

Lecture 4 Reinterpreting lin systs.  
in terms of lin. transformations

Today Office Hours 1-3pm  
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Friday Quiz through §1.7

Hang in there!

Warmup Which subsets of the following list  
are lin indep:

$$\underline{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \underline{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \underline{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \underline{v}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Complete soln will be left for you

but we'll get started together.

# 1 element subsets

A single vector  $\underline{v}$  is lin indep if

$$a \cdot \underline{v} = 0 \implies a = 0$$

for any  $a$ .

Thus  $\underline{v}$  is lin indep  
if and only if  $\underline{v} \neq \underline{0}$ .

Any single vector  $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_3, \underline{v}_4,$  or  $\underline{v}_5$   
is lin indep but  $\underline{v}_2$  is not

## 2 element subsets

Two vectors  $\underline{y}_1, \underline{y}_2$  are lin indep

if  $a_1 \underline{y}_1 + a_2 \underline{y}_2 = 0$  implies  $a_1 = a_2 = 0$

Geometrically: two vectors are

lin indep if and only if they

are not colinear

In our exercise, let's try

$$\underline{y}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{y}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Take  $a_1 = 0, a_2 = 1$

$$\text{so } a_1 \underline{y}_1 + a_2 \underline{y}_2 = \underline{0}$$

Lin depend!

$$\underline{y}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{y}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_1 \underline{y}_1 + a_3 \underline{y}_3 =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 + a_3 \\ -a_3 \\ -a_1 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{0}$$

Must have  $a_1 = a_3 = 0$

Lin Indep!

Let's do example of 3 elt subset

$$\underline{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Suppose } a_1 \underline{v}_1 + a_3 \underline{v}_3 + a_4 \underline{v}_4 = \underline{0}$$

$$\text{So } \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + a_3 + a_4 \\ -a_3 + a_4 \\ -a_1 + a_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\text{Check:}} \text{ implies } a_1 = a_3 = a_4 = 0$$

Lin Indep!

## Span

Want many vectors in  
small space

$y_1, \dots, y_k$  span all of  $\mathbb{R}^m$

$$\Rightarrow k \geq m$$

Adding vectors to list  
only helps

$y_1, \dots, y_k$  span all of  $\mathbb{R}^m$



$$\text{lin syst } \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ y_1 & \dots & y_k & \vdots \\ \hline & & & b \end{array} \right]$$

has soln for all  $\underline{b}$

## Lin Indep

Want few vectors in  
big space

$y_1, \dots, y_k$  lin indep in  $\mathbb{R}^m$

$$\Rightarrow k \leq m$$

Deleting vectors from list  
only helps

$y_1, \dots, y_k$  lin indep in  $\mathbb{R}^m$



$$\text{lin syst } \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ y_1 & \dots & y_k & \vdots \\ \hline & & & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

has unique soln  $\underline{0}$

Theorem  $y_1, \dots, y_k$  is lin dependent



there is an index  $i$  so that

$$y_i \in \text{Span} \{ y_1, \dots, y_{i-1} \}$$

Remark: If lin dependent then

there always is smallest

such index  $i$ .



Exer Which of the following vectors is first to be in span of preceding vectors?

$$\underline{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{v}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Soln Want  $a_1 \underline{v}_1 + \dots + a_i \underline{v}_i = \underline{0}$

with  $a_i \neq 0$  (for example  $a_i = 1$ )

And no such lin depend with smaller  $i$ .

Put vectors in matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 6 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

row  
ops  
→

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

No pivot  
in 3rd  
col!

REF form

Observe that  $a_3$  is first free var.

Set  $a_3 = 1$  (or any nonzero number)

Set  $a_4 = a_5 = 0$

Solve for  $a_1 = -1$

$a_2 = -2$

Conclusion: first lin depend  $-1 \cdot y_1 + (-2) \cdot y_2 + y_3 = \underline{0}$

By Theorem,  $y_3$  is first vector in span of preceding vectors

New terminology: linear transformations

Product of a matrix and vector

Input: A  $m \times n$  matrix

$\underline{x}$   $n$ -vector

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \underline{a}_1 & \dots & \underline{a}_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Output  $\underline{b}$   $m$ -vector

$$\underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \underline{a}_1 & \dots & \underline{a}_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \underline{a}_1 + x_2 \underline{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \underline{a}_n$$

