

1. a) rank = 2

b). linearly independent cols: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

total: 5 sets

c). $w_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ linear combination

So, we get $\begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_1 + w_2 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Then, $a = b + 1$ make $\text{rank}\{A\} = 2$

2. a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2} x = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, x = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

b). $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$ no solution, since we cannot satisfy $x_1 = 4, x_1 + x_2 = 6, x_2 = 1$ at the same time.

c) $\text{rank}\{A\} = \text{rank}\{[A \ b]\}$ means that col b is spanned and we ~~can~~ know that it can be expressed as a linear combination of col vectors in A . linear combinations means that there must be at least 1 solution exist.

for $Ax = b$.

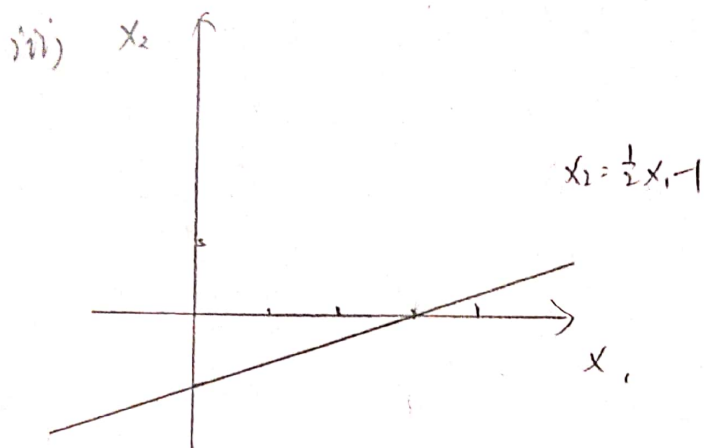
3. a) i) Yes.

ii) It's non-unique

$$\text{rank}(A) = 1 < 2,$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A|b) = 1$$

so there's infinite solutions



b).

Given $A(x+w)=b$, A 's dim is $N \times M$,

Since $Ax = A(x+w) = b$, we get $Aw = 0$

So we can conclude that A 's col vector is linearly dependent,
 $\text{rank } A < M$.

Given A 's dim as $N \times M$,

we conclude that $\text{rank}\{A\} \leq \min\{N, M\}$ & $\text{rank}\{A\} < M$

and can use this eqn. to determine the solution existence.