

Part 1. Solve this system of equations for x_1 and x_2 and keep track of how you do it

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2x_1 + 3x_2 = 8 \text{ (eqn 1)} \\ 5x_1 + 4x_2 = 13 \text{ (eqn 2)} \end{array} \right\} \text{Example}$$

from eq1: $x_1 = \frac{(8 - 3x_2)}{2} = 4 - \frac{3}{2}x_2$
 in eq2 $5(4 - \frac{3}{2}x_2) + 4x_2 = 13$
 $-\frac{7}{2}x_2 = -7$
 $x_2 = 2$, now back in eq1
 $x_1 = 4 - \frac{3}{2}x_2 = 4 - \frac{3}{2}(2) = 1$

Part II

Given the matrices **M** and **A** below, calculate the product **MA**, showing that scales and combines linearly the rows of **A**. In our example, the rows represented equations. Then calculate the product **AM** and determine what it does to the elements of A. $\gg M = [-4/7 \ 3/7; 5/7 \ -2/7]$;

$\gg A = [2 \ 3; 5 \ 4]$
 $\gg M$

$M =$

$$\begin{array}{cc} -0.5714 & 0.4286 \\ 0.7143 & -0.2857 \end{array}$$

$\gg A$

$A =$

$$\begin{array}{cc} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \end{array}$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{4}{7} & \frac{3}{7} \\ \frac{5}{7} & -\frac{2}{7} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\gg M*A$

ans =

$$\begin{array}{cc} 1.0000 & 0 \\ 0.0000 & 1.0000 \end{array}$$

$\gg A*M$

ans =

$$\begin{array}{cc} 1.0000 & 0 \\ 0.0000 & 1.0000 \end{array}$$