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n linear equations, n unknowns

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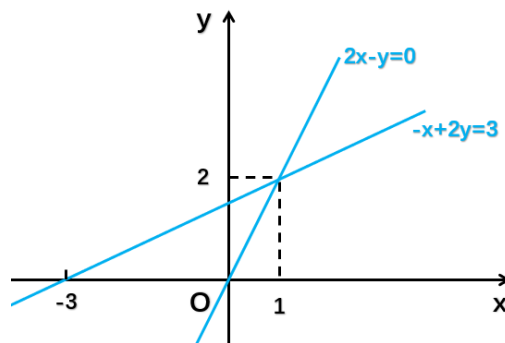
$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 0 \\ -x + 2y = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ i.e.}$$

\mathbf{A} (matrix of coefficients) = $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, \mathbf{x} (vector of unknowns) = $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, such that

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

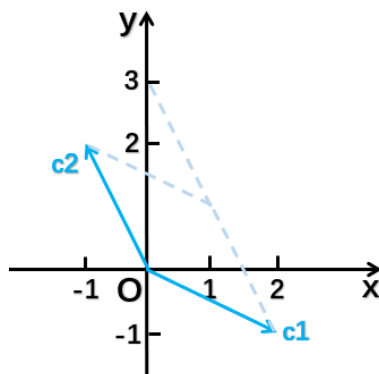
what's the **row** picture?



to find the point that lies on both two lines

what's the **column** picture?

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



$$1\vec{c}_1 + 2\vec{c}_2 = \vec{b}$$

to find the linear combination of columns of \mathbf{A} , such that it equals \mathbf{b}

what linear combination gives \mathbf{b} ?

what do all the linear combinations give?

what are all the possible, achievable right-hand sides be?

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ -x + 2y - z = -1 & \mathbf{2} \\ -3y + 4z = 4 & \mathbf{3} \end{cases}$$

$\begin{cases} \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{2} \\ \mathbf{3} \end{cases}$: the plot of all the points that solve it are a plane
 $\begin{cases} \mathbf{2} \\ \mathbf{3} \end{cases}$: two planes meet at a line
 $\begin{cases} \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{2} \\ \mathbf{3} \end{cases}$: meet at a point

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

what's the **row** picture?

to find out all the points that satisfy all the equations

what's the **column** picture?

$$x \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

can I always solve $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ for every right-hand side \mathbf{b} ?

do the linear combinations of the columns fill 3-dimensional space?

for this \mathbf{A} , the answer is **YES** (non-singular, invertible)

but for some others \mathbf{A} , the answer could be **NO** (singular, not-invertible)

if the 3 columns all lie in the same plane,

so I could solve it for some right-hand sides, when \vec{b} is in the plane,

but most right-hand sides would be out of the plane and unreachable.

in some case, the combinations of \mathbf{n} columns can only fill out **m-D** ($m < n$)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

\mathbf{Ax} means: \mathbf{Ax} is a combination of columns of \mathbf{A}