

5.08 Notes: Solving a 3x3 System of Equations

Solving a 3-variable system of equations: you have 3 equations and can still use the previous methods from 2-variable systems. Mainly, we use the **elimination method** when solving by hand. For this unit, we can use a **matrix equation** and use **technology**!

Solve each system using the elimination method.

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad & -4x + 2y + 4z = 4 \\ & -6x + 2y - 2z = -30 \\ & x - 3y - 6z = -16 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -4x + 2y + 4z &= 4 \\ 4(x - 3y - 6z) &= -16 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -4x + 2y + 4z &= 4 \\ 4x - 12y - 24z &= -64 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -10y - 20z &= 60 \\ -10y - 20(5) &= -60 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \quad & 3x + 2y - 6z = 6 \\ & 3x + y + 4z = -20 \\ & 6x + 2y - z = -22 \end{aligned}$$

$$3x + 2y - 6z = 6$$

$$-1(6x + 2y - z) = -22$$

$$3x + 2y - 6z = 6$$

$$-6x - 2y + 1z = 22$$

$$-3x - 5z = 28$$

$$-3x - 5(-2) = 28$$

$$-3x + 10 = 28$$

$$-3x = 18$$

$$x = -6$$

$$\begin{aligned} -6x + 2y - 2z &= -30 \\ 6(x - 3y - 6z) &= -16 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -6x + 2y - 2z &= -30 \\ 6x - 18y - 36z &= -96 \end{aligned}$$

$$-16y - 38z = -126$$

$$\begin{aligned} -10y - 100 &= -60 \\ -10y &= 40 \end{aligned}$$

$$y = -4$$

$$3x + 2y - 6z = 6$$

$$-2(3x + y + 4z) = -20$$

$$3x + 2y - 6z = 6$$

$$-6x - 2y - 8z = 40$$

$$-3x - 14z = 46$$

$$-3x - 5z = 28$$

$$-1(-3x - 14z) = 46$$

$$3x + 2y - 6z = 6$$

$$-3x - 5z = 28$$

$$3x + 14z = -46$$

$$9z = -18$$

$$z = -2$$

$$(-6, 6, -2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 2y - 6z &= 6 \\ 3(-6) + 2y - 6(-2) &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$-18 + 2y + 12 = 6$$

$$2y - 6 = 6$$

$$2y = 12$$

$$y = 6$$

Write each system as a matrix equation and then solve with technology.

$$\begin{array}{l} -x - 9y + 2z = -13 \\ 3. \quad 6y - 5z = -6 \\ \quad 6z + 5 = 2y - 3x \end{array}$$

$$-x - 9y + 2z = -13$$

$$0x + 6y - 5z = -6$$

$$3x - 2y + 6z = -5$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -9 & 2 \\ 0 & 6 & -5 \\ 3 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -13 \\ -6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(-11, 4, 6)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -9 & 2 \\ 0 & 6 & -5 \\ 3 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -13 \\ -6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2x - 3y + 2z = 16 \\ 4. \quad -4x + 6y - 4z = 9 \\ \quad 8x + z = -11 \end{array}$$

Write each system of equations as a matrix equations. Solving using an inverse matrix and technology, if possible.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y - z &= -13 \\ 3. \quad 3x + 2y - 4z &= -36 \\ x + 6y - 3z &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2x + y - z = -13 \\ 3x + 2y - 4z = -36 \\ x + 6y - 3z = 12 \end{array} \quad \left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 6 & -3 \end{array} \right]^{-1} \left[\begin{array}{c} -13 \\ -36 \\ 12 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 6 & -3 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} -13 \\ -36 \\ 12 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} -6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{array} \right] \quad \boxed{(-6, 7, 8)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 2y + 6z &= 38 - 2z \\ 4. \quad 6x + 3y - 9z &= -12 \\ 4y + 20z &= -4x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 2y + 8z &= 38 \\ 6x + 3y - 9z &= -12 \\ 4x + 4y + 20z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} 3 & -2 & 8 \\ 6 & 3 & -9 \\ 4 & 4 & 20 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} 38 \\ -12 \\ 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} -x + 2y - z &= 2 - 2x \\ 5. \quad 2x + 3z &= y + 4 \\ 3x + y + 2z &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$x + 2y - 1z = 2$$

$$2x - 1y + 3z = 4$$

$$3x + 1y + 2z = 6$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 3 & -2 & 8 \\ 6 & 3 & -9 \\ 4 & 4 & 20 \end{array} \right]^{-1} \left[\begin{array}{c} 38 \\ -12 \\ 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ -9 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] \quad \boxed{(4, -9, 1)}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]^{-1} \left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right] = \boxed{\text{no solution}}$$