

# Elementary Linear Algebra - MATH 2250 - Day 8

Name:

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

Find all the right hand sides  $\mathbf{b}$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution (the solvability condition).

reduce:  $\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & b_2 \\ -2 & -3 & -4 & -5 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & b_2 - b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 + b_2 + b_1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{condition: } b_3 + b_2 + b_1 = 0$

All right hand sides:  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ -b_2 - b_1 \end{bmatrix}, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

2. Fill in the blank: For  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  to have a solution, If a combination of rows of  $A$  gives the zero row, then the same combination of entries of  $\mathbf{b}$  must be zero.

3. what is rank of  $A$ ?  $2 \rightarrow$  there are 2 pivots

4. Find all the solutions to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , for  $A$  given in problem 1 (that is, find the null space of  $A$ ).

$R = \text{rref}(A) = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow N = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow N(A) = \left\{ c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

5. Using the results of problem 1, does the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  have a solution?

$1 + 0 + (-1) = 0 \checkmark$  yes, it does.

6. Find a particular solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  by letting the free variables equal to zero (that is, a  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{particular}}$ ).

reduce  $\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 0 - x_3 - x_4 = 2 \\ 0 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 = -1 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 2 \\ x_2 = -1 \end{array}$

$\rightarrow \mathbf{x}_p = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

7. Find all the solutions to  $A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  (that is, the  $x_{\text{complete}}$ ).

$$\mathbf{x}_c = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

8. Find all the solutions to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

①  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow N = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow N(A) = \left\{ c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

②  $\mathbf{x}_p = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

③  $\mathbf{x}_c = \mathbf{x}_p + \mathbf{x}_n$ ;  $\mathbf{x}_n \in N(A) \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_c = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

9. If an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  has full column rank, then how many free variables are there? why?

none, each col has a pivot.

What is  $N(A)$ , the null space of  $A$ ? Explain.

It's  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{m \times 1} \right\} = \mathbf{0}$ , because there is no free col's.

How many solution are there for  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ ?

At most 1;  $\begin{cases} \text{if } \mathbf{b} \in C(A), \text{ exactly one.} \\ \text{if } \mathbf{b} \notin C(A), \text{ none.} \end{cases}$

10. Give an example of a  $3 \times 2$  matrix that has full column rank, and call it  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the rref of  $A$ ?

$$\text{rref}(A) = A$$

Find all the right hand sides  $\mathbf{b}$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution. Then pick one of them and call it  $\mathbf{c}$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow b_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}; \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find all the solutions to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$

$$\mathbf{x}_p = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, N(A) = \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

11. Give an example of a  $2 \times 3$  matrix that has full column rank. Explain your thoughts.

Not possible, to have full col rank it needs 3 pivots, but there's only two rows.

12. Give an example of a  $2 \times 3$  matrix that has full row rank, and call it  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find all the right hand sides  $\mathbf{b}$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b_2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{reduce}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b_2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{no zero rows, Any } \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ works.}$$

How many free variables are there?

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How many solutions are there for  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ? Describe all of them.

$$\infty \text{ly many. } N(A) = \left\{ c \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\text{all sol'ns: } \mathbf{x}_n = c \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Describe all the solutions to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  for your favorite nonzero  $\mathbf{b}$ .

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_c = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\mathbf{x}_p$

13. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 10 \\ 1 & 4 & 10 & 20 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the reduced row echelon form for  $A$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the rank of  $A$ . 4

Is  $A$  invertible? Explain.

Yes, there are 4 pivots.

or  $C(A) = \mathbb{R}^4$

or  $N(A) = \mathbb{Z}$

} for square matrices either one is enough to be invertible.

How many free variables are there for  $A$ ?

none.

What is the null space of  $A$ ?

$$\mathbb{Z} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Find all the right hand sides  $\mathbf{b}$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution.

all of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , i.e.  $\{\mathbf{b} : \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^4\}$

How many solutions are there for  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  for any  $\mathbf{b}$ ?

One, since  $N(A) = \mathbb{Z}$

14. Before watching the next video, go back and watch the last 5 minutes of the previous video (Lecture 8) and make sure that you understand it well. Write what's on the last board below.

Do this!

15. 'Here lies Diophantus,'  
the wonder behold.

Through art algebraic,  
the stone tells how old:

'God gave him his boyhood  
one-sixth of his life,

One twelfth more as youth  
while whiskers grew rife;

And then yet one-seventh  
ere marriage begun;

In five years there came  
a bouncing new son.

Alas, the dear child of master  
and sage After attaining half the measure of his father's life  
chill fate took him.

After consoling his fate  
by the science of numbers for four years,  
he ended his life.'

Stated in prose, the poem says that Diophantus's youth lasts  $1/6$  of his life. He grew a beard after  $1/12$  more of his life. After  $1/7$  more of his life, Diophantus married. Five years later, he had a son. The son lived exactly half as long as his father, and Diophantus died just four years after his son's death. All of this totals the years Diophantus lived.<sup>1</sup>

How many year Diophantus and his son lived, each?

Let  $D$ : #years that Diophantus lived.  
 $S$ : #years that his son lived.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}D + \frac{1}{12}D + \frac{1}{7}D + 5 + S + 4 = D \\ \frac{1}{2}D = S \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{51}{84}D - S = 9 \\ \frac{1}{2}D - S = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{solve for } D, S \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} D = 84 \\ S = 42 \end{cases}$$

<sup>1</sup>Adapted from: Weisstein, Eric W. "Diophantus's Riddle." From MathWorld—A Wolfram Web Resource. <http://mathworld.wolfram.com/DiophantussRiddle.html>.