

$A\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ 

linear combination of columns of A

$$A_n = 0$$

$$c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + c_3 \alpha_3 = 0$$



all $c_i = 0$ is called trivial soln

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$m > n$

$A_{m \times n}$

$\downarrow 4 \quad \downarrow 3$

$A_{4 \times 3} x = b$

$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\ \hline & & & \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{array} \right]$



T/F

$A_{4 \times 3} x = b$

will always have soln

for some A .

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

every

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You can never
fill the space

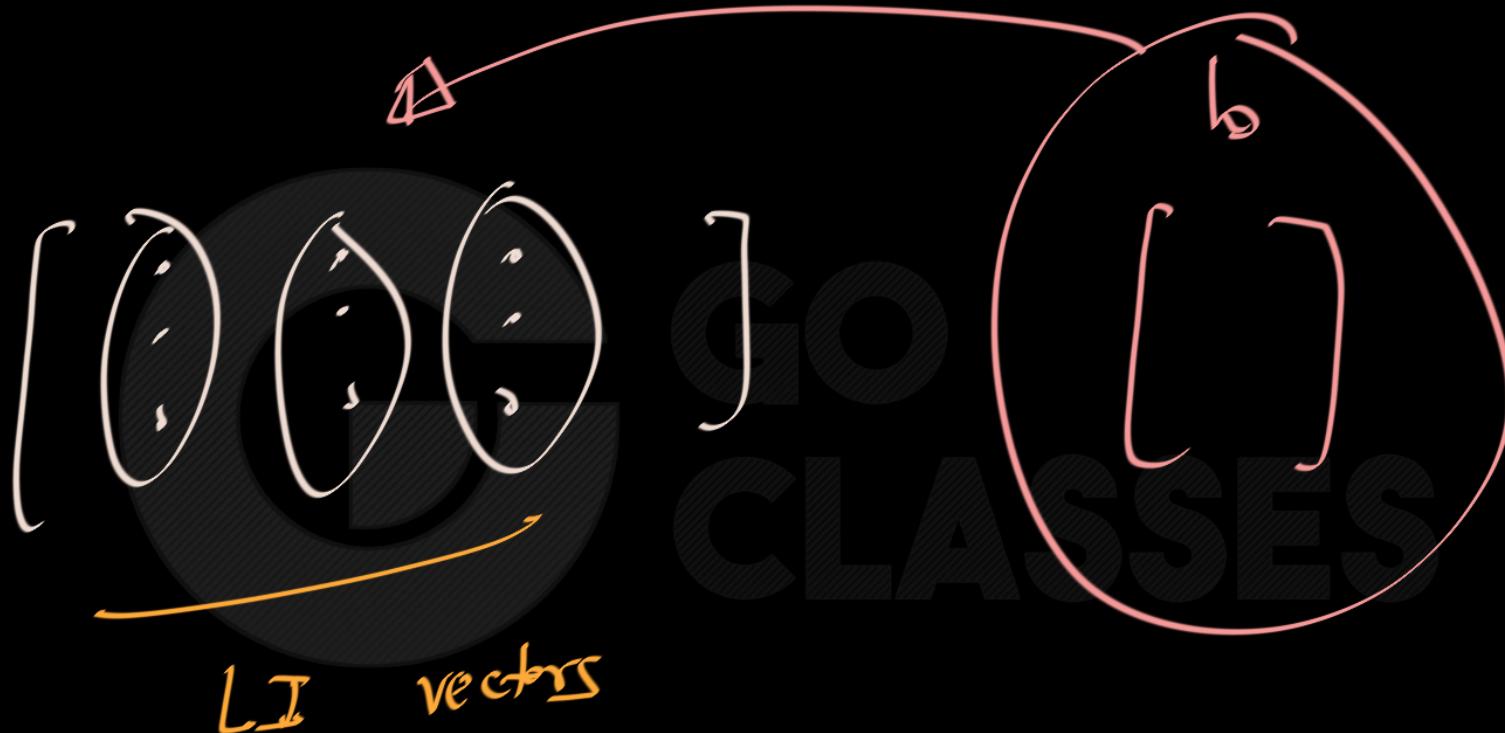


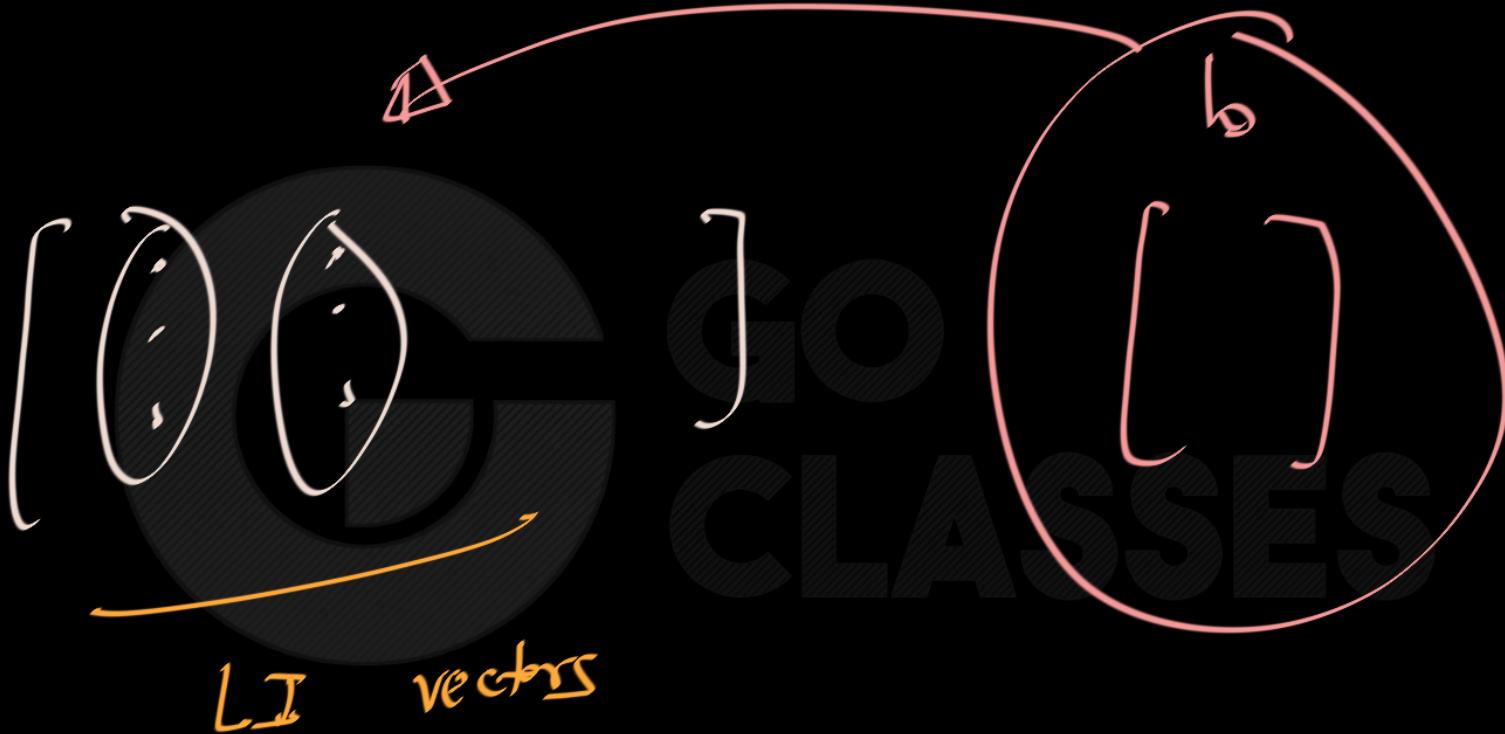
You can have sol'n even if you
do not fill the space

[if]



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

L_1

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

2×3

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

3×3

$2 L_1$

$|A| = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \\ 5 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix}$$

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No. of LT columns = ?

