

# MATH 312

## Lecture 1: Appraisal

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BOOK Strang, Intro to Linear Algebra  
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- office hrs, Pref MW (after class)
- "Interests" ?
  - Bio
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  - Physics, engineering?

Q  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

a) Find  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$  and  $\|\vec{v}\|$ .

b) Find  $A^{-1}$

c) Solve for  $x$  &  $y$  in  $A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \vec{v}$



if you can't do these, you will fall behind.

## I. Algebra and Geometry in Equations. (2.1-2.3)

We start with trying to solve for  $x$  and  $y$ ; but in three "different" cases:

a 
$$\begin{cases} 4x + 7y = 1 \\ x - 2y = 4 \end{cases}$$

b 
$$\begin{cases} 4x + 7y = 1 \\ y = -1 \end{cases}$$

c 
$$\begin{cases} x = 2 \\ y = -1 \end{cases}$$

EASIER!!!

a)  
b)  
c)

solve it  
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Ha!

Principle: if  $\langle x \rangle = \langle y \rangle$  and we do the same thing to  $x$  that we do to  $y$ , then equality is preserved.

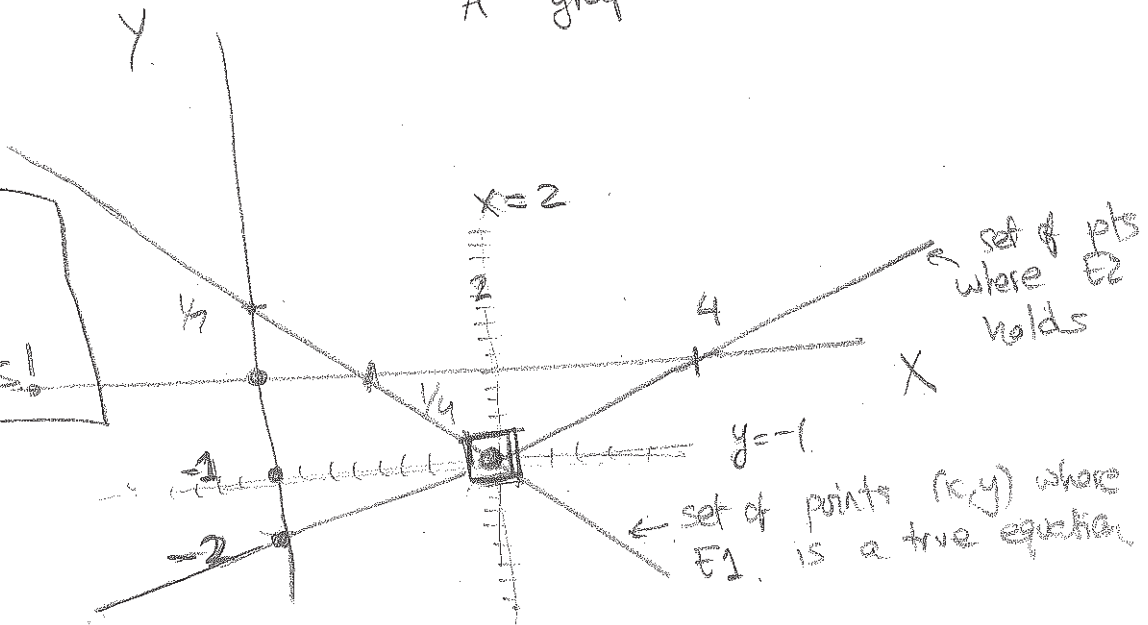
Return to

$$4x + 7y = 1 \rightarrow E1$$

$$x - 2y = 4 \rightarrow E2$$

A graphical solution!

Principle:  
Look for intersections!



## II Gaussian Elimination: A systematic approach

Again: 
$$\begin{array}{r} \text{pivot} \\ \boxed{4x + 7y} = 1 \quad E1 \\ x - 2y = 4 \quad E2 \end{array}$$

We try to eliminate  $E2$ 's dependence on "X" by using the "pivot" as a DIVISOR:

$$\begin{array}{r} -\frac{4x}{4} - \frac{7y}{4} = -\frac{4}{4} \\ = -x - \frac{7}{4}y = -1 \\ + \quad x - 2y = 4 \end{array}$$

$$E2' = E2 - \frac{1}{4}E1$$

get:  $0 + y = -1$

$$\begin{array}{r} -(\frac{7}{4} + 2) = 3 \\ y(\frac{-7+8}{4}) = 3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 2y = 4 \\ -x - \frac{7}{4}y = -1 \\ \hline -15/4 y = +15/4 \\ y = -1 \end{array}$$

New System:

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x + 7y = 1 \\ y = -1 \end{array}$$

Look Ma,  
No x!

