

# Intro to Matrices & Systems of Eqs

## (1) Linear Systems

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 7 \\ x - y = -3 \end{cases}$$

we write  
as

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 = 7 \\ x_1 - x_2 = -3 \end{array}$$

has the solution (2, 5)

$$x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 3$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 - 4x_3 = -3$$

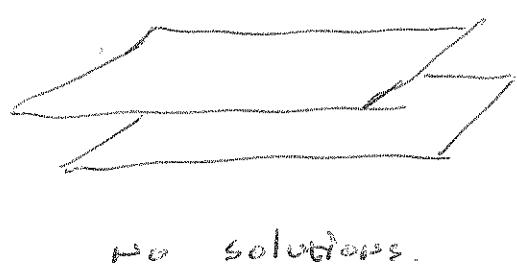
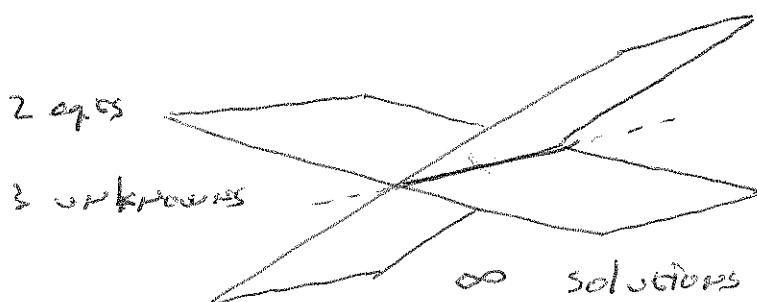
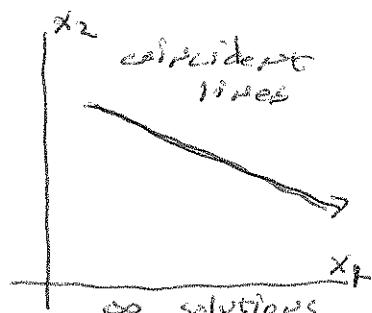
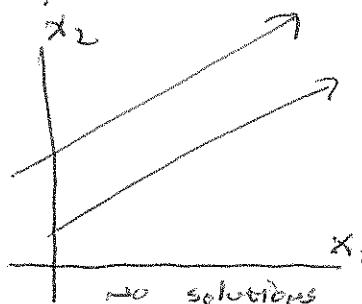
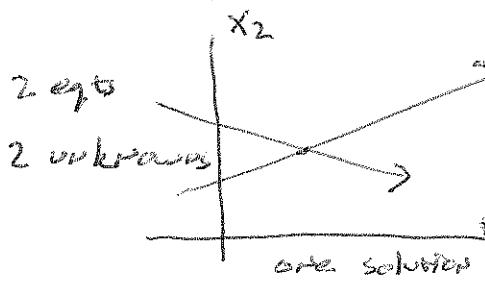
has solutions  $(1, -1, 1)$  &  $(2, 1, 2)$   
or  $x_1 = x_3$  &  $x_2 = 2x_3 - 3$  for any  $x_3$ .

