

1.1 Linear Equation (n variables):  $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$   
 $\Rightarrow a_1, b: \text{constants}; \text{coefficients } a \text{ are not all } 0.$

General Linear system of m equations in n unknowns (variables):

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

$\Rightarrow$  Special case:  $b_1 = b_2 = \dots = b_m = 0 \rightarrow \text{homogeneous}$

$\Rightarrow$  if not, non-homogeneous

Linear system of 2 equations:

$$5x + y = 3 \quad \text{soln: } x = 1, y = 2$$

$$2x - y = 4$$

Non-linear equations:

$$x + 3y^2 = 4 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{take note of the power 2} \\ \text{& sin} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\sin x + y = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{& sin} \end{array} \right\}$$

$\Rightarrow$  at. least 1 solution: linear system is CONSISTENT

$\Rightarrow$  no solution: linear system is INCONSISTENT

$\Rightarrow$  3 possibilities: 0, 1,  $\infty$  no. of solutions

$\hookrightarrow 0$ : parallel lines

$$\text{E.g. } 2x - y = 4, 3x - 3y = 6$$

$\hookrightarrow 1$ : intersection

$$\text{E.g. } x - y = 1, 2x + y = 6$$

$\hookrightarrow \infty$ : coincident lines (overlap)

$$\text{E.g. } 4x - 2y = 1, 16x - 8y = 4$$

$$\curvearrowleft \times 4$$

1.2 Homogeneous Linear System:  $\dots a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  1 or  $\infty$  solutions

$\hookrightarrow$  1 solution:  $x_1 = 0, \dots, x_n = 0 \Rightarrow$  trivial solution

$\hookrightarrow \infty$  solutions: non-trivial solution (includes trivial solution)

Homogeneous Linear System of 2 equations in 2 unknowns:

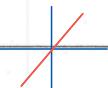
$$a_1x + b_1y = 0 \quad (a_1, b_1 \text{ not both zero})$$

$$a_2x + b_2y = 0 \quad (a_2, b_2 \text{ not both zero})$$

$\Rightarrow$  only trivial solution:  $(0,0)$  is the point of intersection



$\Rightarrow \infty$  solutions + trivial: overlapping lines that passes through  $(0,0)$



Matrix notation (Example):

$$\begin{array}{l} 5x + y = 3 \\ 2x - y = 4 \end{array} \quad \text{coefficient matrix : } \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Augmented matrix : } \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Size of matrix : m rows  $\times$  n columns

Everything to answer when doing questions:

- 1.3 1. System consistent (at least 1 solution)? } convert augmented matrix  
 2. Is the solution unique? } into a row equivalent matrix

EROs : 1. Multiply row through by a non-zero constant ; 2. Interchange 2 rows;  
 3. Add a constant times one row to another

### Row Echelon Form

1. rows that are all 0s  $\Rightarrow$  grouped together at the bottom of matrix
2. two consecutive rows not all 0s  $\Rightarrow$  first non-zero = pivot in the lower row occurs further right than pivot of higher row.

E.g.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

### Reduced Row Echelon Form

1. matrix in row echelon form
2. In every column containing a pivot, the pivot has value 1 and all other elements in column are 0.

E.g.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Gaussian elimination : puts matrix in row echelon form  $\Rightarrow$  may be not unique

Gauss-Jordan elimination : puts matrix in reduced row echelon form  $\Rightarrow$  unique

$\Rightarrow$  2 parts : forward phase & backward phase

$\hookrightarrow$  forward phase : zeros introduced below the pivots (Gaussian)

$\hookrightarrow$  backward phase : zeros above pivots introduced and pivots transformed to 1.

\* if linear system has an equation like  $0x_1 + 0x_2 = 15 \Rightarrow 0 = 15$

$\therefore$  Inconsistent, no solutions  $\hookrightarrow$  Exception : unknowns are used

Non-homogeneous case :

$m$  equations  $< n$  variables

$\begin{bmatrix} \parallel \\ \parallel \\ \parallel \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$  "fat" matrix

(no unique solution)

↑ for non-homogeneous

$m$  equations  $> n$  variables

$\begin{bmatrix} \equiv \\ \equiv \\ \equiv \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$  "tall" matrix

Homogeneous case :

