

W3 – Solving Linear Systems by ELIMINATION

Unit 1

MPM2D

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1) Solve using the method of elimination

a) $l_1: x + y = 2$
 $l_2: 3x - y = 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} l_1 \rightarrow x + y = 2 \\ l_2 \rightarrow 3x - y = 2 \quad + \\ \hline 4x = 4 \\ x = 1 \end{array}$$

sub $x=1$ into l_1

$$\begin{array}{r} x + y = 2 \\ 1 + y = 2 \\ y = 1 \end{array}$$

solution: $x=1, y=1$

b) $l_1: x - y = -1$
 $l_2: 3x + y = -7$

$$\begin{array}{r} l_1 \rightarrow x - y = -1 \\ l_2 \rightarrow 3x + y = -7 \quad + \\ \hline 4x = -8 \\ x = -2 \end{array}$$

sub $x=-2$ into l_1 :

$$\begin{array}{r} x - y = -1 \\ -2 - y = -1 \\ -1 = y \end{array}$$

solution: $x=-2, y=-1$

c) $l_1: 3x + 3y = 7$
 $l_2: x + y = 3$

$$\begin{array}{r} l_1 \rightarrow 3x + 3y = 7 \\ 3 \times l_2 \rightarrow 3x + 3y = 9 \quad - \\ \hline 0x + 0y = -2 \end{array}$$

No solutions. The lines are parallel and distinct.

d) $l_1: 5x + 2y = -11$
 $l_2: 3x + 2y = -9$

$$\begin{array}{r} l_1 \rightarrow 5x + 2y = -11 \\ l_2 \rightarrow 3x + 2y = -9 \quad - \\ \hline 2x = -2 \\ x = -1 \end{array}$$

sub $x=-1$ into l_2

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 2y = -9 \\ 3(-1) + 2y = -9 \\ -3 + 2y = -9 \\ 2y = -6 \\ y = -3 \end{array}$$

solution: $x=-1, y=-3$ **2) Find the point of intersection of each pair of lines**

a) $l_1: x + 2y = 2$
 $l_2: 3x + 5y = 4$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \times l_1 \rightarrow 3x + 6y = 6 \\ l_2 \rightarrow 3x + 5y = 4 \quad - \\ \hline y = 2 \end{array}$$

sub $y=2$ into l_1

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 2y = 2 \\ x + 2(2) = 2 \\ x + 4 = 2 \\ x = -2 \end{array}$$

solution: $x=-2, y=2$

b) $l_1: 3x + 5y = 12$
 $l_2: 2x - y = -5$

$$\begin{array}{r} l_1 \rightarrow 3x + 5y = 12 \\ 5 \times l_2 \rightarrow 10x - 5y = -25 \quad + \\ \hline 13x = -13 \\ x = -1 \end{array}$$

sub $x=-1$ into l_2

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - y = -5 \\ 2(-1) - y = -5 \\ -2 - y = -5 \\ -2 + 5 = y \\ y = 3 \end{array}$$

solution: $x=-1, y=3$

c) $l_1: 3x + y = 13$
 $l_2: 2x + 3y = 18$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \times l_1 \rightarrow 9x + 3y = 39 \\ l_2 \rightarrow 2x + 3y = 18 \quad - \\ \hline 7x = 21 \\ x = 3 \end{array}$$

sub $x=3$ into l_1
 $3x + y = 13$
 $3(3) + y = 13$
 $9 + y = 13$
 $y = 4$

solution: $x=3, y=4$

d) $l_1: 6x + 5y = 12$
 $l_2: 3x - 4y = 6$

$$\begin{array}{r} l_1 \rightarrow 6x + 5y = 12 \\ 2 \times l_2 \rightarrow 6x - 8y = 12 \quad - \\ \hline 13y = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{array}$$

sub $y=0$ into l_1
 $6x + 5y = 12$
 $6x + 5(0) = 12$
 $6x = 12$
 $x = 2$

solution: $x=2, y=0$

3) Solve by elimination

a) $l_1: 3x - 2y = 5$
 $l_2: 2x + 3y = 12$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \times l_1 \rightarrow 6x - 4y = 10 \\ 3 \times l_2 \rightarrow 6x + 9y = 36 \quad - \\ \hline -13y = -26 \\ y = 2 \end{array}$$

