

## S' 5.1, 5.2 Systems of Linear Equations

Substitution

Elimination

→ Gaussian - Back-substitution  
w/ w/o matrices

→ Gauss-Jordan - Back-elimination

Write much, think little.

$$\underline{x} + y + z = 6$$

$$2x - 2y - z = -5 \rightarrow$$

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

$$x + y + z = 6$$

$$ay + bz = c$$

$$dy + ez = f$$

Aiming for triangular system

$$x + y + z = 6$$

$$y + az = b$$

$$z = c$$

Now, Gauss says use

$z = c$  to back-substitute  
to the solution.

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 E1 & x + y + z = 6 & E1 \quad x + y + z = 6 \\
 E2 & 2x - 2y - z = -5 & -2E1 + E2 \quad -4y - 3z = -17 \\
 E3 & 3x + y - z = 2 & -3E1 + E3 \quad y + 2z = 8
 \end{array}$$

Scratch:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 -2E1 \quad -2x - 2y - 2z = -12 \\
 E2 \quad \underline{2x - 2y - z = -5} \\
 -2E1 + E2 \quad -4y - 3z = -17 \\
 \\
 -3E1 \quad -3x - 3y - 3z = -18 \\
 E3 \quad \underline{3x + y - z = 2} \\
 -3E1 + E3 \quad -2y - 4z = -16 \\
 x - \frac{1}{2} \quad y + 2z = 8
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 x + y + z = 6 & & x + y + z = 6 \\
 y + 2z = 8 & & y + 2z = 8 \\
 E2 \leftrightarrow E3 & \text{circled } -4y - 3z = -17 & 4E2 + E3 \quad z = 3
 \end{array}$$

Scratch:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4E2 \quad 4y + 8z = 32 \\
 E3 \quad \underline{-4y - 3z = -17} \\
 5z = 15 \\
 z = 3
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \boxed{z=3} \Rightarrow \\
 y + 2z = y + 2(3) = y + 6 = 8 \\
 \boxed{y=2} \Rightarrow \\
 x + y + z = x + 2 + 3 = x + 5 = 6 \\
 \boxed{x=1}
 \end{array}$$

This is 3 planes intersecting at the point  $(x, y, z) = (1, 2, 3)$

Solution Set:  $\{(1, 2, 3)\}$

3 things can happen when trying to solve a system.

- ① Unique Solution - A single point Independent
- ② No Solution - Inconsistent.
- ③ Infinitely Many solutions - Dependent.

Re-do previous with matrices!

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 & -5 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} E1 \\ -2E1+E2 \\ -3E1+E3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -4 & -3 & -17 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 & -16 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} E3 \\ \cdot 2 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -4 & -3 & -17 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 8 \end{array} \right] E1 \leftrightarrow E2 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & -4 & -3 & -17 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} E1 \\ E2 \\ 4E2+E3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 15 \end{array} \right] \frac{1}{5} E2 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$z = 3, \text{ etc.}$$

What if there isn't a unique solution?

$$\begin{array}{l} E1 \quad y + z = 5 \\ E2 \quad 3y + 3z = 15 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} E1 \\ -3E1 + E2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} y + z = 5 \\ \boxed{0 = 0} \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 3 & 15 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} y + z = 5 \\ y = 5 - z \end{array}$$

$$\left\{ (y, z) \mid (5 - z, z), \text{ where } z \text{ is real} \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x - y + z = 7 \\ y + z = 5 \\ 3y + 3z = 15 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{same step}} \begin{array}{l} x - y + z = 7 \\ y + z = 5 \\ 0 = 0 \end{array}$$

So  $z$  is free!  $\boxed{y = 5 - z}$ , so

$$x - y + z = x - (5 - z) + z = x - 5 + 2z = 7$$

$$x + 2z = 12$$

$$\boxed{x = 12 - 2z}$$

$$\text{Solution set } \left\{ (12 - 2z, 5 - z, z) \mid z \text{ is real} \right\}$$

one free variable.

one-dimensional solution set.

Solution set is a line in 3-space.

Another representation:

$$\left\{ (x, y, z) \mid x = 12 - 2z, y = 5 - z, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Dependent & consistent

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 x - y + z = 7 & & x - y + z = 7 \\
 y + z = 5 & \rightsquigarrow & y + z = 5 \\
 3y + 3z = 7 & & 0 = -8 \quad !? \\
 & & \underline{\text{FALSE}}
 \end{array}$$

This shows that there is no solution:

Our system-solving technique rests on the assumption that there IS a solution. Reasoning correctly from a faulty premise leads to the absurdity,  $0 = -8$ .

The faulty premise: "There is a solution"  
So, There must NOT be a solution.

