

# LECTURE 1

# GKA 6035

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- Lecture plan:
- ① Intro to GKA 6035
  - ② Linear Systems
  - ③ Gaussian elimination
  - ④ Rank of a matrix

Notes:

[L6E] Ch. 1-3  
(+ [FMEA] Ch. 1.3-1.4)

## ① Intro to GKA 6035

- Lectures
- Problem Sessions
- Exam →

Midterm 30/09  
Final ~~12/12~~ 12/12  
(~~temporary date~~)  
(~~not finalized~~)

- Reading
- Prerequisites

See syllabus /  
It's Learning

## ② Linear Systems

A linear equation in  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  (variables) is of the form

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

where  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  and  $b$  are fixed numbers (parameters).

Ex:

$$x_1 + x_2 = 7$$
$$x + 2y - z = 13$$

Linear equations have graphs that are straight lines (two vars) / planes (three vars).

A linear system in  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  (variables) is a collection of one or more linear equations in these variables.

In general:  $m \times n$  linear system

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} m \\ \text{equations} \end{array}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{n \text{ variables}}$

Ex: 
$$\begin{array}{l} x + y = 4 \\ x - y = 2 \end{array} \quad (2 \times 2 \text{ lin. system})$$

A solution of a linear system in  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is an  $n$ -tuple  $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n)$  such that

$$x_1 = s_1, x_2 = s_2, \dots, x_n = s_n$$

solve all equations simultaneously.

Ex:  $x+y=4$   
 $x-y=2$

Substitution

$$x+y=4 \Rightarrow y=4-x$$

$$x-y=2$$

$$x-(4-x)=2$$

$$2x-4=2$$

$$x=3$$

$$\rightarrow y=4-3=1$$

$$(x,y) = \underline{\underline{(3,1)}}$$

Elimination

$$x+y=4$$

$$x-y=2$$

$$\hline 2x = 6$$

$$x=3$$

←  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{var. } y \\ \text{is} \\ \text{eliminated} \end{array} \right\}$

$$\rightarrow x+y=4$$

$$y=4-x$$

$$=4-3=1$$

$$x+y=4$$

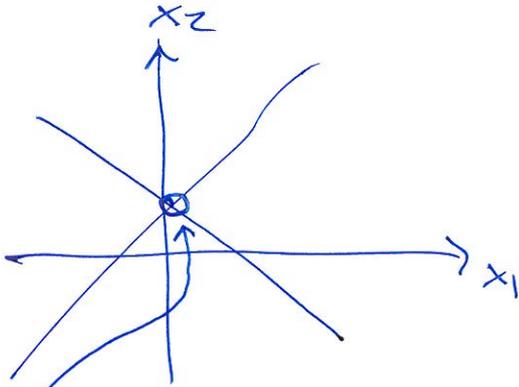
$$x-y=2$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{l} x+y=4 \\ 2x=6 \end{array} \right)$$

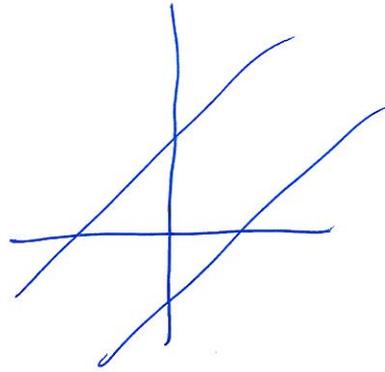
## Solution types:

Ex:  $2 \times 2$  system

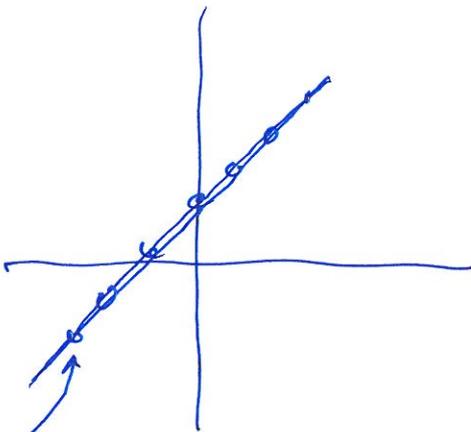
$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 = b_2 \end{cases}$$



non-parallel lines  
one solution



parallel lines, but different  
no solutions



parallel lines, the same  
infinitely many solutions  
(all points on the line)

### Theorem:

Any linear system ( $m \times n$ )

has either

- one solution
- no solutions
- infinitely many solutions

## ② Gaussian elimination

— Operate on systems not equations

$$\begin{array}{l} x+y=4 \\ x-y=2 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x+y=4 \\ 2x=6 \end{array}$$

It is useful to have a shorter notation.

