

QUIZ # 1

1) (4 pts)

a) Find the general solutions of the system whose augmented matrix is :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & | & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) Given is the following system:

$$4x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 9$$

$$x_1 - 7x_2 - 2x_3 = 2$$

$$8x_1 + 6x_2 - 5x_3 = 15$$

Turn this system into an equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ and an equation

$$x_1\vec{a}_1 + x_2\vec{a}_2 + x_3\vec{a}_3 = \vec{b}$$

a) (2pts) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & | & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & -7 & 0 & | & -8 \end{bmatrix}$ | 1pt

$$-7x_2 = -8 \rightarrow x_2 = \frac{8}{7} \quad x_3 : \text{free}$$

$$x_1 = -4x_2 - x_3 + 3 = -\frac{32}{7} - x_3 + 3 = \frac{-11}{7} - x_3$$

The general solution is :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{-11}{7} - x_3 \\ \frac{8}{7} \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_3 : \text{any real number.}$$

1pt

b) (2pts) $\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -7 & -2 \\ 8 & 6 & -5 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{b}}$ (1pt)

$$\vec{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1pt)$$

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

② (3 pts) let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 6 \\ -1 & 8 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Is \vec{b} in $\text{span}\{\text{columns of } A\}$? Ans: Yes...

If \vec{b} in $\text{span}\{\text{columns of } A\}$, that means \vec{b} can be represented by linear combinations of the column vectors in A .

So $\Rightarrow \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 6 \\ -1 & 8 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

\Rightarrow Solve for augmented matrix.

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 6 & | & 10 \\ -1 & 8 & 5 & | & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_1 \times \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow R_1 \\ R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_2 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & | & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 6 & | & 6 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_2 \times \frac{1}{6} \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 - R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \end{matrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & | & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & | & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_3 + 2R_2 \rightarrow R_3 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & 3 & | & 5 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Pivots at " R_1, R_2 "

\Rightarrow So, x_3 is free.

\Rightarrow In conclusion, since we can solve for x_1, x_2, x_3 , (although there are infinite many solutions), we can conclude that

\vec{b} is in $\text{span}\{\text{columns of } A\}$.

$\Rightarrow x_1 + 3x_3 = 5$

$x_1 = 5 - 3x_3$

$x_2 + x_3 = 1$

$x_2 = 1 - x_3$,

if $\begin{cases} x_3 = t \\ x_2 = 1 - t \\ x_1 = 5 - 3t \end{cases}, t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Remark: Not "unique" because \vec{b} is in fact in $\text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$, and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ is in fact in the same span as well (so it is extra!).

③ (3 pts) Let $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$

Is $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\} = \mathbb{R}^3$? why or why not?

YES $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\} = \mathbb{R}^3$ because

the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 \\ -2 & 8 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$ has REF that

has a pivot in every row

(General Fact: For any $A: m \times n$

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is consistent for every $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$\Leftrightarrow A$ has a pivot in every row

\Leftrightarrow columns of A span \mathbb{R}^m)