

Ex. 1.1

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 - 3x_2 = 8 \\ 6x_1 + x_2 = -36 \end{cases}$$

Elimination Method

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 - 3x_2 = 8 \\ 6x_1 + x_2 = -36 \end{cases} \quad -3E_1 + E_2 \rightarrow E_2 \quad \begin{cases} 2x_1 - 3x_2 = 8 \\ 10x_2 = -60 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{1}{10}E_2 \rightarrow E_2 \quad \begin{cases} 2x_1 - 3x_2 = 8 \\ x_2 = -6 \end{cases}$$

$$3E_2 + E_1 \rightarrow E_1 \quad \begin{cases} 2x_1 = -10 \\ x_2 = -6 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}E_1 \rightarrow E_1 \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = -5 \\ x_2 = -6 \end{cases}$$

\therefore The solution is $(-5, -6)$

(or you could write $\begin{cases} x_1 = -5 \\ x_2 = -6 \end{cases}$)

Check: $E_1: 2(-5) - 3(-6) = 8 \checkmark$

$E_2: 6(-5) + (-6) = -36 \checkmark$

Gauss-Jordan row elimination is the elimination method without writing down redundant information.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -3 & 8 \\ 6 & 1 & -36 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-3R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 10 & -60 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{10}R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{3R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 0 & -10 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore \text{The solution is } \begin{cases} x_1 = -5 \\ x_2 = -6 \end{cases}$$

Example 1.2

a. The given system is represented in augmented matrix form as:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -5 & -3 & -23 \\ -5 & 1 & -2 & -7 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

Gaussian Elimination

zeros below
the leading entries
Created left-to-right.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -5 & -3 & -23 \\ -5 & 1 & -2 & -7 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ -5 & 1 & -2 & -7 \\ 2 & -5 & -3 & -23 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \xrightarrow{5R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \\ & \xrightarrow{-2R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 16 & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & -11 & -5 & -29 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{11}{16} R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 16 & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -47/16 & (-47/2) \end{array} \right]$$

A system equivalent to the given system is :

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 3 \\ 16x_2 + 3x_3 = 8 \\ -\frac{47}{16}x_3 = -\frac{47}{2} \end{cases}$$

Solve bottom-up using back substitution

$$E_3: -\frac{47}{16}x_3 = -\frac{47}{2} \Rightarrow x_3 = 8$$

$$E_2: 16x_2 + 3(8) = 8 \Rightarrow x_2 = -1$$

$$E_1: x_1 + 3(-1) + (8) = 3 \Rightarrow x_1 = -2$$

check, check, check

The solution is $\begin{cases} x_1 = -2 \\ x_2 = -1 \\ x_3 = 8 \end{cases}$

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$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 & -11 \\ 5 & -10 & 0 & -3 & -1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} 2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -5R_1 + R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 & -11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -8 & -21 \end{array} \right]$$

$$-R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & -16 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -8 & -21 \end{array} \right]$$

$$-2R_3 + R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & -16 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 11 \end{array} \right]$$

The last equation in the new (equivalent) system is $0 = 11$, this is called a contradiction. The solution set to the original system is \emptyset .

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

Pivot Columns: For R_1, C_1

For R_2, C_3

R_3 Has no pivot column.

This matrix implies three variables but only has two pivot columns.

The right most column is not a pivot column (So no contradiction)

Situation iii, the system has "an infinite number" of solutions

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 8 & 16 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Pivot Columns: } C_1, C_2$$

Two variables

Situation (i): exactly one solution. $(7, 2)$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Pivot columns: C_1, C_2, C_5

4 variables, 3 pivot columns, right-most column is a pivot column (contradiction)

The equation $0 = 6$ is a contradiction,
So the system is inconsistent. (situation ii)

Row Echelon Form vs. Reduced Row Echelon Form.

your text	every other text & calculator
echelon form	row echelon form (REF)
reduced echelon form	reduced row echelon form (RREF)

Ex. 1.4 a)
$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 3x_2 = -2 \\ 6x_1 - 6x_2 = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 6 & -6 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-3R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -15 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{5}R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -15 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \\ &\xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{15}R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/3 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

\therefore The solution is
$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -1/2 \\ x_2 = -1/3 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Check: } E_1: 2(-1/2) + 3(-1/3) = -2 \checkmark$$

$$E_2: 6(-1/2) - 6(-1/3) = -1 \checkmark$$

b.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -6 & | & -2 \\ 4 & -1 & 3 & | & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & -8 & | & -4 \end{bmatrix} R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -8 & | & -4 \\ 4 & -1 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -6 & | & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -8 & | & -4 \\ 0 & 11 & -29 & | & -15 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & | & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}R_3 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -8 & | & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 11 & -29 & | & -15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-11R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 8 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & | & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-1R_1 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$\frac{1}{4}R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 8 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-8R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$3R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & | & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

By golly, the solution to the given system
is $\begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = -4 \\ x_3 = -1 \end{cases}$ ✓, ✓, ✓
(for reals!)

P4w #6

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 4 & 3 & 1 & -7 \\ 6 & -12 & -7 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} 2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -6R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -13 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{5}R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -49/5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$-\frac{5}{49}R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -2R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ 3R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \end{array} \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{5}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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

\therefore Since the new third equation is $0=1$,
the given system has no solution.

