

Lecture 8-A

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§1.5 Q1A

$$\vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \vec{v}_i \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{parametric vector form} \\ \downarrow \\ c_i\text{'s are parameters} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

9. $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -9 & 6 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow x_1 = 3x_2 - 2x_3$

Quiz

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3x_2 - 2x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{u}} + x_3 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{v}}, \quad x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{R}$$

parametric vector form

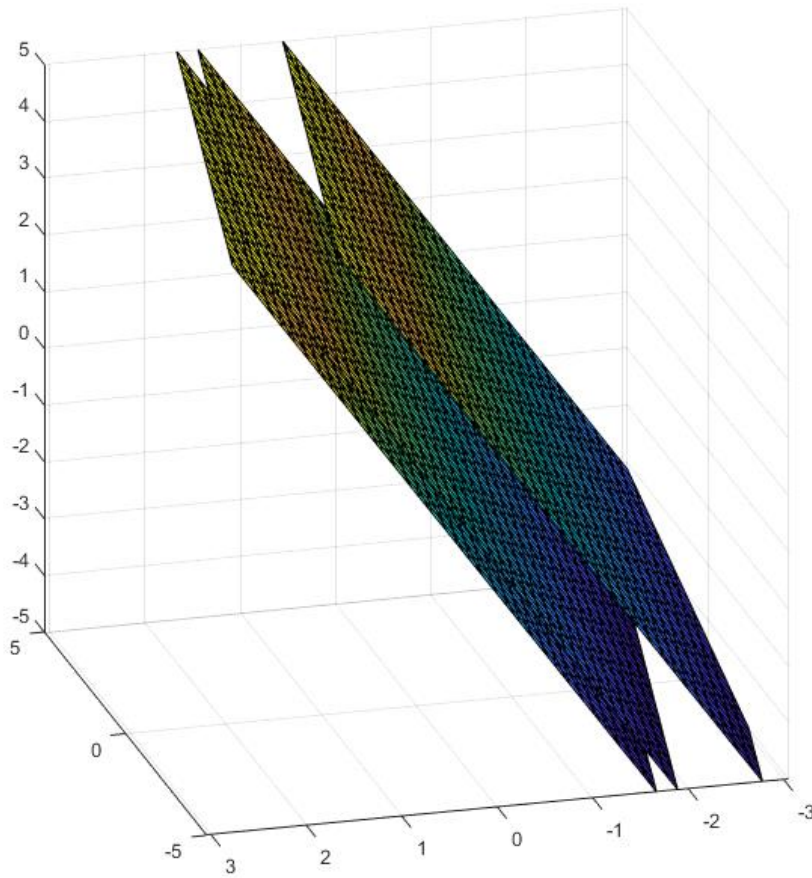
The solution-set is $\text{span}(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$.

row sums equal to zero

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

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

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§1.7 Linear Independence

Defn: If $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$, $\vec{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then S (or $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p$) is (are)

linearly independent if the equation
(LI)

$$x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + x_p \vec{v}_p = \vec{0}$$

has only the trivial solution (i.e., $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_p = 0$). Otherwise, the set S (or the vectors $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p$) is (are) called linearly dependent, i.e., there are weights (i.e., scalars) c_1, \dots, c_p , not all zero, s.t.

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p = \vec{0}, \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{linear dependence relation} \\ \text{(LDR)} \end{array}$$

LI \nleftrightarrow LD

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E.g. If $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, then $\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$,
i.e., $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$ are LD.

Remark: Since $x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n = \vec{0}$ is equivalent to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$,
in which $A = [\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{a}_n]$, it follows that $\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$ is LI (LD)
iff the HLS $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ does not have a nontrivial solution (resp., the HLS
 $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has a nontrivial solution).

E.g. Let $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Determine whether the set $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is LI.

(b) If it is LD, determine a LDR.

Sol'n. (a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & -6 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$ no; the set $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is LD.

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_3 \\ -x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_3 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(b) $2\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$ LDRs of vectors correspond to nontrivial solutions to a HLS.

