

17C3 ENGINEERING MATH II-B (Linear Algebra I)

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(C03) Lecture 1

Linear Equations

✓ (1) $x + 3y = 6$ ($y = mx + c$ x, y variables
 m, c constants)

✓ (2) $3x + 2y - z = \sqrt{7}$ ($ax + by + cz = d$
 x, y, z vars
 a, b, c, d constants)

X (3) $6x^2 + 5x = 3$
power of x is > 1

X (4) $2x - 6xy + 7y = 0$
 x & y should appear in terms on their own

✓ (5) $17x_1 + \sqrt{3}x_2 = \pi x_3 + 2$
 x_1, x_2, x_3 vars
multiplied by constants called coefficients; 2 is constant term

X (6) $e^x + y = 5$
X (7) $\sin x + 7y - 1 = 0$
X (8) $x_1 - \sqrt{x_2} = 0$
variables cannot appear as arguments of other functions

The "general form" of a linear equation is

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

x_1, \dots, x_n are variables and a_1, \dots, a_n, b are constants.

As equations, these might - or might not - have solution(s) i.e. n -tuple (s_1, \dots, s_n) that satisfies the equation: $a_1s_1 + \dots + a_ns_n = b$

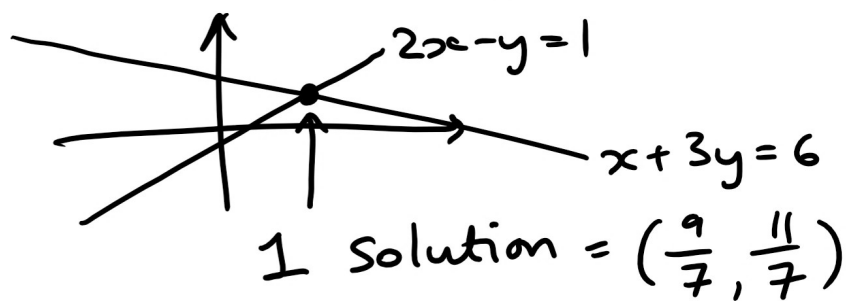
e.g. $x + 3y = 6$ has solutions the points on the line $y = -\frac{1}{3}x + 2$
i.e. $(x, y) = (0, 2)$ or $(x, y) = (21, -5)$
 $[0 + 3 \cdot 2 = 6]$ $[21 + 3(-5) = 6]$
etc.

Systems of Linear Equations \nwarrow L.E.s

\hookrightarrow One or more L.E. considered together.

Look for solutions to all equations at once.

Example $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x + 3y = 6 \\ 2x - y = 1 \end{array} \right\}$ Geometrically, solutions of this system are any points of intersection.



1 solution = $(\frac{9}{7}, \frac{11}{7})$

(check:

$$\frac{9}{7} + 3\left(\frac{11}{7}\right) = \frac{42}{7} = 6 \quad \checkmark$$

$$2\left(\frac{9}{7}\right) - \frac{11}{7} = \frac{7}{7} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

How did I find the solution?

Recall:
$$\begin{cases} x + 3y = 6 \\ 2x - y = 1 \end{cases}$$

Take 2 times the first equation away from the second:

Get a new system:
$$\begin{cases} x + 3y = 6 \\ \underline{2x - y - 2(x + 3y) = 1 - 2 \cdot 6} \end{cases}$$

the second equation

$$-7y = -11$$

Now multiply through by $-\frac{1}{7}$ \nearrow

Get
$$\begin{cases} x + 3y = 6 \\ y = 11/7 \end{cases}$$

Now solve for x in first equation. $x = 6 - 3y = 6 - 3(11/7) = 9/7$

Our first goal is to scale up this strategy — in a way that could also be done computationally — to solve :

General Systems of L.E.s :

m equations in n vars $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \textcircled{2} a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ \textcircled{m} a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{array} \right.$

a_{ij} = coefficient in equation # i of variable x_j

& a solution is an n -tuple (s_1, \dots, s_n) which is a solution to all m equations simultaneously.