

## Homework

**Exercise 1** Apply the Gauss algorithm to the following systems :

$$\begin{cases} 3x - y + 2z = a \\ -x + 2y - 3z = b \\ x + 2y + z = c \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x + y + 2z = 5 \\ x - y - z = 1 \\ x + z = 3 \end{cases}$$

**Solution of Exercise 1 :** Let us apply the Gauss algorithm to the first system :

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{cases} 3x - y + 2z = a \\ -x + 2y - 3z = b \\ x + 2y + z = c \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x + 2y + z = c & L_1 \leftrightarrow L_3 \\ -x + 2y - 3z = b \\ 3x - y + 2z = a \end{cases} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \begin{cases} x + 2y + z = c & L_1 \\ + 4y - 2z = b + c & L_2 \leftarrow L_2 + L_1 \\ - 7y - z = a - 3c & L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - 3L_1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x + 2y + z = c & L_1 \\ + y - \frac{1}{2}z = \frac{b+c}{4} & L_2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{4}L_2 \\ - 7y - z = a - 3c & L_3 \leftarrow L_3 \end{cases} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x + 2y + z = c & L_1 \\ + y - \frac{1}{2}z = \frac{b+c}{4} & L_2 \\ - 9z = \frac{1}{2}(4a - 12c + 7b + 7c) & L_3 \leftarrow L_3 + 7L_2 \end{cases} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \begin{cases} x + 2y + z = c & L_1 \\ + y - \frac{1}{2}z = \frac{b+c}{4} & L_2 \\ z = \frac{-4a - 7b + 5c}{18} & L_3 \leftarrow \frac{1}{9}L_3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x & = c - 2y - z \\ y & = \frac{b+c}{4} + \frac{1}{2}z \\ z & = \frac{-4a - 7b + 5c}{18} \end{cases} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x & = \frac{8a + 5b - c}{18} \\ y & = \frac{-2a + b + 7c}{18} \\ z & = \frac{-4a - 7b + 5c}{18} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, the first system admits a unique solution given by the triple :

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ \left( \frac{8a + 5b - c}{18}, \frac{-2a + b + 7c}{18}, \frac{-4a - 7b + 5c}{18} \right) \right\}.$$

Let us apply the Gauss algorithm to the second system :

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{cases} x + y + 2z = 5 \\ x - y - z = 1 \\ x + z = 3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x + y + 2z = 5 & L_1 \\ - 2y - 3z = -4 & L_2 \leftarrow L_2 - L_1 \\ - y - z = -2 & L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - L_1 \end{cases} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \begin{cases} x + y + 2z = 5 & L_1 \\ y + z = 2 & L_2 \\ 2y + 3z = 4 & -L_2 \leftrightarrow -L_3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x + y + 2z = 5 & L_1 \\ y + z = 2 & L_2 \\ - z = 0 & L_3 \leftarrow L_3 + 2L_2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x & = 3 \\ y & = 2 \\ z & = 0 \end{cases}$$

Consequently, the second system admits a unique solution given by the triple  $\{(3, 2, 0)\}$ .

**Exercise 2** Without trying to solve the systems, discuss the nature of the solution set of :

$$\begin{cases} x + y - z = 0 \\ x - y = 0 \\ x + y + z = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x + 3y + 2z = 1 \\ 2x - 2y = 2 \\ x + y + z = 2 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x + 3y + 2z = 1 \\ 2x - 2y = 2 \\ x + y + z = 3 \end{cases}$$

**Solution of Exercise 2 :**

Let us apply the first steps of the Gauss algorithm to the first system :

$$\begin{cases} x + y - z = 0 \\ x - y = 0 \\ x + y + z = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x + y - z = 0 & L_1 \\ -2y + z = 0 & L_2 \leftarrow L_2 - L_1 \\ 2z = 0 & L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - L_1 \end{cases}$$

We obtain a Cramer system, which admits a unique solution (the rank of the system is  $r = 3$ , the number of equations is  $p = 3$ , and the number of unknowns is  $n = 3$ ).

Let us apply the first steps of the Gauss algorithm to the second system :

$$\begin{cases} x + 3y + 2z = 1 \\ 2x - 2y = 2 \\ x + y + z = 2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x + 3y + 2z = 1 & L_1 \\ -8y - 4z = 0 & L_2 \leftarrow L_2 - 2L_1 \\ -2y - z = 1 & L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - L_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x + 3y + 2z = 1 & L_1 \\ -8y - 4z = 0 & L_2 \\ 0 = -4 & L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - 4L_2 \end{cases}$$

Since the third equation is impossible, the system admits no solution.

Let us apply the first steps of the Gauss algorithm to the third system :

$$\begin{cases} x + 3y + 2z = 1 \\ 2x - 2y = 2 \\ x + y + z = 3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x + 3y + 2z = 1 & L_1 \\ -8y - 4z = 0 & L_2 \leftarrow L_2 - 2L_1 \\ -2y - z = 2 & L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - L_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x + 3y + 2z = 1 & L_1 \\ -8y - 4z = 0 & L_2 \\ 0 = 2 & L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - \frac{1}{4}L_2 \end{cases}$$

Since the third equation of the system is impossible, the system admits no solutions.