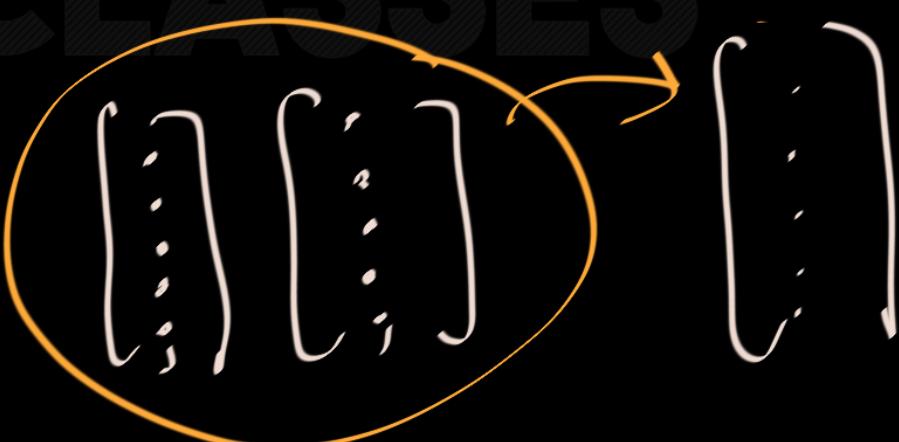
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Nb. of LT columns = j

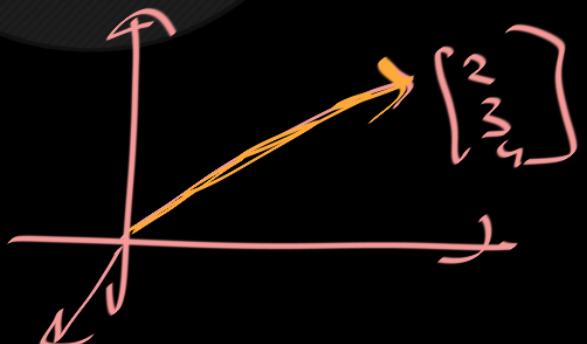
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R^6



$$\begin{bmatrix} \quad \\ \quad \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ v_1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



?

$$\square + \square + 5\square + \square \dots + \square = b$$



A diagram illustrating a subtraction operation. A curved line starts at the term $5\square$ in the first equation and points to the term $3\square$ in the second equation. Above this line, a horizontal bracket groups the first three terms of each equation: $\square + \square + 5\square$ on top and $\square + \square + 3\square$ on the bottom. Below the second equation, a horizontal bracket groups the remaining terms: $\dots + \square$. A red arrow points from the term $5\square$ to the term $3\square$, indicating that $5\square - 3\square = 2\square$.

$$\square + \square + 3\square + \dots + \square = b$$


$$\text{Diagram: } \boxed{\square + \square * \square - \square + \square} = 3$$
$$GO^2 \vee$$

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Let c_1, \dots, c_n be scalars, not all zero, such that $\sum_{i=1}^n c_i a_i = 0$ where a_i are column vectors in R^n .



a_i 's are LD



Twinkle Chatterjee to Everyone 7:49 PM

But this question was so simple
after your explanation



Harsh Koushle to Everyone 7:49 PM

no sir



Saurabh Gangwar to Everyone 7:49 PM

framing of this question was very
good

$Ax = b$

where $A = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$ and $b = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$. The set of equations has

a_1, a_2, \dots

- A. a unique solution at $x = J_n$ where J_n denotes a n -dimensional vector of all 1.
- B. no solution
- C. infinitely many solutions
- D. finitely many solutions

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} A & b \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{c|c} I & x \end{array} \right]$$

Question

MSQ

3. Which of the following statement(s) is(are) true:
- Given a coefficient matrix $A_{m \times n}$, $m < n$, the number of solutions for $Ax = \vec{0}$ could either be zero or one.
 - There exists a coefficient matrix $A_{m \times n}$, $m > n$, which doesn't give solution for any b .
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 - There exists a coefficient matrix $A_{m \times n}$, $m = n$, which doesn't give solution for some b .
 - If a coefficient matrix $A_{m \times n}$ gives solution for every b , then $m = n$.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \vdots & & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \vdots \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \quad \\ \quad \\ \quad \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \quad \\ \quad \\ \quad \end{bmatrix}$$

No such x exist \times
only unique soln

$$av_1 + bv_2 + cv_3 + dv_4$$

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 + c_4 v_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



 ↪ there must be some non-trivial sol's
 (bcz these are L.D)

⇒ there are always many sol's

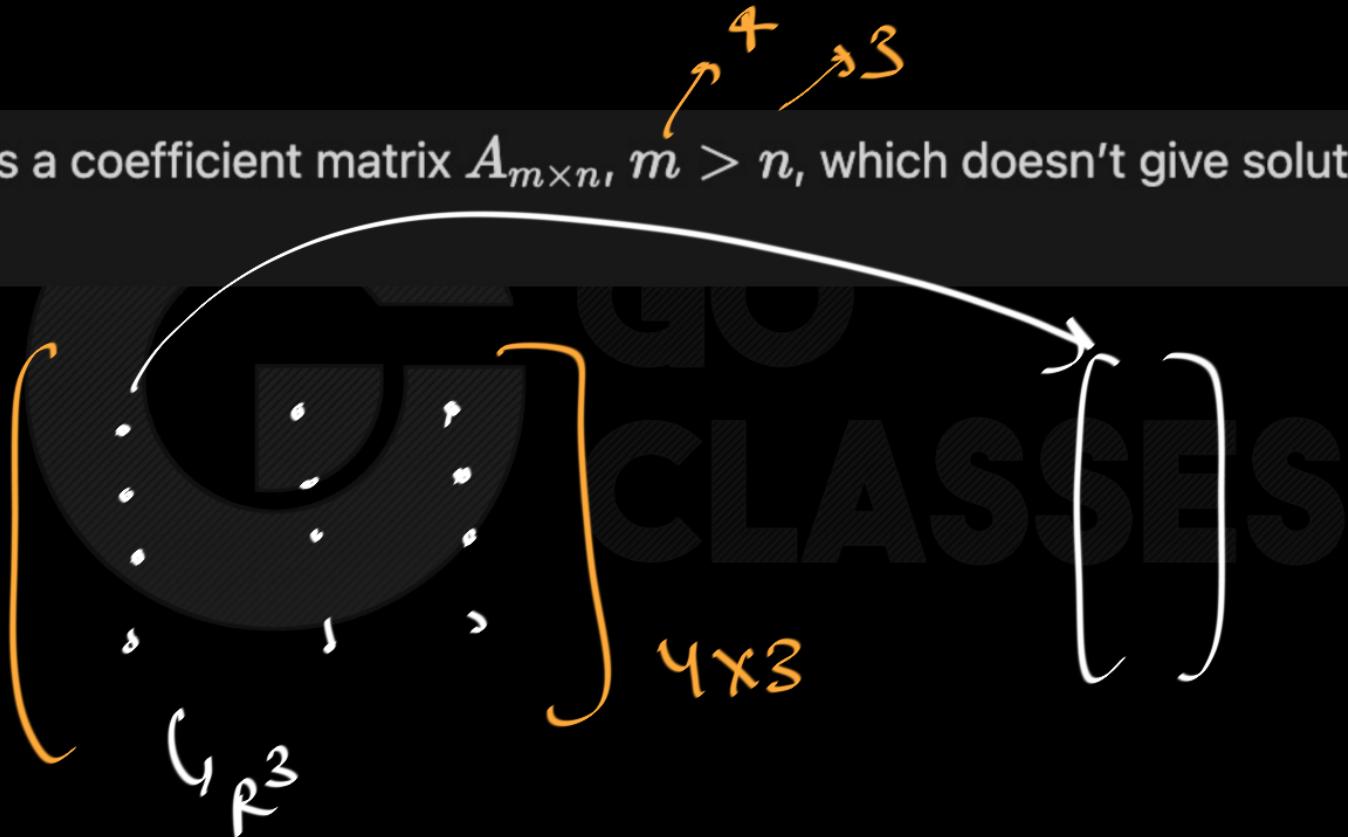
$$c_1 \overset{\uparrow}{v_1} + c_2 \overset{\downarrow}{v_2} + c_3 \overset{\uparrow}{v_3} + c_4 \overset{\downarrow}{v_4} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$x = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2c_1 \\ 2c_2 \\ 2c_3 \\ 2c_4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3c_1 \\ 3c_2 \\ 3c_3 \\ 3c_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- b. There exists a coefficient matrix $A_{m \times n}$, $m > n$, which doesn't give solution for any b





- c. There exists a coefficient matrix $A_{m \times n}$, $m = n$, which doesn't give solution for some b .



