

## Math 2270-004 Week 3 notes

We will not necessarily finish the material from a given day's notes on that day. We may also add or subtract some material as the week progresses, but these notes represent an outline of what we plan to cover. These notes cover material in 1.5-1.8.

Mon Jan 22

- 1.5-1.6 review of facts we know, and some applications of systems of linear equations.

Announcements:

Warm-up Exercise:

Review and consolidation of facts from sections 1.1-1.5:

1) If  $A_{m \times n} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{a}_n]$  is expressed in terms of its columns, with  $a_{ij}$  being the  $i^{\text{th}}$  entry of  $\mathbf{a}_j$ , then we know

$$A \mathbf{x} := x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \mathbf{a}_n = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 a_{11} + x_2 a_{12} + \dots + x_n a_{1n} \\ x_1 a_{21} + x_2 a_{22} + \dots + x_n a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ x_1 a_{m1} + x_2 a_{m2} + \dots + x_n a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Row}_1(A) \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ \text{Row}_2(A) \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \\ \text{Row}_m(A) \cdot \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}.$$

So the matrix equation

$$A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

from 1.4 represents

1a) systems of linear equations, as in 1.1-1.2, as well as

1b) vector (linear combination) equations, as in section 1.3.

The solution set in any such problem is found and understood by reducing the augmented matrix  $[\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n, \mathbf{b}]$  to see if the system is consistent, and then backsolving when it is.

2) We can understand a lot about the geometry of the solution set of the matrix equation  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  based on the shape of the reduced row echelon form of the augmented matrix

$$[A, \mathbf{b}] = [\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n, \mathbf{b}],$$

or often just on the shape of the reduced row echelon form of

$$A = [\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n]$$

alone.

2a) The system is inconsistent if and only if what is true about  $rref([A, \mathbf{b}])$ ?

2b) If the system is consistent then there is a unique solution  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  if and only if what is true about  $rref(A)$  ?

2c) If the system is consistent then the number of free variables in the solution is given by what number related to  $rref(A)$  ?

2d) For a fixed matrix  $A$  the matrix equation  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent for all possible choices of  $\mathbf{b}$  if and only if what is true about  $rref(A)$  ?

3) Let  $A_{n \times n}$  be a square matrix.

3a) Then the matrix equation  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent for all possible choices of  $\mathbf{b}$  if and only if what is true about  $rref(A)$ ?

3b) Then solutions to the matrix equation  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  are unique if and only if what is true about  $rref(A)$ ?

4) spanning sets

4a) Fewer than  $m$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$  with  $n < m$ , will never span all of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  because

4b) Exactly  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if and only if

5) homogeneous and nonhomogeneous systems

5a) The *homogeneous* matrix equation,  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is always consistent.

5b) If  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is also consistent, then the solution set to  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is a translation of the solution set to  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . In other words, the solution set of  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is the set of all vectors

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v}_h$$

where  $\mathbf{p}$  is a particular solution to  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_h$  is any solution of the homogeneous equation

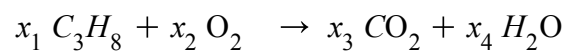
$$A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Exercise 1) I gave an abstract explanation for why 5b) is true on Friday. We can see it more concretely if we understand how this exercise below generalizes: A double augmented matrix for  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  and its reduced row echelon form are shown. Find and express the homogeneous and non-homogeneous solutions in linear combination form.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} 2 & -1 & 1 & 5 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 & -1 & -8 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

1.6 Some applications of matrix equations.

Exercise 2) Balance the following chemical reaction equation, for the burning of propane:

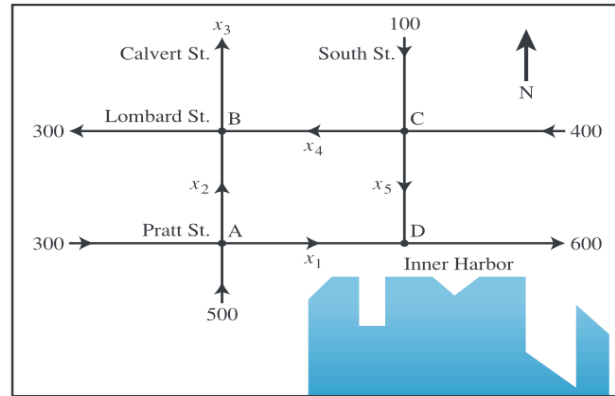


Hint: after you set up the problem, the following reduced row echelon form computation will be helpful:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{5}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{3}{4} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise 3) Consider the following traffic flow problem (from our text): What are the possible flow patterns, based on the given information and that the streets are one-way, so none of the flow numbers can be negative?

