

1) [1.3 Q13] Determine if b is a linear combination of the vectors formed from the columns of the matrix A .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 \\ -2 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -4 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 & -7 \\ -2 & 8 & -4 & -3 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 2R_1} \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -4 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{3}R_2} \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -4 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/3 & -7/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 + 20/3 & 3 - 28/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/3 & -7/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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Inconsistent (Theorem 2)

2) [1.5 Q21] Describe and compare the solution sets of $x_1 + 9x_2 - 4x_3 = 0$ and $x_1 + 9x_2 - 4x_3 = -2$.

$$x_1 + 9x_2 - 4x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 = -9x_2 + 4x_3$$

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free
variables

Vector form

$$\underline{x} = \cancel{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}} + t \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 + 9x_2 - 4x_3 = -2$$

$$x_1 = -2 - 9x_2 + 4x_3$$

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free
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$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Same plane of solutions — just shifted

3) [1.4 Q44] Suppose A is a 3×3 matrix and b is a vector in \mathbb{R}^3 with the property that $Ax = b$ has a unique solution. Explain why the columns of A must span \mathbb{R}^3 ?

$Ax=b$ has unique sol.

theorem 2

$$\Leftrightarrow [A \mid b] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \vdots \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} & \vdots \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} & \vdots \end{array} \right]$$

Theorem 4 A has pivot in every row \Rightarrow cols of A span \mathbb{R}^3

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4) [1.5 Q38] Suppose $Ax = b$ has a solution. Explain why the solution is unique precisely when $Ax = 0$ has only the trivial solution.

let x_0 be a solution to $Ax=b$, i.e. $Ax_0 = b$

if $\exists x_1 \neq x_0$ s.t. $Ax_1 = b$, then $Ax_1 - Ax_0 = b - b = 0$

Theorem 5

$$\Rightarrow A(x_1 - x_0) = 0$$

non-zero as $x_1 \neq x_0$

$\Rightarrow Ax=0$ has non-triv. sol.

if $Ax=0$ has non-trivial sol. $y \neq 0$

then $Ay=0$, so $Ax_0 + Ay = b + 0 = b$

$$A(x_0 + y)$$

$\neq x_0$, as $y \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow A$ does not have unique sol.