

Week 3, Tuesday

1.3.

Recall  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then span of  $\{\vec{v}_i\}$  is the set of all vectors in the format of  $\sum \alpha_i \vec{v}_i$  (where  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$ )

$$\text{Ex: } \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

$\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} h \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ , which values of  $h$  is  $\vec{y}$  in the span of  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ ?

Ans: If  $x, y$  are two numbers s.t.

$$\vec{y} = x \cdot \vec{v}_1 + y \cdot \vec{v}_2 \quad \text{then}$$

$$x \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + y \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} x - 3y = h \\ x \cdot 0 + y = -5 \\ -2x + 8y = -3 \end{cases} \quad \text{a.m. is } \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -3 & h \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \\ -2 & 8 & -3 \end{array} \right) \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$$

To get an echelon form.

$$\textcircled{3} \rightsquigarrow \textcircled{3} + \textcircled{1} \times 2$$

$$\textcircled{3} \rightsquigarrow \textcircled{3} - \textcircled{2} \times 2$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} \boxed{1} & -3 & h \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & -5 \\ 0 & 2 & -3+2h \end{array} \right)$$

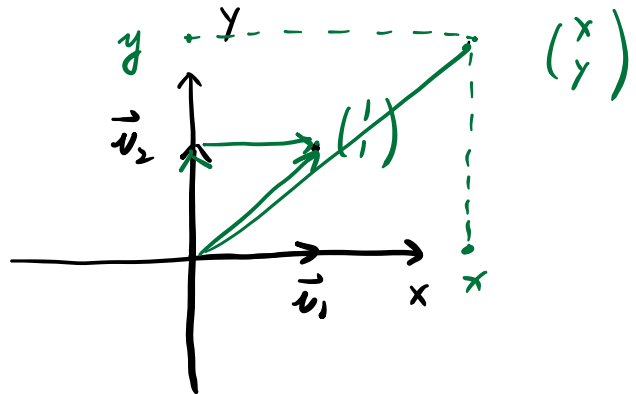
$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -3 & h \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2h-3+10 \end{array} \right)$$

This echelon form has no pivot in the last column if and only if the linear system has a solution.

So  $\vec{y}$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ ,  $(\Rightarrow)$   $2h+7=0$ , i.e.  $h=-\frac{7}{2}$ .

Geometric picture of span.

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$x \cdot \vec{v}_1 + y \cdot \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

We say that  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , or span  $x$ - $y$  plane.

Q: Does  $\vec{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$   $\vec{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

For every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , say  $\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$  we can find

$$x_1, x_2 \text{ s.t. } x_1 \cdot \vec{u}_1 + x_2 \cdot \vec{u}_2 = \vec{y} \text{ because.}$$

the a.m.  $\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & y_1 \\ 2 & -3 & y_2 \end{array} \right)$  has an echelon form.

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} \boxed{1} & 2 & y_1 \\ 0 & \boxed{-7} & y_2 - y_1 \times 2 \end{array} \right). \quad \square.$$

#### 1.4 Matrix equation

Def. A. a  $m \times n$  matrix, with column vectors  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n$ , and  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . We define

$$A \cdot \vec{x} \triangleq (\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{a}_n) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n.$$

Then linear system

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{cases}$$

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

$\Downarrow$  by def above

$$A \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

Therefore, the linear system has a solution if and only if  $\vec{b}$  is in the span of column vectors in  $A$ , the c.m.

### 1.5 Solution set of linear systems.

Ex. Solve both linear systems.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ -x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 1 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 2 \\ -x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 = 5 \end{cases}$$

a.m.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 & 5 \end{array} \right)$$

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$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 6 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \rightarrow \textcircled{3} - \textcircled{2} \times 3$$

$$\textcircled{3} \rightarrow \textcircled{3} - \textcircled{2} \times 3 \rightsquigarrow x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 1$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

↑ basic variables.    ↑ free variable

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$$\begin{cases} x_1 = x_3 - 2x_2 = 3x_3 \\ x_2 = -x_3 \\ x_3 \text{ is free} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 1 + x_3 - 2x_2 = -3 + 3x_3 \\ x_2 = 2 - x_3 \\ x_3 \text{ is free} \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x_3 \\ -x_3 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = x_3 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 + 3x_3 \\ 2 - x_3 \\ 0 + x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The solution set is span of  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

parametric vector form

particular solution

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

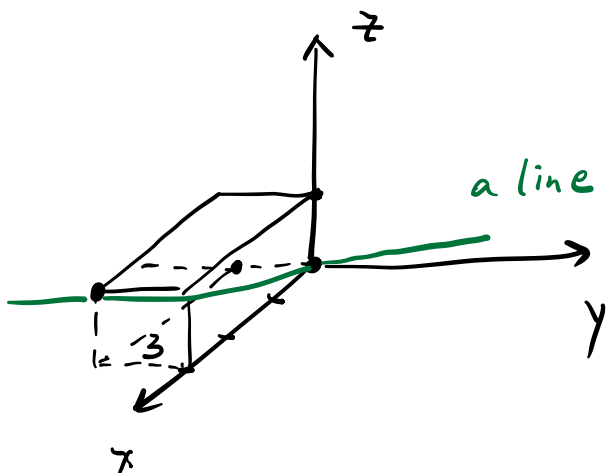
general solution of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

A: c.m.

