



8 heads & 22 legs

How many people are at the park?

$p = \# \text{ people}$; $d = \# \text{ dogs}$

system of linear eqns

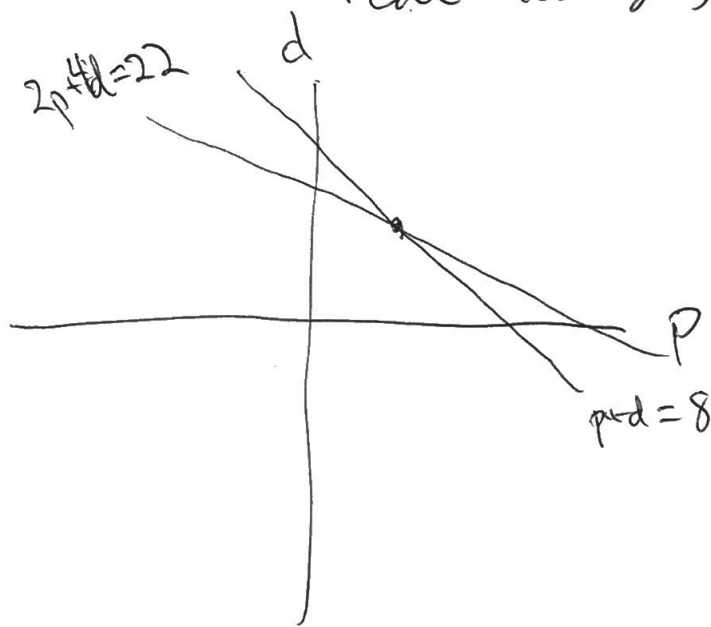
$$\begin{cases} p + d = 8 \\ 2p + 4d = 22 \end{cases}$$

linear equation

$$b = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n$$

$a_1, \dots, a_n, b \in \mathbb{R}$
real numbers

$$\begin{cases} p = ? \\ d = ? \end{cases}$$



2 lines intersect at

- no points
- one point ←
- a line

$$\begin{cases} p+d=8 \\ 2p+4d=22 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} p=? \\ d=? \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} p+d=8 \\ 2d=6 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2p+4d=22 \\ -2(p+d=8) \\ \hline 2d=6 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{cases} p=5 \\ 2d=6 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{r} p+d=8 \\ -\frac{1}{2}(2d=6) \\ \hline p=5 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{cases} p=5 \\ d=3 \end{cases}}$$

solution set

Def: A system of linear eqn's is consistent if there is a solution to it.

$$\frac{1}{a}(ax=b) \rightsquigarrow \boxed{x = \frac{b}{a}} \quad a \neq 0.$$

$$0(ax=b)$$

$$0=0.$$

$ax=b$ and $x = \frac{b}{a}$ have the same solution set.

Multiplication by $\frac{1}{a}$ is reversible.

$$\begin{cases} p+d=8 \\ 2p+4d=22 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} p+d=8 \\ 2d=6 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} d \quad 2p+4d=22 \\ -2(p+d=8) \\ \hline 2d=6 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2d=6 \\ \hline 2(p+d=8) \\ 2p+4d=22 \end{array}$$

These systems of linear eqns are equivalent, i.e. they have the same solution set.

Matrix notation

$$\begin{cases} p+d=8 \\ 2p+4d=22 \end{cases}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} p & d & \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 2 & 4 & 22 \end{array} \right] \text{ augmented matrix}$$

← coefficient matrix

2 × 3 matrix
#rows #cols

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 2 & 4 & 22 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow (R_2 - 2R_1) \\ \hline R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 2R_1 \\ R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + \frac{1}{2}R_2 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow (R_1 - \frac{1}{2}R_2) \end{array}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2 \\ \hline R_2 \rightarrow 2R_2 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

elementary row operations.