$m$  equations  $< n$  variables

$\Rightarrow \infty$  solutions : intersecting at a line

$m$  equations  $> n$  variables

$\Rightarrow$  cannot arrive to a conclusion

about how many solutions

1.4 E.g.  $0x_1 + 0x_2 + \dots + 0x_n = 0 \Rightarrow \infty$  solutions

$$\text{E.g. } \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & 3 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & -5 & -2 & 4 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 10 & 0 & 15 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & 0 & 8 & 4 & 18 & 6 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{EROS} \\ \text{RREF}}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

System of linear equations:

$$\boxed{x_1} + 3x_2 + 4x_4 + 2x_5 = 0 \quad x_1, x_3, x_6 : \text{leading variables}$$

$$\boxed{x_3} + 2x_4 = 0 \quad x_2, x_4, x_5 : \text{free variables}$$

$$\boxed{x_6} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{can take any value} \leftarrow$$

↓

$$x_1 = -3x_2 - 4x_4 - 2x_5$$

$$x_3 = -2x_4$$

$$x_6 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$\Rightarrow$  assign free variables arbitrary values  $r, s$  &  $t$  respectively

$$x_1 = -3r - 4s - 2t, \quad x_2 = r, \quad x_3 = -2s, \quad x_4 = s,$$

$$x_5 = t, \quad x_6 = \frac{1}{3} \quad \therefore \text{Infinite value}$$

Procedure using row reduction to solve linear system:

1. Write the augmented matrix
2. Use the row reduction algorithm (EROS) to transform matrix to row echelon form. Decide if system is consistent.  
 ⇒ consistent: go to step 3  
 ⇒ inconsistent: stop, ∴ no solution
3. Continue EROS to get reduced row echelon form
4. Write system of equations corresponding to the matrix obtained in step 3
5. Rewrite each non-zero equation from step 4 so that its one basic variable is expressed in terms of any free variables appearing in the equation

Gaussian elimination with back substitution (Example):

Start with row echelon form

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 3 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 + 2x_5 = 0 \\ x_3 + 2x_4 + 3x_6 = 1 \\ x_5 = \frac{1}{3} \end{array}$$

↑  $x_1 = -3x_2 + 2x_3 - 2x_5$  ①  
                  ↑  $x_3 = 1 - 2x_4 - 3x_6$  ②  
                  ↑  $x_6 = \frac{1}{3}$  ③

Lead Variables →  $x_1, x_3, x_6$

Sub ③ into ②

Free Variables →  $x_1, x_2, x_5$

$$x_3 = 1 - 2x_4 - 3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= -2x_4 - 4$$

$$\therefore x_1 = -3r - 4s - 2t, x_2 = r,$$

Sub ④ into ①

$$x_3 = -2s, x_4 = s,$$

$$\leftarrow x_1 = -3x_2 + 2(-2x_4) - 2x_5$$

$$x_5 = t, x_6 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= -3x_2 - 4x_4 - 2x_5$$

(right side all free variable terms)

1.5 Linear combination of vectors:

$$y = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_p v_p \Rightarrow v_1, \dots, v_p \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

$\Rightarrow$  linear combination of  $v_1, \dots, v_p$   $\Rightarrow$  scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_p$

with weights  $c_1, \dots, c_p$ .

$$\text{E.g. Let } a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, a_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } b = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine whether  $b$  can be written as a linear combination of  $a_1$  &  $a_2$ .

$$(\vec{a}_1 x_1 + \vec{a}_2 x_2 = \vec{b}) \rightarrow x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Transform it into a linear system

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 7$$

$$-2x_1 + 5x_2 = 4$$

$$-5x_1 + 6x_2 = -3$$

Find reduced row echelon form

$$1 \ 2 \ 7 \quad | \ 0 \ 3$$

$$-2 \ 5 \ 4 \quad \dots \rightarrow \dots \ 0 \ 1 \ 2$$

$$-5 \ 6 \ 3 \quad | \ 0 \ 0 \ 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 3, x_2 = 2$$

$$\text{To check: } 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 1.6 Span

If  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the set of all linear combinations of  $v_1, v_2, \dots$  is denoted by  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$  and is called the subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  spanned by  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p$ .

That is,  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$  is the collection of all vectors that can be written in the form  $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_p v_p$ , with scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$ .

Geometric view of  $\text{Span}\{v\}$  and  $\text{Span}\{u, v\}$

Let  $v$  be a non-zero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (3 Dimension Vector Space).  $\text{Span}\{v\}$  is the set of all scalar multiples of  $v$ , which is the set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  through  $v$  and  $0$ .