Notice that

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ will}$$

also be a parametric vector form of the solution set.



Def.  $A \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is called homogeneous linear system.

$A \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{b}$  with non-zero  $\vec{b}$  is called non-homogeneous.

Thm. Suppose  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a solution  $\vec{p}$ . Then the set of solutions to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  contains exactly vectors of the form  $\vec{p} + \vec{v}$  where  $\vec{v}$  is a solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

Pf. ①. Firstly check that all vectors  $\vec{p} + \vec{v}$  are solutions of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

$$A \cdot (\vec{p} + \vec{v}) = A \cdot \vec{p} + A \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{b} + \vec{0} = \vec{b}.$$

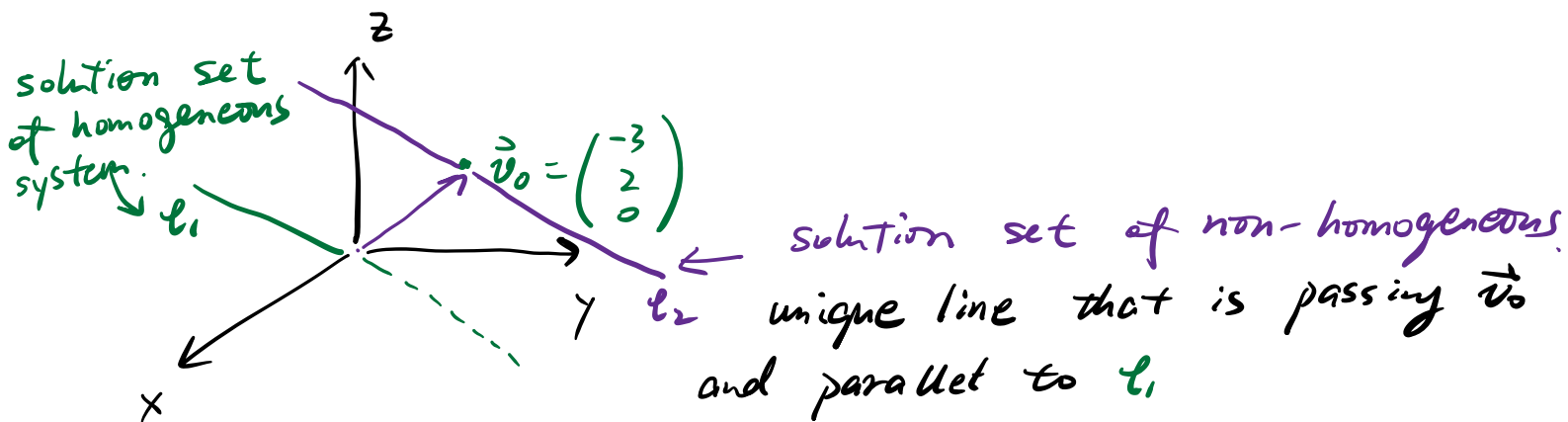
② Secondly, check that all solutions can be written in this format.

Suppose  $\vec{u}$  is a solution, i.e.  $A \cdot \vec{u} = \vec{b}$ .

then  $\vec{u} = \vec{p} + (\vec{u} - \vec{p})$  and then.

$$A \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{p}) = A \cdot \vec{u} - A \cdot \vec{p} = \vec{b} - \vec{b} = \vec{0}. \quad \square$$

Geometric Picture.



Ex. 
$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 = 3 \\ 4x_1 - x_2 - 2x_3 + 7x_4 = 3 \end{cases}$$

Solve this system and write solution into parametric vector form.

a.m. 
$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{2} & 1 & -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 & 7 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

②  $\rightsquigarrow$  ② - ①  $\times 2$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{2} & 1 & -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & \boxed{-3} & 0 & 3 & -3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = (3 - 2x_4 + x_3 - x_2) / 2 = 1 + \frac{x_3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x_2 - x_4 \\ x_2 = 1 + x_4 \\ x_3 \text{ is free} \\ x_4 \text{ is free} \end{cases}$$

basic variables.      free variables

So the solution is

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{x_3}{2} - \frac{3}{2}x_4 \\ 1 + x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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particular  
solution of  
 $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

general solution to  
 $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

Conclusion: If  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a unique solution, then  
 $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  also has a unique solution.

Q: Does the converse hold?