

## ch.2 : SOLVING LINEAR EQUATIONS

### 2.1 VECTORS + LINEAR EQUATIONS

there are **two** different geometric pictures of linear equations.  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ :

★ i column picture ← more important

ii row picture

depending on how we interpret  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

#### - TWO LINEAR EQUATIONS FOR TWO UNKNOWN -

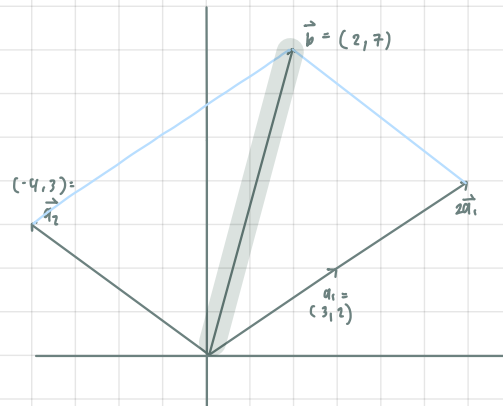
EX:  $\begin{cases} 3x + 4y = 2 \\ 2x + 3y = 7 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 2 \\ y = 1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{(i)} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \text{(ii)} \\ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow x \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{a}_1} + y \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{a}_2} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{b}}$

↳ to solve it, the **column way**:

find  $x$  +  $y$  so that  $\vec{b}$  is the linear combination  $x\vec{a}_1 + y\vec{a}_2$  of the column vectors  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2$  of  $A$

since  $(x, y) = (2, 1)$

$$2\vec{a}_1 + \vec{a}_2 = \vec{b}$$



↳ to solve it the **rows way**

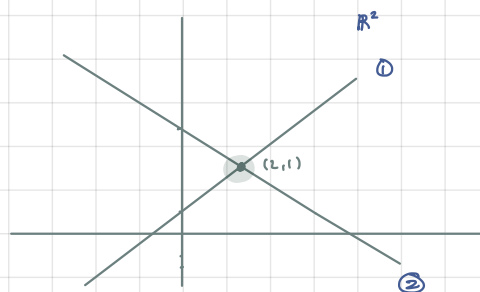
$$\begin{cases} 3x - 4y = 2 & \textcircled{1} \\ 2x + 3y = 7 & \textcircled{2} \end{cases} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{each defines} \\ \text{a line} \end{array} \right.$$

↑ would be dot product

$$y = \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{1}{2} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{3}x \quad \textcircled{2}$$

they intersect at **(2, 1)**, so that is the solution



# - THREE LINEAR EQUATIONS 4 THREE UNKNOWN -

EX:

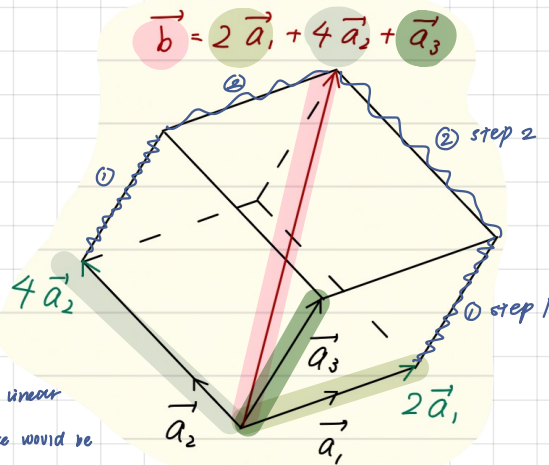
$$\begin{cases} 2x - y - 2z = -2 \\ x + z = 3 \\ 3x - 2y + z = -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 2 \\ y = 4 \\ z = 1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ A & \vec{x} & & \vec{b} \end{matrix}$$

i column picture

$$x \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

solving the original set of eq.  $\rightarrow$  find  $x, y, z$  such that  $x\vec{a}_1 + y\vec{a}_2 + z\vec{a}_3 = \vec{b}$   
 solution =  $(x, y, z) = (2, 4, 1) \rightarrow 2\vec{a}_1 + 4\vec{a}_2 + \vec{a}_3 = \vec{b}$

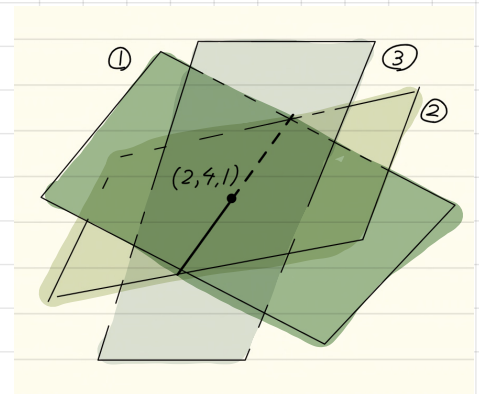


• if  $\vec{b}$  cannot be a linear combination, there would be no solutions.