What is Scalar multiple?

Imagine that you have an origin  $0$ .



Exercise :

Let  $a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $a_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -13 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $b = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 8 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Any two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that are not scalar multiples of each other will span all of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Determine if  $b$  is in the  $\text{Span}\{a_1, a_2\}$

First Step → Form the Augmented Matrix  $[\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, b]$

a set of  $n$  vectors (column no) in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  cannot span  $\mathbb{R}^m$  when  $n$  variables <  $m$  equations

$1 \ 5 \ -3$       Convert to Echelon form

$1 \ 5 \ -3$

$1 \ 5 \ -3$

$-2 \ -13 \ 8$        $\rightarrow r_2 = 2r_1 + r_2$

$0 \ -3 \ 2$

$0 \ -3 \ 2$

$3 \ -3 \ 1$        $r_3 = 3r_1 - r_3$

$0 \ 18 \ -10$

$0 \ 0 \ 2 \Rightarrow 0x_2 = 2$

$\therefore$  There is no solution, therefore  $b$  is not in the span of  $\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2\}$

Example

Let's show that the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  belongs to  $\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 20 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow -3R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 20 \\ 0 & -1 & -56 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow -R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 20 \\ 0 & 1 & 56 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  When  $c_1 = -92$ ,  $c_2 = 56$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the span

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -92 \\ 0 & 1 & 56 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2}$$

$$Ax = [a_1 \dots a_n] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 a_1 + \dots + x_n a_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{E.g. } \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

## 1.7 The Matrix Equation

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{array} \right\} Ax = b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}, \text{ that is, } Ax = b$$

A is the matrix of co-efficients  
x is the vector of unknowns  
b is the vector of constant terms.

### Theorem 1.1

If A is an  $m \times n$  matrix, with columns  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  and if b is in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then

the matrix Equation :  $(Ax=B) = (x_1a_1 + x_2a_2 + \dots + x_na_n = b) = [a_1, a_2 \dots a_n, b]$

### Exercise

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 3 & 4 & b_1 \\ -4 & -2 & -6 & b_2 \\ -3 & -2 & -7 & b_3 \end{array}$$

$Ax = b$  has a solution  $\Leftrightarrow b$  is  
a linear combination of columns of A

Form the Augmented Matrix

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 4 & b_1 \\ -4 & -2 & -6 & b_2 \\ -3 & -2 & -7 & b_3 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 4 & b_1 \\ 0 & 14 & 10 & 4b_1 - b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2b_1 + b_2 - 2b_3 \end{array}$$

$\swarrow \quad 0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 = -2b_1 + b_2 - 2b_3$

$0 = -2b_1 + b_2 - 2b_3$

For  $Ax=b$  to be consistent,  $b_1 - \frac{1}{2}b_2 + b_3 = 0$

The columns of  $A = [a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3]$  span a plane through  
 $0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

### Theorem 1.2

Let  $A = mxn$  matrix. Then the following statements are logically equivalent, i.e. for a particular  $A$ , either they are true statements or they are false.

- it  $a := \text{true}$ ,  
 $c := \text{true}$
- a. For each  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , the equation  $Ax=b$  has a solution.  $\downarrow$   $a$  implies  $b$
  - b. Each  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .  $\Rightarrow \vec{x}_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + \vec{x}_n \vec{a}_n = \vec{b}$
  - c. The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
  - d.  $A$  has a pivot position in every row.

### Theorem 1.3

If  $A$  is an  $mxn$  matrix,  $u$  and  $v$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $c$  is a scalar, then:

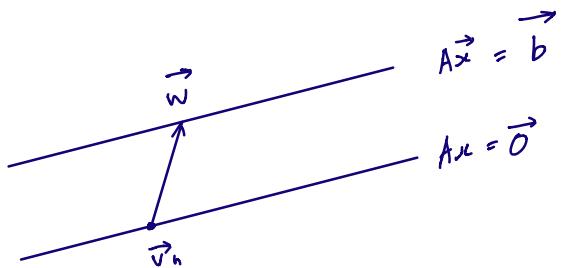
$$A(u+v) = Au+Av$$

$$A(cu) = c(Au)$$

### Theorem 1.4 (Under 1.8)

Suppose the Equation  $Ax=b$  is consistent for some given  $b$ , and let  $p$  be a solution.

