



Linear Circuits and Systems

Simultaneous Linear  
Equations

Setting Up Problem in Matrix Form

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## Introduction

- Matrix algebra is used to solve a system of simultaneous linear equations.
- In fact, for many mathematical procedures such as the solution to a set of nonlinear equations, interpolation, integration, and differential equations, the solutions reduce to a set of simultaneous linear equations.
- Let us illustrate with an example.



## Example

- Set up the following system of equations in a matrix format

$$\begin{cases} 25x + 5y + z = 106.8 \\ 64x + 8y + z = 177.2 \\ 144x + 12y + z = 279.2 \end{cases}$$

- This set of equations can be rewritten in the matrix form

$$\begin{matrix} \rightarrow & \rightarrow & \rightarrow & & \rightarrow & \rightarrow & \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow & & & & & & \\ \rightarrow & & & & & & \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 25x + & 5y + & z \\ 64x + & 8y + & z \\ 144x + & 12y + & z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Example

- The above equation can be written as a linear combination as follows:

$$x \begin{bmatrix} 25 \\ 64 \\ 144 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and further using matrix multiplication gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$25x + 5y + z = 106.8$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phantom{25} & \phantom{5} & \phantom{1} \\ \phantom{64} & \phantom{8} & \phantom{1} \\ \phantom{144} & \phantom{12} & \phantom{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} - \\ - \\ - \end{bmatrix}$$

## Matrix representation of simultaneous equation

- A general set of  $m$  linear equations and  $n$  unknowns,

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= c_1 \\ \rightarrow a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n &= c_2 \\ &\vdots \\ \rightarrow a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n &= c_m \end{aligned}$$

can be rewritten in the matrix form as

$$\begin{matrix} \text{# eq} \\ \text{# unknown} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} m \times n \\ n \times 1 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} m \times 1 \end{matrix}$$

Matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AX = C$$

- Denoting the matrices by  $[A]$ ,  $[X]$ , and  $[C]$ , the system of equation is  $[A][X]=[C]$ , where
  - $[A]$  is called the coefficient matrix,
  - $[C]$  is called the right-hand side vector, and
  - $[X]$  is called the solution vector

## Augmented form

$$Ax = C$$

- Sometimes  $[A] [X]=[C]$  system of equations is written in the augmented form, that is,

$$[A : C] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} & : & c_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} & : & c_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & : & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} & : & c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & | & 106.8 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 & | & 177.2 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 & | & 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

How to solve for our unknowns?

•  $[A] [X] = [C]$

$$25x + 5y + z = 106.8$$

$$64x + 8y + z = 177.2$$

$$144x + 12y + z = 279.2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- We use matrix inverse; next video



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## Conclusion

- Matrix representation of linear system of equations

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = c_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = c_2$$

$$\dots$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = c_m$$



$$\begin{matrix} A & X = C \\ \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_m \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$





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