**EXAMPLE 2** The network in Figure 2 shows the traffic flow (in vehicles per hour) over several one-way streets in downtown Baltimore during a typical early afternoon. Determine the general flow pattern for the network.



**FIGURE 2** Baltimore streets.

Hint: If you set up the flow equations for intersections  $A, B, C, D$  in that order, the following reduced row echelon form computation may be helpful:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 800 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 300 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 500 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 600 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 600 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 200 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 400 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 500 \end{bmatrix}$$

Tues Jan 23

- 1.7 linear dependence and independence. Connections to reduced row echelon form.

Announcements:

Warm-up Exercise:



1.7 When we are discussing the span of a collection of vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  we would like to know that we are being efficient in describing this span, and not wasting any free parameters because of redundancies in the vectors. For example, the most efficient way to describe a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is as the span of exactly two vectors, rather than as the span of three or more. This has to do with the concept of "linear independence":

Definition:

a) An indexed set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is said to be linearly independent if no one of the vectors is a linear combination of (some) of the other vectors. The concise way to say this is that the only way  $\mathbf{0}$  can be expressed as a linear combination of these vectors,

$$c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0},$$

is for all of the weights  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0$ .

b) An indexed set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is said to be linearly dependent if at least one of these vectors *is* a linear combination of (some) of the other vectors. The concise way to say this is that there *is* some way to write  $\mathbf{0}$  as a linear combination of these vectors

$$c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}$$

where *not all* of the  $c_j = 0$ . (We call such an equation a linear dependency. Note that if we have any such linear dependency, then any  $\mathbf{v}_j$  with  $c_j \neq 0$  is a linear combination of the remaining  $\mathbf{v}_k$  with  $k \neq j$ . We say that such a  $\mathbf{v}_j$  is linearly dependent on the remaining  $\mathbf{v}_k$ .)

Note: The only set of a single vector  $\{\mathbf{v}_1\}$  that is dependent is if  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{0}$ . The only sets of two non-zero vectors,  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  that are linearly dependent are when one of the vectors is a scalar multiple of the other one. For more than two vectors the situation is more complicated.

Exercise 1a) Is this set linearly dependent or independent?  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}?$

1b) Is this set of vectors linearly dependent or independent?  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}?$

### Example

The set of vectors  $\left\{ \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is linearly dependent because, as we showed when we were introducing vector equations (and as we can quickly recheck),

$$-3.5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + 1.5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can also write this linear dependency as

$$-3.5\mathbf{v}_1 + 1.5\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$$

(or any non-zero multiple of that equation.)

Exercise 2) For a linearly independent set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ , every vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in their span can be written as  $\mathbf{v} = d_1\mathbf{v}_1 + d_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + d_n\mathbf{v}_n$  uniquely, i.e. for exactly one choice of weights  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$ . This is not true if vectors are dependent. Explain these facts. (You can illustrate these facts with the vectors in the example above.)

Note that the set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is linearly dependent if and only if there are non-zero solutions  $\mathbf{c}$  to the homogeneous matrix equation

$$A \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$$

for the matrix  $A = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{v}_n]$  having the given vectors as columns. Thus all linear independence/dependence questions can be answered using reduced row echelon form.

Exercise 3) Show that the vectors

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

are linearly dependent (even though no two of them are scalar multiples of each other). What does this mean geometrically about the span of these three vectors?

Hint: You might find this computation useful:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise 4) Are the vectors

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{w}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

linearly independent or dependent? Hint:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} .$$

Exercise 5a) Why must more than three vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  be linearly dependent?

