

"Homework 4" and "Homework 5" are due Tomorrow

1.4 The Matrix Equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 4$$

$$5x_1 + 6x_2 + 7x_3 = 8$$

$$9x_1 + 10x_2 + 11x_3 = 12$$

can be written as

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

vector equation

this can be expressed as a matrix equation

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{b}}$$

in general, if $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3, \dots, \vec{a}_n$ are columns of A and x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are elements of column vector \vec{x} then

$$\underbrace{[\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{a}_n]}_A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n$$

this gives us a way to multiply a matrix by a vector

example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ -4 & -3 \\ 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ -17 \\ 32 \end{bmatrix}$$

$3 \times \boxed{2}$ $\boxed{2} \times 1$
 $\swarrow \quad \nearrow$
 these MUST match

"row-vector rule"

multiply first ^{row} ~~row~~ of A by first column of \vec{x}
 then 2nd row A by first col. of \vec{x}
 and so on

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 6 \cdot 2 + 5 \cdot 3 \\ -4 \cdot 2 + -3 \cdot 3 \\ 7 \cdot 2 + 6 \cdot 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ -17 \\ 32 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{each element is a sum of products}$$

example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 9 & -6 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -9 \\ 12 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\begin{matrix} 4 \times 2 \\ \hline \end{matrix}$ $\begin{matrix} 2 \times 1 \\ \hline \end{matrix}$ 4×1

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ -2 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 2 \\ -2 & -4 & -3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \sim \dots \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

so $x_1 = 0$, $x_2 = -3$, $x_3 = 1$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

so this means $0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + (-3) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} + (1) \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$

therefore, for a solution \vec{x} to exist, the vector \vec{b}

MUST be a linear combination of columns of A .

$\Rightarrow \vec{b}$ must be in $\text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3\}$

if we know \vec{b} , we know how to find \vec{x}

question: for an A that is 3×3 , can we form every possible vector in \mathbb{R}^3

in other words, is $\text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3\} = \mathbb{R}^3$

suppose $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ -2 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

is there a solution $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$

such that $x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$

for ANY b_1, b_2, b_3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & b_2 \\ -2 & -4 & -3 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \dots \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 17/5 b_1 - 2b_2 + 6/5 b_3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b_2 - 2b_1 - b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2/5 b_1 + 1/5 b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

there is a pivot in each column, so a solution always exists for ANY b_1, b_2, b_3

therefore, this matrix's columns span \mathbb{R}^3

what if we got

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & b_1 - 2b_2 + b_3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b_2 - 3b_1 + b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_1 + b_2 + b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

so if $b_1 + b_2 + b_3 \neq 0$, then there is no solution

so $\text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3\} \neq \mathbb{R}^3$

the columns of an $m \times n$ matrix A span \mathbb{R}^m
if the reduced row echelon form of A has
a pivot position in every column

then, the follow four statements are logically equivalent

- a. For each \vec{b} in \mathbb{R}^m , $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a solution
- b. Each \vec{b} in \mathbb{R}^m is a linear combo of columns of A
- c. Columns of A span \mathbb{R}^m
- d. A has pivot position in every row

1.5 Solution sets of Linear Systems

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is called homogeneous if $\vec{b} = \vec{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ always has the trivial solution $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has nontrivial solutions if A does not have pivot position in every row

example $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 6 \\ -9 & -9 & -18 \\ 0 & -4 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 6 & 0 \\ -9 & -9 & -18 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 12 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\sim \dots \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

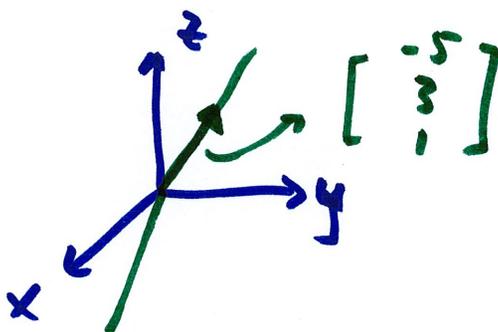
x_3 free

$$x_2 = 3x_3$$

$$x_1 = -2x_2 - x_2 - 2x_3 = -3x_3 - 2x_3 = -5x_3$$

$$\text{so } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5x_3 \\ 3x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

line in \mathbb{R}^3



parametric vector form
(x_3 is the parameter)

nonhomogeneous system

$$\text{same } A : A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 6 \\ -9 & -9 & -18 \\ 0 & -4 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ -36 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 6 & 12 \\ -9 & -9 & -18 & -36 \\ 0 & -4 & 12 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

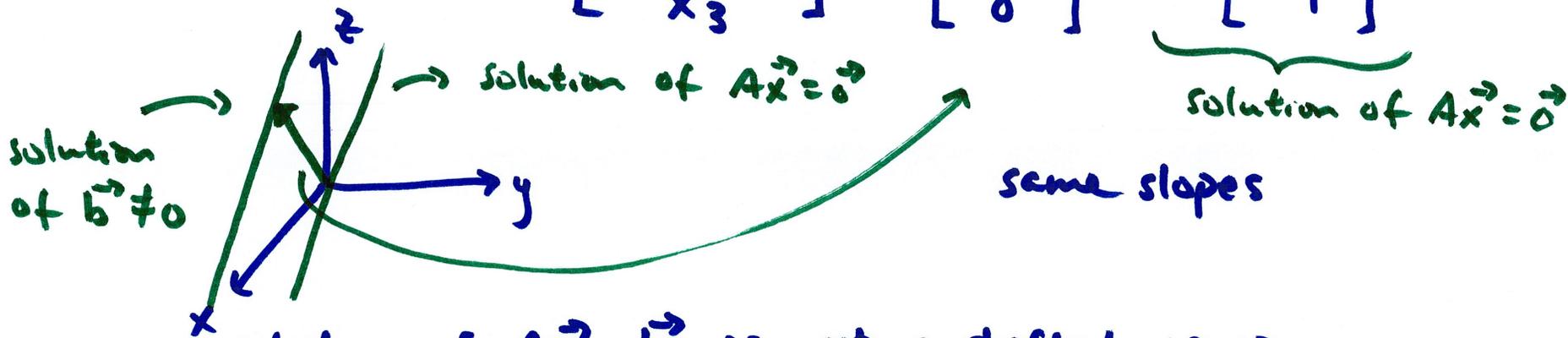
$\sim \dots \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

x_3 free

$$x_2 = -2 + 3x_3$$

$$x_1 = -x_2 - 2x_3 + 4 = 6 - 5x_3$$

solution:
$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 - 5x_3 \\ -2 + 3x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



solution of $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is ~~set~~ a shifted version of solution of $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ if $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is consistent