A matrix is a rectangular array of numbers.

The coefficient matrix of a linear system

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} x+y=4 \\ x-y=2 \end{array}$$

The augmented matrix

$$\hat{A} = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} x+y=4 \\ x-y=2 \end{array}$$

Notation:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 6 \end{array} \right)$$

means

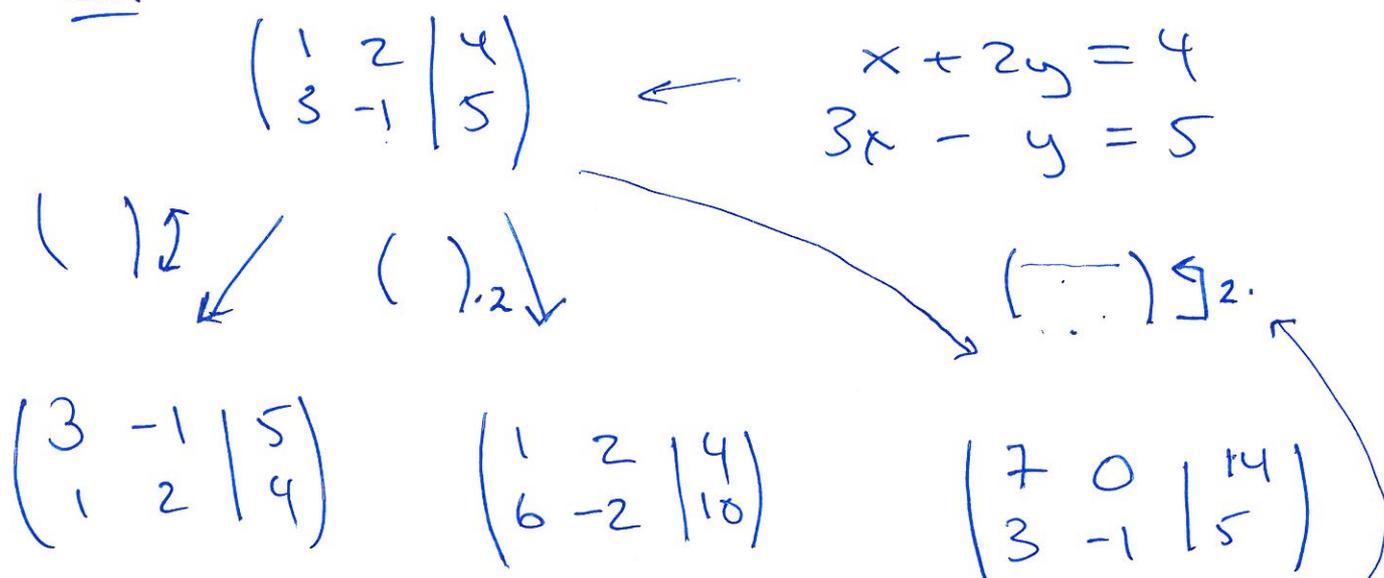
$$\begin{array}{l} x+y=4 \\ x-y=2 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x+y=4 \\ 2x=6 \end{array}$$

- Allowed operations = Operations that preserve the solutions of the system

Row operations = Elementary row operation

- ① Interchange two rows
- ② Multiply a row with a non-zero constant number
- ③ Change a row by adding to it a multiple of another row

Ex:



Many other notations are possible, such as:

$$\begin{cases} \text{Row 1} := \text{Row 1} + 2 \text{Row 2} \\ \text{Row 2} = \text{unchanged} \end{cases}$$

Fact:

- Row operations are allowed (preserve solutions)
- All linear systems can be solved using elementary row operations.

Target: to eliminate as many variables as possible using elementary row op.