Then the solution set of  $Ax=b$  is the set of all vectors of the form  $w=p+v_n$ , where  $v_n$  is any solution of the homogeneous equation  $Ax=0$ .



## 1.8 Solutions Sets of Linear Systems

### Solutions of Homogeneous Systems

$Ax = b$ : If  $b = 0 \Rightarrow$  homogeneous Equation

$b \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  non-homogeneous Equation

$Ax = 0$ , the solution  $x = 0$  is called the trivial Solution

If  $x =$  non-zero vector that satisfies  $Ax = 0$ , it is a non-trivial Solution.

### Exercise

Determine if the following homogeneous system has a non-trivial solution

$$3x_1 + 5x_2 - 4x_3 = 0$$

Form the

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

$$-3x_1 - 2x_2 + 4x_3 = 0$$

Augmented

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$6x_1 + x_2 - 8x_3 = 0$$

Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Convert to row Echelon form

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

$x_3 \rightarrow$  free variable

No pivot here  $\vec{Ax} = \vec{0}$  has a non-trivial solution

Reduced Row Echelon form

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

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

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

$$x_1 - \frac{4}{3}x_3 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 = \frac{4}{3}x_3$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3}x_3 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \vec{v}$$

Every solution of  $Ax = 0$  in this case is a scalar multiple of  $v = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

## Solutions of Non-homogeneous Systems

Exercise:

$$3 \ 5 \ -4 \quad ?$$

Describe all solutions of  $Ax = b$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & -4 \\ -3 & -2 & 4 \\ 6 & 1 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $b = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution: Form the Augmented Matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 5 & -4 & -1 \\ -3 & -2 & 4 & 2 \\ 6 & 1 & -8 & -4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -4/3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

free

Thus,  $x_1 = -1 + 4/3x_3$ ,  $x_2 = 2$  and  $x_3$  is free

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 + 4/3x_3 \\ 2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4/3x_3 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 4/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

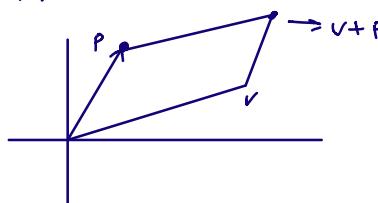
$\uparrow p \qquad \uparrow v$

Parametric vector form of the solution set of  $Ax = b$ :

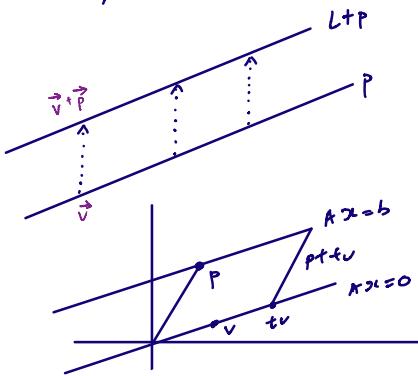
$$x = p + x_3 v \quad \text{or} \quad x = p + tv, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$p$  is one particular solution of  $Ax = b$ , geometrically, vector addition as translation  
 $\Rightarrow v$  is translated by  $p$  to  $v+p$ .

$Ax=0$  has a non-trivial solution  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  eqn has at least 1 free variable



Each point on a line translated by a vector  $P$



Each point on a line trans by  $P$ .

Adding  $P$  to each point on  $L$ , we get the equation of the line through  $p$  parallel to  $v$ . The solution set of  $Ax=b$  is a line through  $p$  parallel to the solution set of  $Ax=0$ .

LI columns:  $p > n$  in an  $n \times p$  matrix [  $\equiv$  ]

LD columns:  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  contains  
the zero vector  $\Rightarrow \{0, \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$

## 1.9 Linear Independence

An indexed set of vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be linearly independent if the vector equation

$$x_1 v_1 + x_2 v_2 + \dots + x_p v_p = 0 \leftarrow x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = \dots = 0$$

has only the trivial solution. The set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  is said to be linearly dependent if there exist weights  $c_1, \dots, c_p$ , not all zero such that

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_p v_p = 0$$

Exercise:

Let  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Determine if the set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is linearly independent. If not, what is the linear dependence relation among them?

