



# EP547 Computational Methods in QM

## Topic 7

## Solutions of Linear Equations



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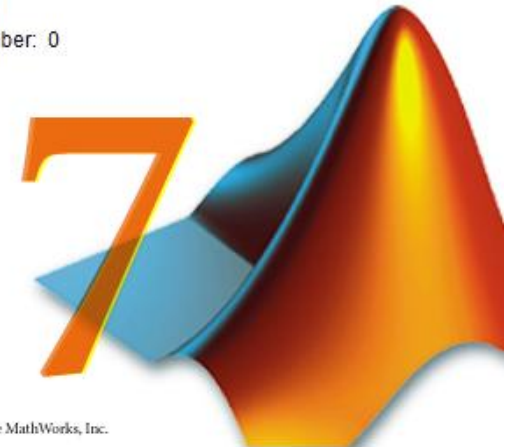
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# Linear Algebraic Equations

- Mathematical formulations of engineering problems often lead to sets of simultaneous linear equations of the form:

$$a_{1,1}x_1 + a_{1,2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1,n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{2,1}x_1 + a_{2,2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2,n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{n,1}x_1 + a_{n,2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{n,n}x_n = b_n$$

This system can be written in matrix form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

or simply:

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

Here

- A** is called the “coefficient matrix”
- x** is the “unknown vector”
- b** is the “constant vector” or “right hand side vector”

The solution of the system

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

is

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{b}$$

where  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \text{adj}(\mathbf{A}) / |\mathbf{A}|$

Here

$\text{adj}(\mathbf{A})$  is adjoint of the matrix A

$|\mathbf{A}|$  is the determinant of A.

Note that to get the solution the condition:

$$|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$$

must be satisfied.

**Example 1:** Consider the equation:

$$x + y = 4$$

$$x - 3y = 0$$

which can be written in matrix form:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

The solution is:  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Here:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{-4} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3/4 & 1/4 \\ 1/4 & -1/4 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3/4 & 1/4 \\ 1/4 & -1/4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow x = 3, y = 1$$

- MATLAB solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
>> A = [1 1; 1 -3]; % coefficient matrix
>> b = [4 ; 0]; % row vector
>> x = A\b % solution vector
x =
    3
    1
```

```
>> A = [1 1; 1 -3]; % coefficient matrix
>> b = [4 0]'; % row vector
>> x = A\b % solution vector
x =
    3
    1
```

```
>> A = [1 1; 1 -3]; % coefficient matrix
>> b = [4 0]'; % row vector
>> x = inv(A)*b % solution vector
x =
    3
    1
```

**Example 2:** Consider the equation:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 6 \\ -2x + y &= 0 \\ 3x + 2y + z &= 10\end{aligned}$$

which can be written in matrix form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
>> A = [1 1 1; -2 1 0; 3 2 1];  
>> b = [6 0 10]';  
>> x = A\b  
x =  
    1  
    2  
    3
```



**Example 3:** Consider the equation:

$$6x_1 - x_3 = 50$$

$$3x_1 - 3x_2 = 0$$

$$-x_2 + 9x_3 = 160$$

$$x_2 + 8x_3 - 11x_4 + 2x_5 = 0$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 - 4x_5 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 & -11 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 50 \\ 0 \\ 160 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
>> A = [ 6    0   -1    0    0;  
         3   -3    0    0    0;  
         0   -1    9    0    0;  
         0    1    8  -11    2;  
         3    1    0    0   -4];
```

```
>> b = [50 0 160 0 0]';
```

```
>> x = inv(A)*b
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```
x =
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11.5094
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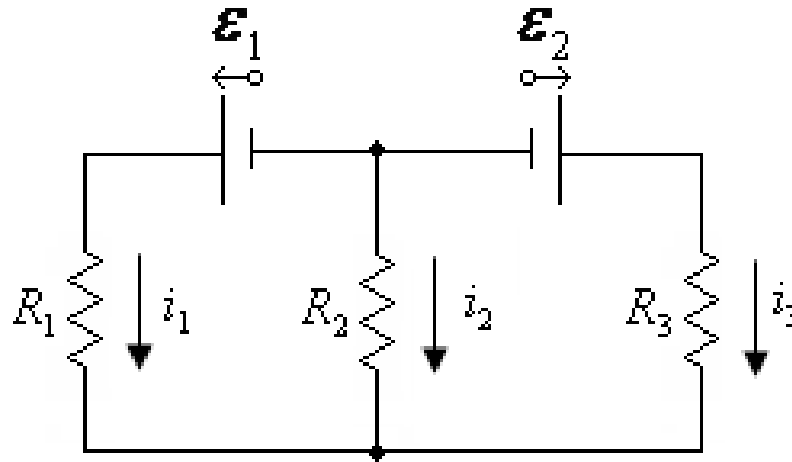
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11.5094
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19.0566
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16.9983
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11.5094
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**Example 4:** Consider the circuit:



Two batteries with  $\varepsilon_1 = 3 \text{ V}$  and  $\varepsilon_2 = 5 \text{ V}$  are connected with three resistors  $R_1 = 10 \text{ } \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 20 \text{ } \Omega$  and  $R_3 = 30 \text{ } \Omega$ .

Using Kirchhoff's laws, find the currents  $i_1$ ,  $i_2$  and  $i_3$  passing through the resistors.

# Eigenvalues

```
>> A = [1 3 -2; 3 5 1; -2 1 4]
```

```
A =
```

```
    1    3   -2
    3    5    1
   -2    1    4
```

```
>> [v d] = eig(A)
```

```
v =
```

```
 -0.8184   -0.3153   -0.4804
  0.4347    0.2071   -0.8764
 -0.3758    0.9261    0.0324
```

```
d =
```

```
 -1.5120         0         0
         0    4.9045         0
         0         0    6.6076
```

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