

Matrices and Systems of Equations

7. The two systems

$$\begin{array}{l} 2x_1 + x_2 = 3 \\ 4x_1 + 3x_2 = 5 \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{l} 2x_1 + x_2 = -1 \\ 4x_1 + 3x_2 = 1 \end{array}$$

have the same coefficient matrix but different right-hand sides. Solve both systems simultaneously by eliminating the first entry in the second row of the augmented matrix

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 2 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

and then performing back substitutions for each of the columns corresponding to the right-hand sides.

8. Solve the two systems

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_3 = 1 \\ 2x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 = 9 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 = 9 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_3 = 9 \\ 2x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 = 9 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 = -2 \end{array}$$

by doing elimination on a 3×5 augmented matrix and then performing two back substitutions.

9. Given a system of the form

$$\begin{array}{l} -m_1x_1 + x_2 = b_1 \\ -m_2x_1 + x_2 = b_2 \end{array}$$

where $m_1, m_2, b_1,$ and b_2 are constants,

- (a) Show that the system will have a unique solution if $m_1 \neq m_2$.
- (b) Show that if $m_1 = m_2$, then the system will be consistent only if $b_1 = b_2$.
- (c) Give a geometric interpretation of parts (a) and (b).

10. Consider a system of the form

$$\begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 = 0 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 = 0 \end{array}$$

where $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21},$ and a_{22} are constants. Explain why a system of this form must be consistent.

11. Give a geometrical interpretation of a linear equation in three unknowns. Give a geometrical description of the possible solution sets for a 3×3 linear system.