1.4c)

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} -1 & 6 & -2 & 0 & 9 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 5 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 & 5 & 8 \\ -3 & -1 & 1 & -7 & -6 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} 3R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ 2R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ -3R_1 + R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} -1 & 6 & -2 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 16 & -5 & 5 & 26 \\ 0 & 16 & -5 & 5 & 26 \\ 0 & -19 & 7 & -7 & -33 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -1R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ \frac{19}{16}R_2 + R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} -1 & 6 & -2 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 16 & -5 & 5 & 26 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 17/16 & -17/16 & -17/8 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\frac{16}{17}R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} -1 & 6 & -2 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 16 & -5 & 5 & 26 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \leftrightarrow R_4 \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} -1 & 6 & -2 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 16 & -5 & 5 & 26 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ 5R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} -1 & 6 & 0 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 16 & 0 & 0 & 16 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{16}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -1R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -6 & 0 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1/16 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$6R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1/8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1/16 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

\therefore A system equivalent to the given system
 is:
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_4 = 1 \\ x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = -2 \\ 0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

This equivalent system is a dependent system of equations (fewer ^{non-zero} eqs < unknowns, no contradictions).

The general solution is:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -2x_4 + 1 \\ x_2 = 1 \\ x_3 = x_4 - 2 \\ x_4 \text{ is a free variable} \end{cases}$$

[note: x_1 & x_3 are dependent variables
 (dependent upon the value chosen for x_4).
 x_2 is a fixed variable]

Two specific solutions are: $\begin{cases} x_1 = -3 \\ x_2 = 1 \\ x_3 = 0 \\ x_4 = 2 \end{cases}$ and $\begin{cases} x_1 = 15 \\ x_2 = 1 \\ x_3 = -9 \\ x_4 = -7 \end{cases}$

Check the general solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eq 1: } & -(-2x_4 + 1) + 6(1) - 2(x_4 - 2) \\ & = 2x_4 - 1 + 6 - 2x_4 + 4 \\ & = 9 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eq 2: } & 3(-2x_4 + 1) - 2(1) + (x_4 - 2) + 5(x_4) \\ & = -6x_4 + 3 - 2 + x_4 - 2 + 5x_4 \\ & = -1 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Eq 3: } & 2(-2x_4 + 1) + 4(1) - (x_4 - 2) + 5(x_4) \\
 & = -4x_4 + 2 + 4 - x_4 + 2 + 5x_4 \\
 & = 8 \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Eq 4: } & -3(-2x_4 + 1) - (1) + (x_4 - 2) - 7(x_4) \\
 & = 6x_4 - 3 - 1 + x_4 - 2 - 7x_4 \\
 & = -6 \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex: 1.5 a. $\begin{cases} x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3 - 3x_4 = 2 \\ x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 = -3 \end{cases}$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{2R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 11 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

A system equivalent to the given system is:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_4 = -4 \\ x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 = -3 \end{cases}$$

\therefore The general solution is:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -x_4 - 4 \\ x_2 = x_3 - 2x_4 - 3 \\ x_3 \text{ is a free variable} \\ x_4 \text{ is a free variable} \end{cases}$$

and two specific solutions are

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -4 \\ x_2 = -2 \\ x_3 = 1 \\ x_4 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = -5 \\ x_2 = -5 \\ x_3 = 0 \\ x_4 = 1 \end{cases}$$

1.5 b) $\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 6x_2 + 5x_3 = -2 \\ -x_1 - 3x_2 + 3x_3 = 1 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 5 & | & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & 3 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The general solution is:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -3x_2 - 1 \\ x_2 \text{ is free} \\ x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Two specific solutions are

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -4 \\ x_2 = 1 \\ x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = -7 \\ x_2 = 2 \\ x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

OK// $2(-4) + 6(1) + 5(0) = -2 \checkmark$

$-(-4) - 3(1) + 3(0) = 1 \checkmark$

$2(-7) + 6(2) + 5(0) = -2 \checkmark$

$-(-7) - 3(2) + 3(0) = 1 \checkmark$

Ex. 1.6:
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = a \\ x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 = b \\ -2x_1 - 8x_2 + 5x_3 = c \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & | & a \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & | & b \\ -2 & -8 & 5 & | & c \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ 2R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & | & a \\ 0 & 2 & -3 & | & -a+b \\ 0 & -6 & 9 & | & 2a+c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{3R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & | & a \\ 0 & 2 & -3 & | & -a+b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & -a+3b+c \end{bmatrix}$$

\therefore This system is consistent if and only if $-a + 3b + c = 0$; i.e. $c = a - 3b$

Check:

① $a=1, b=1, c=-2$

② $a=1, b=1, c=0$

① $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & | & 1 \\ -2 & -8 & 5 & | & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7/2 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3/2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{no contradiction!}$

② $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & | & 1 \\ -2 & -8 & 5 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7/2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3/2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{contradiction!}$
 Checked!

Ex. 1.7 //

Table 1:	Flow rate in = Flow rate out
A	$25 + 50 = x_1 + x_4$
B	$x_1 = x_2 + 50$
C	$x_2 + x_3 + 25 = 150$
D	$x_4 + 100 = x_3$

Flow rate system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_4 = 75 \\ x_1 - x_2 = 50 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 125 \\ x_3 - x_4 = 100 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 75 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 50 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 125 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 100 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 75 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 25 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 100 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

General Solution :

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -x_4 + 75 \\ x_2 = -x_4 + 25 \\ x_3 = x_4 + 100 \\ x_4 \text{ is free} \end{cases}$$

Flow rates cannot be negative.

$$\therefore 0 \leq x_4 \leq 25 \quad (x_2 \text{ cannot be negative})$$

$$\therefore 50 \leq x_1 \leq 75$$

$$0 \leq x_2 \leq 25$$

$$100 \leq x_3 \leq 125$$

$$0 \leq x_4 \leq 25$$