- d. If a coefficient matrix $A_{m \times n}$ gives solution for every b , then $m = n$.

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

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$n \geq m$
 m Linearly indep. Colⁿ.

$\overset{3 \times n}{=}$
No. of columns $>$ 3
 $n > 3$

- d. If a coefficient matrix $A_{m \times n}$ gives solution for every b , then $m = n$.

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

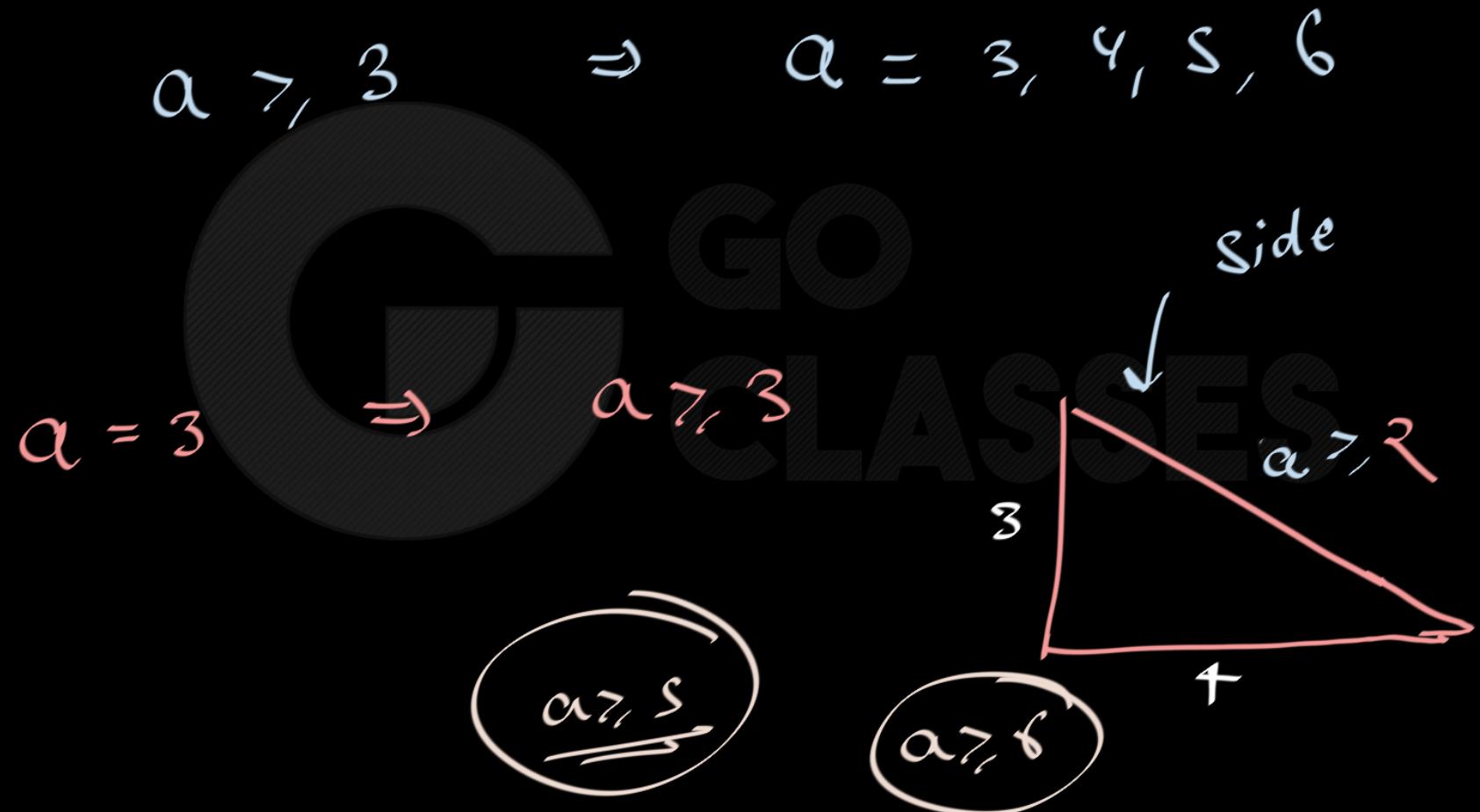
$3 \times n$

$n = 3, 4, 5$

$n \geq 3$

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T Why not exactly 3 columns?