Example  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 7 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$   $\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\bar{b} = A\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 7 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot (-3) \\ 7 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot (-3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Think about matrix product as

map / mapping / transformation

$$\mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

domain

codomain

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\longrightarrow \underline{b} = A\underline{x} = x_1 \underline{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \underline{a}_n$$

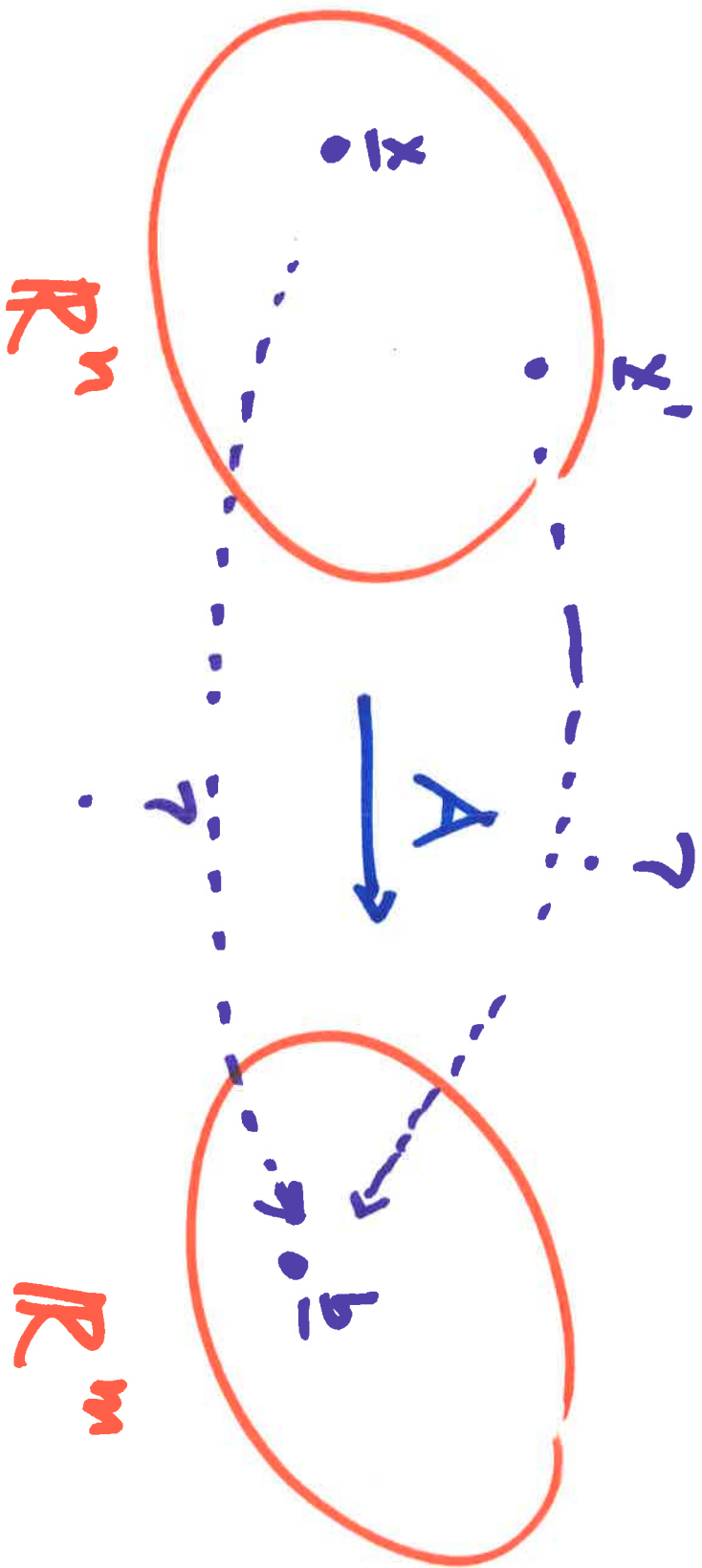
Solving eqn  $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$  becomes

answering questions:

1) Existence of soln: is there  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
that  $A$  takes to  $\underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ?

