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Week 2

## Section 1.3 : Vector Equations

Chapter 1 : Linear Equations

Math 1554 Linear Algebra

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#### Motivation

We want to think about the **algebra** in linear algebra (systems of equations and their solution sets) in terms of **geometry** (points, lines, planes, etc).

$$\begin{aligned}x - 3y &= -3 \\ 2x + y &= 8\end{aligned}$$



- This will give us better insight into the properties of systems of equations and their solution sets.
- To do this, we need to introduce  $n$ -dimensional space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and **vectors** inside it.

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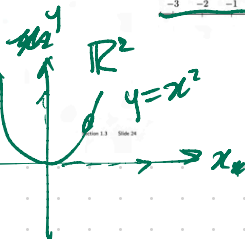
$\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

Recall that  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the collection of all real numbers.

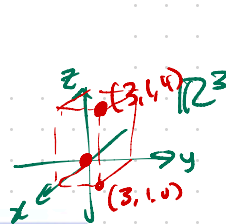
Let  $n$  be a positive whole number. We define

$\mathbb{R}^n$  = all ordered  $n$ -tuples of real numbers  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$ .

When  $n = 1$ , we get  $\mathbb{R}$  back:  $\mathbb{R}^1 = \mathbb{R}$ . Geometrically, this is the **number line**.



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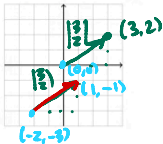
$\mathbb{R}^4??$   
 $(3, 1, 4, 2)$

#### $\mathbb{R}^2$

Note that:

- when  $n = 2$ , we can think of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  as a **plane**
- every point in this plane can be represented by an ordered pair of real numbers, its  $x$ - and  $y$ -coordinates

**Example:** Sketch the point  $(3, 2)$  and the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

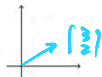


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#### Vectors

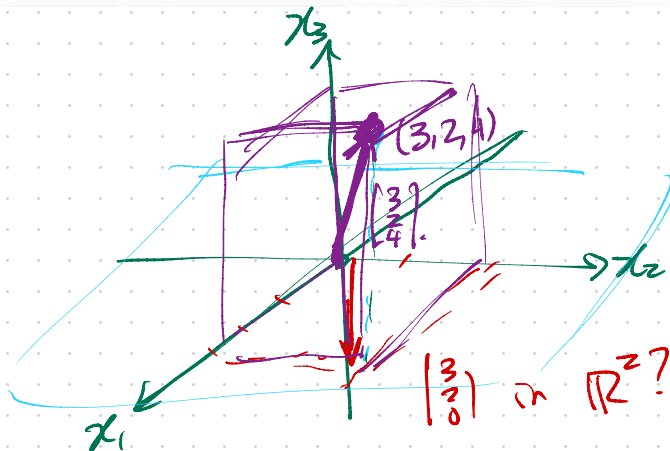
In the previous slides, we were thinking of elements of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as **points**: in the line, plane, space, etc.

We can also think of them as **vectors**: arrows with a given length and direction.



For example, the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  points **horizontally** in the amount of its  $x$ -coordinate, and **vertically** in the amount of its  $y$ -coordinate.

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$x_3 = 0$

"the floor of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ "

$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

# Vector Algebra

# Parallelogram Rule for Vector Addition

When we think of an element of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as a vector, we write it as a matrix with  $n$  rows and one column:

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose

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

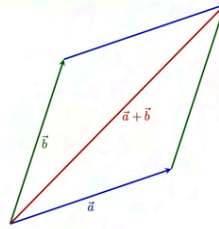
Vectors have the following properties.

1. **Scalar Multiple:**

$$c\vec{u} =$$

2. **Vector Addition:**

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



Note that vectors in higher dimensions have the same properties.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + 2c_2 \\ 2c_1 + 4c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + 2c_2 \\ 2(c_1 + 2c_2) \end{bmatrix} = (c_1 + 2c_2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Linear Combinations and Span

### Definition

- Given vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$ , the vector below

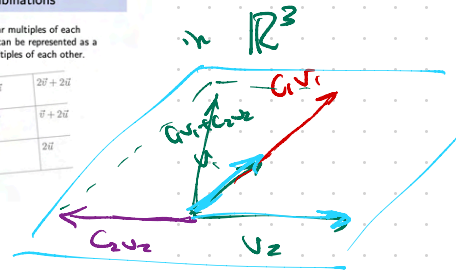
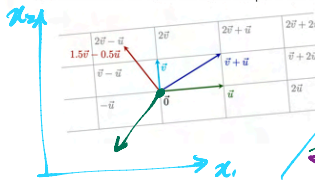
$$\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p$$

is called a **linear combination** of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p$  with **weights**  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$ .

- The set of all linear combinations of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p$  is called the **Span** of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p$ .