E.g. Determine if the columns of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (viewed as vectors in \mathbb{R}^3) are LI

Sol'n. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 13 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$13x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0$. Thus, the columns of A are LI.

Observations

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* A set consisting of a single vector

If $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$, then $c\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$ if $c \neq 0$. Moreover, if $c\vec{v} = \vec{0}$, then $c = 0$.

Observation: If $S = \{\vec{v}\}$, then S is LI iff $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$. If $S = \{\vec{v}\}$, then S is LD iff $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$.

* Sets w/ two vectors

Suppose $S = \{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$, $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. If S is LD, then there are scalars $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ (not both zero) s.t.

$$c\vec{u} + d\vec{v} = \vec{0}.$$

Without loss of generality (WLOG), assume that $c \neq 0$. Then

$$\vec{u} = -\left(\frac{d}{c}\right)\vec{v},$$

i.e., \vec{u} is a scalar multiple of \vec{v} .

Conversely, suppose that \vec{u} is a scalar multiple of \vec{v} . Thus, there is a scalar $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$\vec{u} = \alpha \vec{v},$$

i.e.,

$$1\vec{u} - \alpha\vec{v} = \vec{0}.$$

Thus, $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$ is LD.

Obs: If $S = \{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$, $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then S is LD iff \vec{u} is a scalar multiple of \vec{v} . Or, S is LI iff \vec{u} is **not** a scalar multiple of \vec{v} .

E.g. Determine whether the following vectors are LI or LD.

(a) $\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ **LI**

(b) $\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

LD; since $\begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Sets with more than two vectors

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In a previous example, the vectors

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

were shown to be LD and that $2\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$. Notice that

$$\vec{v}_2 = 2\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_3,$$

i.e., $\vec{v}_2 \in \text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_3)$. LD \Rightarrow one of the vectors is in the span of the remaining vectors.

Notation: If $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$, then $S_k = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{k-1}, \vec{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$.

For instance, if $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4\}$, then $S_2 = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4\}$, $S_3 = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_4\}$.

Thm. If $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$, $p \geq 2$, then S is LD if and only if $\vec{v}_k \in \text{span}(S_k)$, where $1 \leq k \leq p$.

pf. If S is LD, then there are scalars c_1, \dots, c_p , not all zero, s.t.

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p = \vec{0}.$$

let k be the smallest pos. int. s.t. $c_k \neq 0$. Then

$$\vec{v}_k = -\left(\frac{c_1}{c_k}\right)\vec{v}_1 - \left(\frac{c_2}{c_k}\right)\vec{v}_2 - \dots - \left(\frac{c_{k-1}}{c_k}\right)\vec{v}_{k-1} - \left(\frac{c_{k+1}}{c_k}\right)\vec{v}_{k+1} - \dots - \left(\frac{c_p}{c_k}\right)\vec{v}_p$$

i.e., $\vec{v}_k \in \text{span}(S_k)$.

If $\vec{v}_k \in \text{span}(S_k)$, $1 \leq k \leq p$, then there are scalars $c_1, \dots, c_{k-1}, c_{k+1}, \dots, c_p$

s.t.

$$\vec{v}_k = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_{k-1} \vec{v}_{k-1} + c_{k+1} \vec{v}_{k+1} + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p.$$

i.e.,

$$\vec{0} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + (-1) \vec{v}_k + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p.$$

Thus, S is LD.

An example

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E.g. If $S = \{ \overset{\vec{v}_1}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}, \overset{\vec{v}_2}{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}, \overset{\vec{v}_3}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}} \}$, then S is LD since
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Notice that $\text{span}(S) = \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\text{span}(S_3) = \mathbb{R}^2$. Notice that S_3 is LI and if we remove either vector, the span is no longer \mathbb{R}^2 .

Thm. If $S = \{ \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p \}$, $\vec{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ($1 \leq i \leq p$), and $p > n$, then S is LD.

Pf. The HLS $[\vec{v}_1 \vec{v}_2 \dots \vec{v}_p \mid \vec{0}]$ is undetermined (more variables than rows). Thus, it must have free variables, i.e., it must possess non-trivial solutions.

Quiz: Focus on §1.7