5b) How about more than  $m$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  ?

5c) If you are given a set of exactly  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  how can you check whether or not they are linearly independent? How does your criterion compare to the condition that will guarantee that the  $n$  vectors span  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ?

Wed Jan 24

- 1.7 Linear dependence/independence continued, and why each matrix has a unique reduced row echelon form

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Warm-up Exercise:

Exercise 1) Consider the homogeneous matrix equation  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , with the matrix  $A$  (and its reduced row echelon form) shown below:

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ -2 & -4 & 0 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} .$$

Find and express the solutions to this system in linear combination form. Note that you are finding all of the dependencies for the collection of vectors that are the columns of  $A$ , namely the set

$$\left\{ \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} .$$



Exercise 2) Focus on the idea that solutions to homogeneous matrix equations correspond exactly to linear dependencies between the columns of the matrix. Now, since the solution set to a homogeneous linear system does not change as you do elementary row operations to the augmented matrix, column dependencies also do not change. Therefore the vectors that span the space of homogeneous solutions in Exercise 1 are encoding the key column dependencies in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , for both the original matrix, and for the reduced row echelon form.

Check this, by reading off "easy" column dependencies in the reduced matrix; seeing that they are also dependencies in the original matrix; and that they correspond to the basis of the homogeneous solution space. Magic! We will use this magic in important interesting ways, later in the course.

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ -2 & -4 & 0 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise 3 (This exercise explains why each matrix has only one reduced row echelon form, no matter what sequence of elementary row operations one uses to find it. We didn't have the tools to explain why this fact was true earlier in the chapter) Let  $B_{4 \times 5}$  be a matrix whose columns satisfy the following dependencies:

$$\text{col}_1(B) \neq \mathbf{0} \text{ (i.e. is independent)}$$

$$\text{col}_2(B) = 3 \text{col}_1(B)$$

$$\text{col}_3(B) \text{ is independent of column 1}$$

$$\text{col}_4(B) \text{ is independent of columns 1,3.}$$

$$\text{col}_5(B) = -3 \text{col}_1(B) + 2 \text{col}_3(B) - \text{col}_4(B).$$

What is the reduced row echelon form of  $B$ ?

Fri Jan 26

- 1.8 introduction to linear transformations

Announcements:

Warm-up Exercise:

## 1.8 Introduction to linear transformations.

**Definition:** A function  $T$  which has domain equal to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and whose range lies in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is called a *linear transformation* if it transforms sums to sums, and scalar multiples to scalar multiples. Precisely,  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is *linear* if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) &= T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v}) & \forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ T(c\mathbf{u}) &= c T(\mathbf{u}) & \forall c \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n . \end{aligned}$$

**Notation** In this case we call  $\mathbb{R}^m$  the *codomain*. We call  $T(\mathbf{u})$  the *image of  $\mathbf{u}$* . The *range* of  $T$  is the collection of all images  $T(\mathbf{u})$ , for  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Important connection to matrices:** Each matrix  $A_{m \times n}$  gives rise to a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , namely

$$T(\mathbf{x}) := A\mathbf{x} \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

This is because, as we checked last week,

$$\begin{aligned} A(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) &= A\mathbf{u} + A\mathbf{v} & \forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ A(c\mathbf{u}) &= c A\mathbf{u} & \forall c \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 1)** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be defined by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**1a** Find  $T(\mathbf{u})$  for  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

1b Is there an  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  whose image under  $T$  is  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ ? Is  $\mathbf{x}$  unique?

1c Is  $\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  in the range of  $T$ ?

Hints: The following reduced row echelon computation may be helpful for  $b, c$ :

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

1d Describe the range of  $T$  as the span of two vectors.

1e Make a geometric sketch that indicates what the transformation does. Do this by making a picture of the domain  $\mathbb{R}^2$  on the left, with grid lines, and a picture of the codomain  $\mathbb{R}^3$  on the right, showing how the domain grid lines are transformed by  $T$ .

Exercise 2) Consider the linear transformation  $S: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$S\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Make a geometric sketch that indicates what the transformation does. In this case the interesting behavior is in the domain.