## Geometric Interpretation of Linear Combinations

Note that any two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that are not scalar multiples of each other, span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . In other words, any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  can be represented as a linear combination of two vectors that are not multiples of each other.



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$$\vec{z} = \vec{v} + \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2$$

if let

$c_1, c_2$   
range over  
all possible  
scalars.

$\vec{z}$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{v}$  &  $\vec{w}$ .

$$\vec{v} - \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

$$2\vec{v} - 3\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -12 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 16 \\ -15 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

then  
get  
Span  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ .



AKA. is  $\vec{g}$  a lin. comb. of  $v_1, v_2$ ?

**Example**

Is  $\vec{g}$  in the span of vectors  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ ?

$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\vec{g} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$ . **No. it's not.**

**Soln.** Are there scalars  $c_1, c_2$  such that

$c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$ ? **No.**

**Matrix**  $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 - 2c_2 = 7 \\ -2c_1 + 5c_2 = 4 \\ -3c_1 + 6c_2 = 15 \end{cases}$  For some choice of  $c_1, c_2$ .

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find  $c_1, c_2$  that make all three linear equations true.

**The Span of Two Vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$**

In the previous example, did we find that  $\vec{g}$  is in the span of  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ ?

In general: Any two non-parallel vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  span a plane that passes through the origin. Any vector in that plane is also in the span of the two vectors.



FIGURE 10

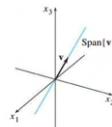


FIGURE 10 Span  $\{v\}$  is a line through the origin.

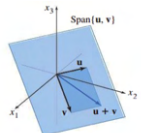


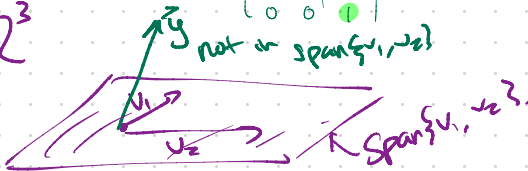
FIGURE 11 Span  $\{u, v\}$  is a plane through the origin.

**Inconsistent system.**

$\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ -2 & 5 & 4 \\ -3 & 6 & 15 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 9 & 18 \\ 0 & 12 & 36 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right]$

$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right]$  REF ✓

$\mathbb{R}^3$



$3v_1 - 2v_2 =$

$3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Q: Is  $\begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

**YES**

**Soln.**  
Set up augmented matrix

$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ -2 & 5 & 4 \\ -3 & 6 & 3 \end{array} \right] \Leftrightarrow c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

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$\begin{cases} c_1 = 3 \\ c_2 = 2 \end{cases}$

### 1.3 EXERCISES

In Exercises 1 and 2, compute  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v}$ .

1.  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

2.  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 3 and 4, display the following vectors using arrows on an  $xy$ -graph:  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, -\mathbf{v}, -2\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v}$ . Notice that  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$  is the vertex of a parallelogram whose other vertices are  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{0}$ , and  $-\mathbf{v}$ .

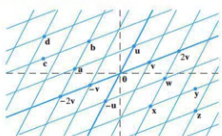
3.  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  as in Exercise 1    4.  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  as in Exercise 2

In Exercises 5 and 6, write a system of equations that is equivalent to the given vector equation.

5.  $x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -7 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$

6.  $x_1 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Use the accompanying figure to write each vector listed in Exercises 7 and 8 as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . Is every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  a linear combination of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ ?



7. Vectors  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$ , and  $\mathbf{d}$

8. Vectors  $\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$ , and  $\mathbf{z}$

In Exercises 9 and 10, write a vector equation that is equivalent to the given system of equations.

9.  $x_2 + 5x_3 = 0$     10.  $4x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 9$

$4x_1 + 6x_2 - x_3 = 0$      $x_1 - 7x_2 - 2x_3 = 2$

$-x_1 + 3x_2 - 8x_3 = 0$      $8x_1 + 6x_2 - 5x_3 = 15$

In Exercises 11 and 12, determine if  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_3$ .

11.  $\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

12.  $\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 11 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 13 and 14, determine if  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of the vectors formed from the columns of the matrix  $A$ .

13.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 \\ -2 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

14.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -6 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 7 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 15 and 16, list five vectors in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ . For each vector, show the weights on  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  used to generate the vector and list the three entries of the vector. Do not make a sketch.

15.  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

16.  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

17. Let  $\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$ . For what

value(s) of  $h$  is  $\mathbf{b}$  in the plane spanned by  $\mathbf{a}_1$  and  $\mathbf{a}_2$ ?

18. Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} h \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ . For what

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19. Give a geometric description of  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  for the vectors

$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$ .

20. Give a geometric description of  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  for the vectors in Exercise 16.

21. Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that  $\begin{bmatrix} h \\ k \end{bmatrix}$  is in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  for all  $h$  and  $k$ .

22. Construct a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ , with nonzero entries, and a vector  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\mathbf{b}$  is *not* in the set spanned by the columns of  $A$ .

In Exercises 23 and 24, mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

23. a. Another notation for the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $[-4 \ 3]$ .

b. The points in the plane corresponding to  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  lie on a line through the origin.

c. An example of a linear combination of vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  is the vector  $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_1$ .

d. The solution set of the linear system whose augmented matrix is  $[\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \mathbf{a}_3 \ \mathbf{b}]$  is the same as the solution set of the equation  $x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + x_3\mathbf{a}_3 = \mathbf{b}$ .

e. The set  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  is always visualized as a plane through the origin.

24. a. Any list of five real numbers is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ .

b. The vector  $\mathbf{u}$  results when a vector  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$  is added to the vector  $\mathbf{v}$ .

c. The weights  $c_1, \dots, c_p$  in a linear combination  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p$  cannot all be zero.

d. When  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are nonzero vectors,  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  contains the line through  $\mathbf{u}$  and the origin.

e. Asking whether the linear system corresponding to an augmented matrix  $[\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \mathbf{a}_3 \ \mathbf{b}]$  has a solution amounts to asking whether  $\mathbf{b}$  is in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$ .

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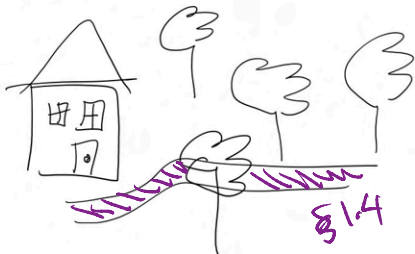
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→  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \text{lin } \in$

Notation

→ The vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  belongs to  $\mathbb{R}^3$

symbol	meaning
$\in$	belongs to
$\mathbb{R}^n$	the set of vectors with $n$ real-valued elements
$\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$	the set of real-valued matrices with $m$ rows and $n$ columns

**Example:** the notation  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^5$  means that  $\vec{x}$  is a vector with five real-valued elements.

$\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  means that the matrix has  $m$  rows and  $n$  cols.  
#rows #cols

$\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  means?  $n$  rows and  $m$  columns.

Linear Combinations

**Definition**  
 $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix with columns  $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then the **matrix vector product**  $A\vec{x}$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ :

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1\vec{a}_1 + x_2\vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n\vec{a}_n$$

$2 \times 3 \quad 3 \times 1 \quad 2 \times 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that  $A\vec{x}$  is in the span of the columns of  $A$ .

**Example**

The following product can be written as a linear combination of vectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + 7 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A \quad x$

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

where  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$   
 $A = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{v}_n]$

Solution Sets

**Theorem**

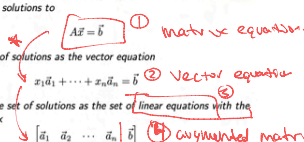
If  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix with columns  $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n$ , and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , then the solutions to

has the same set of solutions as the vector equation

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

which as the same set of solutions as the set of linear equations with the augmented matrix

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



Existence of Solutions

**Theorem**

The equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a solution if and only if  $\vec{b}$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .

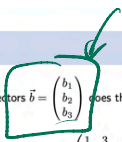
Proof:  $\vec{b}$  equation & definition.

Example

The Row Vector Rule for Computing  $A\vec{x}$

~~Star~~  
Come back

For what vectors  $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$  does the equation have a solution?



$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 8 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

A

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \\ b_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

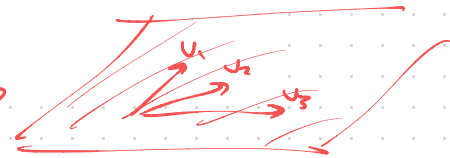
Soln.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 4 & b_1 & & \\ 2 & 8 & 4 & b_2 & & \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & b_3 & & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 4 & b_1 & & \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & -2b_1+b_2 & & \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & b_3 & & \end{array} \right]$$

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$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 4 & b_1 & & \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & b_3 & & \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & -2b_1+b_2 & & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 4 & b_1 & & \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & b_3 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2b_1+b_2-2b_3 & & \end{array} \right]$$

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Now what?

If  $-2b_1 + b_2 - 2b_3 = 0$

Then the system  $Ax=b$  is consistent  
 $b$  is a linear combination of  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

Summary

We now have four equivalent ways of expressing linear systems.

1. A system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 3x_2 = 7 \\ x_1 - x_2 = 5 \end{cases}$$

2. An augmented matrix:

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

3. A vector equation:

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

4. As a matrix equation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

linear combination of  
 span  
 consistent  
 variables  
 coeff matrix

Each representation gives us a different way to think about linear systems.

