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## Recap

Echelon form: properties 1)  
2)  
3)

Reduced echelon form: properties 4)  
5)

Theorem 1: A matrix is row equivalent to one and only one reduced echelon matrix.

Row reduction algorithm:

Forward phase: steps 1  
2  
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Backward phase:

Definition: pivot position  
pivot column

Solving a linear system using row reduction algorithm

\*) Row reduce the augmented matrix  
→ reduced echelon form

\*) Basic variables

\*) Free variables

\*) General solution

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### Theorem 2 (existence and uniqueness)

\*) A linear system is consistent if and only if the right most column of its augmented matrix is not a pivot column.

\*) If it is consistent and there is no free variable, then the solution is unique.

\*) If it is consistent and there is at least one free variable, then

Solution set = infinitely many solutions.

## Sec. 1.3 Vector equations

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A column vector of  $n$  entries

~~is a  $n \times 1$  matrix~~ is an  $n \times 1$  matrix

Ex.  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  is a vector of 2 entries.

### Equality of two matrices:

Two matrices are equal if and only if

\*) they have the same size.

\*) The corresponding entries are the same.

Ex  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$\mathbb{R}^2$  = the set of all vectors with 2 entries.

$$"\vec{u} \text{ is in } \mathbb{R}^2" \iff \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Addition:

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Scalar multiplication

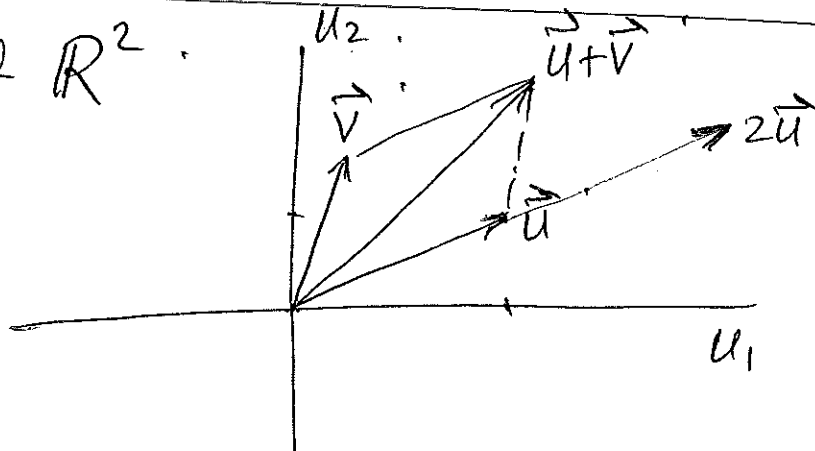
$$c\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} cu_1 \\ cu_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex.  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$2\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (-3)\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2\vec{u} + (-3)\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Geometry of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .



Vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

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$\mathbb{R}^3 =$  the set of all vectors with 3 entries

Vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\mathbb{R}^n =$  the set of all vectors with  $n$  entries.

$$\text{" } \vec{u} \text{ is in } \mathbb{R}^n \text{" } \iff \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Addition:

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n + v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Scalar multiplication

$$c\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} cu_1 \\ cu_2 \\ \vdots \\ cu_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-\vec{v} = (-1)\vec{v}$$

$$\vec{u} - \vec{v} = \vec{u} + (-1)\vec{v}$$

$$\vec{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

properties of  $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$  and  $c\vec{u}$

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$$1) \vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$$

$$2) (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} = \vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$$

we can write  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} + \vec{w}$

$$3) \vec{u} + \vec{0} = \vec{u}$$

$$4) \vec{u} - \vec{u} = \vec{0}$$

$$5) c(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = c\vec{u} + c\vec{v}$$

$$6) (c+d)\vec{u} = c\vec{u} + d\vec{u}$$

$$7) c(d\vec{u}) = (cd)\vec{u}$$

$$8) 1\vec{u} = \vec{u}$$

Def. Linear combination of vectors.

vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p$

Scalars:  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$ .

$\vec{v}_j$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_p\vec{v}_p$$

is called a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p$

with weights  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$ .

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EX.  $\vec{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

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Q: Is  $\vec{b}$  a linear combination of  $\vec{a}_1$  and  $\vec{a}_2$ ?

If so find the weights.

Consider the vector equations.

$$x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 = \vec{b}$$

$\vec{b}$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{a}_1$  and  $\vec{a}_2$

if and only if the vector equation has a solution.