- ① Check if  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has only trivial solution

Form the Augmented Matrix

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$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{ERO}} \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 = 0$$

$$-3x_2 - 3x_3 = 0$$

$x_3$  is a free variable

$[\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3]$  are linearly dependent.  $\Rightarrow$  infinite solutions  $\therefore$  Non-trivial

- ② Convert it into Reduced Row Echelon form  $\Rightarrow$  to solve for  $x_1, x_2, x_3$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 - 2x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ \text{x}_3 \text{ is free} \end{array}$$

$$x_1 = 2x_3$$

$$x_2 = -x_3$$

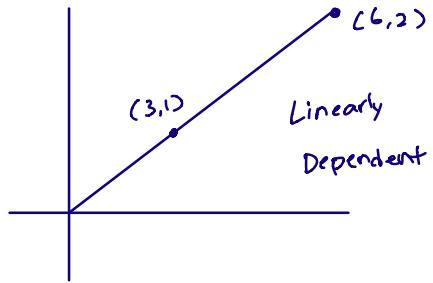
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x}_1 \vec{v}_1 + \vec{x}_2 \vec{v}_2 + \vec{x}_3 \vec{v}_3 &= \vec{0} \\ &\Downarrow \\ &\text{have to be} \\ &\text{non-zero} \end{aligned}$$

Choose  $x_3 = 5 \Rightarrow 10\vec{v}_1 - 5\vec{v}_2 + 5\vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$ .  $\Rightarrow$  only one of the infinite relationships between  $v_1, v_2, v_3$

The columns of matrix A are linearly independent if and only if the equation  $Ax = 0$  has only the trivial solution.

By Inspection for simple cases

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

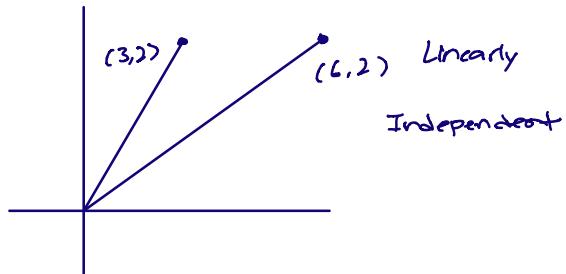


$$\begin{aligned} 2\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 &= \vec{0} \\ x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 &= \vec{0} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 2 \\ x_2 = -1 \end{array} \right\}$$

They are dep on each other to

make it become a 0

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$$

so either  $x_1 = 0 / x_2 = 0$ ,

hence they are linearly  
independent.

① e.g.  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}_3 = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2$$

$\downarrow$   
can be put into  
this form meaning  
linearly dependent

Characterization of linearly dependent sets

② e.g.  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$

$$v_1 \neq 0$$

$$j = 3, i$$

$$v_{j+3} = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2$$

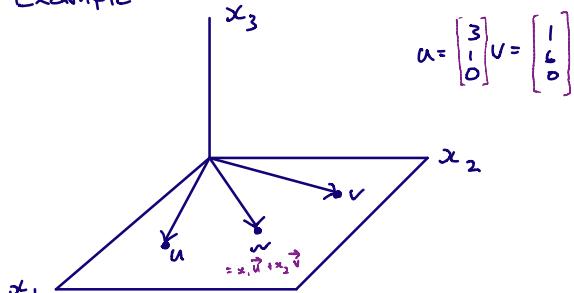
$v_1, v_2$  is  
the preceding  
vectors

- ① 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  $v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}$ . What does it mean?

Given a Span  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ , if they are linearly dependent, it can be written as

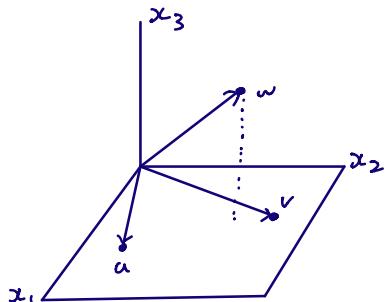
$$\vec{v}_3 = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2$$

Example



Linearly dependent  $w$  in span

$$\{u, v\}$$



Linearly independent  $w$  not in span

$$\{u, v\}$$

$w$  is in Span  $\{u, v\}$ , if and only if  $\{u, v, w\}$  is linearly dependent.

Theorem 1.5. If a set contains more vectors than there are entries in each vector, then the set is linearly dependent, i.e., any set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly dependent if  $p > n$ .

Proof

Let  $A = [v_1, \dots, v_p]$ .  $A$  is  $n \times p$ .