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## DEFINITION

If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, with columns  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ , and if  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the product of  $A$  and  $\mathbf{x}$ , denoted by  $A\mathbf{x}$ , is the linear combination of the columns of  $A$  using the corresponding entries in  $\mathbf{x}$  as weights; that is,

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \cdots + x_n\mathbf{a}_n$$

## EXAMPLE 1

a.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + 7 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear combination of cols of  $A$  w/ weights

$4, 3, 7$

b.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 8 & 0 \\ -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + 7 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

The equation  $Ax = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution if and only if  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .

**EXAMPLE 3** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ -4 & 2 & -6 \\ -3 & -2 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is the equation  $Ax = \mathbf{b}$  consistent for all possible  $b_1, b_2, b_3$ ?

**SOLUTION** Row reduce the augmented matrix for  $Ax = \mathbf{b}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 4 & b_1 \\ -4 & 2 & -6 & b_2 \\ -3 & -2 & -7 & b_3 \end{array} \right] &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 4 & b_1 \\ 0 & 14 & 10 & b_2 + 4b_1 \\ 0 & 7 & 5 & b_3 + 3b_1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 4 & b_1 \\ 0 & 14 & 10 & b_2 + 4b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 + 3b_1 - \frac{1}{2}(b_2 + 4b_1) \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

## 1.4 EXERCISES

Compute the products in Exercises 1–4 using (a) the definition, as in Example 1, and (b) the row–vector rule for computing  $A\mathbf{x}$ . If a product is undefined, explain why.

In Exercises 5–8, use the definition of  $A\mathbf{x}$  to write the matrix equation as a vector equation, or vice versa.

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1. \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} & 2. \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ 3. \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} & 4. \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} 5. \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & -4 \\ -2 & -7 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix} \\ 6. \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 12 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$7. x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 7 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -8 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -8 \\ 0 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$8. z_1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + z_2 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + z_3 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + z_4 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 9 and 10, write the system first as a vector equation and then as a matrix equation.

$$\begin{array}{ll} 9. 3x_1 + x_2 - 5x_3 = 9 & 10. 8x_1 - x_2 = 4 \\ & 5x_1 + 4x_2 = 1 \\ & x_2 + 4x_3 = 0 & x_1 - 3x_2 = 2 \end{array}$$

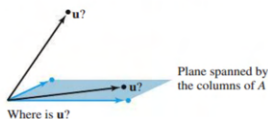
Given  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  in Exercises 11 and 12, write the augmented matrix for the linear system that corresponds to the matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Then solve the system and write the solution as a vector.

$$11. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ -2 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$12. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$13. \text{Let } \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -2 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Is } \mathbf{u} \text{ in the plane } \mathbb{R}^3$$

spanned by the columns of  $A$ ? (See the figure.) Why or why not?



$$14. \text{Let } \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Is } \mathbf{u} \text{ in the subset of } \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ spanned by the columns of } A? \text{ Why or why not?}$$

$$15. \text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Show that the equation } A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \text{ does not have a solution for all possible } \mathbf{b}, \text{ and describe the set of all } \mathbf{b} \text{ for which } A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \text{ does have a solution.}$$

$$16. \text{Repeat Exercise 15: } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -4 \\ -3 & 2 & 6 \\ 5 & -1 & -8 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Exercises 17–20 refer to the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  below. Make appropriate calculations that justify your answers and mention an appropriate theorem.

In Exercises 23 and 24, mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

23. a. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is referred to as a *vector equation*.  
 b. A vector  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of the columns of a matrix  $A$  if and only if the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution.  
 c. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent if the augmented matrix  $[A \ \mathbf{b}]$  has a pivot position in every row.  
 d. The first entry in the product  $A\mathbf{x}$  is a sum of products.  
 e. If the columns of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .  
 f. If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and if the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent for some  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then  $A$  cannot have a pivot position in every row.
24. a. Every matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  corresponds to a vector equation with the same solution set.  
 b. Any linear combination of vectors can always be written in the form  $A\mathbf{x}$  for a suitable matrix  $A$  and vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .  
 c. The solution set of a linear system whose augmented matrix is  $[a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3 \ \mathbf{b}]$  is the same as the solution set of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , if  $A = [a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3]$ .  
 d. If the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent, then  $\mathbf{b}$  is not in the set spanned by the columns of  $A$ .  
 e. If the augmented matrix  $[A \ \mathbf{b}]$  has a pivot position in every row, then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent.