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

→  $x_1 + 3x_2 = 7$ .

$-2x_1 + 3x_2 = 4$

$-5x_1 + x_2 = -3$ .

→ Augmented matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & | & 7 \\ -2 & 3 & | & 4 \\ -5 & 1 & | & -3 \\ \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & | & \vec{b} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow [\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ | \ \vec{b}]$$

We can go directly from

$$x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 = \vec{b}$$

to  $[\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ | \ \vec{b}]$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 \\ -5 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

Add ~~2~~  $2 \times (\text{row 1})$  to (row 2)

Add  $5 \times R_1$  to  $R_3$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 9 & 18 \\ 0 & 16 & 32 \end{array} \right]$$

Add  $(-16/9) \times R_2$  to  $R_3$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} \boxed{1} & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & \boxed{9} & 18 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

echelon form

~~⊗~~ Multiply  $R_2$  by  $1/9$

Add  $(-3) \times R_2$  to  $R_1$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

reduced echelon form

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Basic variables:  $x_1, x_2$

Free variable: none

$$x_2 = 2$$

$$x_1 = 1.$$

Solution: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Yes: 
$$\vec{b} = \vec{a}_1 + 2\vec{a}_2$$

Statement\*

Vector equation  $x_1\vec{a}_1 + x_2\vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_p\vec{a}_p = \vec{b}$

is equivalent to the linear system whose augmented

matrix is  $[\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{a}_p \mid \vec{b}]$

Def:  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\} = \left\{ \text{all linear combinations of} \right.$

$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p \left. \right\}$ .

The subset spanned by  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ .

$\vec{b}$  is a linear combination of  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ .

$\iff \vec{b}$  is in  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ .

# Geometry description of span{ }.

\*). If  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$ , then

$\text{span}\{\vec{v}\} =$  the line going through  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{0}$ .

\*). If  $\vec{u} \neq \vec{0}$ ,  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$  and  $\vec{u}$  is not a multiple of  $\vec{v}$ , then

$\text{span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\} =$  the ~~o~~ plane going through  $\vec{u}$ ,  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{0}$

See 1.4 matrix equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

Def.  $A\vec{x}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$m \times n$  matrix

$$A = [\vec{a}_1 \quad \vec{a}_2 \quad \dots \quad \vec{a}_n]$$

$$\vec{a}_j = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1j} \\ a_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mj} \end{bmatrix} \quad \boxed{\text{is in } \mathbb{R}^m}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \boxed{\text{is in } \mathbb{R}^n}$$

$A\vec{x}$  is ~~vector~~ a vector of  $m$  entries.

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$A\vec{x}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^m$

$$A\vec{x} = x_1\vec{a}_1 + x_2\vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n\vec{a}_n$$

**Caution:**  $A\vec{x}$  makes sense only if

# of columns of  $A$  = # of entries of  $\vec{x}$

$$\begin{array}{c} A \quad \vec{x} \\ m \times n \quad n \times 1 \\ \curvearrowright \end{array}$$

Ex.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \\ 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ 29 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \\ 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\text{not defined}}$$

### Theorem 3

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Consider matrix  $A = [\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{a}_n]$

Matrix equation  $A \vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is equivalent to

vector equation  $x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n = \vec{b}$

which is equivalent to the linear system

whose augmented matrix is

$$[\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{a}_n \mid \vec{b}]$$

Statement :

$A \vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is consistent if and only if  $\vec{b}$  is in  $\text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$ .

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Ex.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -4 & 6 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$

Q: Is  $A \vec{x} = \vec{b}$  consistent for all  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

A: We use row reduction. + Theorem 2

Augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & b_1 \\ -4 & 6 & -2 & b_2 \\ -3 & 1 & -4 & b_3 \end{array} \right]$$

Forward phase.

Row 1

Add  $4 \times R_1$  to  $R_2$ .

Add  $3 \times R_1$  to  $R_3$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & b_1 \\ 0 & 14 & 10 & b_2 + 4b_1 \\ 0 & 7 & 5 & b_3 + 3b_1 \end{array} \right]$$

Row 2

Add  $(-1/2) \times R_2$  to  $R_3$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & b_1 \\ 0 & 14 & 10 & b_2 + 4b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 + b_1 - \frac{1}{2}b_2 \end{array} \right]$$

If  $b_3 + b_1 - \frac{1}{2}b_2 \neq 0$ , it is a pivot position.

Answer: No.  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is not consistent for  
all  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .