

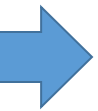


## MAT 207- LINEAR ALGEBRA

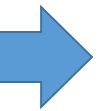
### Lecture 2 - Linear equations in Linear Algebra

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# Linear Independence



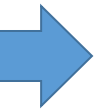
# LINEAR INDEPENDENCE

- **Definition:** An indexed set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be **linearly independent** if the vector equation

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

has only the trivial solution. The set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is said to be **linearly dependent** if there exist weights  $c_1, \dots, c_p$ , not all zero, such that

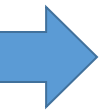
$$c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_p \mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0} \quad (2)$$



# LINEAR INDEPENDENCE

• **Example 1:** Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- Determine if the set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is linearly independent.
- If possible, find a linear dependence relation among  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ .

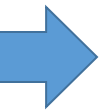


# LINEAR INDEPENDENCE

- **Solution:** We must determine if there is a nontrivial solution of the equation on the previous slide.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \square \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are basic variables, and  $x_3$  is free.
- Each nonzero value of  $x_3$  determines a nontrivial solution of (1).
- Hence,  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$  are linearly dependent.

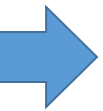


# LINEAR INDEPENDENCE

- To find a linear dependence relation among  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ , completely row reduce the augmented matrix and write the new system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 - 2x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{array}$$

- Thus,  $x_1 = 2x_3$ ,  $x_2 = -x_3$ , and  $x_3$  is free.
- Choose any nonzero value for  $x_3$ —say,  $x_3 = 5$ .
- Then  $x_1 = 10$  and  $x_2 = -5$ .



# Linear Equation

- Substitute these values into equation (1) and obtain the equation below.

$$10\mathbf{v}_1 - 5\mathbf{v}_2 + 5\mathbf{v}_3 = 0$$

- This is one (out of infinitely many) possible linear dependence relations among  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ .



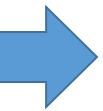


# LINEAR INDEPENDENCE OF MATRIX COLUMNS

- Suppose that we begin with a matrix  $A = [a_1 \ \cdots \ a_n]$  instead of a set of vectors.
- The matrix equation  $Ax = 0$  can be written as

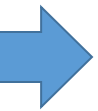
$$x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \cdots + x_n a_n = 0$$

- *Each linear dependence relation among the columns of  $A$  corresponds to a nontrivial solution of  $Ax = 0$*
- The columns of matrix  $A$  are linearly independent if and only if the equation  $Ax = 0$  has *only* the trivial solution.



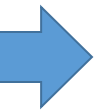
# Set of One or Two Vector

- A set containing only one vector – say,  $\mathbf{v}$  – is linearly independent if and only if  $\mathbf{v}$  is not the zero vector.
- This is because the vector equation  $x_1 \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution when  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ .
- The zero vector is linearly dependent because  $x_1 \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$  has many nontrivial solutions.



# Set of One or Two Vectors

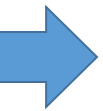
- A set of two vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  is linearly dependent if at least one of the vectors is a multiple of the other.
- The set is linearly independent if and only if neither of the vectors is a multiple of the other.



# Set of One or Two Vectors

- **THEOREM 7: Characterization of Linearly Dependent Sets**

- An indexed set  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  of two or more vectors is linearly dependent if and only if at least one of the vectors in  $S$  is a linear combination of the others.
- In fact, if  $S$  is linearly dependent and  $v_1 \neq 0$ , then some  $v_j$  (with  $j > 1$ ) is a linear combination of the preceding vectors,  $v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}$ .

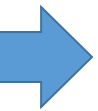


# Set of One or Two Vectors

**Example 4:** Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

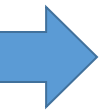
Describe the set spanned by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ , and explain why a vector  $\mathbf{w}$  is in  $\text{Span} \{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  if and only if  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  is linearly dependent.

**Solution:** The vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are linearly independent because neither vector is a multiple of the other, and so they span a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .



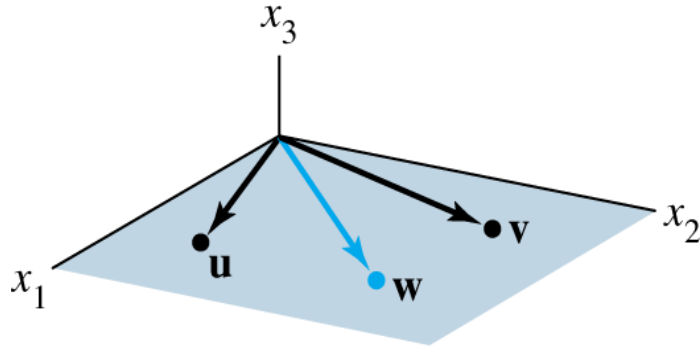
# Set of One or Two Vector

- If  $\mathbf{w}$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ , then  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  is linearly dependent, by Theorem 7.
- Conversely, suppose that  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  is linearly dependent.
- By theorem 7, some vector in  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  is a linear combination of the preceding vectors (since  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$  ).
- That vector must be  $\mathbf{w}$ , since  $\mathbf{v}$  is not a multiple of  $\mathbf{u}$ .

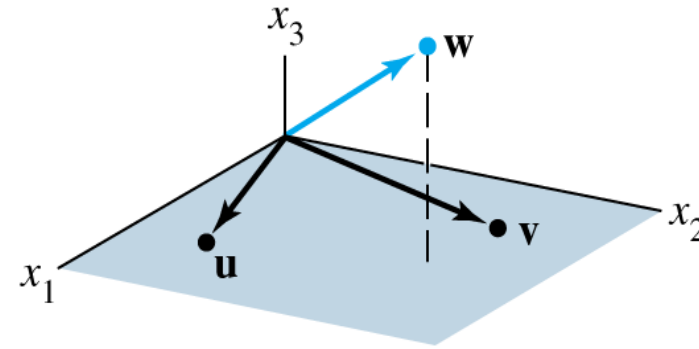


# Set of Two or More Vectors

- So  $\mathbf{w}$  is in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$ . Fig. 2 below

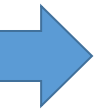


Linearly dependent,  
 $\mathbf{w}$  in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$



Linearly independent,  
 $\mathbf{w}$  not in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$

- The set  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  will be linearly dependent if and only if  $\mathbf{w}$  is in the plane spanned by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

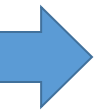


# Set of Two or More Vectors

- **THEOREM 8:**

If a set contains more vectors than there are entries in each vector, then the set is linearly dependent. That is, any set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly dependent if  $p > n$ .

- **Example :** The vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  are linearly dependent by Theorem 8, because there are three vectors in the set and there are only two entries in each vector.





# Set of Two or More Vectors

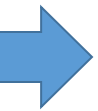
- **THEOREM 9:**

If a set  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  contains the zero vector, then the set is linearly dependent.

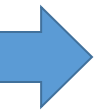
**Proof:**

By renumbering the vectors, we may suppose  $v_1 = 0$

Then the equation  $1v_1 + 0v_2 + \dots + 0v_p = 0$  shows that  $S$  is linearly dependent.

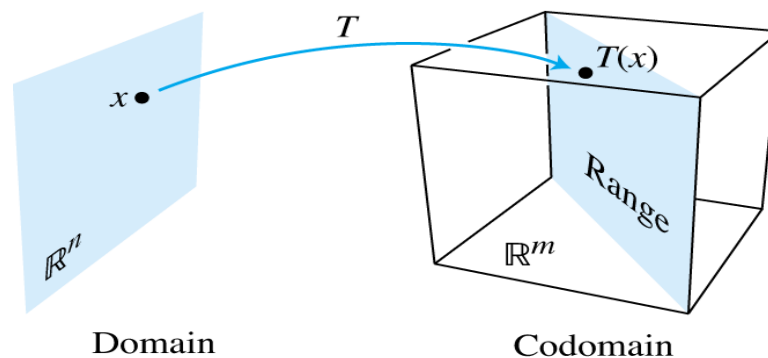


# Introduction to Linear transformations



# LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS

- The transformation (map)  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  indicates that the domain of  $T$  is  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the codomain is  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- For  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the vector  $T(\mathbf{x})$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is called the **image** of  $\mathbf{x}$  (under the action of  $T$ ).
- The set of all images  $T(\mathbf{x})$  is called the **range** of  $T$

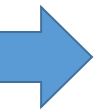


Domain, codomain, and range  
of  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ .



# MATRIX TRANSFORMATIONS

- For each  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $T(\mathbf{x})$  is computed as  $A\mathbf{x}$ , where  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix.
- For simplicity, we denote such a *matrix transformation* by  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ .
- Observe that the domain of  $T$  is  $\mathbb{R}^n$  when  $A$  has  $n$  columns and the codomain of  $T$  is  $\mathbb{R}^m$  when each column of  $A$  has  $m$  entries.
- The range of  $T$  is the set of all linear combinations of the columns of  $A$ , because each image  $T(\mathbf{x})$  is of the form  $A\mathbf{x}$ .



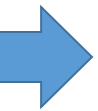
# MATRIX TRANSFORMATIONS

- **Example 1:**

**Let**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $u = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $c = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

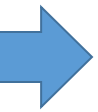
and define a transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ , so that

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - 3x_2 \\ 3x_1 + 5x_2 \\ -x_1 + 7x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Linear transformation

- a. Find  $T(\mathbf{u})$ , the image of  $\mathbf{u}$  under the transformation  $T$ .
- b. Find an  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  whose image under  $T$  is  $\mathbf{b}$ .
- c. Is there more than one  $\mathbf{x}$  whose image under  $T$  is  $\mathbf{b}$ ?
- d. Determine if  $\mathbf{c}$  is in the range of the transformation  $T$ .



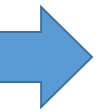
# Linear Transformations

**Solution:**

a. Compute  $T(\mathbf{u}) = A\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$

b. Solve  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b}$  for  $\mathbf{x}$ . That is, solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , or

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$



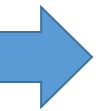
# Linear Transformations

- Row reduce the augmented matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 \\ -1 & 7 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \square \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 14 & -7 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \square \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \square \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1.5 \\ 0 & 1 & -.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

- Hence  $x_1 = 1.5$ ,  $x_2 = -.5$ , and  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 \\ -.5 \end{bmatrix}$

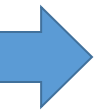
- The image of this  $\mathbf{x}$  under  $T$  is the given vector  $\mathbf{b}$ .





# Linear Transformations

- c. Any  $\mathbf{x}$  whose image under  $T$  is  $\mathbf{b}$  must satisfy equation (1).
- From (2), it is clear that equation (1) has a unique solution.
  - So there is exactly one  $\mathbf{x}$  whose image is  $\mathbf{b}$ .
- d. The vector  $\mathbf{c}$  is in the range of  $T$  if  $\mathbf{c}$  is the image of some  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , that is, if  $\mathbf{c} = T(\mathbf{x})$  for some  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- This is another way of asking if the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$  is consistent.

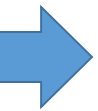


# Linear Transformations

- To find the answer, row reduce the augmented matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 \\ -1 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 14 & -7 \\ 0 & 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 14 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -35 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The third equation,  $0 = -35$ , shows that the system is inconsistent.
- So  $\mathbf{c}$  is *not* in the range of  $T$ .



# Linear Transformations

- **Definition:** A transformation (or mapping)  $T$  is **linear** if:
  - i.  $T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$  for all  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  in the domain of  $T$ ;
  - ii.  $T(c\mathbf{u}) = cT(\mathbf{u})$  for all scalars  $c$  and all  $\mathbf{u}$  in the domain of  $T$ .

These two properties lead to the following useful facts.

- If  $T$  is a linear transformation, then  $T(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$  (3)
- and  $T(c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}) = cT(\mathbf{u}) + dT(\mathbf{v})$  . (4)

Generation case :

$$T(c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p) = c_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + \dots + c_pT(\mathbf{v}_p)$$



# THE MATRIX OF A LINEAR TRANSFORMATION



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**THEOREM 10** : Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation. Then there exists a unique matrix  $A$  such that

$$T(x) = Ax \quad \text{for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

In fact,  $A$  is the  $m \times n$  matrix whose  $j^{\text{th}}$  column is the vector  $T(e_j)$ , where  $e_j$  is the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of the identity matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$A = [T(e_1) \dots T(e_n)]$$



# The Matrix of Linear Transformations

- **Proof:** Write  $x = I_n x = [e_1 \dots e_n]x = x_1 e_1 + \dots + x_n e_n$ , and use the linearity of  $T$  to compute

$$T(x) = T(x_1 e_1 + \dots + x_n e_n) = x_1 T(e_1) + \dots + x_n T(e_n)$$

$$= [T(e_1) \quad \dots \quad T(e_n)] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = Ax$$



# The Matrix of Linear Transformations

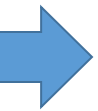
- **Example 2:**

Find the standard matrix  $A$  for the dilation transformation  $T(x) = 3x$ , for  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

- **Solution:** Write

$$T(e_1) = e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } T(e_2) = e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

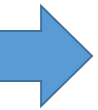


# EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS QUESTIONS

- **Definition:** A mapping  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is said to be **onto**  $\mathbb{R}^m$  if each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is the image of *at least one*  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- **Example 4:** Let  $T$  be the linear transformation whose standard matrix is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 8 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

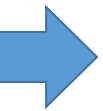
Does  $T$  map  $\mathbb{R}^4$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Is  $T$  a one-to-one mapping?





