

(1) Claim: If  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  are solutions of the linear system, then

so it is  $t\vec{u} + (1-t)\vec{v}$ ,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Pf: Write  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $t\vec{u} + (1-t)\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} tu_1 + (1-t)v_1 \\ \vdots \\ tu_n + (1-t)v_n \end{bmatrix}$

We need to check that  $t\vec{u} + (1-t)\vec{v}$  satisfies each of the eq'n:

For any  $1 \leq k \leq m$ , we have:

$$a_{k1} (tu_1 + (1-t)v_1) + a_{k2} (tu_2 + (1-t)v_2) + \dots + a_{kn} (tu_n + (1-t)v_n)$$

Since  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$   
are sol<sup>n</sup> to  
the eq<sup>n</sup>.

$$= tb_k + (1-t)b_k$$

$$= b_k$$

Hence  $t\vec{u} + (1-t)\vec{v}$  is a sol<sup>n</sup> to the linear system  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$

The claim shows that if the system has at least 2 sol<sup>n</sup>s, then it must have infinitely many sol<sup>n</sup>s. This proves the desired statement.  $\square$

(2) It suffices to show that each elementary row operation doesn't change the sol<sup>n</sup> set.

$$(i) \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{k1} & \cdots & a_{kn} & b_m \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\quad} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{k1} + ca_{g1} & \cdots & a_{kn} + ca_{gn} & b_k + cb_g \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} & b_n \end{array} \right]$$

call this system  $L_1$

$\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a sol<sup>n</sup> to  $L_2$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ (a_{k1} + ca_{l1})x_1 + \dots + (a_{kn} + ca_{ln})x_n = b_k + cb_l \\ \vdots \\ a_{l1}x_1 + \dots + a_{ln}x_n = b_l \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{array} \right.$$



Observe that

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (a_{k1} + ca_{l1})x_1 + \dots + (a_{kn} + ca_{ln})x_n = b_k + cb_l \\ a_{l1}x_1 + \dots + a_{ln}x_n = b_l \\ \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_{k1}x_1 + \dots + a_{kn}x_n = b_k \\ a_{l1}x_1 + \dots + a_{ln}x_n = b_l \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{k1}x_1 + \dots + a_{kn}x_n = b_k \\ \vdots \\ a_{l1}x_1 + \dots + a_{ln}x_n = b_l \\ \vdots \end{array} \right. \Leftrightarrow \vec{x} \text{ is a sol}^n \text{ to } L_1$$

The fact that the remaining two types of row operations don't change the sol<sup>n</sup> set can be proved similarly. so I'll omit here.  $\square$

(3) Claim: " $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  are linearly independent". (L.I. for short)  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  " $\{\vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  are linearly independent and  
 $\vec{v}_1 \notin \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ ".

Pf: ( $\Rightarrow$ ): It's easy to see that if  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is l.i.  
then a subcollection of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is l.i. (why?)  
Also, assume the contrary that  $\vec{v}_1 \in \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ ,  
then  $\exists c_2, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\vec{v}_1 = c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k$ .  
Hence  $\vec{v}_1 - c_2 \vec{v}_2 - \dots - c_k \vec{v}_k = 0$ , which implies  
that  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is NOT l.i. Contradiction.  $\square$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume the contrary that  $c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k = 0$   
for some  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  not all zero.

(i) Suppose  $c_1 = 0$ .

Then  $c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k = 0$  and  $c_2, \dots, c_k$  not all 0.  
This contradicts with  $\{\vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is l.i.

(ii) Suppose  $c_1 \neq 0$ .

Then  $\vec{v}_1 = -\frac{c_2}{c_1} \vec{v}_2 - \dots - \frac{c_k}{c_1} \vec{v}_k \in \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ .

Also a contradiction.  $\square$

(4) False:  $\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 = 2 \\ 3x_1 + 3x_3 = 3. \end{cases}$  is a counterexample

(5) True:

Assume the contrary that for some  $m < n$ ,  $\exists m$  vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m\} = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \cdots & \vec{v}_m \\ | & | \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{an } n \times m \text{ matrix.}$$

By a theorem we proved in class,

$$\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m\} = \mathbb{R}^n \Leftrightarrow A \text{ has pivot in each row.}$$

But this is impossible since there are at most  $m$  pivots in  $A$ , and the # of rows  $= n > m$ .  $\square$

(6) Claim:  $A\vec{u} = \vec{0}$  has no non-trivial sol'n  $\vec{u} \neq \vec{0}$ .

Pf: Assume the contrary that  $\exists \vec{u} \neq \vec{0}$  s.t.  $A\vec{u} = \vec{0}$ .

Then we have  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  and  $A(\vec{x} + \vec{u}) = A\vec{x} + A\vec{u} = \vec{b}$ ,

which contradicts with the assumption.  $\square$

Then by a theorem we proved in class,

$A\vec{u} = \vec{0}$  has no non-trivial sol'n  $\Leftrightarrow A$  has pivots in each column.

Since  $A$  is a square matrix ( $\# \text{ of columns} = \# \text{ of rows}$ ), we have

$A$  has pivots in each column  $\Leftrightarrow A$  has pivots in each row,

Finally, we use the theorem that

$A$  has pivots in each row  $\Leftrightarrow$  the columns of  $A$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

to conclude the proof.  $\square$

(7) Claim: " $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0} \forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ "  $\Leftrightarrow$  " $T(\vec{v}_i) = \vec{0} \forall i$ ".

pf ( $\Rightarrow$ ): Obviously true.

( $\Leftarrow$ ): Since  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\} = \mathbb{R}^n$ , for any  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$\exists c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k$ .

Hence

$$T(\vec{x}) = T(c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k)$$

Since  $T$  is linear.

$$\begin{aligned} &= c_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + c_k T(\vec{v}_k) \\ &= \vec{0}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

(8) Since  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is linearly dependent,  $\exists c_1, \dots, c_k$  not all 0 s.t.  $c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k = \vec{0}$ .

$$\text{Then } \vec{0} = T(\vec{0}) = T(c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k)$$

$$= c_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + c_k T(\vec{v}_k) \text{ since } T \text{ is linear.}$$

$\Rightarrow \{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_k)\}$  is linearly dependent.  $\square$

(9)  $\exists c_1, \dots, c_k$  not all 0 s.t.  $c_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + c_k T(\vec{v}_k) = \vec{0}$   
|| (T is linear)

$$T(c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k)$$

Let  $\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k$ . Then  $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$ .

Since  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is l.i. and  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  not all 0,

we have  $\vec{x} \neq 0$ .  $\square$

- (10) •  $T_2(T_1(\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_2)) = T_2(T_1(\vec{u}_1) + T_1(\vec{u}_2))$  since  $T_1$  linear  
 $= T_2(T_1(\vec{u}_1)) + T_2(T_1(\vec{u}_2))$  since  $T_2$  linear.  
• Similarly, one can show that  $T_2(T_1(c\vec{u})) = cT_2(T_1(\vec{u}))$ .  
Hence  $T_2 \circ T_1$  is a linear transform".  $\square$

(11). (For (a)(b)(c), there are infinitely many possible  $T$ . Below are some examples.)

(a) Take  $T$  to be the identity transformation:

$$T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3  
\vec{x} \mapsto \vec{x}.$$

Then the image of  $P$  under  $T$  is  $P$  itself.

(b) Consider  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  (What's the standard matrix of  $T$ ? )  
 $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . (What's this map geometrically?)

One can check that  $T$  is a linear transform", which sends  $P$  to the line  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : x_1 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ .

(c) Consider  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

One can check that  $T$  is linear, and sends  $P$  to the point  $(0, 0, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

(d) Assume the contrary that  $\exists$  linear transfr<sup>ns</sup>  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  whose image of  $P$  is the whole  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Then  $\exists \vec{v}_0, \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \in P$  s.t.

$$T(\vec{v}_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, T(\vec{v}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, T(\vec{v}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, T(\vec{v}_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence } T(\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, T(\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, T(\vec{v}_3 - \vec{v}_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

By Problem (8) and the fact that  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is l.i., we have:

$$\left\{ \vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_0, \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_0, \vec{v}_3 - \vec{v}_0 \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ is l.i.}$$

Observe that for each  $i=1, 2, 3$ ,  $\vec{v}_i - \vec{v}_0$  lies in the plane  $P' = \{x_3 = 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ . So they can be written as:

$$\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 - \vec{v}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{13} \\ a_{23} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $\left\{ \vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_0, \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_0, \vec{v}_3 - \vec{v}_0 \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ is l.i.}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has pivot in each column,}$$

which is impossible since the matrix clearly has at most 2 pivots.  $\square$

(e) Follow the same idea as in (d). We'd like to pick 4 points  $\vec{w}_0, \dots, \vec{w}_3$  on the hyperboloid s.t.

$$\left\{ \vec{w}_1 - \vec{w}_0, \vec{w}_2 - \vec{w}_0, \vec{w}_3 - \vec{w}_0 \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ is l.i.}$$

$$\text{For instance: } \vec{w}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{w}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then  $\vec{w}_1 - \vec{w}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{w}_2 - \vec{w}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{w}_3 - \vec{w}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Then we can proceed with the same argument as (d).  $\square$