

Solving $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$: row reduced form R

Again,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

(row 3 = row 1 + row 2 $\Rightarrow b_3 = b_1 + b_2$)

otherwise, no sol. for $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$)

Q: How to find sol.?

Also use Elimination!

$$A\underline{x} = \underline{b} \rightarrow U\underline{x} = \underline{c} \rightarrow R\underline{x} = \underline{d}$$

Elimination with augmented matrix

$$[A \ \underline{b}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & b_1 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 & b_2 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & 10 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & b_2 - b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 - b_2 - b_1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow [U \ \underline{c}]$$

(need $0=0$ for last row

$$\text{Ex: } \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow b_3 - b_2 - b_1 = 0$$

\Uparrow Equivalent

Recall: $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$ is solvable iff $\underline{b} \in C(A)$

Complete solution

Step 1: chk eqn is solvable

Step 2: find a particular solution \underline{x}_p

Step 3: complete sol = particular sol.

+ all vectors in $N(A)$

A Particular sol.

$$[A \ b] \rightarrow [U \ c] \rightarrow [R \ d]$$

set all free var. = 0

$$[U \ c] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
free col.s \Rightarrow set $x_2 = x_4 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + 2x_3 = 1$$

$$2x_3 = 3 \Rightarrow x_3 = 3/2 \Rightarrow x_1 = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x}_p = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 3/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using $[R \ d]$

$$[U \ c] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[R \ d] = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & \boxed{0} & -2 & -2 \\ \boxed{0} & 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 & 3/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R \underline{x}_p = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & \boxed{0} & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x_1 = d_1 = -2 \\ x_3 = d_2 = 3/2 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \underline{x}_{\text{pivot}} \text{ comes from } \underline{d}$$

Combine with nullspace

$$\underline{x}_{\text{complete}} = \underline{x}_p + \underline{x}_n$$

one particular sol. \downarrow many sol. (a generic vector in $N(A)$)
 $(A \underline{x}_p = \underline{b})$ $(A \underline{x}_n = \underline{0} : \text{comb of } n-r \text{ special sol.})$

Recall: special sol.s to $A \underline{x}_n = \underline{0}$

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

$$\Rightarrow \text{complete sol. to } A \underline{x} = \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x}_{\text{complete}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 3/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$(N(A) \text{ is a 2D subspace of } \mathbb{R}^4)$

\Rightarrow complete sol. forms a plane parallel to $N(A)$ and passes through

$$\underline{x}_p = (-2, 0, 3/2, 0)$$

Q: If A is square, invertible, what are

\underline{x}_p & \underline{x}_n ? ($m=n=r$)

$$\underline{x}_p = A^{-1} \underline{b} \text{ (the only sol.)}$$

$$\# \text{ of free vars} = n - r = 0$$

\Rightarrow no special sol.

$\Rightarrow R = I$ has no zero rows

$\Rightarrow N(A)$ contains only $\underline{0}$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x}_{\text{complete}} = A^{-1} \underline{b} + \underline{0} = A^{-1} \underline{b}$$

(Situation in ch. 2, $[A \ \underline{b}] \rightarrow [I \ A^{-1} \underline{b}]$)
(in general $[R \ \underline{d}]$)

Rank

rank = # of nonzero pivots

If $A_{m \times n}$ is of rank r

$$\Rightarrow r \leq m, r \leq n$$

Full col. rank ($r=n$)

1. All cols of A are pivot cols.

2. # of free vars = $n - r = 0$

(no free vars)

$$3. N(A) = \{ \underline{0} \}$$

4. $A \underline{x} = \underline{b} \Leftrightarrow \underline{x} = \underline{x}_p$ unique sol. if
(0 or 1 sol) it exists

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$ (0 or 1 sol.)

has sol. iff $\underline{b} \in C(A)$

Let $\underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ only unique sol.
(sum of 2 col.s)

In general

∴ $r \leq m$ & $r = n \Rightarrow n \leq m$ ($n < m$;

A is tall & thin & $R = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (overdetermined)

For any $\underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ not a comb. of col.s of $A \Rightarrow$ no sol.

Full row rank ($r = m$)

Can solve $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$ for every \underline{b}
(no zero rows \Rightarrow no constr. on \underline{b})

of free var.s = $n - r = n - m$

\Rightarrow $n - m$ special sol.s to $A\underline{x} = \underline{0}$

($m \leq n$, iff $m < n$ underdetermined)

Ex: $x + y + z = 3$
 $x + 2y - z = 4$ ($r = m = 2$)

$$[A \ b] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow$$

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

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [R \ d]$$

$$\underline{s} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{x}_p = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x}_{\text{complete}} = \underline{x}_p + \underline{x}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

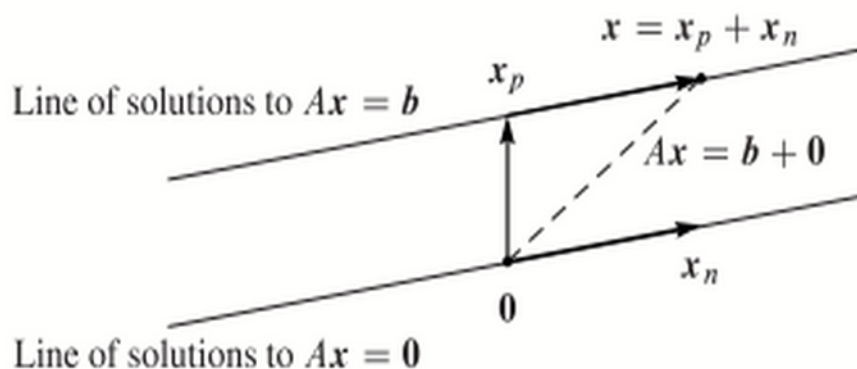


Figure 20: Complete solution = one particular solution + all nullspace solutions.

In general, if A is of full row rank
 1. All rows have pivots, R has no
 zero rows

2. $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$ has a sol. for every \underline{b}

3. $C(A)$ is the entire \mathbb{R}^m

4. There are $n-r = n-m$ special sols
to $N(A)$

Full row & col. rank ($r=m=n$)

1. A is invertible & square

2. $R = I$

3. $N(A) = \{ \underline{0} \}$

4. $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$ has a unique sol. for every \underline{b}

(Full col. rank \Rightarrow uniqueness
Full row rank \Rightarrow existence) \Rightarrow both)

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R = I$

Summary

$r=m=n$	$r=n < m$	$r=m < n$	$r < m, r < n$
$R = I$	$R = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$R = [I \ F]$	$R = \begin{bmatrix} I & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
one sol. to $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$	(0 or 1 sol.)	infinitely many	0 or infinitely many
square & invertible	tall & thin	short & wide	Not full rank