ii rows picture

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - y - 2z &= -2 & \textcircled{1} \\ x + z &= 3 & \textcircled{2} \\ 3x - 2y + z &= -1 & \textcircled{3} \end{aligned}$$

make each of  $\textcircled{1}$   $\textcircled{2}$   $\textcircled{3}$  into a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   
 + the intersection of  $(x, y, z) = (2, 4, 1)$  is the solution



## MATRIX-VECTOR MULTIPLICATION + TRANSFORMATION

Given  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , one can think of the matrix-vector mult.  $A\vec{x}$  as a transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  w/

input:  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

output:  $A\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

EX:

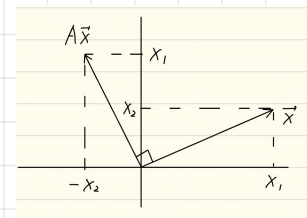
INPUT:  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  transforms  $\vec{x}$  into  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\rightarrow$  multiply  $\rightarrow$

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• you multiply  $A$  to any  $\vec{x}$ , so  $\vec{x}$  is input



$$\vec{x} \cdot (A\vec{x}) = -x_1x_2 + x_1x_2 = 0 \rightarrow \vec{x} \perp A\vec{x}$$

because it's 0, we know it's  $\vec{x} \perp A\vec{x}$ ,  
 it's a 90° rotation

if we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \text{ would be a rotation by } \theta \text{ counterclockwise}$$

← 2D ROTATION MATRIX



Ex: a) Find the matrix  $I$  that multiplies every  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and produces  $\vec{x}$  itself as a result, meaning  $I\vec{x} = \vec{x}$

( $I$  is called the identity matrix)

$$I \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{1st row} \\ \text{2nd row} \\ \text{3rd row} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} (\text{1st row}) \cdot \vec{x} \\ (\text{2nd row}) \cdot \vec{x} \\ (\text{3rd row}) \cdot \vec{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

what we need

$$\text{1st row} = (1, 0, 0)$$

$$\text{2nd row} = (0, 1, 0)$$

$$\text{3rd row} = (0, 0, 1)$$

$\rightarrow$

$I =$

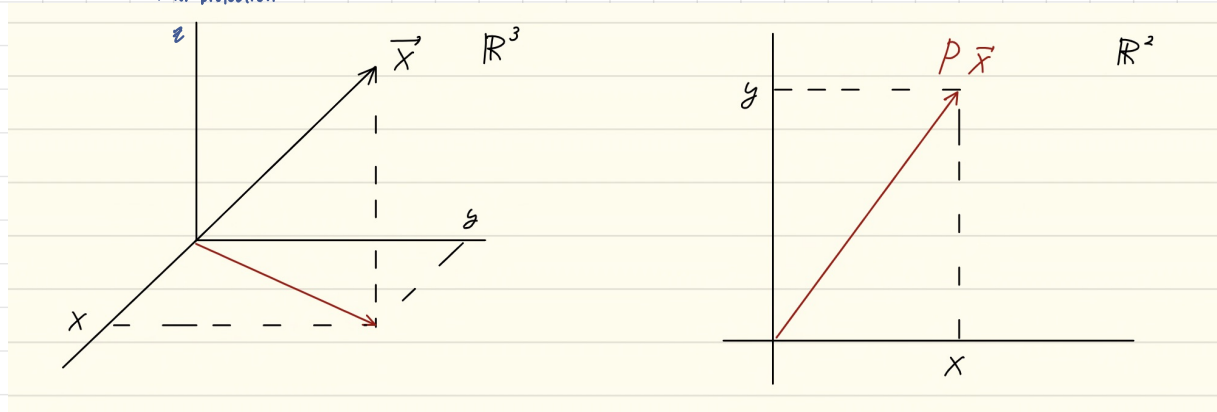
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

THIS IS THE MATRIX VERSION OF THE NUMBER 1

called the identity matrix

b) Find the matrix  $P$  that multiplies every  $\vec{x} = (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and produces the projection of  $\vec{x}$  onto the  $x$ - $y$  plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$P$  for projection



$\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ;  $\vec{x} = (x, y, z) \rightarrow P\vec{x} = (x, y)$ .  $P$  is  $2 \times 3$

✓ implied because  $P$  cannot have 3 rows

$$P\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$P \rightarrow 2 \times 3$

would not have  $z$  row

if you thought of the target space as  $\mathbb{R}^3$  it could still

work,  $P$  would still be  $\rightarrow$

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