

# MATH 33A

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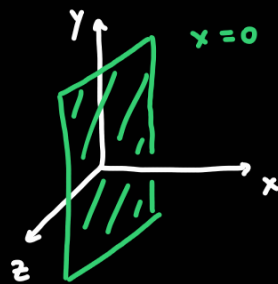
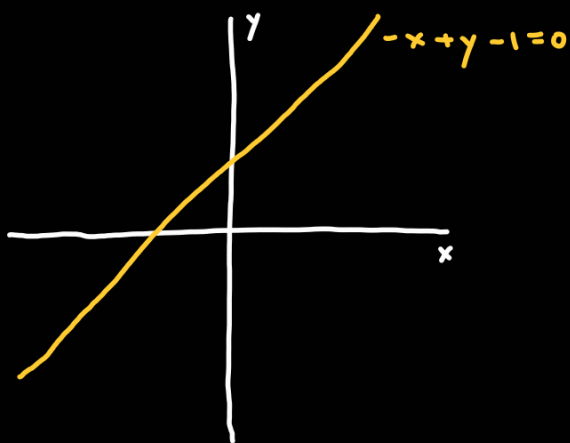
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## 1. Introduction (Chapter 1, Chapter 2)

Linear algebra is the study of linear equations and linear transformations.

$$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n - b = 0$$

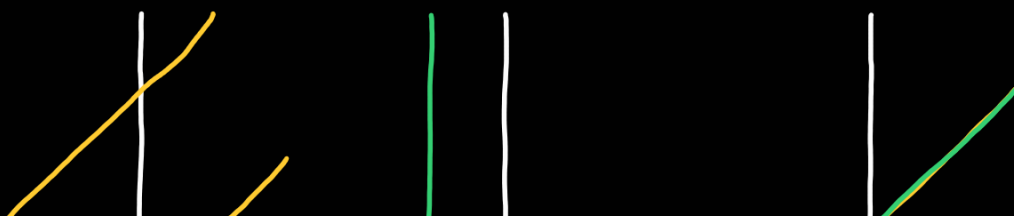
Diagram illustrating the components of a linear equation:  $a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n - b = 0$ . Arrows point from the labels "coefficients" (orange), "variables" (green), and "constant term" (purple) to their respective parts in the equation.

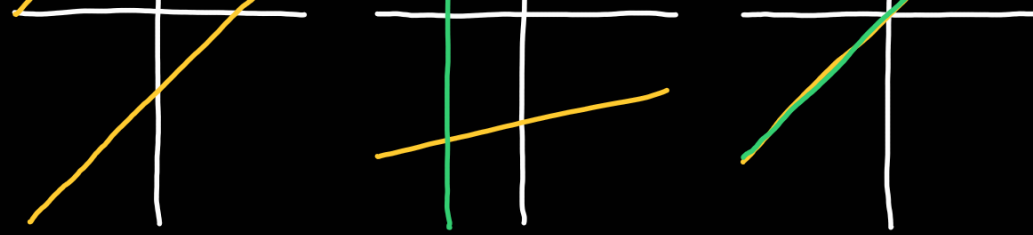


Systems of linear equations have no solutions, one solution, or infinitely many solutions.

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11} x_1 + a_{12} x_2 + \dots + a_{1n} x_n + b_1 &= 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1} x_1 + a_{n2} x_2 + \dots + a_{nn} x_n + b_n &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Diagram illustrating the notation  $a_{ij}$ : "row" (orange arrow) and "column" (green arrow) labels point to the indices  $i$  and  $j$  respectively.





Matrices, matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & & \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix} \text{ is an } n \times m \text{ with entries } a_{ij}.$$

rows  
columns

A matrix is a rectangular array of numbers. If a matrix has  $n$  rows and  $m$  columns, it has size  $n \times m$ . We say that two matrices  $A, B$  are equal if their entries  $a_{ij}, b_{ij}$  coincide.

Some special families of matrices have names:

(i) Square matrices. ( $n \times n$ )

(ii) Diagonal matrices. (the only non-zero entries are  $a_{ii}$ )

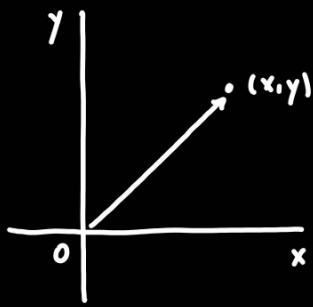
(iii) Upper triangular matrices.  $\leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

(iv) Lower triangular matrices.

(v) Zero matrix.

A vector is a matrix with only one column.  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$  components

The set of all vectors with  $n$  entries is denoted by  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .



$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

vector space

Given a system of linear equations:

$$a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1m}x_m = b_1$$

⋮

$$a_{n1}x_1 + \dots + a_{nm}x_m = b_n$$

augmented  
matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1m} & b_1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nm} & b_n \end{array} \right]$$

we simplify it using three row operations:

(1) Divide a row by a non-zero scalar.

(2) Subtract a multiple of a row from another one.

(3) Swap two rows.

Example:

$$2x + 8y + 4z = 2$$

$$2x + 5y + z = 5$$

$$4x + 10y - z = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 8 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 & 10 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

1. Divide  $R_1$  by 2.

2. Subtract  $2 \cdot R_1$  from  $R_2$ .

3. Subtract  $4 \cdot R_1$  from  $R_3$ .

$$x = 11$$

$$y = -4$$

$$z = 3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 11 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

The simplified form is called reduced row-echelon form:

(i) If a row has non-zero entries, then the first one is a 1.

(leading 1 or pivot)

(ii) If a column contains a leading 1, then all the other entries in the column are

0.

(iii) If a row contains a leading 1, then each row above it contains a

leading 1 further to the left.

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

← bottom row has non-zero entry, but does not have a leading 1.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad \text{is rref!}$$