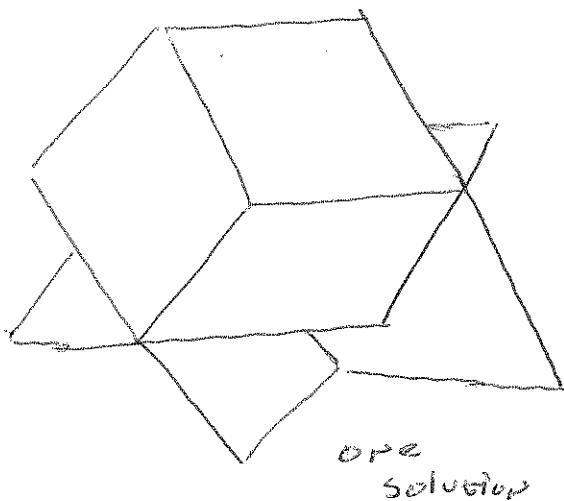
$$3x_1 - 2x_2 = 7$$

$$6x_1 - 4x_2 = 12$$

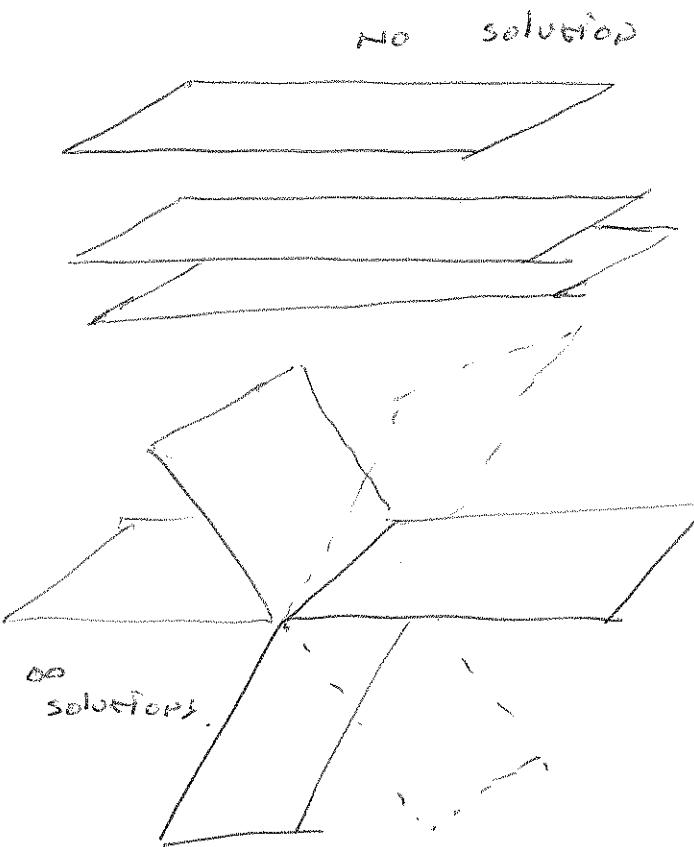
has no solution.

## (2) (Graphical) solutions,





3 eqns  
3 unknowns.



### (3) General case

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots \qquad \vdots$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

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|------------------------|---|---------------------|
| (a) one solution       | } | consistent system   |
| (b) $\infty$ solutions |   |                     |
| (c) no solution        |   | inconsistent system |

#### (4) Matrices.

We begin by relating matrix theory to linear systems. Later we will learn of apps/uses incl. of eqts.

$$(a) \begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 &= 7 \\ x_1 - x_2 &= -3 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 1 & -1 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$



augmented matrix.

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \quad b = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 7 \\ -3 \end{array} \right]$$

coefficient  
matrix

constants

$$\left[ A | b \right]$$

$$(b) \begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= 3 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 - 4x_3 &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

Goal: Use matrices to solve systems of linear equations.

Def: Two systems are equivalent provided they have the same solution set.

Thm: The following elementary ops can be performed w/o changing the solution set.

#### Eqs

(i) interchange eqs

(ii) mult. eqs. by a non-zero scalar

(iii) add a const mult. of one eq to another.

#### Matrices

(i) interchange rows.

(ii) mult. row by a non-zero scalar.

(iii) add a const. mult. of one row to another.

$$x_2 + x_3 = 4$$

$$x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 1$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 6$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 6 \end{array} \right] R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$$

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

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & -5 & 4 \end{array} \right] R_3 - 3R_2 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 & -8 \end{array} \right] -\frac{1}{8}R_3 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] R_1 - 2R_3 \rightarrow R_1, R_2 - R_3 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_1$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 2 \\ x_2 = 3 \\ x_3 = 1$$

solution.

This is an example of Gauss-Jordan elimination - our topic tomorrow.

Corollary: Suppose  $[A|b]$  &  $[c|d]$  are augmented matrices, each representing a different system of eqs. If  $[A|b]$  &  $[c|d]$  are row equivalent, then the two systems are also equivalent.