

#Lecture 8

Complete solution of $Ax=b$

Let's take our previous matrix -

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Our Augmented matrix would be -}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & b_1 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 & b_2 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & 10 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \text{ One particular solution is } \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{6} \end{bmatrix} \text{ why?}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - R_1 \times 2 \\ R_3 - R_1 \times 3 \end{array} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & b_2 - 2b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & b_3 - 3b_1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & b_2 - 2b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 - b_2 - b_1 \end{array} \right]$$

Solvability condition on the right hand side b .
 $Ax=b$ is solvable when b is in $C(A)$.

* If a combination of rows of A gives zero row, then same combination of the entries of b must give 0.

$$b_3 - b_2 - b_1 = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{b_3 = b_2 + b_1} \text{ This is exactly why}$$

To find the complete solution to $Ax=b \rightarrow$

Step 1: Find $x_{\text{particular}}$. Set all free variables to 0 and solve $Ax=b$ for pivots

$$x_1 + 2x_3 = 1$$

$$2x_3 = 3$$

So the solution would be $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 3/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot x_p = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 3/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Step 2: $x_{\text{complete}} = x_{\text{particular}} + \text{Any vector from the Nullspace}$

$$\Rightarrow x = x_p + x_n$$

Prove: $Ax_p = b$

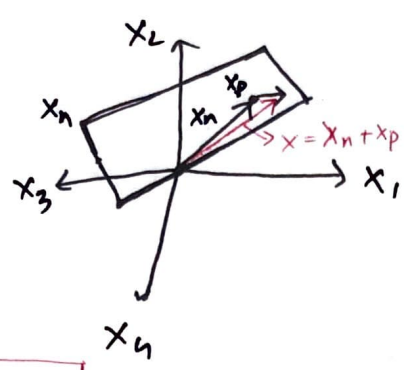
$$(\oplus) Ax_n = 0$$

$$A(x_p + x_n) = (b + 0) = b$$

* Important \rightarrow Difference between x_p and x_{special} ? For x_p , all free variables are set to 0, But for x_{special} , one of them is set to 1.

$$\therefore \boxed{x_{\text{complete}}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 3/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \left\{ c \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Plot all solutions x in \mathbb{R}^4 !



No need to show

We'll see the bigger picture now -

Think about a $m \times n$ matrix A of rank r .

What's the relation between r & m and r & n .

$$(r \leq m)$$

$$(r \leq n)$$

Case 1: Full column rank, $r=n$ \rightarrow n pivots.
No free variables.

$$N(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

solution of $Ax=b \rightarrow$ ~~x is an~~ x is only x_p . Unique solution if it exists. One or zero solution. And the nullspace matrix is empty.

Example -

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ can we have solution for all } b?$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

~~Case 2: Full row rank, $r=m$~~

How many pivots? $\rightarrow m$ \neq No rows with zeros.

I can solve ~~$A(x)$~~ $Ax=b$ for

So, Full column matrix would have below properties -

1. All columns of A are pivot columns
2. There are no free variables or special solutions
3. The nullspace contains only the zero vector, $x=0$
4. If $Ax=b$ has a solution (it might not) then it has only one solution

Case 2: Full row rank, $r=m$ and $m \leq n$

Every row has a pivot. So, the rows are linearly independent

Example:

$$x+y+z=3$$

$$x+2y-z=4$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 4 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} I & F \\ \hline \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so, } x_p = (2, 1, 0) \text{ and } x_n = c(-3, 2, 1)$$

Every matrix A with full row rank ($r=m$) has following properties

1. All rows have pivots, R has no zero rows.
2. $Ax=b$ has a solution for all right hand side b .
3. The column space is the whole space \mathbb{R}^m .
4. There are $n-r=n-m$ special solutions in the $N(A)$.

case 3: Full row and column rank, $r=m=n$

A is an invertible square matrix. The nullspace has dimension zero and $Ax=b$ has a unique solution for every b in \mathbb{R}^m .

Summary

	$r=m=n$	$r=n < m$	$r=m < n$	$r < m, r < n$
R	I	$\begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} I & F \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} I & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
# of solutions for $Ax=b$	Exactly 1	0 or 1	Infinitely Many	0 or infinitely many

* Find all solutions depending on b_1, b_2, b_3 .

$$\begin{aligned} x - 2y - 2z &= b_1 \\ 2x - 5y - 4z &= b_2 \\ 4x - 9y - 8z &= b_3 \end{aligned} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & b_1 \\ 2 & -5 & -4 & b_2 \\ 4 & -9 & -8 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 5b_1 - 2b_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2b_1 - b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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Pivots Free

one step before this:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & b_1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -2b_1 + b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2b_1 - b_2 + b_3 \end{array} \right]$$

If $-2b_1 - b_2 + b_3 \neq 0$, No solutions!

* Particular solution -
 $Ax = b$

$$X_p = \begin{bmatrix} 5b_1 - 2b_2 \\ 2b_1 - b_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

* Special solution:

$$Ax = 0 \quad [\text{Free column} = 1]$$

$$X_s = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

∴ All solutions, $X_{\text{complete}} = X_p + c \cdot X_s = \begin{bmatrix} 5b_1 - 2b_2 \\ 2b_1 - b_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Independence:

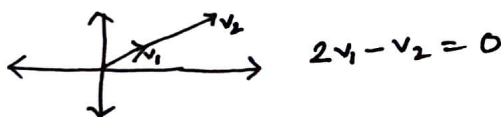
Suppose A is m by n with $m < n$. Then ~~there are~~ there are non-zero solutions to $Ax = 0$ [Because more unknown than equations]

Reason: There will be free variables! Because some columns would be a combination ~~for~~ of other columns.

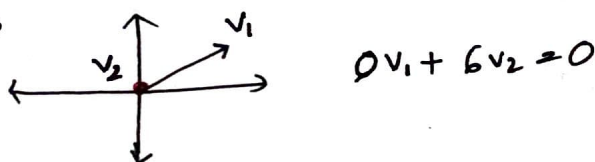
Formal defⁿ → Vectors x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are independent if no combination gives zero vector except the zero combination.

If some other combination other than zero gives zero, then the vectors are dependent.

For example -



Interesting →



so, summarizing \rightarrow

When v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n are columns of A :-

- * They are independent if nullspace of A is only the {zero vector}
- * They are dependent if $Ac = 0$ for some non-zero c .

\nwarrow rank = n = all columns

\searrow rank $< n$