

Ex: Solve $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & -1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & -1 \end{array} \right] \sim$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$-2x_3 = -2 \Rightarrow x_3 = 1$$

$$5x_2 + 5x_3 = 1 \Rightarrow x_2 = -\frac{4}{5}$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{5} \\ -\frac{4}{5} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Ex: Let $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Is \vec{u} in the subset of \mathbb{R}^3 spanned by the columns of A ?

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & 8 & 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 5 & 8 & 7 & 2 \end{array} \right] \sim$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & -7 & 7 & -8 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -29 \end{array} \right]$$

no solution

\vec{u} is not in the subset spanned by the columns of A .

Ex: Let $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$.

Does $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ span \mathbb{R}^3 ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 \\ -2 & 8 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 8 & -5 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix $[\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3]$ has a pivot in each row, so the columns of the matrix span \mathbb{R}^3 , that is, $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ spans \mathbb{R}^3 .

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Ex: Let $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

It can be shown that $3\vec{u} - 5\vec{v} - \vec{w} = \vec{0}$ (zero vector)

Find x_1 and x_2 that satisfy the equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The equation in x_1 and x_2 involves the vectors

\vec{u} , \vec{v} , and \vec{w} , and it may be viewed as

$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{u} & \vec{v} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{w}$. By the definition of a matrix-vector

product, $x_1\vec{u} + x_2\vec{v} = \vec{w}$. The stated fact that

$3\vec{u} - 5\vec{v} - \vec{w} = \vec{0}$ can be rewritten as

$3\vec{u} - 5\vec{v} = \vec{w}$. Therefore a solution is $x_1 = 3$

and $x_2 = -5$.