

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \dots & a_{3n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \quad m \times n$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \quad n \times 1 \qquad B = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \dots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} \quad n \times 1$$

The matrix A is called the coefficient matrix of the given system, the matrix X is called the matrix of unknowns and the matrix B is called the matrix of independent terms.

One can clearly see that the homogeneous system has always one set of solutions $x_1=0, x_2=0, \dots, x_n=0$.

That is the homogeneous system is always consistent. This solution is called the trivial solution of the homogeneous system. Any other solution of the homogeneous system is called the non-trivial solution where at least one of the variables is non zero.

1.3 Maxima

Maxima is a symbolic based mathematical software, catering to the needs of the user requiring to perform mathematical calculations including calculus, numerical analysis, systems of linear equations, polynomials, Fourier series and transforms, and various such mathematical models. Maxima can plot functions in two and three dimensions.

The below examples show the working rule of finding the solution of the homogeneous and non-homogeneous system and their corresponding program using maxima.

2. PROBLEMS

Solve the system of non-homogeneous linear equations

2.1 Solve

$$\begin{aligned} x+2y+3z &= 1 \\ 9x+18y+30z &= 3 \\ 12x+48y+60z &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

The augmented matrix is

$$(A:B) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & : & 1 \\ 9 & 18 & 30 & : & 3 \\ 12 & 48 & 60 & : & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & : & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & : & -6 \\ 0 & 24 & 24 & : & -7 \end{pmatrix} \quad R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 9R_1, \quad R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 12R_1$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & : & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & : & \frac{-7}{24} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & : & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Interchanging } R_2 \text{ and } R_3, \quad R_2 \rightarrow R_2/24, \quad R_3 \rightarrow R_3/3$$

The rank of the coefficient matrix = the rank of the augmented matrix = number of variables
Unique solution exist
the equivalent system is as follows

$$\begin{aligned}x+2y+3z &= 1 \\ y+z &= \frac{-7}{24} \\ z &= -2\end{aligned}$$

On back substitution we get $x = 43/12$ $y = 41/24$ $z = -2$

Maxima program :

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(%i11) A: matrix(
      [1,2,3],
      [9,18,30],
      [12,48,60]
    );
      b:[1,3,5];
      matsolve(A,b);
(%o9)  matrix(
      [1, 2, 3],
      [9, 18, 30],
      [12, 48, 60]
    )
(%o10) [1,3,5]
(%o11) matrix(
      [43/12],
      [41/24],
      [-2]
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2.2 Solve

$$\begin{aligned}x+2y+3z &= 0 \\ y+5z &= 0 \\ 3x+2y+z &= 0 \\ x+3z &= 0\end{aligned}$$

output:

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(%o9) [x=0,y=0,z=0]
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"The given system has trivial solution "

2.3 Solve

$$\begin{aligned}y+x &= 0 \\ -z-y+x &= 0 \\ -z+y+3x &= 0\end{aligned}$$

output:

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(%o8) [x=%r7/2,y=-%r7/2,z=%r7]
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"The given system has non-trivial that is infinite solution "

2.4 Solve

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



output:

(%o11) [x=-1,y=4,z=4]

"The given system has unique solution "

2.5 Solve

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

$$z-2y+x=-2$$

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

output:

"The system has no solution"

2.6 Solve

$$-2z+2y+2x=1$$

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

$$2z+6y+6x=3$$

(%o10) [x=-(2*r3-1)/2,y=r3,z=0]

"The given system has infinite solution "

CONCLUSION

Solving for unknowns is one of the basic building blocks and requirement in Mathematics that we often encounter in life. Throughout our discussion we have solved six types of equations and the solutions we obtain depend upon the rank of the coefficient matrix, rank of the augmented matrix and the number of variables.

Applications of Homogeneous and non-homogeneous system of linear equations are practically embedded into our day to day life, be it age related problems, people and work etc.

These simultaneous equations have various approaches to solve for the variables involved.. Here we have solved three equations in three unknowns using the concept of rank of a matrix and its relationship with the number of variables involved.

The same can be extended to n cross n matrix that can be very cumbersome to solve manually and Maxima comes handy in getting us the quick answers irrespective of the number of equations.

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