

1.7 LINEAR INDEPENDENCE / DEPENDENCE

* Defn: $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has a non trivial solution when a free variable \exists

Def: An indexed set of vectors $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ is said to be:

(i) linearly Independent: if $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has only the trivial solution ($\vec{x} = \vec{0}$)

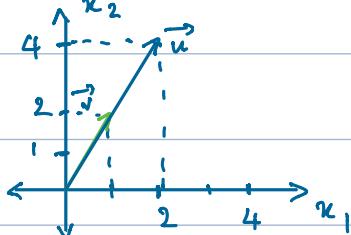
$\Rightarrow x_1\vec{v}_1 + x_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + x_p\vec{v}_p = \vec{0}$ has only the trivial solution (NO Free variable)

(ii) linearly Dependent: IF the $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has a nontrivial solution \Rightarrow A free variable \exists

Iow: A redundant vector \exists !

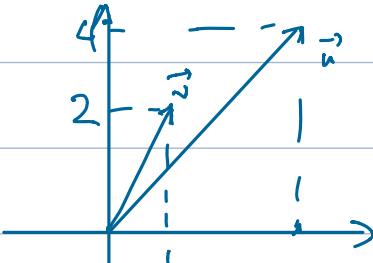
A linear combination of some of the vectors produces another vector in the set!

* Geometric Interpretation: Consider the set of vectors $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$



* Since $\vec{u} \neq c\vec{v}$ are scalar-multiples $\vec{u} = 2\vec{v}$, these vectors are Linearly Dependent

Ex: $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$



Since $\vec{u} \neq c\vec{v}$, the vectors are linearly Independent

Note: Sets of vectors with 3^+ vector \Rightarrow let $A = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{v}_p]$

\Rightarrow we can row-reduce $[A : \vec{0}]$ to echelon form to check for free variables

① A free variable \exists : $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has a nontrivial sol $\Rightarrow \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ is Linearly Dep.

② No free variables, $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ is Linearly Indep.

Example: Determine if the vectors are linearly Independent: Ans: $\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_3 \end{bmatrix}$
 and then row-reduce $[A : \vec{0}]$ to Echelon Form to check for free variables

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 8 \\ -24 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 9 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & -4 & -24 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Row Reduce}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 9 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$\vec{v}_1 \quad \vec{v}_2 \quad \vec{v}_3$

Since a pivot \exists in each row

$A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has one, unique solution
 \rightarrow trivial solution $\Rightarrow \vec{x} = \vec{0}$

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

Echelon Form

\therefore the vectors $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ are linearly independent

Quiz 3: covers 1.5

Exam 1: chapter 1

Recall:

① An indexed set of vectors is linearly Independent if the vector equation $x_1\vec{v}_1 + x_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + x_p\vec{v}_p = \vec{0}$ has only the trivial solution ($\vec{x} = \vec{0}$)

② An indexed set of vectors $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ is linearly Dependent if \exists scalars / weights c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p (NOT all zero) st:

$c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_p\vec{v}_p = \vec{0} \Rightarrow$ has a non-trivial solution

\Rightarrow vectors depend on each other; A redundant vector \exists

Example: Find the value(s) of h st the following set of vectors is

Linearly Dependant $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$ to find "h" Row Reduce $[A : \vec{0}]$ to Echelon Form

$A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ must have at least one free-variable

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 4 & -3 \\ -2 & -6 & 3 \\ 4 & 7 & h \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 + R_2 \\ nR_2 \\ 2R_1 - R_3 \\ = nR_3 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 6+h \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 6+h \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6+h \end{array} \right] \quad * \text{ Since we want } A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \text{ to have a } \underline{\text{trivial solution}},$$

we want: $6+h = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore \text{Vectors are linearly Dependent if } h = -6}$

Example: Determine if the columns of matrix A are Linearly Dependent

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \\ -4 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -10 \end{array} \right] \quad * \text{ Check if } A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \text{ has a nontrivial solution... Does a Free Variable } \exists?$$

* To check: Row-reduce to Echelon form ^①

① If a F.V. $\exists \Rightarrow$ columns are linearly Dependent
 ② If NO F.V. \Rightarrow Columns are Linearly Independent.

$$\begin{array}{c} 4R_1 + R_3 \\ = \\ \begin{array}{c} -2R_1 \\ + R_4 \end{array} \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -20 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \text{swap } R_2 \text{ and } R_3 \\ \\ \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -20 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & -20 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

* Echelon Form

Since NO Free Variables exist $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has only the trivial solution

$\rightarrow \therefore$ By Def the columns of A are Linearly Independent \Rightarrow NOT Linear. Dep.

* Theorem: IF the number of vectors in a set is greater than the number of entries per vector, then the set of vectors is Linearly Dep.

Proof: Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix

By definition, we know A has $\nearrow m$ -Equations (Rows) $\nwarrow n$: unknowns (Columns)

• Suppose that $n > m$: IF (# of unknowns) > (# of Equations), then a free variable exists.

If a free variable \exists , then $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has a non-trivial solution

If $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has a non-trivial solution, then the column-vectors of A are linearly dependent

Ex: Consider the set of vectors $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Linearly Dep./ Indep.?

Ans:

$A = [\vec{v}_1 \vec{v}_2 \vec{v}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

- * At most 2 pivots, but 3 variables
- * Since we only have 2 eq., we can only solve for 2 of the "unknowns" \rightarrow The 3rd must be free.

