

MATH 2111: Tutorial 2 Echelon Form and Linear Combinations

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- Existence and Uniqueness Theorem (important!!!!)
- Geometric visualization of linear equation
- Vector equation (sum & scalar multiple & some other algebraic properties) — — — > Linear combinations
- The subset spanned by vector $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$.

Example 1

Existence and Uniqueness Theorem

Suppose $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & a & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & b & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ is an augmented matrix. Determine a and b such that the linear system

- (1) is inconsistent,
- (2) has a unique solution,
- (3) has infinite many solutions.

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & ① \\ 2 & 2 & a & 3 & ② \\ 1 & 1 & b & 4 & ③ \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\text{③} - 1 \cdot \text{①}]{\text{②} - 2 \cdot \text{①}} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & ① \\ 0 & 0 & a-2 & 3 & ② \\ 0 & 0 & b-1 & 4 & ③ \end{array} \right)$$

① when $a=2$ or $b=1$

it is inconsistent

② when $a \neq 2$, and $b \neq 1$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & ①' \\ 0 & 0 & a-2 & 3 & ②' \\ 0 & 0 & b-1 & 4 & ③ \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\text{③}]{\text{③}' - \text{②}' \cdot \frac{b-1}{a-2}} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & ①' \\ 0 & 0 & a-2 & 3 & ②' \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 - \frac{b-1}{a-2} \cdot 3 & ③ \end{array} \right).$$

2.1) when $4 - \frac{b-1}{a-2} \cdot 3 \neq 0$ it is inconsistent.

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namely, $4a-8-3b+3 \neq 0, \Rightarrow 4a-3b \neq 5$

2.2) when $4a-3b=5$, it has infinite many solutions.

In conclusion, when $a=2$ or $b=1$ or $4a-3b \neq 5$, it's inconsistent,

when $4a-3b=5$ & $a \neq 2, b \neq 1$,

it has infinite many solutions.

Example 2

Existence and Uniqueness Theorem

Suppose $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & a & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & b & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ is an augmented matrix. Determine a

and b such that the linear system

- (1) is inconsistent,
- (2) has a unique solution,
- (3) has infinite many solutions.

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & a & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & b & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\textcircled{3} - \textcircled{1}]{\textcircled{2} - 2 \cdot \textcircled{1}} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a-2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & b-1 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1}' \\ \textcircled{2}' \\ \textcircled{3}' \end{matrix}$$

$$\downarrow \textcircled{2}' \leftrightarrow \textcircled{3}'$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & b-1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & a-2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1}'' \\ \textcircled{2}'' \\ \textcircled{3}'' \end{matrix}$$

$$\downarrow \textcircled{3}'' - (a-2) \cdot \textcircled{2}''$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & b-1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-(a-2)(b-1) & 3-4(a-2) & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

① when $a \neq \frac{11}{4}$ & $1 = (a-2)(b-1)$, it is inconsistent.

② when $(a-2)(b-1) \neq 1$, it has unique solution

③ when $a = \frac{11}{4}$ & $(a-2)(b-1) = 1$, it has infinitely many solutions.

namely, $a = \frac{11}{4}$, $b = \frac{7}{3}$

Example 3

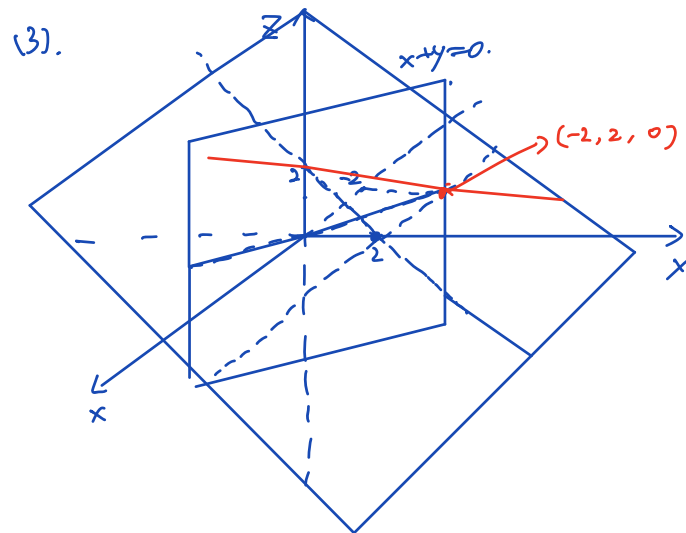
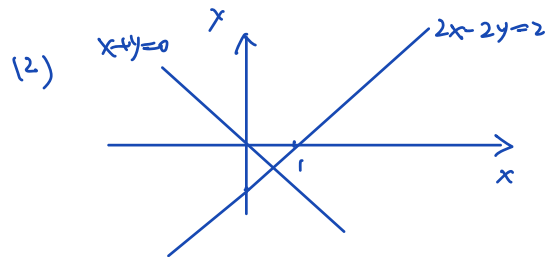
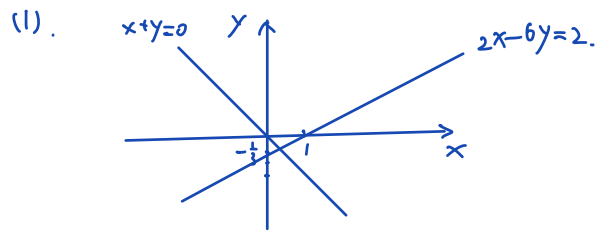
Geometric visualization of linear equation

