

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.

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

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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: $\begin{cases} x + y = 0, \\ y + z = 2. \end{cases}$

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} .

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} .

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} .

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