

Review

For which values of h is the following system consistent?

$$x_1 - hx_2 = 1$$

$$x_1 - x_2 = 0$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -h & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 - R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -h & 1 \\ 0 & h-1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \text{ REF}$$

pivot
pivot?

$$\text{Consistent} \Leftrightarrow h-1 \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow h \neq 1$$

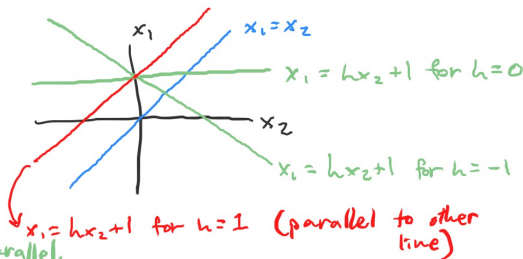
Consistent for all values of h other than 1

Geometric meaning?

lines: $x_1 = hx_2 + 1$

$$x_1 = x_2$$

The first eq'n describes a family of lines, parametrized by h , all with x_2 -intercept 1 & slope h . Always intersect 2nd line except when parallel.



Geometry of Solution Sets

① A is a 3×3 matrix. $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}, \vec{d} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

set of sol'ns to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ is $\text{span}\{\vec{a}, \vec{b}\}$

$$A\vec{c} = \vec{d}$$

Find all solutions to $A\vec{x} = \vec{d}$

$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solutions to $A\vec{x} = \vec{d} =$ (one solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{d}$)
+ (any solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$)

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

for all $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$

② A is 3×4 matrix such that

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{row operations}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Find all solutions to $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Solutions to $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} =$ (one solution to $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$)

+ (any solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$)

Final answer:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

for any $t, s \in \mathbb{R}$

Key pt: $[A | \vec{b}] \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (row operations do not change all 0's column)

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \text{ RREF}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= -5t \\ x_2 &= -2t \\ x_3 & \text{ free} = s \\ x_4 & \text{ free} = t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5t \\ -2t \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$