## Section 1.5 : Solution Sets of Linear Systems

Chapter 1 : Linear Equations

Math 1554 Linear Algebra

Parametric  
VECTOR FORM

## 1.5 : Solution Sets of Linear Systems

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## 1.5 : Solution Sets of Linear Systems

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3 9/4 - 9/8	Break	WS1.7	1.8	WS1.8	1.9
4 9/11 - 9/15	2.1	WS1.9,2.1	Exam 1, Review	Cancelled	2.2

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Chapter 1 : Linear Equations  
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### Homogeneous Systems

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  ← system of linear equations

**Definition**  
Linear systems of the form  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  are homogeneous.

Linear systems of the form  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$  are inhomogeneous.

Because homogeneous systems always have the trivial solution,  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , the interesting question is whether they have **ps-many** solutions.

#### Observation

$A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has a nontrivial solution  
⇔ there is a free variable  
⇔  $A$  has a column with no pivot.

coeft matrix  $A$ .

### Example: a Homogeneous System

Identify the free variables, and the solution set, of the system.

Soln.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 - 5x_3 = 0 \\ x_1 - 2x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Notice  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Then  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  ✓

So  $x_1 = 0$   
 $x_2 = 0$   
 $x_3 = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & -7 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

No free var & consistent → Unique soln.  $\begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$  only solution

$\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is called "the trivial solution".

Soln (w/  $x_3$ )

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \dots \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

parametric eqn. form.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 2t \\ x_2 = -t \\ x_3 = t \end{cases} \text{ (Free)}$$

$a, b, c$  constants

$$\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

Next: parametric vector form

Substitute in

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2t \\ -t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{x}$$

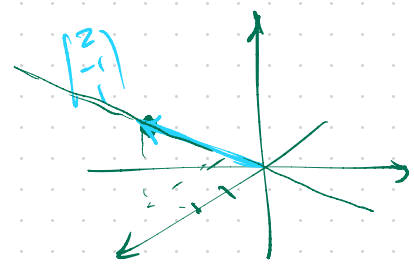
$x, y, z$  single real var  
 $z$  complex var.

$n, p, z, m, N$

$f, g, h$  function

$r, s, t$  good parameter.

$E, S$



Parametric Forms, Homogeneous Case

In the example on the previous slide we expressed the solution to a system using a vector equation. This is a **parametric form** of the solution.

In general, suppose the free variables for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  are  $x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n$ . Then all solutions to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  can be written as

$$\vec{x} = x_k \vec{v}_k + x_{k+1} \vec{v}_{k+1} + \dots + x_n \vec{v}_n$$

for some  $\vec{v}_k, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ . This is the **parametric form** of the solution.

Example 2 (non-homogeneous system)

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \quad \vec{x} = t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Write the parametric vector form of the solution, and give a geometric interpretation of the solution.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 9 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 - 5x_3 = 11 \\ x_1 - 2x_3 = 6 \end{cases} \leftarrow A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

(Note that the left-hand side is the same as Example 1).

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 9 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 11 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & -7 & -7 & -7 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

same A new b

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 2x_3 = 6 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 1 \\ x_3 = \text{free} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 6 + 2t \\ x_2 = 1 - t \\ x_3 = t \text{ (Free)} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 6 + 2x_3 \\ x_2 = 1 - x_3 \\ x_3 = x_3 \text{ (Free)} \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 + 2t \\ 1 - t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 + 2x_3 \\ 1 - x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2t \\ -t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  general solution in parametric form

The solutions to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  are of the form

$$\vec{x} = \vec{x}_p + \vec{x}_h$$

↑  
one particular solution!

↑  
The general soln to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

Q: Find the parametric vector form of the solutions to the homogeneous system w/ coefficient matrix  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Soln.

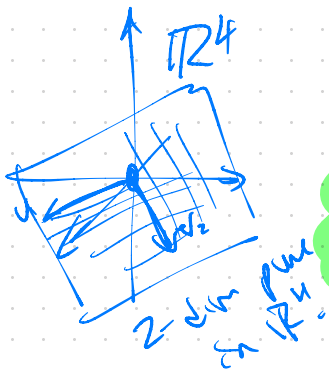
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 9x_3 - 8x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 - 4x_3 + 5x_4 = 0 \\ x_3 = \text{free} \\ x_4 = \text{free} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 9s - 8t = 0 \\ x_2 - 4s + 5t = 0 \\ x_3 = s \text{ free} \\ x_4 = t \text{ free} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -9s + 8t \\ x_2 = 4s - 5t \\ x_3 = s \text{ (free)} \\ x_4 = t \text{ (free)} \end{cases}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -9s + 8t \\ 4s - 5t \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -9s \\ 4s \\ s \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 8t \\ -5t \\ 0 \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$



$$X = s \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$v_1$                        $v_2$

## 1.5 EXERCISES

In Exercises 1–4, determine if the system has a nontrivial solution. Try to use as few row operations as possible.