$z = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $z = \text{all reals}$  BAD  
 $z \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $z \text{ is any real}$  GOOD

§ 5.3 other systems

we use substitution, exclusively.  $5x - y = 6$

$$5x - y = 6$$

$$y = x^2$$

$$5x - y = 5x - x^2 = 6$$

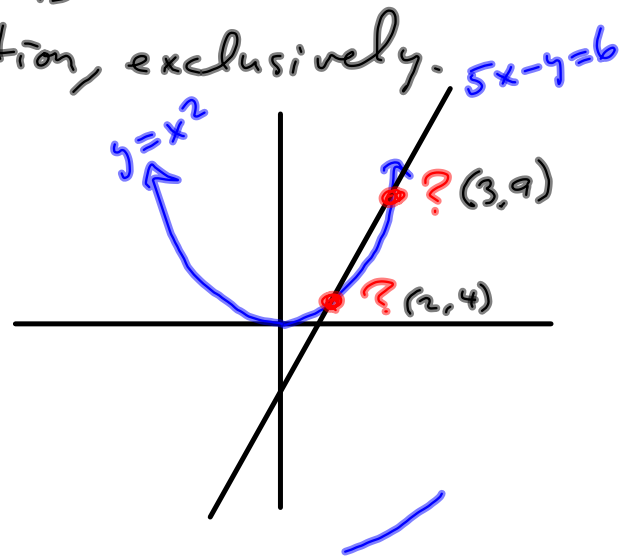
$$-x^2 + 5x - 6 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-2) = 0$$

$$x=2, x=3$$

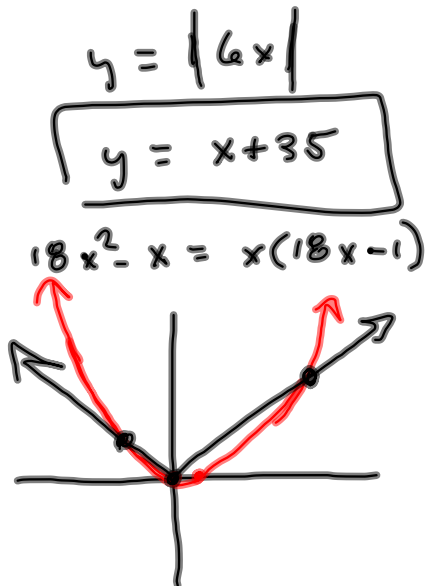
$$y=4, y=9 \text{ from } y = x^2$$



Solution Set:

$$\{(2, 4), (3, 9)\}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y = 18x^2 - x \\ y = x \end{array} \right\} x = 18x^2 - x$$



$$|6x| = x + 35$$

$$6x = x + 35 \quad \text{OR} \quad 6x = -x - 35$$

$$5x = 35 \quad \text{OR} \quad 7x = -35$$

$$x = 7 \quad \text{OR} \quad x = -5$$

$$y = 42 \quad \text{OR} \quad y = 30$$

$$\{(7, 42), (-5, 30)\}$$

$$-5 + 35 = 30$$

$$y = \sqrt{x}$$
$$y = 5x$$

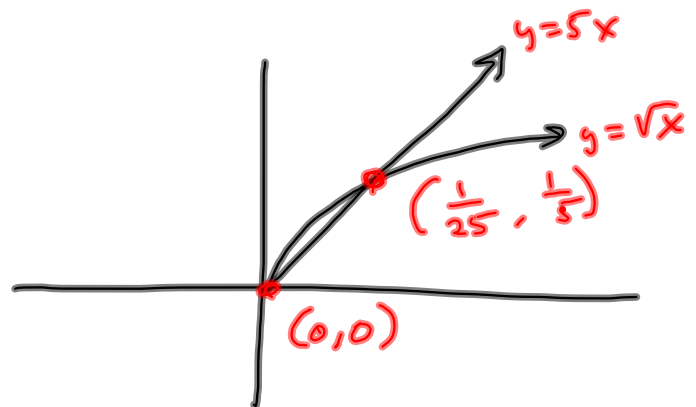
$$5x = \sqrt{x}$$
$$(5x)^2 = (\sqrt{x})^2$$

$$25x^2 = x$$

$$25x^2 - x = 0$$

$$x(25x - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ OR } x = \frac{1}{25}$$





$$y = x^3 - 4x$$

$$y = x$$

$$x = x^3 - 4x = x$$

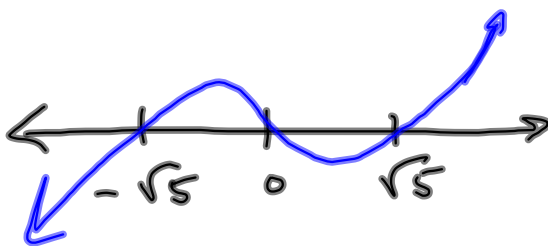
$$x^3 - 5x = 0$$

$$x(x^2 - 5) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x^2 - 5 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 5$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{5}$$



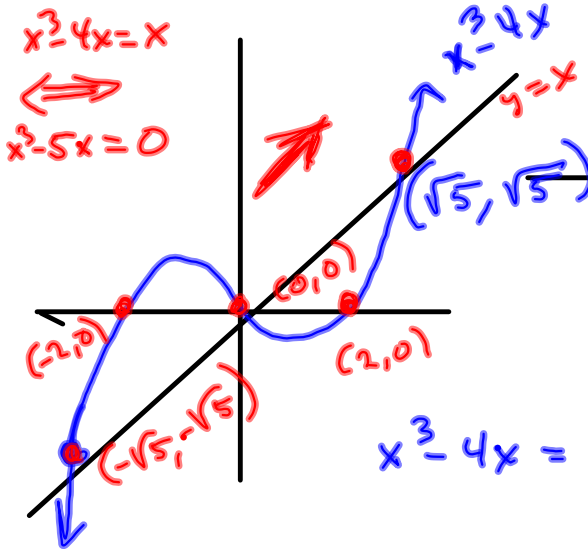
Graph of

$$x^3 - 5x$$

The zeros of  $x^3 - 5x$

are the roots of the equation

$$x^3 - 4x = x$$



$$x^3 - 4x = x(x^2 - 4) = x(x + 2)(x - 2)$$