sub $y=2$ into l_2
 $2x + 3y = 12$
 $2x + 3(2) = 12$
 $2x + 6 = 12$
 $2x = 6$
 $x = 3$

solution: $x=3, y=2$

b) $l_1: 5m + 2n = 5$
 $l_2: 2m + 3n = 13$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \times l_1 \rightarrow 10m + 4n = 10 \\ 5 \times l_2 \rightarrow 10m + 15n = 65 \quad - \\ \hline -11n = -55 \\ n = 5 \end{array}$$

sub $n=5$ into l_1
 $5m + 2n = 5$
 $5m + 2(5) = 5$
 $5m + 10 = 5$
 $5m = -5$
 $m = -1$

solution: $m=-1, n=5$

c) $l_1: 3a - 4b = 10$
 $l_2: 5a - 12b = 6$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \times l_1 \rightarrow 9a - 12b = 30 \\ l_2 \rightarrow 5a - 12b = 6 \quad - \\ \hline 4a = 24 \\ a = 6 \end{array}$$

sub $a=6$ into l_1
 $3a - 4b = 10$
 $3(6) - 4b = 10$
 $18 - 10 = 4b$
 $8 = 4b$
 $b = 2$

solution: $a=6, b=2$

d) $l_1: 3h - 4k = 5$
 $l_2: 5h + 3k = -11$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \times l_1 \rightarrow 9h - 12k = 15 \\ 4 \times l_2 \rightarrow 20h + 12k = -44 \quad + \\ \hline 29h = -29 \\ h = -1 \end{array}$$

sub $h=-1$ into l_2
 $5h + 3k = -11$
 $5(-1) + 3k = -11$
 $-5 + 3k = -11$
 $3k = -6$
 $k = -2$

solution: $h=-1, k=-2$

4) Mehrab works in a department store selling sports equipment. Baseball gloves cost \$29 each and bats cost \$14 each. One shift, he sells 28 items. His receipts total \$647.

a) How many bats did Mehrab sell?

$x = \# \text{ of gloves}$
 $y = \# \text{ of bats}$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x + y = 28$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 29x + 14y = 647$$

$$14 \times \textcircled{1} \rightarrow 14x + 14y = 392$$

$$\textcircled{2} \rightarrow \underline{29x + 14y = 647} \quad -$$

$$-15x = -255$$

$$x = 17$$

sub $x = 17$ into $\textcircled{1}$

$$x + y = 28$$

$$17 + y = 28$$

$$y = 11$$

Mehrab sold 11 bats

b) How many gloves did he sell?

17 gloves

5) Maria rented the same car twice in one month. She paid \$180 the first time for 3 days and she drove a total of 150 km. The next time, she also paid \$180 and had the vehicle for only 2 days, but travelled 400 km.

a) What was the cost per day?

$x = \text{cost per day}$
 $y = \text{cost per km}$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 3x + 150y = 180$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 2x + 400y = 180$$

$$2 \times \textcircled{1} \quad 6x + 300y = 360$$

$$3 \times \textcircled{2} \quad \underline{6x + 1200y = 540} \quad -$$

$$-900y = -180$$

$$y = 0.2$$

sub $y = 0.2$ into $\textcircled{1}$

$$3x + 150y = 180$$

$$3x + 150(0.2) = 180$$

$$3x + 30 = 180$$

$$3x = 150$$

$$x = 50$$

\$50 per day

b) What was the cost per km?

\$0.20 per km

Answers:

1)a) $x = 1, y = 1$ b) $x = -2, y = -1$ c) no solutions d) $x = -1, y = -3$

2)a) $(-2, 2)$ b) $(-1, 3)$ c) $(3, 4)$ d) $(2, 0)$

3)a) $x = 3, y = 2$ b) $m = -1, n = 5$ c) $a = 6, b = 2$ d) $h = -1, k = -2$

4)a) 11 b) 17

5)a) \$50/day b) \$0.20/km