

Solutions: Cramer's Rule

$$1. \quad \begin{aligned} C_1 + C_2 &= 2 \\ -2C_1 - 3C_2 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

SOLUTION:

$$C_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-9}{-1} = 9 \quad C_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{7}{-1} = -7$$

$$2. \quad \begin{aligned} C_1 + C_2 &= y_0 \\ r_1 C_1 + r_2 C_2 &= v_0 \end{aligned}$$

How does the solution depend on r_1, r_2 ?

SOLUTION:

$$C_1 = \frac{r_2 y_0 - v_0}{r_2 - r_1} \quad C_2 = \frac{v_0 - r_1 y_0}{r_2 - r_1}$$

The solution exists only when $r_1 \neq r_2$. From the original equations, if $r_1 = r_2$, then it depends on v_0 . If $v_0 = y_0$, then the two lines are scalar multiples of each other (so either line would suffice to describe the "infinite number of solutions"). However, if $v_0 \neq y_0$, the two lines are parallel, and we have no solution.

$$3. \quad \begin{aligned} C_1 + C_2 &= 2 \\ 3C_1 + C_2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

SOLUTION:

$$C_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \quad C_2 = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$4. \quad \begin{aligned} 2C_1 - 5C_2 &= 3 \\ 6C_1 - 15C_2 &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

SOLUTION:

The denominator to Cramer's Rule is zero. The two lines are parallel, so no solution.

$$5. \quad \begin{aligned} 2C_1 - 5C_2 &= 3 \\ 6C_1 - 15C_2 &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

SOLUTION: The denominator to Cramer's rule is zero. In this case there are an infinite number of solutions of the form $2C_1 - 5C_2 = 3$.

$$6. \quad \begin{aligned} 2C_1 - 3C_2 &= -1 \\ 3C_1 - 2C_2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

SOLUTION:

$$C_1 = \frac{1}{5}, \quad C_2 = \frac{-1}{5}$$