Now, "back-sub"

$-1 = y$  into  $E1$ :

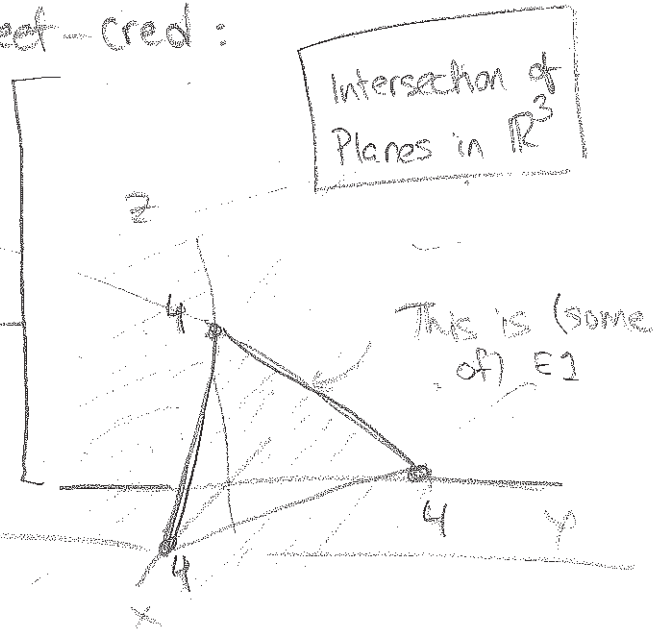
$$4x - 7 = 1$$

$$x = 2!$$

Let's do a 3x3 system for street-cred:

$$\begin{aligned} E1 & \text{--- } x+y+z = 4 \\ E2 & \text{--- } x-2y-2z = 7 \\ E3 & \text{--- } 2x-3y+3z = -5 \end{aligned}$$

Already; geometry is hard!  
BUT Algebra still works 😊



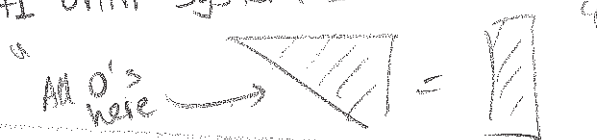
"ALGORITHM" for Gaussian Elimination.

- Rearrange your equations so that the n-th variable in the n-th equation has a NON-ZERO coefficient → (called "Pivot")

(our system is okay!)

- Use this NON-ZERO coefficient to zero-out all the stuff BELOW it.

- Repeat with  $n \leftarrow n+1$  until system is TRIANGULAR, i.e.



Iteration 1

Pivot is "1"  
 $E1 = x+y+z=4$

$$\begin{aligned} E2' &= E2 - E1 \Rightarrow 0 - 3y - 3z = 3 \\ E3' &= E3 - 2E1 \Rightarrow 0 - 5y + z = -13 \end{aligned}$$

New system:

$$\begin{aligned} x+y+z &= 4 & \text{--- } E1 \\ -3y-3z &= 3 & \text{--- } E2' \\ -5y+z &= -13 & \text{--- } E3' \end{aligned}$$

Iteration 2

Pivot is "3"  
 $E2'' = -3y - 3z = 3$

$$E3'' = E3' - \frac{5}{3}E2' \Rightarrow 6z = -18$$

$$z \rightarrow \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{-18}{6} = -3$$

So, we have our triangular system:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x + y + z = 4 & E1 \\ -3y - 3z = 3 & E2' \\ 6z = -18 & E3' \end{array}$$

This is EASY to solve BACKWARD:

FIRST, use  $E3'$  to get  $z = -3$ .

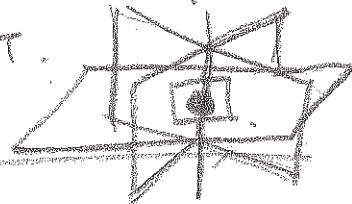
SECOND, use this  $z$ -value in  $E2'$  to get  $y = 2$ .

THIRD, use BOTH  $y$  and  $z$ -values in  $E1$  to get  $x = 5$ .

So, the final answer is

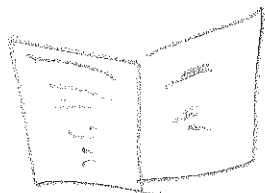
$$\begin{array}{l} x = 5 \\ y = 2 \\ z = -3 \end{array}$$

This is the ONLY point where the three planes (arising from  $E1, E2$  and  $E3$ ) INTERSECT.



On FRIDAY, we will see how things can go WRONG with our algorithm.

READ:



Strang: chapter 1 (easy)  
chapter 2, sections 1, 2, 3.