**Exercise 3** Put the following systems into matrix form and solve them.

$$1. \begin{cases} 2x + y + z = 3 \\ 3x - y - 2z = 0 \\ x + y - z = -2 \\ x + 2y + z = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$2. \begin{cases} x + y + z + t = 1 \\ x - y + 2z - 3t = 2 \\ 2x + 4z + 4t = 3 \\ 2x + 2y + 3z + 8t = 2 \\ 5x + 3y + 9z + 19t = 6 \end{cases}$$

$$3. \begin{cases} 2x + y + z + t = 1 \\ x + 2y + 3z + 4t = 2 \\ 3x - y - 3z + 2t = 5 \\ 5y + 9z - t = -6 \end{cases}$$

$$4. \begin{cases} x - y + z + t = 5 \\ 2x + 3y + 4z + 5t = 8 \\ 3x + y - z + t = 7 \end{cases}$$

$$5. \begin{cases} x + 2y + 3z = 0 \\ 2x + 3y - z = 0 \\ 3x + y + 2z = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Solution of Exercise 3 :**

1. The extended matrix associated to the first system is :

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

Let us apply the Gauss algorithm to this matrix :

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \Leftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} L_1 \leftarrow L_3 \\ L_2 \leftarrow L_1 \\ L_3 \leftarrow L_2 \\ L_4 \end{array} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} L_1 \\ L_2 \leftarrow L_2 - 2L_1 \\ L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - 3L_1 \\ L_4 \leftarrow L_4 - L_1 \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & -11 & -22 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 10 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - 4L_2 \\ L_4 \leftarrow L_4 + L_2 \end{array} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \leftarrow -\frac{1}{11}L_3 \\ L_4 \leftarrow \frac{1}{5}L_4 + \frac{1}{11}L_3 \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

We obtain a triangular matrix of rank  $r = 3$ , hence the initial system of 4 equations with 3 unknowns admits a unique solution. Let us solve the resulting Cramer system :

$$\begin{cases} x + y - z = -2 \\ -y + 3z = 7 \\ z = 2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = -2 - y - z \\ y = 3z - 7 \\ z = 2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 1 \\ y = -1 \\ z = 2 \end{cases}$$

The only solution is the point of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  whose coordinates are  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

2. The extended matrix associated to the second system is :

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 8 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 & 9 & 19 & 6 \end{array} \right)$$

Let us apply the Gauss algorithm to this matrix :

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 8 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 & 9 & 19 & 6 \end{array} \right) \Leftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 & 14 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} L_1 \\ L_2 \leftarrow L_2 - L_1 \\ L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - 2L_1 \\ L_4 \leftarrow L_4 - 2L_1 \\ L_5 \leftarrow L_5 - 5L_1 \end{array} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 18 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - L_2 \\ L_4 \\ L_5 \leftarrow L_2 \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \\ L_4 \leftarrow L_4 - L_3 \\ L_5 \leftarrow L_5 - 3L_3 \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

We obtain an extended matrix of rank 3. The last two lines correspond to trivially satisfied equations. Hence the initial system of 5 equations with 4 unknowns admits a line of solutions. Let us solve the equivalent triangular system :

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z + t = 1 \\ -2y + z - 4t = 1 \\ z + 6t = 0 \end{cases}$$

To do so, let us parametrize the set of solutions by  $\lambda = t \in \mathbb{R}$  :

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x + y + z = 1 - \lambda \\ -2y + z = 1 + 4\lambda \\ z = -6\lambda \\ t = \lambda \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 1 - \lambda - y - z \\ y = -\frac{1}{2}(1 + 4\lambda - z) \\ z = -6\lambda \\ t = \lambda \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{3}{2} + 10\lambda \\ y = -\frac{1}{2} - 5\lambda \\ z = -6\lambda \\ t = \lambda \end{cases}$$

Consequently, the solution of the second system is the line of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  parametrized by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -5 \\ -6 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

3. The extended matrix associated to the third system is :

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & 9 & -1 & -6 \end{array} \right)$$

Let us apply the Gauss algorithm to this matrix :

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & 9 & -1 & -6 \end{array} \right) \Leftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & -9 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 5 & 9 & -1 & -6 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} L_1 \\ L_2 \leftarrow 2L_2 - L_1 \\ L_3 \leftarrow 2L_3 - 3L_1 \end{array}$$

Since the last two equations are incompatible, the system admits no solution.

4. The extended matrix associated to the fourth system is :

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 7 \end{array} \right)$$

Let us apply the Gauss algorithm to this matrix :

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 7 \end{array} \right) \Leftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 & -2 & -8 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} L_1 \\ L_2 \leftarrow L_2 - 2L_1 \\ L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - 3L_1 \end{array}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 14 & 11 & 16 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \leftarrow 2L_3 - 5L_2 \end{array}$$

We obtain an extended matrix of rank 3. Hence the initial system of 3 equations with 4 unknowns admits a line of solutions. Let us solve the equivalent triangular system :

$$\begin{cases} x - y + z + t = 5 \\ 2y - 2z - t = -4 \\ 14z + 11t = 16 \end{cases}$$

To do so, let us parametrize the set of solutions by  $\lambda = t \in \mathbb{R}$  :

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x - y + z = 5 - \lambda \\ 2y - 2z = -4 + \lambda \\ 14z = 16 - 11\lambda \\ t = \lambda \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 5 - \lambda + y - z \\ y = -4 + \lambda + 2z \\ z = 16 - 11\lambda - 14z \\ t = \lambda \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 3 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda \\ y = -\frac{6}{7} - \frac{2}{7}\lambda \\ z = -6\lambda \\ t = \lambda \end{cases}$$

Consequently, the solution of the fourth system is the line of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  parametrized by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -\frac{6}{7} \\ \frac{8}{7} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{2}{7} \\ -\frac{11}{14} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

5. The extended matrix associated to the fifth system is :

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Let us apply the Gauss algorithm to this matrix :

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Leftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -7 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} L_1 \\ L_2 \leftarrow L_2 - 2L_1 \\ L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - 3L_1 \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 28 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - 5L_1 \end{array}$$

We obtained a Cramer system whose unique solution is  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$  and  $z = 0$ . Consequently the set of solutions of the fifth system only consists of the point  $\vec{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .