

1.5 SOLUTION SETS OF LINEAR SYSTEMS

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 3x_2 &= 0 \\ -1x_1 + 2x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution sets of linear systems will appear later in several different explicit and geometric descriptions.

Homogeneous Linear

A system of linear equations is $Ax = 0$ where A is an $m \times n$ matrix. $Ax = 0$ always has at least one solution.

Simplification: zero on right hand side

P	P	F
1	0	$-\frac{4}{3}$
0	1	0
0	0	0

$$x_1 - \frac{4}{3}x_3 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$0 = 0$$

ok, consistent

$Ax=0$ is always consistent!

variables x_1 and x_3 and obtain $x_1 = \frac{4}{3}x_3$, $x_2 = 0$ with x_3 free. As a

THEOREM 6

Suppose the equation $Ax = b$ is consistent for some given b , and let p be a solution. Then the solution set of $Ax = b$ is the set of all vectors of the form $w = p + v_h$, where v_h is any solution of the homogeneous equation $Ax = 0$.

Theorem 6 says that if $Ax = b$ has a solution, then the solution set is obtained by translating the solution set of $Ax = 0$, using any particular solution p as the translation. Figure 6 illustrates the case in which there are two planes when $n > 3$, our mental image of the solution set of a consistent system $Ax = b$ ($b \neq 0$) is either a single nonzero point or a line or plane not passing through the origin.

$$f(x) = Ax$$

$$Aa = 0$$

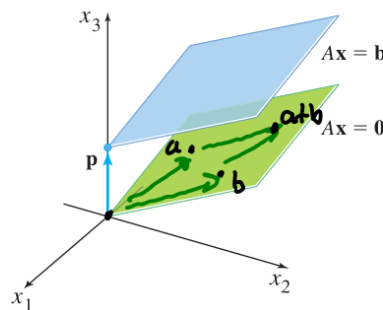
$$f(a) = 0$$

$$Ab = 0$$

$$f(b) = 0$$

$$f(a) + f(b) = f(a+b) = A(a+b) = 0$$

$$u = Ax + b$$

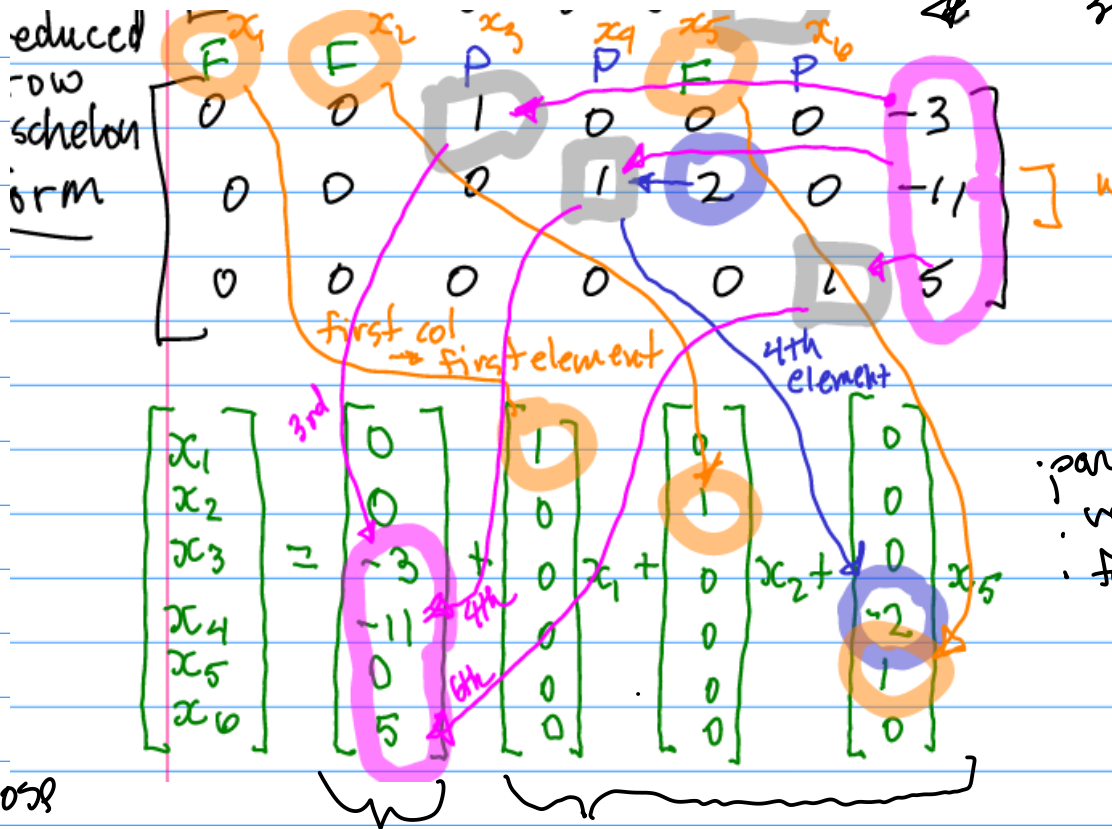


The sum of vectors in the green plane is again a vector in the green plane.

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Homogeneous eq

(this col is zero.)



Decompose soln. from before into two parts

p + soln to homogeneous equation. $Ax=0$

An indexed set of vectors $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n is said to be linearly independent if the vector equation

$$x_1 v_1 + x_2 v_2 + \dots + x_p v_p = 0 \quad Ax=0$$

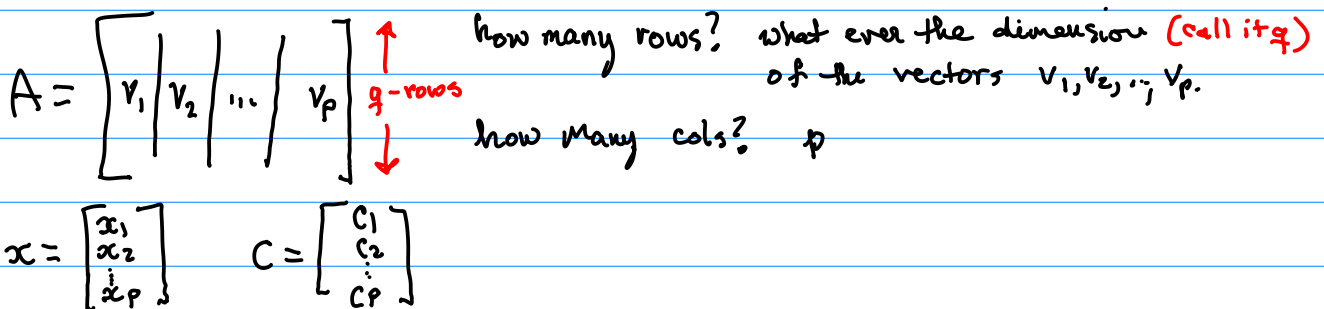
has only the trivial solution. The set $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ is said to be linearly dependent if there exist weights c_1, \dots, c_p , not all zero, such that

Means there are free vbls when solving $Ax=Q$

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_p v_p = 0 \quad Ac=0 \quad (2)$$

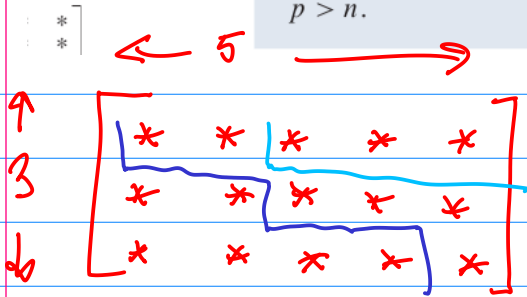
rewrite definition in the language of matrices

I think of c as being a soln. to the eq. $Ax=0$.



THEOREM 8

If a set contains more vectors than there are entries q in each vector, then the set is linearly dependent. That is, any set $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n is linearly dependent if $p > n$.

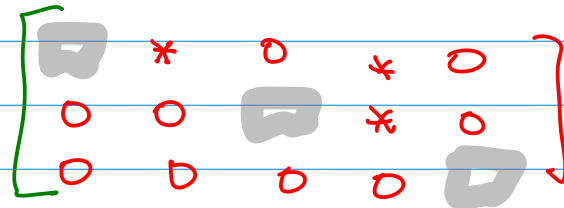


$$p=5, \quad q=3$$

look in each row of the echelon form
first non-zero entry is the pivot

(reduced)

Since there are only
three rows, at most
there are three pivots



Therefore there is always free vbls
in this case... $p > q$.