

# EECS 16A

## Module 1, Lecture 4

Logistics

- ① HW2 out.
- ② Study groups out.
- ③ Stay healthy.

- Today:
- ① Span
  - ② Linear dependence
  - ③ Linear independence.
  - ④ Introduction to Proofs
- Another way to understand systems of linear equations.

Recap:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}}_A \xrightarrow{x} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad Ax = \vec{b}$$

Rows represent "experiments"

$a_{ij}$  represent weight on variable  $j$  in experiment  $i$

$(x_j)$

Columns represent the weight on an variable  
(unknown)  
↳ Column  $j$  corresponds to  $x_j$ .

"Column perspective on Matrix-Vector multiplication"

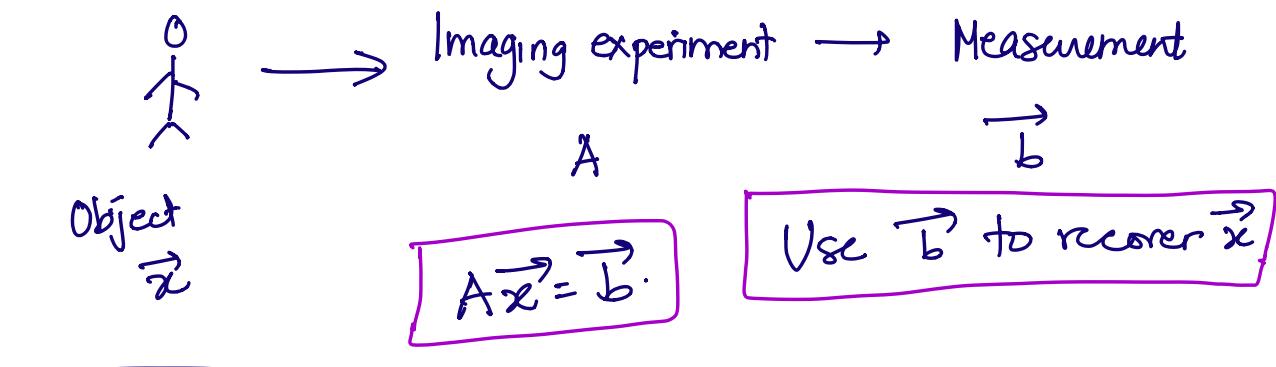
$$A = \left[ \vec{a}_1 \vec{a}_2 \vec{a}_3 \right] \quad \vec{a}_i = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1i} \\ a_{2i} \\ a_{3i} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then  $A\vec{x} = \vec{a}_1 \cdot x_1 + \vec{a}_2 \cdot x_2 + \vec{a}_3 \cdot x_3$ .

"linear combination of the columns of A"

Recall: Gaussian elimination steps only depend on the entries of the matrix  $A$  and not on the entries of the vector  $\vec{b}$ .

Imaging: Question: How do we know if  $A$  is bad?



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Today: ① A new perspective on systems of linear equations.

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

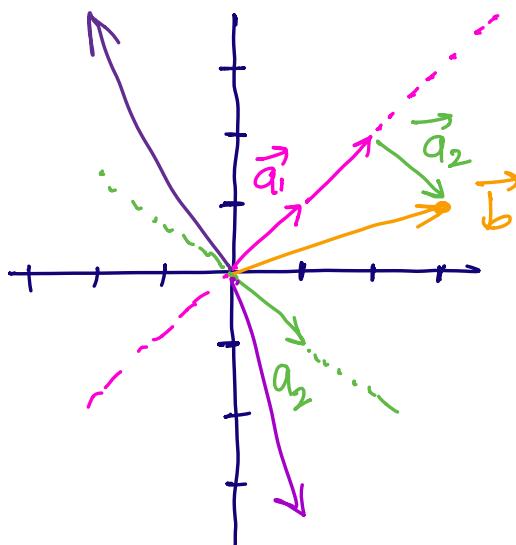
Previously: Find  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  that satisfy our equations.

Now: What linear combinations of the columns of matrix  $A$  can produce the vector  $\vec{b}$ ?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{\overrightarrow{q}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}, \quad \underline{\overrightarrow{q}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}}.$$

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

$$\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

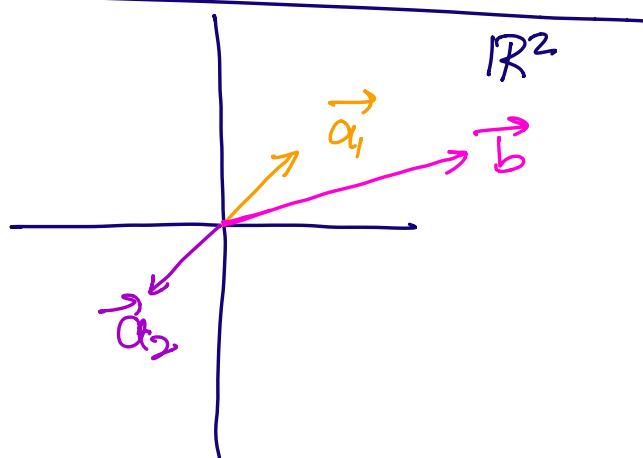
$$x_1 = 2, \quad x_2 = 1$$

Soln: Take 2 steps along  $\overrightarrow{q}_1$

1 step along  $\overrightarrow{q}_2$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{q}_1 \quad \overrightarrow{q}_2$$



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Span: Span of the columns of a Matrix A.  
is the set of all vectors  $\vec{b}$  such that  
 $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a solution. (need not be unique)  
 $\rightarrow$  i.e. set of all vectors  $\vec{b}$  that can be  
expressed as linear combinations of the  
columns of A.

e.g:  $\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$= \left\{ \vec{b} \mid \vec{b} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} +1 \\ +1 \end{bmatrix}, \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

such that

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Range}(A) &= \text{Columnspace}(A) \\ &= \text{Span}(\text{Columns}(A)). \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear combinations of the columns.

$$\vec{v} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\vec{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (\underbrace{\alpha - \beta}_{\text{real number}}) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \vec{v} \mid \vec{v} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^2$$

$\nwarrow$   
entire plane.

