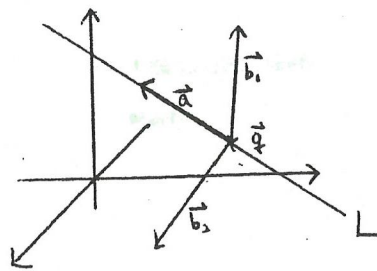


Equation form of  $L$  is

$$b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 = c, \text{ where } c = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{q} \\ = b_1q_1 + b_2q_2$$

Summary: Parametric and Equation form of Lines and Planes in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Line  $L$



- $\vec{q} = [q_1, q_2, q_3]$  is a point on  $L$
- $\vec{a} = [a_1, a_2, a_3]$  is a direction of  $L$
- $\vec{b}_1 = [b_{11}, b_{12}, b_{13}]$ ,  $\vec{b}_2 = [b_{21}, b_{22}, b_{23}]$  are two (non-zero) non-collinear vectors orthogonal (perpendicular) to  $L$

To describe points  $\vec{x} = [x_1, x_2, x_3]$  on  $L$ ,

Parametric form

$$\vec{x} = \vec{q} + s\vec{a}$$

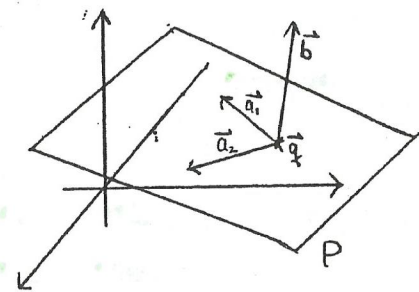
i.e.  $[x_1, x_2, x_3] = [q_1 + sa_1, q_2 + sa_2, q_3 + sa_3]$

Equation form

$$\begin{cases} (\vec{x} - \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{b}_1 = 0 \\ (\vec{x} - \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{b}_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

i.e.  $\begin{cases} b_{11}x_1 + b_{12}x_2 + b_{13}x_3 = c_1 \\ b_{21}x_1 + b_{22}x_2 + b_{23}x_3 = c_2 \end{cases}$   
where  $c_1 = \vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{q}$ ,  $c_2 = \vec{b}_2 \cdot \vec{q}$

Plane  $P$



- $\vec{q} = [q_1, q_2, q_3]$  is a point on  $P$
- $\vec{a}_1 = [a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}]$ ,  $\vec{a}_2 = [a_{21}, a_{22}, a_{23}]$  are two (non-zero) non-collinear vectors in the direction of  $P$
- $\vec{b} = [b_1, b_2, b_3]$  is orthogonal to  $L$

To describe points  $\vec{x} = [x_1, x_2, x_3]$  on  $P$ ,

Parametric form

$$\vec{x} = \vec{q} + s\vec{a}_1 + t\vec{a}_2$$

i.e.  $[x_1, x_2, x_3] = [q_1 + sa_1 + ta_1, q_2 + sa_2 + ta_2, q_3 + sa_3 + ta_3]$

Equation form

$$(\vec{x} - \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

i.e.  $b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 + b_3x_3 = c$   
where  $c = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{q}$

e.g. Does  $\begin{cases} 2x - y = 1 \\ x - 3y = 2 \end{cases}$  have a unique sol'n?  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$ ; Yes

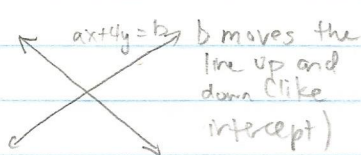
e.g. Does  $\begin{cases} x + 2y + 3z = 1 \\ 4x + 5y + 6z = 2 \\ 7x + 8y + 9z = 3 \end{cases}$  have a unique sol'n?  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = (45 - 48) - 2(36 - 42) + 3(32 - 35) = 0$ . NO.

e.g. For what values of  $a$  &  $b$  such that the system given by 2 eq'n's and 2 unknowns:  $x - 2y = 1$  have a unique sol'n.

$$ax + 4y = b$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ a & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 4 + 2a \quad \text{Unique sol'n when } 4 + 2a \neq 0$$

$$a \neq -2$$



If  $a = -2$ , the system has

= no solution (if intercept different)

= infinite solutions (if intercept same), depending on  $b$ .

ww. 4(2) Let  $r$  and  $s$  be unknown constants. Consider the linear system

$$\begin{cases} -6x + 7y = r \\ 3x + sy = -8 \end{cases} \quad \begin{vmatrix} -6 & 7 \\ 3 & s \end{vmatrix} = -6s - 21$$

Unique when  $-6s - 21 \neq 0$   
 $6s \neq -21$   
 $s \neq -21/6$

This system has a unique sol'n when  $s$  is not equal to  $-21/6$ .

