

Consider a linear system in the form:

$$\begin{cases} ax + by = c \\ dx + ey = f \end{cases}$$

An interesting case occurs if there is an addition/subtraction pattern to coefficients in both equations (not necessarily the same pattern in both)

Example:

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

Eliminate x : add

equations:

$$5y = 10, \quad x = 3 - 2y, \quad x = 3 - 2(2)$$

$$y = 2$$

$$x = -1$$

POI: $(-1, 2)$

Let's try a different example!

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 4y = 6 \\ 5x + 6y = 7 \end{cases} \text{ POI: } (-1, 2) \quad \begin{cases} 3x + 7y = 11 \\ x + 2y = 3 \end{cases} \text{ POI: } (-1, 2)$$

Conjecture: For linear systems with addition/subtraction pattern in the coefficients, the POI: $(-1, 2)$

Proof:

$$\begin{cases} ax + (a+h)y = a+2h & \textcircled{1} \\ dx + (d+k)y = d+2k & \textcircled{2} \end{cases}$$

Eliminate x :

$$\textcircled{1} \times d: \quad dax + d(a+h)y = d(a+2h) \quad \textcircled{3}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \times a: \quad adx + a(d+k)y = a(d+2k) \quad \textcircled{4}$$

$$\textcircled{3} - \textcircled{4}: \quad d(a+h)y - a(d+k)y = d(a+2h) - a(d+2k)$$

$$ady + dh y - ady - ak y = da + 2hd - ad - 2ak$$

$$y(dh - ak) = 2(hd - ak)$$

assuming $dh - ak \neq 0$, divide through by $dh - ak \neq 0$, and we get $y = 2$

Sub $y = 2$ into $\textcircled{1}$:

$$ax + (a+h)(2) = a + 2h$$

$$ax + 2a + 2h = a + 2h$$

$$ax = a - 2a$$

$$ax = -a$$

Divide through by $a \neq 0$

$$x = -1$$

POI: $(-1, 2)$