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LEC 8 solving $Ax=b$: Row Reduced Form
2.5

Complete solve equation of $Ax=b$
Rank r

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 = b_1 \quad \text{elimination}$$

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + 6x_3 + 8x_4 = b_2 \quad b_3 = b_1 + b_2$$

$$3x_1 + 6x_2 + 8x_3 + 10x_4 = b_3$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & b_1 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 & b_2 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & 10 & b_3 \end{array} \right]$$

Augmented matrix
 $[A; b]$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 2 & 2 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{2} & 4 & b_2 - 2b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & b_3 - 3b_1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & b_2 - 2b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \underline{b_3 - b_2 - b_1} \end{array} \right]$$

pivot columns

$$\downarrow$$
$$\underline{0 = b_3 - b_2 - b_1}$$

$$\text{let } b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b_1 = 1 \\ b_2 - 2b_1 = 3 \\ b_3 - b_2 - b_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

So solvability condition on b

$\Rightarrow Ax = b$ is solvable $\iff b$ has in the column space of A ($C(A)$). If a combination of rows of A gives zero row, then the same combination of entries of b must give 0.

To find the complete solution to $Ax = b$

① $x_{\text{particular}}$: Set all free variables to 0

solve $Ax = b$ for pivot variables

in this case: $x_2 = x_4 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_3 = 1 \\ 2x_3 = 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = -2 \\ x_3 = \frac{3}{2} \end{cases}$

$$\text{So } x_p = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

② $x_{\text{nullspaces}}$

$$x_{\text{complete}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

① + ② $x = x_p + x_n \Rightarrow Ax_p = b$ so $A(x_p + x_n) = b$

$Ax_n = 0$

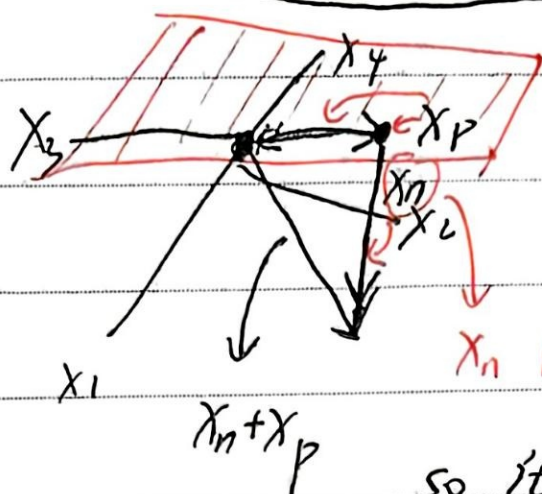
$x_{\text{nullspace}}$

so, it is the complete solution

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null space

Plot all solutions x in \mathbb{R}^4



x_n : two dimensional subspace in \mathbb{R}^4

x_n is anywhere in the subspace

so it's like a subspace shifted from the origin (a plane not go through the origin)

① m by n matrix A of rank r

(know $r \leq m$ and $r \leq n$)

Full column rank means $r = n$: No free variable

$N(A) = \text{zero vector} \leftarrow \text{only } x = [0]$

Solution to $Ax = b$: $x = x_{\text{particular}}$, Unique solution if it exist

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(0 or 1 solution)

$Ax = b$ \uparrow $x_{\text{null}} = [0]$
full column rank



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② Full row rank means $r = m$

can solve $Ax = b$ for which b ? \Rightarrow for every b

because left hand no zero.

(Exist)

Left with $n-r$ free variables
 \parallel
 $n-m$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & - & - \\ 0 & 1 & - & - \end{bmatrix}$$

The rank r tell us about the solutions \downarrow

③ $r = m = n$ $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in$ full rank matrix

$R = I$ $X_n = [0]$ is invertible

1 solution for every b

① $r = \text{rank}$ $n < m$ \in full column ^{rank} matrix

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(0 or one solution) to $Ax = b$

② $r = \text{rank}$ $m < n$ \in full row rank matrix

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} I & F \end{bmatrix}$$

($\neq \infty$ solutions) null space

\uparrow no requirements for b

③ $r < m, r < n$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} I & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(0 or ∞ solutions)

\uparrow if b not in the $C(A)$