

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

## Section 1.2

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6)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|ccccc} A & b \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 5 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{new } r_2 = r_2 - 3r_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 & -1 & -10 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{new } r_1 = r_1 + \frac{2}{5}r_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{4}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & -\frac{2}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{4}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{new } r_2 = -\frac{1}{5}r_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & -\frac{2}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - \frac{2}{5}x_3 - \frac{2}{5}x_4 = 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1 + \frac{2}{5}x_3 + \frac{2}{5}x_4 \\ x_2 - \frac{4}{5}x_3 + \frac{1}{5}x_4 = 2 \Rightarrow x_2 = 2 + \frac{4}{5}x_3 - \frac{1}{5}x_4 \Rightarrow \vec{x} = \\ x_3 \text{ is free} \\ x_4 \text{ is free} \end{cases}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 + \frac{2}{5}x_3 + \frac{2}{5}x_4 \\ 2 + \frac{4}{5}x_3 - \frac{1}{5}x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] + \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{4}{5} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] x_3 + \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{2}{5} \\ -\frac{1}{5} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Ans.

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ii) The answer is c.

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$$3 \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

FALSE, IN ORDER TO HAVE A NONTRIVIAL SOLUTION TO  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  THERE MUST BE ATLEAST ONE FREE VARIABLE AND WE CAN NOT DETERMINE THAT.

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13) The answer is False.

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TRUE, THE FACT THAT  $\vec{y}_1$  AND  $\vec{y}_2$  ARE SOLUTIONS MEANS THAT ANY LINEAR COMBINATION OF THE TWO SOLUTIONS IS ALSO A SOLUTION.

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16) a)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 5 & \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & \\ -1 & 0 & a & \\ 2 & -2 & b & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{Row 3 + Row 1} \\ \text{Row 4 - 2x Row 1}}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 5 & \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & \\ 0 & -1 & a+5 & \\ 0 & 0 & b-10 & \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Row 3 + Row 2}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 5 & \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & \\ 0 & 0 & a+5 & \\ 0 & 0 & b-10 & \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 5 & \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & \\ 0 & 0 & a+5 & \\ 0 & 0 & b-10 & \end{array} \right]$$

$\Rightarrow$  TO BE CONSISTENT,  $v_3$  LIES IN SPAN  $\{v_1, v_2\}$ ,  $a+5=0 \Rightarrow a=-5$   
 $b-10=0 \Rightarrow b=10$

b)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & a & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & b & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{Row 3 + Row 1} \\ \text{Row 4 - 2x Row 1}}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & a+5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b-10 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Row 3 + Row 2}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a+5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b-10 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Row 1 + Row 2}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a+5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b-10 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$\Rightarrow$  THE COLUMNS OF A MATRIX ARE LINEARLY INDEPENDENT IF AND ONLY IF THE EQUATION  $Ax = 0$  HAS ONLY THE TRIVIAL SOLUTION.  
 $\therefore$  THE SET  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  IS LINEARLY INDEPENDENT IN  $\mathbb{R}^3$  IF  $a \neq 3$  OR  $b \neq 10$

c) THIS IS ANOTHER WAY TO PHRASE PART (a),

$$\therefore a = -3 \\ b = 10$$

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17) a.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 7 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{new } r_3 = r_3 + 2r_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{new } r_1 = r_1 + 3r_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 - x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_3 \\ x_2 - x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = x_3 \\ x_3 \text{ is free} \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \\ x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_3 \quad \leftarrow \text{ans.}$$

b. The solution of  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  is the solution of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  plus  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_3 \quad \leftarrow \text{ans.}$$

c. i) False, the solution must only have the trivial solution for the columns of  $A$  to be linearly independent.  $[A|\vec{0}]$  has a free variable, so the homogeneous equation has more solutions than the trivial solution.

ii) True, if  $\vec{\omega}$  is the solution set of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , then  $A\vec{\omega} = \vec{b}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{\omega} &\stackrel{?}{=} \vec{b} \\ A(\vec{p} + \vec{v}_h) &\stackrel{?}{=} \vec{b} \\ A\vec{p} + A\vec{v}_h &\stackrel{?}{=} \vec{b} \\ \vec{b} + \vec{0} &\stackrel{?}{=} \vec{b} \\ \vec{b} &= \vec{b} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} \vec{\omega} &= \vec{p} + \vec{v}_h \\ A\vec{p} &= \vec{b} \text{ and } A\vec{v}_h = \vec{0} \end{aligned}$$

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20) a) For a given  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  and a given  $n$ -element vector  $b$  it is known that  $Cx = b$  has more than one solution. Can you tell from this whether or not the columns of  $C$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

YES you can tell. The columns of  $C$  do not span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Why? Non-unique soln.  $\Rightarrow A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has non-triv. soln.  
 $\Rightarrow \text{rank } A < n \Rightarrow \text{cols Lih. Dim.} \Rightarrow \dim \text{col } A < n$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{col } A \neq \mathbb{R}^n$

b) Does the equation  $Ax = b$  have unique solutions for all  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  for the matrix  $A$  below. You will get full credit for MATLAB commands which would generate the answer (you must explain how to interpret the output of the commands).

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 \\ 16 & 17 & 18 & 19 & 20 \\ 21 & 22 & 23 & 24 & 25 \end{bmatrix} \quad \boxed{\text{No, not unique soln.}}$$

$$\text{notes: } A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \text{null } A \neq \{0\} \Rightarrow \text{non-unique solns.}$

$$\begin{aligned} >&A = [1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5; \\ &6 & 7 & 8 & \dots \\ &\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots] \\ &>A^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

If response is an error message  $\Rightarrow$  singular matrix  
 $\Rightarrow$  some  $b$  not in col  $A$ .

21)

- f) Would any of your answers above change if you changed  $A$  by randomly changing 3 of its entries in the 2nd, third, and fourth columns to different small integers and the corresponding reduced echelon form for  $B$  was presented? (yes?, no?, probably?, probably not?, ?)

Since this change is very likely to keep  $A$  invertible  
 $\Rightarrow$  reduced echelon form will still be  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow$  All answers above will probably not change.  
 The answer to (d) will definitely not change.

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a)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{Row}_2 + \text{Row}_1 \\ \text{Row}_3 - 2\text{Row}_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{Row}_2 + \text{Row}_3 \\ \text{Row}_3 \times -1}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{SWAP Row}_2 \text{ and} \\ \text{Row}_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Row}_2 / 5} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2/5 & 0 & -1/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Row}_2 - \text{Row}_3} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 7/5 & -1 & -6/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Row}_1 - \text{Row}_3} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 7/5 & -1 & -6/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 7/5 & -1 & -6/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Row}_1 - 3\text{Row}_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 - 7/5 & 2 + 6/5 & -1 - 6/5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 7/5 & -1 & -6/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$AA^{-1} = I$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} -1/5 & 2 & 13/5 \\ 7/5 & -1 & -6/5 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = I \quad \checkmark$$

$$b) Ax = b$$

$$x = A^{-1}b$$

$$x = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} -1/5 & 2 & 13/5 \\ 7/5 & -1 & -6/5 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} -20 \\ 11 \\ -8 \end{array} \right]$$