

## 1.7: Linear Independence

### Linearly Independent

set  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are linearly independent if

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p = \vec{0}$$

is true only if  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_p = 0$   
(i.e. only has the trivial solution)

### Linearly Dependent

set  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are linearly dependent if

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p = \vec{0}$$

then  $\exists c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$  where not all  $c_i = 0$

example:

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- determine if the set is linearly independent
- if possible, find a linear dependence relation among  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  (i.e. find  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ )

Solution:

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$$

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -3c_2 + c_3 \\ c_1 - c_2 + c_3 \\ 3c_1 + 6c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

OR Augmented matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} c_1 &= -2/3 c_3 \\ c_2 &= +1/3 c_3 \\ c_3 &= \text{free} \end{aligned}$$

pick  $c_3 = 3 \Rightarrow c_2 = 1, c_1 = -2$

$$\Rightarrow -2\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 + 3\vec{v}_3 = \vec{0} \quad \text{dependent}$$

### Linear Independence of Matrix Columns

the Columns of a matrix  $A$  are Linearly independent iff  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  only has the trivial solution

#### 1 or 2 Vectors

1 vector : Linearly independent if not zero vector

2 vectors : Linearly dependent if 1 vector is a multiple of the other

examples:

a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

d)  $\begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

## 2+ ~~sets~~ vectors

the set is linearly dependent if at least 1 of the vectors is a linear combination of the others

Why?

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p = \vec{0}$$

if  $c_1 \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow -c_1 \vec{v}_1 = c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = -\frac{c_2}{c_1} \vec{v}_2 + \dots + -\frac{c_p}{c_1} \vec{v}_p$$

Thm: If a set of vectors contains more vectors than entries in each vector, then the set is linearly dependent  
(i.e.  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  dependent if  $p > n$ )

Examples:

If a set of vectors  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  contains the zero vector, then the set is linearly dependent.

examples:

a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \\ -15 \\ -15 \end{bmatrix}$

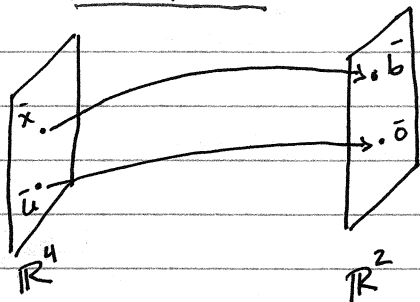
d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

## 1.8: Intro to Linear Transformations

Consider:  $Ax = b$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}}_b \quad \neq \quad \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}}_u = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_0$$

- can think of  $A$  as "acting" on vector  $x$  to get us a new vector  $Ax$
- $A$  transforms  $\bar{x}$  into  $\bar{b}$  and  $\bar{u}$  into  $\bar{0}$



means solving  $Ax = b$  is really finding all  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $A$  transforms these vectors into  $\bar{b}$

### Transformation $T$

a function or mapping from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is a rule that assigns each vector  $\bar{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to a vector  $T(\bar{x})$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$

domain of  $T$  is  $\mathbb{R}^n$

codomain of  $T$  is  $\mathbb{R}^m$

$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  read as  $T$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$