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Theorem:  $\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^2$

Proof:

① Beginning | Known

$$\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

= set of all  $\vec{b}$  that can  
be written as

$$\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$= \left\{ \vec{b} \mid \vec{b} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= S$$

Want: all  $\vec{b}$  to belong to the set  $S$

② "End" / To show:

$$\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^2$$

If I have any  
vector  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}, I$$

can reach it

using a linear  
combination of  
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

↓                  ↓

known              unknown.

fixed

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\overrightarrow{A}$        $\overrightarrow{x}$        $\overrightarrow{b}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 1 & -1 & b_2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 0 & -2 & b_2 - b_1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{b_1 - b_2}{2} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{b_1 + b_2}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{b_1 - b_2}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\alpha = \frac{b_1 + b_2}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{b_1 - b_2}{2}.$$

$\Rightarrow$  Every  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  can ~~be~~ be

written as a linear combination!

$\Rightarrow \vec{b} \in S$ . "Constructive Proof"

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Definition: Linear dependence

A set of vectors  $\{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, \dots, \vec{q}_n\}$  are said to be linearly dependent if one of the vectors can be written as a linear combination of the others.

↳ if one of the vectors is in the "span" of the other vectors!

e.g.:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{are linearly dependent}$$
$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = (-1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

e.g.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \rightarrow \text{are } \underline{\text{not}} \text{ linearly dependant}$

e.g:  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  linearly dependant.

Thm: To reach  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$  use

$$\alpha = \frac{b_1 + b_2}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{b_1 - b_2}{2}$$

$$b_1 = 3, \quad b_2 = 1.$$

$$\alpha = \frac{3+1}{2} = 2 \quad \beta = \frac{3-1}{2} = 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2+1 \\ 2-1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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e.g.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 31.832157 \\ -13.5682 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  Linearly dependent.

$\uparrow$   
 $\text{Span} = \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^2$$

Because we proved theorem.

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Linear independence: If vectors  $\{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, \dots, \vec{q}_n\}$

are NOT linearly dependent, then  
 they are linearly independent.

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$$\text{Stick figure} \rightarrow A \rightarrow \vec{b}$$

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

Thm: Consider  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

If the columns of matrix  $A$  are linearly dependent  
then,  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  does NOT have a  
unique solution.

If "stuff"  
Known  
"beginning"  
then "stuff"  
to show -  
end

If  $p$  then  $q$

To show:  $p \implies q$   
implies

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"16A style"  $\rightarrow$  DO A SIMPLE EXAMPLE.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{a}_1 \quad \vec{a}_2 \quad \vec{a}_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Known / Beginning:

$\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3$  are L.D.

Some column.

Let us say

$$\vec{a}_1 = c_2 \cdot \vec{a}_2 + c_3 \cdot \vec{a}_3$$

"Without loss of generality"

~~$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \vec{a}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{a}_1$$~~

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \vec{a}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = c_2 \cdot \vec{a}_2 + c_3 \cdot \vec{a}_3$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rewrite of  
pink  
equation

To show:

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  does not have a unique solution

$\vec{x}_*$  is a solution.

I want to find another solution.

Can do similar proof assuming:

$$\vec{a}_2 = c_1 \vec{a}_1 + c_3 \vec{a}_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ -1 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad \text{Rearrange}$$

$$\Rightarrow A \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

is this  $\vec{0}$

$$\vec{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider:  $\vec{x}_* + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{y}$  are distinct

$$A\vec{y} = A \left( \vec{x}_* + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= A \cdot \vec{x}_* + A \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{b} + 0$$

$$= \vec{b}$$

Is  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ? NO

$\Rightarrow \vec{y}$  is another solution  $\Rightarrow \vec{x}_*$  is NOT a unique solution.

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If  $\vec{x}_*$  is a solution

$$\vec{a}_1 = c_2 \vec{a}_2 + c_3 \vec{a}_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a}_1 - c_3 \vec{a}_3 = \textcircled{c_2} \vec{a}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c_2} \vec{a}_1 - \frac{c_3}{c_2} \vec{a}_3 = \vec{a}_2 \quad \text{if } c_2 \neq 0$$

$$A \vec{y} = \vec{b}$$

  $A \vec{x}_* = \vec{b}$  Known to me

  $A \vec{x}_* = \vec{b} + \vec{0}$

$$A \vec{x}_* + \vec{0} = \vec{b}$$

$$A \vec{x}_* + A \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{b}$$

$$A \left( \vec{x}_* + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \vec{b}$$

Call  $\vec{x}_* + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{y}$      $\vec{x}_* - \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -c_2 \\ -c_3 \end{bmatrix}$

Is  $\vec{y} = \vec{x}_*$  ?    NO! Because  
 $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} \neq \vec{0}$

IF  $\vec{x}_* = \vec{y}$   
 $\Rightarrow \vec{x}_* - \vec{y} \neq \vec{0}$

If  $\vec{x}_*$  is a solution

then  $\vec{y}$  is also a solution

In real numbers if  
 $a \cdot b = 0$     if  $a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Matrices:  $A \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

$$A \neq 0$$

$$\vec{b} \neq 0$$

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Consider:  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