If the above condition does not hold, i.e.  $s = -21/6$ , the 2 lines have the same slope.  $b$  determines the position of one line.

then the system will have no sol'n's when  $r \neq 16$

and infinitely many sol'n's when  $r = 16$

$$7y = r + 6x$$

$$y = \frac{1}{7}r + \frac{6}{7}x$$

$$3x + \left(\frac{-21}{6}\right)y = -8$$

$$\frac{21}{6}y = 3x + 8$$

$$y = \frac{6}{7}x + \frac{48}{21}$$

Same intercept when  $\left(\frac{1}{7}\right)r = \frac{48}{21}$ ,  $r = 16$

$\therefore$  Infinite sol'n's when  $r = 16$ . Same line.

No solution when  $r \neq 16$ : Parallel & same slope.

## Rank of an (~~Augmented~~) Matrix

Given a matrix  $A$ ,  $\text{ref}$  of  $A$  is unique, but  $\text{ref } A$  is not.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

← both  $\text{ref}$  →  $\text{ref}$

Any two  $\text{ref}$ s of  $A$  have same number of non-zero rows.  
( $\text{ref}$  has same # of non-zero rows as  $\text{ref}$ )

$\text{Rank}(A)$  = number of NONZERO rows in  $\text{ref}$  of  $A$   
= number of pivots in  $\text{ref}(A)$ .

Note: For an  $n \times m$  matrix,  $\text{Rank } A \leq n, m$

The # of non-zero rows in  $\text{ref}(A) \leq \# \text{ rows of } A = n$

Each column has at most one pivot  $\Rightarrow \text{rank } A \leq m$

e.g.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  Rank = 3

$\text{ref}$

e.g.  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  Rank = 2

not  $\text{ref}$   $\text{ref}$

# Lecture 12

## - Gaussian Elimination

Last time: (Reduced) Row echelon form.

In ref (or rref)

The leading non-zero entry on each row is called a pivot

The corresponding variables are called basic variables

Other variables are called free variables

eg. 
$$\begin{cases} X_1 + 2X_2 + 3X_3 + 4X_4 + 5X_5 = -1 \\ 6X_3 + 7X_4 + 8X_5 = -2 \\ 9X_4 + 10X_5 = -3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{ccccc|c} X_1 & X_2 & X_3 & X_4 & X_5 & \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 7 & 8 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 & 10 & -3 \end{array}$$

already in ref

$X_1, X_3, X_4$  are basic variables  $\square 1, 6, 9$  are pivots

$X_2, X_5$  are free variables

## Solving Linear system by Gaussian Elimination

- ① Write down augmented matrix
- ② Put it into ref (or rref) by elementary row operations.
- ③ Any contradiction? (like  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ | \ 1]$ )

a. Yes  $\Rightarrow$  No solution

b. No  $\Rightarrow$  Unique solution if no free variables

Infinitely many solution if there is a free variables

Introduce a parameter to each free variable and write down solution (in terms of parameters) by backward substitution

eg. 
$$\begin{cases} x+y=3 \\ -x+2y=1 \\ 3x=7 \end{cases}$$

Augmented matrix

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

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Elementary row operations to (augmented) matrices

- ① Multiply a row by a non-zero constant
- ② Adding a multiple of a row to another row
- ③ Interchanging two rows

eg.

$$\begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{array} \right] \\ \begin{array}{l} \swarrow R_1 \times 3 \\ \downarrow R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 2R_1 \\ \searrow R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \end{array} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 6 & 9 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 6 & 9 & 12 & 4 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

Defn An augmented matrix is in row echelon form if <sup>(ref)</sup>

- ① All the zero rows are at the bottom if exist
- ② The first non-zero entry in each row is on the right of the ones in the rows above