- $2x_1 - 5x_2 + 8x_3 = 0$   
 $-2x_1 - 7x_2 + x_3 = 0$   
 $4x_1 + 2x_2 + 7x_3 = 0$
- $x_1 - 3x_2 + 7x_3 = 0$   
 $-2x_1 + x_2 - 4x_3 = 0$   
 $x_1 + 2x_2 + 9x_3 = 0$
- $-3x_1 + 5x_2 - 7x_3 = 0$   
 $-6x_1 + 7x_2 + x_3 = 0$
- $-5x_1 + 7x_2 + 9x_3 = 0$   
 $x_1 - 2x_2 + 6x_3 = 0$

In Exercises 5 and 6, follow the method of Examples 1 and 2 to write the solution set of the given homogeneous system in parametric vector form.

- $x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 0$   
 $-4x_1 - 9x_2 + 2x_3 = 0$   
 $-3x_2 - 6x_3 = 0$
- $x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 = 0$   
 $x_1 + 4x_2 - 8x_3 = 0$   
 $-3x_1 - 7x_2 + 9x_3 = 0$

In Exercises 7–12, describe all solutions of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  in parametric vector form, where  $A$  is row equivalent to the given matrix.

- $$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
- $$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -9 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$
- $$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -9 & 6 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
- $$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & -4 \\ 2 & 6 & 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$
- $$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & -2 & 0 & 3 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
- $$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 & -6 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -7 & 4 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Suppose the solution set of a certain system of linear equations can be described as  $x_1 = 5 + 4x_3$ ,  $x_2 = -2 - 7x_3$ , with  $x_3$  free. Use vectors to describe this set as a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- Suppose the solution set of a certain system of linear equations can be described as  $x_1 = 3x_4$ ,  $x_2 = 8 + x_4$ ,  $x_3 = 2 - 5x_4$ , with  $x_4$  free. Use vectors to describe this set as a “line” in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- Follow the method of Example 3 to describe the solutions of the following system in parametric vector form. Also, give a geometric description of the solution set and compare it to that in Exercise 5.  
 $x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 1$   
 $-4x_1 - 9x_2 + 2x_3 = -1$   
 $-3x_2 - 6x_3 = -3$
- As in Exercise 15, describe the solutions of the following system in parametric vector form, and provide a geometric comparison with the solution set in Exercise 6.  
 $x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 = 4$   
 $x_1 + 4x_2 - 8x_3 = 7$   
 $-3x_1 - 7x_2 + 9x_3 = -6$

In Exercises 29–32, (a) does the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  have a nontrivial solution and (b) does the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  have at least one solution for every possible  $\mathbf{b}$ ?

- $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with three pivot positions.
  - $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with two pivot positions.
  - $A$  is a  $3 \times 2$  matrix with two pivot positions.
  - $A$  is a  $2 \times 4$  matrix with two pivot positions.
33. Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -6 \\ 7 & 21 \\ -3 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$ , find one nontrivial solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  by inspection. [Hint: Think of the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  written as a vector equation.]

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 &= 4 \\ x_1 + 4x_2 - 8x_3 &= 7 \\ -3x_1 - 7x_2 + 9x_3 &= -6 \end{aligned}$$

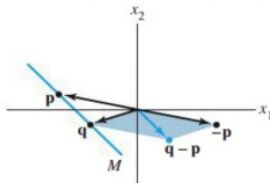
- Describe and compare the solution sets of  $x_1 + 9x_2 - 4x_3 = 0$  and  $x_1 + 9x_2 - 4x_3 = -2$ .
- Describe and compare the solution sets of  $x_1 - 3x_2 + 5x_3 = 0$  and  $x_1 - 3x_2 + 5x_3 = 4$ .

In Exercises 19 and 20, find the parametric equation of the line through  $\mathbf{a}$  parallel to  $\mathbf{b}$ .

$$19. \mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad 20. \mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 21 and 22, find a parametric equation of the line  $M$  through  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ . [Hint:  $M$  is parallel to the vector  $\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}$ . See the figure below.]

$$21. \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad 22. \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$



The line through  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ .

In Exercises 23 and 24, mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- A homogeneous equation is always consistent.
  - The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  gives an explicit description of its solution set.
  - The homogeneous equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has the trivial solution if and only if the equation has at least one free variable.
  - The equation  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{v}$  describes a line through  $\mathbf{v}$  parallel to  $\mathbf{p}$ .
  - The solution set of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is the set of all vectors of the form  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v}_h$ , where  $\mathbf{v}_h$  is any solution of the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a nontrivial solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , then every entry in  $\mathbf{x}$  is nonzero.
  - The equation  $\mathbf{x} = x_2\mathbf{u} + x_3\mathbf{v}$ , with  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  free (and neither  $\mathbf{u}$  nor  $\mathbf{v}$  a multiple of the other), describes a plane through the origin.
  - The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is homogeneous if the zero vector is a solution.
  - The effect of adding  $\mathbf{p}$  to a vector is to move the vector in a direction parallel to  $\mathbf{p}$ .
- The solution set of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is obtained by translating the solution set of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

# 1.7 LINEAR INDEPENDENCE

The homogeneous equations in Section 1.5 can be studied from a different perspective by writing them as vector equations. In this way, the focus shifts from the unknown solutions of  $Ax = 0$  to the vectors that appear in the vector equations.