Ex. 1:

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 4 \\ x - y &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 4 \\ -2y &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 4 \\ & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-1} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & \textcircled{-2} & -2 \end{array} \right)$$

↑  
want to get 0 in this position

Row operation:

$$R_1 \leftarrow R_1$$

$$R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + (-1) \cdot R_1$$

Back substitution:

$$\begin{aligned} -2y &= -2 & x + y &= 4 \\ y &= \underline{1} & x &= \underline{3} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 2:

$$\begin{aligned} S + 0.05C &= 5,000 \\ 0.4S + F + 0.4C &= 40,000 \\ 0.1S + 0.1F + C &= 10,000 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0.05 & 5,000 \\ 0.4 & 1 & 0.4 & 40,000 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 & 1 & 10,000 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-0.4} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0.05 & 5,000 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0.38 & 38,000 \\ 0 & 0.1 & 0.995 & 9,500 \end{array} \right)$$

eliminate S from }  
eq. (2) and (3)

eliminate F }  
from eq. (3)

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 5,000 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 38,000 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{0.957} \end{array} \right)$$

← { we cannot eliminate any more vars

This means:

$$\begin{aligned} S + 0.05C &= 5,000 \\ F + 0.38C &= 38,000 \\ 0.957C &= 5,700 \Rightarrow C = \underline{5,956} \\ F &= 38,000 - 0.38 \cdot (5,956) = \underline{35,737} \\ S &= 5,000 - 0.05 \cdot (5,956) = \underline{4,702} \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

~~$$\begin{aligned} S &= 4,702 \\ F &= 35,737 \\ C &= 4, \end{aligned}$$~~

$$\begin{aligned} S &= 4,702 \\ F &= 35,737 \\ C &= \underline{\underline{5,956}} \end{aligned}$$

(rounded to the nearest dollar)

## Echelon forms:

Pivot = the first non-zero number in a row in the matrix.

Echelon form = all entries under a pivot are zero

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ echelon form}$$

Augmented matrix in echelon form

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Stop the row operations.

## Gaussian elimination:

lin. sys.

→

augmented matrix

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row operations

echelon form

←

lin. sys.  
w/ variables eliminated

↓

back substitution

↓

solution

## Variation: Gauss-Jordan elimination

A reduced echelon form is a matrix such that

\* all entries under a pivot are zero

\*  $\begin{array}{c} | \\ \hline | \\ \hline | \end{array}$  over  $\begin{array}{c} | \\ \hline | \\ \hline | \end{array}$

\* all pivots are 1

Ex:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} \textcircled{3} & 7 & 4 \\ 0 & \textcircled{2} & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

echelon form

but not reduced echelon form

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$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0.17 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0.5 \end{array} \right)$$

reduced echelon form

When we continue with row operations until we get a reduced echelon form, the method is called Gauss-Jordan elimination.

Facts: -  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{When we use row operations on a given matrix,} \\ \text{an echelon form is not unique, but the} \\ \text{reduced echelon form is unique} \end{array} \right.$

- Pivot positions =  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{positions where there are} \\ \text{pivots in an echelon} \\ \text{form (after row operations)} \end{array} \right.$

The pivot positions are unique; that is, all echelon forms we get to from a given matrix has the same pivot positions

# Systems with no solutions:

Ex:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{7} & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{3} \end{array} \right)$$

echelon form

$$x + 2y + 3z = 5$$

$$7z = 4$$

$$0 = 3$$

↑

no solutions

A linear system has no solutions (inconsistent)



= pivot position in last column.

An echelon form has a pivot in the last column.

A pivot position is a position in the matrix where there is a pivot when the matrix is reduced to an echelon form.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{7} & 4 \\ \textcircled{1} & 2 & 10 & 12 \end{array} \right)$$

→ ... →

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{7} & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{3} \end{array} \right)$$



## Summary:

(a)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{System is consistent} \iff \text{no pivot position} \\ \text{(at least one sol'n.)} \quad \text{in the last col.} \\ \\ \text{System is inconsistent} \iff \text{pivot position} \\ \text{(no sol'n.)} \quad \text{in the last column.} \end{array} \right.$

b) Assume that the system is consistent

all variables are basic (one solution)  $\iff$  pivot positions in all columns to the left of the line

Some variables are free (infinitely many sol'n.)  $\iff$  at least one column to the left of the line without a pivot position.

degrees of freedom  
 $= \#$  free variables

## ④ Rank

The rank of a matrix is the number of pivot positions

$$\text{rk } A = \# \text{ pivot positions in } A$$

A  $m \times n$ -matrix:  $\text{rk } A \leq m, \text{rk } A \leq n$   
 $\text{rk } A = 0 \iff$  all entries in  $A$  are zero

Ex

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & \textcircled{-3} & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

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row operations

↑  
three pivot positions

$$\text{rk} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{3}}$$

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Next Lecture: Thursday 01/09 at 17.00 in C1-010

- More details for this lecture: See "Linear Systems and Gaussian Elimination" (notes in It's Learning)
- Work through exercises from Problem Sheet 1.