∴ Since 3 unknowns > 2 eq \Rightarrow Linearly Dependent.

REVIEW: A system has free variable \Rightarrow Linearly Dependent, NonTrivial Solutions

does NOT have free variable \Rightarrow Linearly Independent, Trivial Solutions

$$1.7.1 \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & 9 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 3 & 12 & -1 \\ 0 & -12 & -24 & 12 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & 9 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 12 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_2 - R_3 \\ \hline R_1 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 9/5 & 6/5 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 12 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \text{3 pivots} \\ \text{in 3 rows} \\ \text{of 3 vars.} \end{array}}$$

\Rightarrow The system does NOT have free vars. \Rightarrow Trivial Solutions \exists
Linearly Independent

$$1.7.8 \quad \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -5 & 3 & 2 & 7 \\ -5 & 25 & -15 & 2 & -35 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} 5R_1 + R_2 \\ \hline R_2 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -5 & 3 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 & -35 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow x_2, x_3 \text{ are free vars}$$

x_1, x_4 are basic vars

\Rightarrow Linearly Dependent

1.7.9

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 \\ -4 & 12 & 7 \\ 2 & -6 & h \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{v}_1 \quad \vec{v}_2 \quad \vec{v}_3$

(a) \vec{v}_3 spans $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ if \exists a solution $A\vec{x} = \vec{v}_3 \Leftrightarrow [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3]$ has nontrivial sol.

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{4R_1}{+R_2} \\ \frac{2R_1}{-R_3} \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 23 \\ 0 & 0 & 8-h \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{no values of } h$$

contradiction!

(b) $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ linearly dependent $\rightarrow A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 23 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8-h & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_2 \\ R_3 \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8-h & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} (8-h)R_2 \\ -R_3 \\ =nR_3 \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} x_2 \text{ is a free var} \\ \Rightarrow \text{nontrivial} \\ \Rightarrow \text{Linearly Dep.} \end{array}}$$

\dagger values of h

1.7.11

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ -2 & -6 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 & h \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2}R_1 \\ \frac{1}{2}R_2 \\ \hline \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 7 & h \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 - R_2 \\ =nR_2 \\ 4R_1 - R_3 \\ =nR_3 \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & +1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4-h \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} x_1, x_2 \text{ are} \\ \text{basic vars} \\ [0 \ 0 \ h+4] \end{array}}$$

To let the vectors be dependent $\Rightarrow x_3$ will be a free variable.

$$\rightarrow -4-h=0 \Rightarrow h=-4$$

1.7.14

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 4 \\ -3 & 13 & 1 \\ -6 & 8 & h \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} 3R_1 + R_2 \\ 6R_1 + R_3 \\ \hline \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 13 \\ 0 & -16 & 24+h \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_3 \\ -16 \\ \hline \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 13 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{24+h}{-16} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_2 - R_3 \\ =nR_3 \\ \hline \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 13 + \frac{24+h}{-16} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} 1 & -4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}}$$

\Rightarrow To let the vectors be dependent $\Rightarrow x_3$ must be a free var.

$$\Rightarrow 13 + \frac{24+h}{16} = 0 \Rightarrow h = -13 \times 16 - 24 = \boxed{-232}$$

1.7.15 $\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 6 & 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 7 & 4 & 9 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 - 6R_2 \\ R_2 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 6 & 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -39 & -23 & -55 \end{array} \right]$ 2 pivots, 4 variables, 2 entries
 \Rightarrow free variables \exists
 \Rightarrow always has nontrivial solutions
 \Rightarrow Linearly Dependent

1.7.19 $\left[\begin{array}{cc} 10 & -2 \\ 20 & -4 \\ -5 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 + 2R_2 \\ R_2 - 4R_1 \\ R_3 + 5R_1 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{cc} 5 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 - R_2 \\ R_1 + R_3 \\ R_2 - R_3 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{cc} 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{cc} 5 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$ Two pivots, system does NOT have free variable.
 \Rightarrow linearly independent

1.7.31

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 2 & 4 \\ -4 & 2 & -2 \\ -4 & -1 & -5 \\ 5 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 \div 2 \\ R_2 \div (-2) \\ -R_3 \\ R_4 \div 5 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 - R_2 \\ 4R_1 - R_3 \\ 2R_1 - R_4 \\ R_2 - R_1 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 - R_2 \\ 4R_1 - R_3 \\ 2R_1 - R_4 \\ R_3 - 4R_1 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} 3R_2 - R_3 \\ 3R_2 - R_4 \\ R_4 - R_3 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$\Rightarrow x_3$ is a free variable \Rightarrow linearly dependent

$x_2 = -x_3$

$x_1 = -x_2 - 2x_3 = +x_3 - 2x_3 = -x_3 \quad \left\{ \Rightarrow x = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \right.$

$= \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 \\ -x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

vector equation

1.7.6 $\left[\begin{array}{ccc} -4 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 & -8 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 + 4R_3 \\ R_1 + 2R_4 \\ R_3 - R_1 \\ R_4 - R_1 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} -4 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & -16 \\ 0 & 0 & -16 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_2 - R_3 \\ R_2 + R_4 \\ R_4 - R_2 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} -4 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & -20 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_3 \\ R_3 \\ R_4 - R_3 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} -4 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 \end{array} \right]$