Dates	Mon Lecture	Tue Studio	Wed Lecture	Thu Studio	Fri Lecture
8/21 - 8/25	1.1	WS1.1	1.2	WS1.2	1.3
8/28 - 9/1	1.4	WS1.3,1.4	1.5	WS1.5	1.7
9/4 - 9/8	Break	WS1.7	1.8	WS1.8	1.9
9/11 - 9/15	2.1	WS1.9,2.1	Exam 1, Review	Cancelled	2.2

## DEFINITION

An indexed set of vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be **linearly independent** if the vector equation

$$x_1 v_1 + x_2 v_2 + \dots + x_p v_p = 0$$

has only the trivial solution. The set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  is said to be **linearly dependent** if there exist weights  $c_1, \dots, c_p$ , not all zero, such that

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_p v_p = 0 \quad (2)$$



Equivalent defn. \*  $Ax=0$  has only the trivial soln  
 $A = [v_1 \dots v_p]$   
 \*  $A$  has a pivot in every col.  
 $A = [v_1 \dots v_p]$

FACTS: IF  $A$  is  $m \times n$   $A = [v_1 \dots v_n]$   
 \* IF  $n > m$  then  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  lin dep **wide**  
 \* IF  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  are lin ind then  $m \geq n$ .

\*  $Ax=0$  has a free var  
 $\Rightarrow \{v_1, \dots, v_3\}$  lin dep.

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_3 \\ -x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 - 2x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_3 = \text{free} \end{array}$$

Ex. Which of the following sets of vectors are lin ind/lin dep

①

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

linearly dependent set of vectors

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

*R1+R2*      *R2+R3*

$$2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

$X = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  certificate of dependence.

Linearly dependent.

②

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$-2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

certificate of dependence

$Ax = b$  if  $x$  and  $b$  are both  $n \times 1$  vectors  
 $[A | b]$   
 $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 = b$

Note  $A\vec{x}=\vec{0}$  is never inconsistent.

(2)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

are linearly independent.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_1 \\ -R_1 \times 3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

linearly dependent.

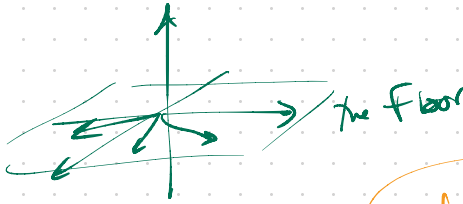
(3)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

\* already RREF.

\*  $3\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

\* all  $x_3$ -components are zero



$$3\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 1\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$0\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We wrote  $v_4$  as lin comb of  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ .

(4)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

linearly dependent

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = -t \\ x_3 = -t \\ x_4 = t \end{cases}$$

$$x = t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$t = -1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$0\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 1\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

A set of two vectors  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is linearly dependent if at least one of the vectors is a multiple of the other. The set is linearly independent if and only if neither of the vectors is a multiple of the other.



$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ lin dep b/c } 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

If some  $v_i$  is a linear combination of the other vectors then  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\} \subseteq S$ .

### THEOREM 7

#### Characterization of Linearly Dependent Sets

An indexed set  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  of two or more vectors is linearly dependent if and only if at least one of the vectors in  $S$  is a linear combination of the others. In fact, if  $S$  is linearly dependent and  $v_1 \neq \mathbf{0}$ , then some  $v_j$  (with  $j > 1$ ) is a linear combination of the preceding vectors,  $v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}$ .

lin dep

$$v_i \neq \mathbf{0}$$

$$\{v_i, \mathbf{0}\}$$

set is automatic. moreover, theorem 8 will be a key result for work in later chapters.

### THEOREM 8

If a set contains more vectors than there are entries in each vector, then the set is linearly dependent. That is, any set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly dependent if  $p > n$ .



$$n \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix}^p$$



**THEOREM 9**

If a set  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  contains the zero vector, then the set is linearly dependent.

Ex.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

lin dep? ✓  
lin ind?

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = t \\ x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$X = t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

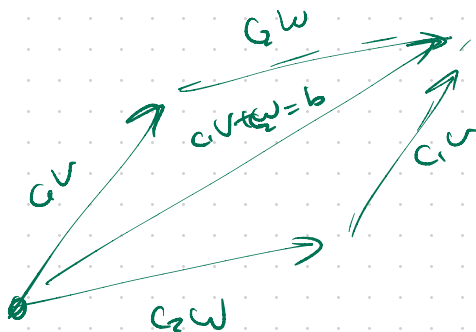
$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 5 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex.

