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$$x_1 = 2x_2$$

$$x_3 = -17x_2$$

x_2 free variable.

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Parametric vector equation.

A system of linear equations is homogeneous if it

can be written as $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

A is $m \times n$ matrix.

$$\begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

Always have trivial solution $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ $\vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

When does a non-trivial solution exist?

If every column is a pivot column

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} A & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right]$$

no free variables $\Rightarrow$ only trivial solution.

A has free variables $\iff$ a non-trivial solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ exists.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 7 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -17 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ free variable

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 17x_3 &= 0 \\ x_2 + 5x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 17x_3 \\ x_2 &= -5x_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 17x_3 \\ -5x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 17 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Set of solutions $\vec{x}$ any multiple of $\begin{bmatrix} 17 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{v}_1$

$\text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1 \}$.

Will describe the solutions to a system of linear equations in form: $\text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p \}$

homogeneous
 $\hookrightarrow p$ # vectors
 $=$ # free variables.

$$3x_1 - 4x_2 + 5x_3 = 0,$$

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

$$x_1 = \frac{4}{3}x_2 - \frac{5}{3}x_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3}x_2 - \frac{5}{3}x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ ↑
free.

$$= x_2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{5}{3} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Span $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$

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

↑ ↑
free

$$x_1 = -2x_2 - 4x_4$$

$$x_3 = -3x_4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2x_2 - 4x_4 \\ x_2 \\ -3x_4 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Non-homogeneous System.

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

↑
free

↑
free

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b

$$x_1 = -2x_2 - 4x_4 - 1$$

$$x_3 = -3x_4 + 5$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} -2x_2 - 4x_4 - 1 \\ x_2 \\ -3x_4 + 5 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{v}_1$ $\vec{v}_2$ $\vec{p}$

Set of all solutions:

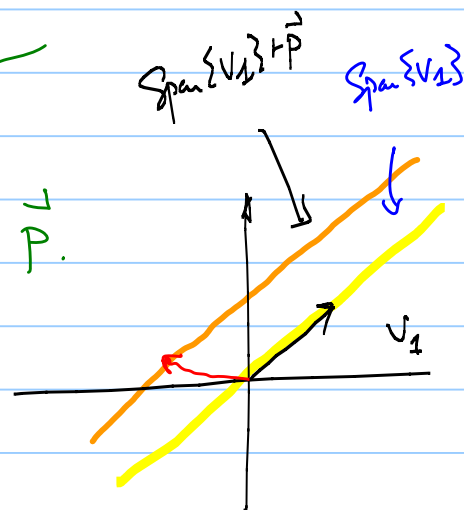
$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \vec{p}$$

$c_1 + c_2$
any
real #s

$$\text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \} + \vec{p}$$

$$\vec{v}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1 \} + \vec{p}$$



$$\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\} + \vec{p} \quad \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

Theorem Suppose $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is consistent.
Let $\vec{p}$ be any solution.

Then the set of all solutions $\vec{p} + V_h$
 $\downarrow$
 set of solutions to
 $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

Write a solution set in parametric vector form:

- (1) Put augmented matrix in reduced echelon form.
- (2) Express each basic variable in terms of the free variables
- (3) Write a typical solution: entries depend only on free variables.
- (4) Decompose $\vec{x}$ into a linear comb of vectors w/ free variables as weights.

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \quad A \text{ } n \times n \text{ matrix w/ columns } \vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n$$

Same as solns to vector eqn: $x_1\vec{a}_1 + \dots + x_n\vec{a}_n = \vec{0}$.

Definition: A set of vectors $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$

is linearly independent if the only solution to

$$x_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_p\vec{v}_p = \vec{0} \text{ is the trivial solution.}$$

The set is linearly dependent if there is $c_1, \dots, c_n$ (not all 0)

$$c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\vec{v}_p = \vec{0}.$$

Given: $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p$

$$A = [\vec{v}_1 \dots \vec{v}_p]$$

function notation
 $\Rightarrow$
 are there free variables.