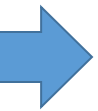
# EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS QUESTIONS

- **Solution:** Since  $A$  happens to be in echelon form, we can see at once that  $A$  has a pivot position in each row. By Theorem 4 in Section 1.4, for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , the equation  $A\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$  is consistent. In other words, the linear transformation  $T$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^4$  (its domain) onto  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- However, since the equation  $A\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$  has a free variable (because there are four variables and only three basic variables), each  $\mathbf{b}$  is the image of more than one  $\mathbf{x}$ . This is,  $T$  is *not* one-to-one.



# EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS QUESTIONS

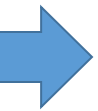
- **Theorem 11:** Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation. Then  $T$  is one-to-one if and only if the equation  $T(x)=0$  has only the trivial solution.
- **Theorem 12:** Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation and let  $A$  be the standard matrix for  $T$ . Then:
  - a)  $T$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^m$  if and only if the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ;
  - b)  $T$  is one-to-one if and only if the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.



# EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS QUESTIONS

- **Proof:**

- a) By Theorem 4 in Section 1.4, the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$  if and only if for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  the equation  $A\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$  is consistent—in other words, if and only if for every  $\mathbf{b}$ , the equation  $T(\mathbf{x})=\mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution. This is true if and only if  $T$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- The equations  $T(\mathbf{x})=0$  and  $A\mathbf{x}=0$  are the same except for notation. So, by Theorem 11,  $T$  is one-to-one if and only if  $A\mathbf{x}=0$  has only the trivial solution. This happens if and only if the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.



# An Application of Linear System

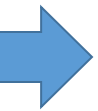
## Polynomial Interpolation :

- The simplest example of such a problem is to find a linear polynomial
$$y = ax + b \quad (1)$$

- The graph of (1) is a line passes through two distinct point  $(x_1, y_1)$   $(x_2, y_2)$ , we must have :

$$y_1 = ax_1 + b \quad ; \quad y_2 = ax_2 + b$$

- For Example the line  $y = ax + b$  passes through the points  $(2,1); (5,4)$
- Then the equation of the line is :  $y = x - 1$



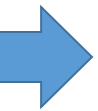
# Polynomial Interpolation

- **In general case** : of finding polynomial whose graph through n-distinct points  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$
- We looking for a polynomial of the form

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$$

- it follows that the coordinates of the points must satisfy

$$\begin{array}{l} a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_1^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x_1^{n-1} = y_1 \\ a_0 + a_1x_2 + a_2x_2^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x_2^{n-1} = y_2 \\ \dots \qquad \qquad \qquad \dots \qquad \qquad \dots \\ a_0 + a_1x_n + a_2x_n^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x_n^{n-1} = y_n \end{array}$$

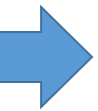


# Polynomial Interpolation

- The augmented matrix for the system is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{n-1} & y_1 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^{n-1} & y_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^{n-1} & y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- Hence the interpolating polynomial can be found by reducing this matrix to reduced row echelon form (Gauss–Jordan elimination).



- **EXAMPLE :** Find a cubic polynomial whose graph passes through the points  $(1, 3)$ ,  $(2, -2)$ ,  $(3, -5)$ ,  $(4, 0)$

- **SOLUTION**

Since there are four points, we will use an interpolating polynomial of degree  $n = 3$ . Denote this polynomial by

$$x_1 = 1, \quad x_2 = 2, \quad x_3 = 3, \quad x_4 = 4 \text{ and } y_1 = 3, \quad y_2 = -2, \quad y_3 = -5, \quad y_4 = 0$$



# Polynomial Interpolation

- the augmented matrix for the linear system in the unknowns  $a_0, a_1, a_2$ , and  $a_3$  is

$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{n-1} & y_1 \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_2^{n-1} & y_2 \\ & & & \dots & & \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_n^{n-1} & y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 & 27 & -5 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 & 64 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- the reduced row echelon form of this matrix is



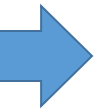


# Polynomial Interpolation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- from which it follows that  $a_0 = 4$ ,  $a_1 = 3$ ,  $a_2 = -5$ ,  $a_3 = 1$ . Thus, the interpolating polynomial is

$$p(x) = 4 + 3x - 5x^2 + x^3$$



Thank you for Listening