Plot the following linear systems:

(1) Two variables: $\begin{cases} x + y = 0, \\ 2x - 6y = 2. \end{cases}$

(2) Two variables: $\begin{cases} x + y = 0, \\ 2x - 2y = 2. \end{cases}$

(3) Three variables: $\begin{cases} x + y = 0, \\ y + z = 2. \end{cases}$



The two planes are not parallel or coincide, their intersection is a line.

Example 4

Linear combinations

Let $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

(1) Write down the subset of \mathbb{R}^3 spanned by \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

(2) Determine whether vector $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ could be spanned by \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

1). set $\{\vec{x} : \vec{x} = a_1\vec{u} + a_2\vec{v} \text{ for all } a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$

2). If \vec{w} is spanned by \vec{u} and \vec{v} then there exist $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\vec{w} = a_1 \vec{u} + a_2 \vec{v}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{2}-\textcircled{1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{1}' \\ \textcircled{2}' \\ \textcircled{3}' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1}' + \textcircled{2}' \\ \textcircled{3}' - \textcircled{2}' \end{array}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow the system is inconsistent

$\Rightarrow \vec{w}$ is not spanned by \vec{u} and \vec{v}

Example 5

Linear combinations

Let $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

(1) Write down the subset of \mathbb{R}^3 spanned by \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

(2) Determine h such that vector $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ h \end{pmatrix}$ could be spanned by \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

(1). set $\{\vec{x} : \vec{x} = a_1\vec{u} + a_2\vec{v} \text{ for all } a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$

(2). If \vec{w} is spanned by \vec{u} and \vec{v} then there exist $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$
such that

$$\vec{w} = a_1 \vec{u} + a_2 \vec{v}.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & h \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1} \cdot \frac{1}{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & h \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1}' \\ \textcircled{2}' \\ \textcircled{3}' \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{2}' \cdot \frac{3}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & h \end{pmatrix}$$

$\searrow \textcircled{3}'' - \textcircled{2}''$

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

\Rightarrow when $h=2$, \vec{w} is spanned by \vec{u} and \vec{v}

Example 6

Linear combinations

Let $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

(1) Write down the subset of \mathbb{R}^3 spanned by \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , \mathbf{w} .

(2) Determine h such that vector $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ h \end{pmatrix}$ could be spanned by \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

(2) Determine h such that vector $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ h \end{pmatrix}$ could be spanned by \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} , \mathbf{w} .

11) Set $f(\vec{y}; \vec{y}) = a_1 \vec{u} + a_2 \vec{v} + a_3 \vec{w}$ for all $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R}$.

12). If \vec{x} could be spanned by \vec{u} and \vec{v} , then there

exist $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\vec{x} = a_1 \vec{u} + a_2 \vec{v}.$$

namely, augmented matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & h \end{pmatrix}$ is consistent,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & h \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1} \cdot \frac{1}{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{8}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & h \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1}' \\ \textcircled{2}' \\ \textcircled{3}' \end{matrix}$$

$$\downarrow \textcircled{2}' \cdot \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & h \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1}'' \\ \textcircled{2}'' \\ \textcircled{3}'' \end{matrix}$$

$$\downarrow \textcircled{3}'' - \textcircled{2}''$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & h-4 \end{pmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow when $h=4$, it is consistent.

(3). Similarly, consider

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & h \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1} \cdot \frac{1}{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & \frac{8}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & h \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1}' \\ \textcircled{2}' \\ \textcircled{3}' \end{matrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\textcircled{2}' \cdot \frac{3}{2}} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 3 & -2 & 2 & 1 & \textcircled{1}'' \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 & \textcircled{2}'' \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & h & \textcircled{3}'' \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\textcircled{3}'' - \textcircled{2}''} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 3 & -2 & 2 & 1 & \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & h-2 & \end{array} \right)$$

\Rightarrow when $h=4$, it is consistent.

Question: think about why (2) and (3) have same solution.