

2.2 Solving Systems Grt'd

Ex: $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$ or $\begin{cases} 1x + 2y = 0 \\ 3x + 4y = 0 \end{cases}$

Solution: $x = 0$
 $y = 0$

$\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

Terminology

$\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ is called the trivial solution

$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} \text{anything} & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{matrix} \end{array} \right]$ is called a homogeneous system

FACT

A homogeneous system always has at least 1 solution: the trivial solution

Ex: Consider $m \left\{ \left[\begin{array}{c|c} & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{matrix} \end{array} \right] \right.$ where $n > m$

How many solutions?

At least 1 solution: $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & \vdots \\ & & & & & & 0 \end{array} \right]$ REF

≥ 1 parameter

∞ -many solutions

2.3 Span and Linear Independence

Ex: Is $\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$ a linear combination of $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$?

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Let $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} -c_1 \\ 2c_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2c_2 \\ -3c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -c_1 + 2c_2 \\ 2c_1 - 3c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} -c_1 + 2c_2 = 8 \\ 2c_1 - 3c_2 = -10 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc|c} c_1 & c_2 & \\ \hline -1 & 2 & 8 \\ 2 & -3 & -10 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{R_1}{-1} \quad \begin{array}{cc|c} \textcircled{1} & -2 & -8 \\ 2 & -3 & -10 \end{array}$$

$$R_2 - 2R_1 \quad \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & -8 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 6 \end{array}$$

$$R_1 + 2R_2 \quad \begin{array}{cc|c} c_1 & c_2 & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \text{ RREF}$$

$$c_1 = 4, c_2 = 6$$

YES

To check: $4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 6 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$

Ex: Is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ a linear combination

of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$?

Let $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Let $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} C_1 & C_2 & \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$R_3 - R_1$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$\frac{R_2}{3}$

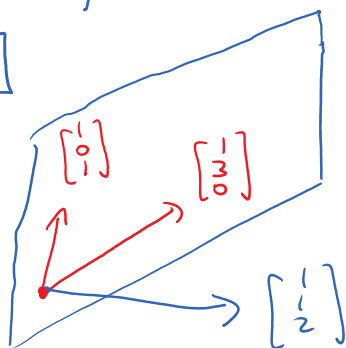
$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$R_3 + R_2$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} \end{array} \right]$$

System has no solution

No



FACT

\vec{b} is a linear combination of the columns of matrix A if and only if the system $[A | \vec{b}]$ is consistent.

(solvable)

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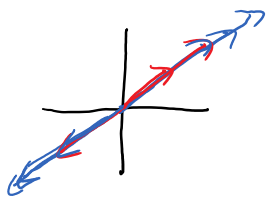
The span of $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_n$ is the set of all linear combinations of $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_n$.

Ex: a) $\text{span}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \{ \vec{0}, \vec{a}, 4\vec{a}, -\pi\vec{a}, \vec{b}, 7\vec{b}, -\sqrt{2}\vec{b}, 3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b}, \dots \}$

b) $\text{span}(\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_n) = \{ c_1\vec{u}_1 + c_2\vec{u}_2 + \dots + c_n\vec{u}_n \}$
 c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n : any real #

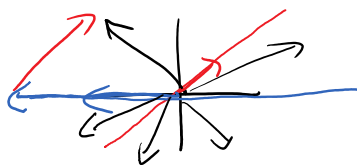
Ex: Describe each span geometrically

a) $\text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$



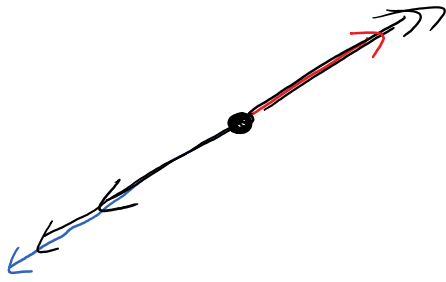
Line in \mathbb{R}^2 through origin

b) $\text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$
 $=$ all of \mathbb{R}^2
(entire xy-plane)

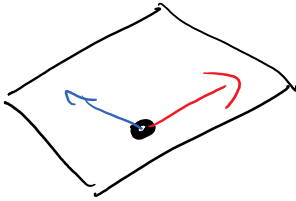


c) $\text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right)$
 $=$ line in \mathbb{R}^3 through origin

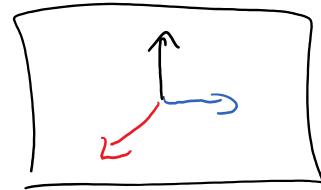




d) $\text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$
 \Leftarrow plane through origin
in \mathbb{R}^3



e) $\text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$
 $=$ all of \mathbb{R}^3



Fact: Every span contains $\vec{0}$ (the origin)