

## 5.5 Systems of Linear Equations

Variables:  $x, y, z, x_1, x_2, \dots$

Real numbers:  $a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots$

Determinants:  $D, D_x, D_y, D_z$

Matrices:  $A, B, X$

**544.**  $\begin{cases} a_1x + b_1y = d_1 \\ a_2x + b_2y = d_2 \end{cases}$ ,

$$x = \frac{D_x}{D}, y = \frac{D_y}{D} \text{ (Cramer's rule),}$$

where

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} = a_1b_2 - a_2b_1,$$

$$D_x = \begin{vmatrix} d_1 & b_1 \\ d_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} = d_1b_2 - d_2b_1,$$

$$D_y = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & d_1 \\ a_2 & d_2 \end{vmatrix} = a_1d_2 - a_2d_1.$$

**545.** If  $D \neq 0$ , then the system has a single solution:

$$x = \frac{D_x}{D}, y = \frac{D_y}{D}.$$

If  $D=0$  and  $D_x \neq 0$  (or  $D_y \neq 0$ ), then the system has no solution.

If  $D=D_x=D_y=0$ , then the system has infinitely many solutions.

**546.**  $\begin{cases} a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = d_1 \\ a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = d_2 \\ a_3x + b_3y + c_3z = d_3 \end{cases}$

$$x = \frac{D_x}{D}, y = \frac{D_y}{D}, z = \frac{D_z}{D} \text{ (Cramer's rule),}$$

where

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}, D_x = \begin{vmatrix} d_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ d_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ d_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix},$$

$$D_y = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & d_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & d_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & d_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}, D_z = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & d_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & d_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & d_3 \end{vmatrix}.$$

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- 548.** Matrix Form of a System of n Linear Equations in n Unknowns

The set of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \dots \dots \dots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n \end{cases}$$

can be written in matrix form

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix},$$

i.e.

$$A \cdot X = B,$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

**549. Solution of a Set of Linear Equations  $n \times n$**

$$X = A^{-1} \cdot B,$$

where  $A^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $A$ .