2) Uniqueness of soln: how many  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
does  $A$  take to  $\underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ?

# Cartoon



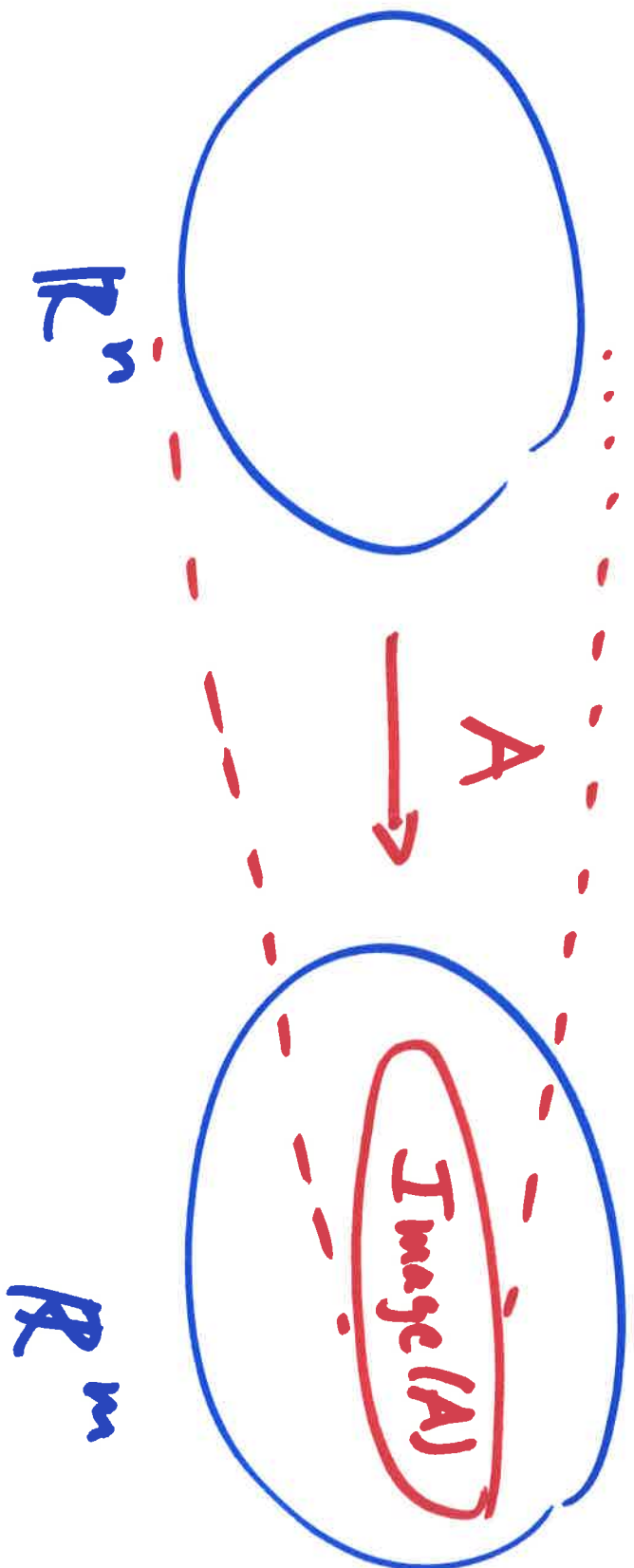


Def The image / range of the  
map given by  $A$  is

$\text{Image}(A) = \{ \underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m \text{ so that}$   
there is  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
with  $A\underline{x} = \underline{b} \}$

Observe  $\text{Image}(A) = \text{Span of cols}$   
of  $A$

# Cartoon of Image



Exer Is  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$  in image of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} ?$$

Soln Solve  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$

... Check  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  solves.

What is special about map given by  
a matrix  $A$ ?

$$1) A(\underline{x} + \underline{y}) = A\underline{x} + A\underline{y}$$

$$2) A(c \cdot \underline{x}) = c \cdot (A\underline{x})$$

Def A map  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is called  
a linear map / linear transformation  
if it satisfies properties 1) and 2)

Amazing fact: Any lin. transf.

$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is given by

a unique matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ T(e_1) & \dots & T(e_n) \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vdots$

$$e_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$