

# Math 1050 ~ College Algebra

## 22 Systems of Linear Equations and Applications

### Learning Objectives

$$\begin{aligned} -3x + 4y &= 5 \\ 2x - y &= -10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

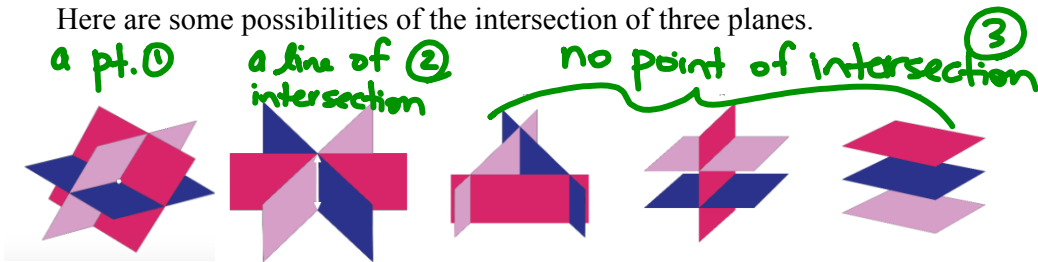
$$\sum_{k=1}^m k = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n z^k = \frac{1-z^{n+1}}{1-z}$$

- Solve systems of three linear equations in three variables.
- Interpret solutions to  $3 \times 3$  systems of linear equations.
- Solve applications of linear equations in three variables.

A **linear equation in three variables**,  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  is an equation of the form  $ax + by + cz = d$  where  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are constants and at least one of  $a, b$  and  $c$  is nonzero. Such an equation represents a plane in 3-D space.

Here are some possibilities of the intersection of three planes.



We will solve these equations by using linear combinations. Your goal is to solve for  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ . This procedure is called **Elimination**.

Here are the legitimate actions you may take.

1. Exchange two rows.
  2. Multiply a row by a nonzero constant.
  3. Temporarily multiply a row by a nonzero constant and add it to another row, replacing either of those rows with the result.
- strategy for solving a system of linear eqns.

Ex 1: Solve this system by using Elimination.

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} \quad x - y + z = 4 \\ \textcircled{2} \quad x + 3y - 2z = -3 \\ \textcircled{3} \quad 3x + 2y + 2z = 6 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2x - 2y + 2z = 8 \\ x - y + z = 4 \\ x + 3y - 2z = -3 \\ 4x + 5y = 3 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{l} x - y + z = 4 \quad \textcircled{1} \\ 3x + y = 5 \quad \textcircled{2} \\ 4x + 5y = 3 \quad \textcircled{3} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -15x - 5y = -25 \\ \textcircled{2} \quad 3x + y = 5 \quad (-5) \\ \textcircled{3} \quad 4x + 5y = 3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{2} \quad 3x + y = 5 \\ \textcircled{3} \quad -11x = -22 \Leftrightarrow x = 2 \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x - y + z = 4$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 3(2) + y = 5 \Leftrightarrow y = -1$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2 - (-1) + z = 4 \\ 3 + z = 4 \\ z = 1 \end{array}$$

**Solution:**  $(2, -1, 1)$  the three planes intersect in this one pt.

Ex 2: Solve

$$\begin{aligned} -3x+6y-3z &= -12 & \textcircled{1} \\ x-2y+z &= 4 & \textcircled{2} \\ 3x-6y+3z &= 7 & \textcircled{3} \\ 2x+y+4z &= 2 & \textcircled{4} \end{aligned}$$

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

$D = -5$  this is a problem

because  $D \neq -5$  (i.e.  $D = -5$  is not a true statement), we know there is no pt of intersection.

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Ex 3: Solve

$$\begin{aligned} x-2y-z &= -5 & \textcircled{1} \\ 2x+y+z &= 5 & \textcircled{2} \end{aligned}$$

(geometrically, we have only 2 planes which means they can intersect either in a line or not at all)

$$\begin{aligned} x-2y-z &= -5 & \textcircled{1} \\ 3x-y &= 0 & \textcircled{2} \end{aligned}$$

solve  $\textcircled{2}$  for  $y$ .  $y = 3x$   $\textcircled{2}$

substitute into  $\textcircled{1}$ .

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

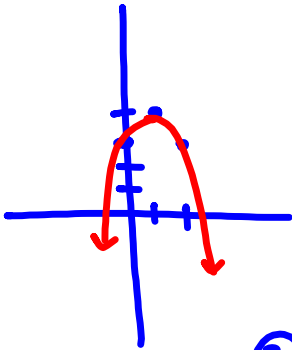
$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x \\ y &= 3x \\ z &= 5-5x \end{aligned} \right\} \text{line of intersection}$$

or we can write answer as

$$(x, 3x, 5-5x)$$

or  $(t, 3t, 5-5t)$

Ex 4: Find the equation of the parabola,  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  that passes through these three points, (0,3), (1,4) and (2,3).



$$\begin{array}{l}
 \textcircled{1} \quad 3 = 0 + 0 + c \quad 3 = c \\
 \textcircled{2} \quad 4 = a(1) + b(1) + c \quad 4 = a + b + c \\
 \textcircled{3} \quad 3 = a(4) + b(2) + c \quad 3 = 4a + 2b + c
 \end{array}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{array}} \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \textcircled{2} \quad 4 = a + b + 3 \quad 1 = a + b \\
 \textcircled{3} \quad 3 = 4a + 2b + 3 \quad 0 = 4a + 2b
 \end{array}
 \Leftrightarrow$$

choose substitution method.  $\textcircled{3} \quad 2b = -4a$   
 $b = -2a$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 1 = a + (-2a)$$

$$1 = -a$$

$$\textcircled{a = -1}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = -2(-1)$$

$$\textcircled{b = 2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  we have parabola

$$\boxed{y = -x^2 + 2x + 3}$$