In Exercises 11–14, find the value(s) of  $h$  for which the vectors are linearly dependent. Justify each answer.

11.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$       12.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ h \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$



## 1.7 EXERCISES

In Exercises 1–4, determine if the vectors are linearly independent. Justify each answer.

$$1. \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 4 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} \quad 2. \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3. \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 9 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad 4. \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -8 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 5–8, determine if the columns of the matrix form a linearly independent set. Justify each answer.

$$5. \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -8 & 5 \\ 3 & -7 & 4 \\ -1 & 5 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad 6. \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$7. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -3 & 0 \\ -2 & -7 & 5 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad 8. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 7 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 9 and 10, (a) for what values of  $h$  is  $\mathbf{v}_3$  in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ , and (b) for what values of  $h$  is  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  linearly dependent? Justify each answer.

$$9. \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 9 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$10. \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 10 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -9 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 11–14, find the value(s) of  $h$  for which the vectors are linearly dependent. Justify each answer.

$$11. \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ h \end{bmatrix} \quad 12. \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ h \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$13. \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -9 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ h \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} \quad 14. \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine by inspection whether the vectors in Exercises 15–20 are linearly independent. Justify each answer.

$$15. \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad 16. \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$17. \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad 18. \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$19. \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 12 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad 20. \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 62 CHAPTER 1 Linear Equations in Linear Algebra

24.  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with linearly dependent columns.
25.  $A$  is a  $4 \times 2$  matrix,  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2]$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_2$  is not a multiple of  $\mathbf{a}_1$ .
26.  $A$  is a  $4 \times 3$  matrix,  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \mathbf{a}_3]$ , such that  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2\}$  is linearly independent and  $\mathbf{a}_3$  is not in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2\}$ .
27. How many pivot columns must a  $7 \times 5$  matrix have if its columns are linearly independent? Why?
28. How many pivot columns must a  $5 \times 7$  matrix have if its columns span  $\mathbb{R}^5$ ? Why?
29. Construct  $3 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution and  $B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a nontrivial solution.
30. a. Fill in the blank in the following statement: "If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent if and only if  $A$  has \_\_\_\_\_ pivot columns."  
b. Explain why the statement in (a) is true.

Exercises 31 and 32 should be solved *without performing row operations*. [Hint: Write  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  as a vector equation.]

31. Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ -5 & 1 & -4 \\ -3 & -1 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , observe that the third column is the sum of the first two columns. Find a nontrivial solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

32. Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 6 \\ -7 & 5 & 3 \\ 9 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , observe that the first column

In Exercises 21 and 22, mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer on the basis of a careful reading of the text.

21. a. The columns of a matrix  $A$  are linearly independent if the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has the trivial solution.  
b. If  $S$  is a linearly dependent set, then each vector is a linear combination of the other vectors in  $S$ .  
c. The columns of any  $4 \times 5$  matrix are linearly dependent.  
d. If  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are linearly independent, and if  $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$  is linearly dependent, then  $\mathbf{z}$  is in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$ .
22. a. Two vectors are linearly dependent if and only if they lie on a line through the origin.  
b. If a set contains fewer vectors than there are entries in the vectors, then the set is linearly independent.  
c. If  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are linearly independent, and if  $\mathbf{z}$  is in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$ , then  $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$  is linearly dependent.  
d. If a set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly dependent, then the set contains more vectors than there are entries in each vector.

In Exercises 23–26, describe the possible echelon forms of the matrix. Use the notation of Example 1 in Section 1.2.

23.  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with linearly independent columns.

plus twice the second column equals the third column. Find a nontrivial solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

Each statement in Exercises 33–38 is either true (in all cases) or false (for at least one example). If false, construct a specific example to show that the statement is not always true. Such an example is called a *counterexample* to the statement. If a statement is true, give a justification. (One specific example cannot explain why a statement is always true. You will have to do more work here than in Exercises 21 and 22.)

33. If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = 2\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2$ , then  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$  is linearly dependent.
34. If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$  is linearly dependent.
35. If  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  is not a scalar multiple of  $\mathbf{v}_1$ , then  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  is linearly independent.
36. If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$  is *not* a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_4$ , then  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$  is linearly independent.
37. If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is linearly dependent, then  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$  is also linearly dependent.
38. If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4$  are linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , then  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is also linearly independent. [*Hint*: Think about  $x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2 + x_3\mathbf{v}_3 + 0 \cdot \mathbf{v}_4 = \mathbf{0}$ .]