$\alpha \geq 2$ True

$\alpha = 2$ or $\alpha = 3$ or $\alpha = 4$ or $\alpha = 5$
 $\alpha = 6$ or $\alpha = 7$

True

Answer:

C

A is false, since the number of solutions can not be zero for the system, $Ax = \vec{0}$.

B is false. There always exists the zero column vector for which the given A would have solution.

C is true, since $m = n$ doesn't mean that there are n linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n .

D is false. If A gives solution for every b, then $m \leq n$. (We'll come back to this point while discussing Rank again.)

Question

4. Given the coefficient matrix $A_{m \times n}$, what can be said about the number of solutions if (zero/unique/infinite):
- a. $m = n$
 - b. $m < n$
 - c. $m > n$



Answer:

There isn't much we can say about the number of solutions just by looking at the dimensions of A. There can be zero or unique or infinite in all three above cases.



Question

Hit and trial

5. [Introduction to LA, Gilbert Strang, 5th ed., 2.1.7]

For the given matrix A:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Find the linear combination of first and second column which obtains the third column vector.
- Check if there is a solution for the following b:

i. $b = [2 \quad 3 \quad 5]^T$

ii. $b = [4 \quad 6 \quad 11]^T$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Ax = b$$

Solⁿ for x

Answer:

a.

$$1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

b.

- i. Yes. $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- ii. No.

Question

6. The given matrix has solution for:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 8 \end{array} \right]$$

- a. All vectors b in \mathbb{R}^3 .
- b. No vector b in \mathbb{R}^3 .
- c. Some vectors b in \mathbb{R}^3 .
- d. Some vectors b in \mathbb{R}^2 .



Answer:

C. Only for some vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Question

7. Check the number of solution (zero/unique/infinite) for the following system of linear equations

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 8 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 8 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

since there are

Since these are L.P hence there must be some non trivial soln.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 8 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

inf



Answer:

There can be more than one solutions for the above system. Solving the above system is equivalent to checking if the columns of A are linearly independent/dependent. The columns are linearly dependent. The third column is a multiple of the first column.

Question

8. The following matrix A, doesn't give solution for any b, since its columns are linearly dependent. True/False?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & 0 \\ 3 & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

false

Twinkle Chatterjee to Everyone 8:25 PM



Sir if in question asked -> there is a sol or not, do we require the information that there is any LC or not?

Answer:

False. For example, $b = [1 \quad 4 \quad 3]^T$ and get the solution as $X = [1 \quad 0 \quad 0]$.



Question

9. Find a b such that the system $Ax = b$ has no solution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & 0 \\ 3 & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 12 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer:

$$b = [4 \quad 12 \quad 13].$$

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Question

10. [https://www.uvm.edu/~mrombach/124_rombach_midterm1_sols.pdf Q5]

$$2x + 2z = 4$$

$$y = 3$$

$$2x + y + 3z = 8$$

- a. Represent the system of Linear Equations in $Ax = b$ form.
- b. Check if the columns of A are linearly independent.
- c. Try to find the solution to the system.

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[https://www.uvm.edu/~mrombach/124_rombach_midterm1_sols.pdf Q5]

Question

11. [<https://math.berkeley.edu/~nikhil/courses/54.f18/midterm1sol.pdf> Q2]

Give an example of each of the following, explaining why it has the required property, or explain why no such example exists.

- a. A linear system with 3 equations in 2 variables which has solution *for some b*.
- b. A linear system with 2 equations in 3 variables which has no solution *for any b*
- c. A linear system with 2 equations in 3 variables which has solution for no b ($b \neq \vec{0}$).

(there exist)

- c. A linear system with 2 equations in 3 variables which has ~~solution for no b~~ ($b \neq \vec{0}$).

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} \quad b \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$f(a)$ does not have sol' for any b .

$T(b)$ has sol' for all the b 's

A linear system with 3 equations in 2 variables which has solution.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cdot \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} \\ \cdot \end{array} \right. \quad \left. \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array} \right]$$