$Ax=0$  corresponds to  $n$  equations in  $p$  unknowns

"fat" matrix  $p > n \Rightarrow$  more variables than equations  $\Rightarrow$  there must be a free variable  $\Rightarrow$

$Ax=0$  has non-trivial solutions  $\Rightarrow$  columns of  $A$  are linearly dependent.

$$\text{e.g. } \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a_3 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

3 vectors, 2 entries  $\Rightarrow$  linear dependent

*Theorem 1.6.*

If a set  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  contains the zero vector, then the set is linearly dependent.  
 $\hookrightarrow \{\vec{0}, \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$

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.

↓

num = zero

while the rest is

∴ linearly dependent

1.9 Linear

$$p = 3, n = 2$$

$$p > n$$



Example

The vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  are linearly dependent. Note: none of the vectors is a multiple of one of the other vectors.

↳ but is still linearly dependent cause  $p > n$

③ Could a set of 3 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  span all of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ?

Size of A:  $4 \times 3$  matrix

But there are only 3 columns

$\Rightarrow$  there cannot be a pivot  
in every row.

$\Rightarrow$  columns do not span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ : In general, a set of n vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$   
cannot span  $\mathbb{R}^m$  when  $n < m$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \square & \square & - & \\ \square & \square & - & \\ \hline \square & - & \square & \\ \end{array} \right] \quad \text{no pivot!}$$

Theorem 1.2:

$\rightarrow$  col of A span all of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\rightarrow$  Every row has a pivot

④ Describe all solutions of  $Ax = 0$  in parametric form where

row equivalent form of A is  $\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 3 & 0 & -4 \\ 2 & 6 & 0 & -8 \end{array} \right]$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 - 4x_4 = 0$$

$$R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 3 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x_1 = -3x_2 + 4x_4$$

$$\text{general solution: } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_2 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_3 + \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_4$$

$\Rightarrow x_2, x_3, x_4$ : free variables

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3x_2 + 4x_4 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} x_2 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} x_3 + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} x_4$$

↑  
Extract  
all the  $x_2$   
values

⑤ A is a  $3 \times 2$  matrix has 2 pivot positions

Can lives  $Ax = 0$  have a non-trivial solution?

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} \square & \square & \\ \square & \square & \\ \hline \end{array} \right]$$

There are no free variables [no columns without pivots]

$\Rightarrow$  no infinite solutions

$\Rightarrow$  no non-trivial solutions

(b) Does  $Ax = b$  have at least one solution for every  $b$ ?  
1.2 theorem

Since every row does not have a pivot,

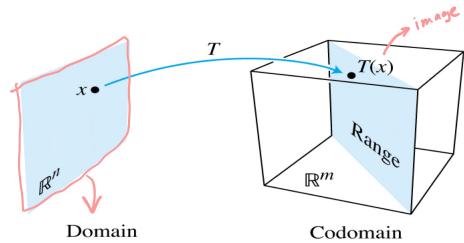
Answer is NO

⑥ A is a  $2 \times 4$  with 2 pivots  $\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} \square & \square & - & - & = \\ - & \square & - & - & = \end{array} \right]$

(a) 2 free variables  $\Rightarrow$  non-trivial solutions

(b) Pivot in every row  $\Rightarrow$  Yes

$2 \times 4$   
free variables



## 1.10 Introduction to Linear Transformation

Think of  $Ax = b$  as:

matrix A as an object that "acts" on a vector  $x$  by multiplication to produce a new vector called  $Ax$ .

A transformation  $T$  from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is a rule that assigns to each vector  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  a vector  $T(x)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

Set of all images  $T(x)$  - range of  $T$

$\mathbb{R}^n$  - domain of  $T$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^m$  - co-domain of  $T$ ,  $T(x)$  - image of  $x$ , all images, range of  $x$ .

Exercise

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $u = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $c = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , define a transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  by  $T(\vec{x}) = Ax$ .

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

$$(a) T(\vec{x}) = Ax$$

$$T(\vec{u}) = Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -9 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) Range: set of all images

$c = T(\vec{x})$  for some  $\vec{x}$ ?

Is  $A\vec{x} = \vec{c}$  consistent?

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

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 7 & -5 & -5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{ERO}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1.5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -0.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x_1 = -1.5 / x_2 = -0.5 \quad \therefore \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.5 \\ -0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ no free variables

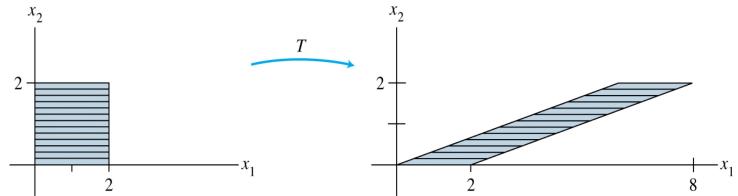
(c)  $A\vec{x} = b$  has a unique solution,  $\therefore$  therefore there is exactly one  $\vec{x}$  whose image is  $\vec{b}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 7 & 5 & -5 \end{array} \right]$$

{ EROS

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -35 & -5 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Last Egn is} \\ 0 = -35 \Rightarrow \\ \text{inconsistent} \end{array}$$

$c$  is not in the range of  $T$ .



Examples:

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . What is this transformation?

$$T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Projection onto a Plane } x_1 - x_2$$

random input  
of numbers

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . What is this transformation?

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  (Shear Transformation)  $\Rightarrow$  base is fixed but skewed to the side

### 1.11 Linear Transformations

A transformation  $T$  is linear if:

- i.  $T(u+v) = T(u) + T(v)$  for all  $u, v$  in the domain of  $T$ ;
- ii.  $T(cu) = cT(u)$

Generalization:

$$T(c_1v_1 + \dots + c_pv_p) = c_1T(v_1) + \dots + c_pT(v_p)$$

Examples:

$T(x) = rx$ ,  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is called a contraction when  $0 \leq r \leq 1$  and a dilation when  $r > 1$ .

Show that  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  represents a linear transformation by finding the images of  $u = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

and  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$T(\vec{u}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}; T(\vec{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v}) \quad (\text{first condition})$$

$$\text{Contraction: } 0.5 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Dilation: } 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$c\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 4c \\ c \end{bmatrix}$ ;  
 $T(c\vec{u}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4c \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -c \\ 4c \end{bmatrix}$   
 $cT(\vec{u}) = c \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -c \\ 4c \end{bmatrix}$  (second condition)  
 $\therefore$  Satisfies both conditions of the transformation rule.

## 1.12 The Matrix of a Linear Transformation

Given the description of a linear transformation 'in words', how to obtain the corresponding matrix?

Key observation:  $T$  is completely determined by what it does to the columns of the  $n \times n$  identity matrix  $I_n$ .

Exercise

Let  $I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Suppose  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $T(e_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T(e_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the formula for the image of an arbitrary  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

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

$$\begin{aligned} T(\vec{x}) &= T(x_1 \vec{e}_1 + x_2 \vec{e}_2) \\ &= x_1 T(\vec{e}_1) + x_2 T(\vec{e}_2) \\ &= x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 5x_1 - 3x_2 \\ -2x_1 + 8x_2 \\ 2x_1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -2 & 8 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.7

Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation. Then there exists a unique matrix  $A$  such that  $T(x) = Ax$  for all  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

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

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

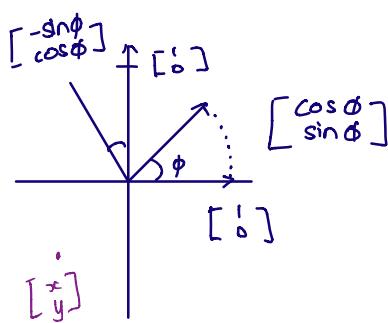
$A$  is called the standard matrix for the linear transformation of  $T$ .

Exercise:

Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the transformation that rotates each point in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  about the origin through an angle  $\phi$ , with counterclockwise rotation for a positive angle.

Find the standard Matrix A for this transformation.

$$A = [T(e_1), T(e_2)] \quad e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned} T(e_1) &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi \\ \sin \phi \end{bmatrix} \\ T(e_2) &= \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \phi \\ \cos \phi \end{bmatrix} \\ A &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix} \\ A &= \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

→ To find out where  $x, y$  go in transformation T

Question:

Determine values of h such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -4 & h & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the augmented matrix of a consistent linear system?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -4 & h & 8 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & h+12 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

if  $h = -12$ , equations are now equivalent  
& have infinitely many solutions.

If  $h$  is any other number, lines are not parallel and will meet at one point  
so there will still be 1 solution

∴ All  $h$  is possible → consistent.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{unique solution}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{inconsistent}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{no solution}$$