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PC: Using Matrices to Solve Systems of Linear Equations

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We can use matrices as a streamlined technique for solving systems of linear equations.

Model:

$$x - 2y + 3z = 9$$

1. Given: $-x + 3y = -4$

$$2x - 5y + 5z = 17$$

Coefficient Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

*constant terms are not included

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Augmented Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & | & 9 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 & | & -4 \\ 2 & -5 & 5 & | & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

*constant terms are included

To solve a linear system of equations we will use an augmented matrix.

To solve a matrix we use the elementary row operations that we discussed.

Remember the 3 elementary row operations are the same three operations that we used to solve the linear systems of equations by elimination.

Goal: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \end{bmatrix}$ Row echelon form

Let's get back to solving the system.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 3 & 9 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 & -4 \\ 2 & -5 & 5 & 17 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2+R_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

R_1+R_2

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & -5 & 5 & 17 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$-2R_1+R_3$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(1, -1, 2)}$$

$-2R_1, -2(4-6) -13$
 $2-5 5 17$

$z=2$

$$\begin{aligned} y+3z &= 5 \\ y+3(2) &= 5 \\ y+6 &= 5 \\ y &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x-2y+3z &= 9 \\ x-2(-1)+3(2) &= 9 \\ x+2+6 &= 9 \\ x+8 &= 9 \\ x &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

This last matrix is said to be in row-echelon form. The term echelon refers to the stair step pattern formed by the nonzero elements of the matrix. To be in row echelon form, a matrix must have these properties:

1. All rows consisting entirely of zeros occur at the bottom of the matrix.
2. For each row that does not consist entirely of zeros, the first nonzero entry is 1 (called a leading 1).
3. For two successive (nonzero) rows, the leading 1 in the higher row is father to the left than the leading 1 in the lower row.

A matrix in row-echelon form is in *reduced row-echelon form* if every column that has a leading 1 has zeros in every position above and below its leading one.

$$\text{Gnd: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Solve the following system using matrices:

$$x + y - 5z = 3$$

$$x - 2z = 1$$

$$2x - y - z = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -5 & | & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & | & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} -R_1 + R_2 \\ -1 -1 5 -3 \\ 1 0 -2 1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -5 & | & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & | & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -5 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & | & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} -2R_1 + R_3 \\ -2 -2 10 -6 \\ 2 -1 -1 0 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -5 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & | & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 9 & | & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3R_2 + R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -5 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 3 & -9 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & 9 & -6 \end{array}$$

infinitely many
solutions

3. Solve the following system using matrices:

$$x - 2y + z = 7$$

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

$$2x + 3y + 2z = 7$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[-3R_1+R_2]{-3R_1+R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 7 & -4 & -19 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 7 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \text{*time out on} \\ R_2, \text{ lets} \\ \text{work on} \\ R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -2R_1+R_3 \\ -2 \ 4 \ -2 \ -14 \\ 2 \ 3 \ 2 \ 7 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 7 & -4 & -19 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 & -7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\frac{1}{7}R_3]{R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 7 & -4 & -19 \end{array} \right] \quad (2, -1, 3)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -7R_2+R_3 \\ 0 \ -7 \ 0 \ 7 \\ 0 \ 7 \ -4 \ -19 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -12 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[-\frac{1}{4}R_3]{-\frac{1}{4}R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} z = 3 \\ y = -1 \\ X - 2y + z = 7 \\ X - 2(-1) + 3 = 7 \\ X + 2 + 3 = 7 \\ X + 5 = 7 \\ X = 2 \end{array}$$

Steps:

1. convert syst. of eqs. into an augmented matrix
2. work to put the matrix in row echelon form $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \end{array} \right]$
3. find the value of z from last row and then back substitute to find y and then x

① 3×2

③ 3×1

⑤ 2×2

② 1×4

④ 3×4

⑥ 6×1

23. (a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & -10 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ (b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & -10 \\ 0 & -5 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$ (c) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(d) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (e) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

24. (a) $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ (b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 \\ 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (c) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 19 \\ 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(d) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 19 \\ 0 & -34 \end{bmatrix}$ (e) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 19 \\ 0 & -34 \end{bmatrix}$ ~~(f)~~ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

26. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

28. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

30. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

32. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

34. $x + 5y = 0$
 $y = -1$
 $(5, -1)$

36. $x + 2y - 2z = -1$
 $y + z = 9$
 $z = -3$

38. $(-2, 4)$

40. $(3, -1, 0)$