

Last time: • Number of solns for a L&ES from an echelon form of the

eg.  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 6 & 10 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 6 & 10 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 \end{array} \right]$

consistent, unique soln

eg.  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & h & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & h & 4 \\ 0 & b-3h & -4 \end{array} \right]$

(similar to HW problem)

aug. matrix.

if  $b-3h=0$ , i.e., if  $h=2$ , then the sys. has no soln; otherwise, there's a unique soln.

• To get the exact soln, use REF.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{7}{3} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \begin{cases} x = -2 \\ y = \frac{7}{3} \end{cases}$$

More generally, we'll write the solns in parametric vector form, as

• Linear comb. of vectors. eg.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3-y \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k$ .

Today. New notation and terminology

## 1. Parametric vector form for solns of LES.

If an LES has inf. solns, we can write the solns as linear combinations of constant vectors where all but possibly one coeff is a free variable.

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This is called the

e.g. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ \uparrow & 10 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} z-2 \\ 3-2z \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} z \\ -2z \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

“free variables appear as coefficients in the p.v.f.”

Ex. Find the soln set of  $\begin{cases} x - 3y - 5z = 0 \\ y - z = -1 \end{cases}$  in P.V.F.

Soln: The aug. matrix is  $A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$

Gaussian elimination shows that a red. EF of A is

$$\text{REF}(A) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -8 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

So the soln set is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \mid \underline{z \in \mathbb{R}}, x - 8z = -3, y - z = -1 \right\}$

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 + 8z \\ -1 + z \\ z \end{bmatrix} \mid z \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 8z \\ z \\ z \end{bmatrix} : z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : z \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \leftarrow \text{P.V.F.}$$

More examples to come ...

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## 2. Vector equations

Since a vector stores multiple numbers at a time, we

can encode a lin. equation system by one vector eq, i.e., an eq.

of the form  $x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{v}_n = \vec{b}$  where  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are variables and  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n, \vec{b}$  are constant vectors.

eg. 
$$\begin{cases} 2x = 10 \\ x + 5y = 20 \end{cases} \iff \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ x + 5y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix} \iff x \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$$
 constant vectors.

eg. 
$$\begin{cases} x - z = 3 \\ y + 2z = 5 \\ x + y - 3z = 7 \end{cases} \iff x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$
 "Variables in the lin sys."  $\Downarrow$  "coefficients in the vec. eq."



Translation to/from augmented matrices.

eg.

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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vector equation

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 - x_2 = 10 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 = 1 \\ 4x_1 + 3x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc|c} x_1 & x_2 & \\ \hline 3 & -1 & 10 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \end{array}$$

encoding matrix.

generally,

the coeff in the vec eq.  
(i.e., the variables)



the labels of the cols  
of the aug. matrix

the constant vectors  
in the vec eq.



the cols of the aug.  
matrix.

3. Matrix-vector products. (will give yet another way to write linear systems)

Let  $A = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \vec{c}_1 & \vec{c}_2 & \dots & \vec{c}_p \end{array} \right]$  be a matrix and let  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_r \end{bmatrix}$  be a vector.

We can sometimes (not always) define a product  $A \cdot \vec{v}$ :

Def: if  $p = r$ , i.e., if  $\# \text{ cols in } A = \# \text{ rows in } \vec{v}$

then we define the matrix-vector product  $A \cdot \vec{v}$  to be the vector

$$A \cdot \vec{v} = a_1 \vec{c}_1 + a_2 \vec{c}_2 + \dots + a_p \vec{c}_p = \sum_{i=1}^p a_i \vec{c}_i$$

eg:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  is not defined.

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 + 2 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 0 \\ 15 + 2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$  size 2

(reverse direction:)

$3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 4 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$

$x \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$

typical form for the "left" side of vector equations

another way of understanding matrix-vector product:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{r}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{r}_m \end{bmatrix} \cdot \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{v} \\ \vec{r}_2 \cdot \vec{v} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{r}_p \cdot \vec{v} \end{bmatrix}$$

where " $\cdot$ " denotes the usual inner/dot product.

Note: If lin. comb. of vectors can be written as matrix-vector products, then we can write a vector eq.  $x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{v}_n = \vec{b}$  as a so-called matrix equation  $A \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \vec{b}$  where  $A = [\vec{v}_1 | \vec{v}_2 | \dots | \vec{v}_n]$ .

eg. 
$$\begin{cases} x - 2y = 5 \\ 3x + y = 6 \end{cases} \iff x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \iff \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

eg. 
$$x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - y \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \iff \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -4 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & -6 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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aug. matrix.

$$\begin{cases} x - 2y = 0 \\ 3x - 4y + z = 1 \\ 5x - 6y + 2z = 0 \end{cases}$$

More generally, we can translate between the traditional, vec eq., and matrix eq. forms of a lin system easily as follows

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1, \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{cases} \leftrightarrow \text{vec. eq.} \quad x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \updownarrow \\ \text{matrix eq.} \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

aug. matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right]$$

Ex. Solve the matrix equation  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 4 & 8 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . ( $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$ )

Soln. The aug. matrix of the system is  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 & 3 \\ 4 & 8 & 16 & 5 \end{array} \right]$ .

We can now find the soln for  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$  using our old methods. (E.X.)

Next time: - Working w/ the new notations

Ex. Solve  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 4 & 8 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Spans and spanning sets