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ 0 & 2 & \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

It is called reduced row echelon form if furthermore (rref)

- ③ The first non-zero entry in each row is 1, and is the only non-zero entry in that column

eg.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Not ref} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -2 \end{array} \right] \\ \\ \text{ref but not rref} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 4 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ \\ \text{rref} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

Consider solving

$$\begin{cases} 2x + y = 1 & (1) \\ 2x + y + z = 2 & (2) \\ y + 2z = 3 & (3) \\ x + 2y + 2z = 4 & (4) \end{cases}$$

$$(2)-(1) \quad z = 2-1=1$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2(1) + y &= 1 \\ y &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$(-1) + 2(1) \neq 3!$$

$$(4)-(3) \quad x = 4-3=1$$

System has no solution. We need a systematic way to analyze & solve: Gaussian Elimination

Augmented Matrices

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y + z &= 1 \\ -x + 3y - 2z &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

augmented matrix of the system

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

e.g. Given a linear system of 6 equations and 5 unknowns,

see Rank  
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$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{array} \right] \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{c} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 6 \text{ rows,} \\ 1 \text{ for each equation} \end{array}$$

5 unknowns (variables)

Find the # of solutions if...

	Rank of Unaugmented Matrix	Rank of Augmented Matrix	# of solutions
1)	4	5	0, one entry is non-zero [0 0 0 0 0 0   x]
2)	5	5	1, No free, No contradiction
3)	2	2	infinite, 3 free variables

## Gaussian Elimination Examples

- ① Unique Solution    ② No solution    ③ Infinitely Many

Unique

$$\begin{cases} x+y+z=3 \\ 3x+y-z=3 \\ -x-3y+z=-3 \end{cases} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 & -6 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 & -6 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Last Row:  $0x + 0y + 6z = 6$

$$\boxed{z = 1}$$

Second Row:  $-2y - 4z = -6$

$$-2y - 4 = -6$$

$$\boxed{y = 1}$$

First Row:  $x + y + z = 3$

$$\Rightarrow x + 1 + 1 = 3 \quad \boxed{x = 1}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 6 \end{array} \right] \text{ ref.}$$

Unique sol'n:  $(x, y, z) = (1, 1, 1)$

No

$$\begin{cases} x+2y+z=0 \\ x+y+2z=1 \\ x-3z=-1 \end{cases} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

CONTRADICTION

No solution

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 2R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$0x + 0y + 0z = 1$$

Infinite

$$\begin{cases} x+y=1 \\ 2x+2z=4 \\ 2x+y+z=3 \end{cases} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

(the solution

is a line or

plane or

something

not a point)

pivots: 1, -1; basic variables:  $x, y$ ; free variables:  $z$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Let  $s$  be a parameter.  $z = s$

$$\textcircled{B} \Rightarrow -y + s = 1; \quad y = s - 1$$

$$\textcircled{A} \Rightarrow x + y = 1; \quad x + (s - 1) = 1; \quad x = 2 - s$$

$$(x, y, z) = (2 - s, s - 1, s)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{A} \quad x + y = 1$$

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

SOLUTIONS

Unique: No contradictions or free variables

No: a contradiction

Infinite: Free variables

$$\text{e.g. } \begin{array}{c} A \\ B \\ C \end{array} \begin{array}{c} x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4 \quad x_5 \quad x_6 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 & 1 & \boxed{1} & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & -1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \text{already in ref} \\ \text{not in rref} \end{array}$$

NO contradiction.  $\Rightarrow$  At least one sol'n

basic variables:  $x_1, x_2, x_5$

pivots: 1, 1, 1

free variables:  $x_3, x_4, x_6$

(c)  $x_5 = 3$

Let  $s, t, u$  be parameters

$s = x_3$

(b)  $x_2 - t + 3u = 2$

$t = x_4$

$x_2 = 2 + t - 3u$

$u = x_6$

(1)  $x_1 + s + t + x_5 + 2u = 1$

$x_1 + 3$

$x_1 = -2 - s - t - 2u$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2-s-t-2u \\ 2+t-3u \\ s \\ t \\ 3 \\ u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + u \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The sol'n forms a 3-D solid in  $\mathbb{R}^6$

a point + 3 directions