

EECS 16A
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• (More) Matrix-vector multiplication^①
• Linear dependence, Span, proofs.

Matrix-vector multiplication.

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \quad \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$A\vec{x} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

columns of A

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \\ a_{21}x_1 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

← looks like LHS of system of LEQs that we considered before.

"Matrix-Vector form" of sys. of LEQs

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

Ex: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{n \times n \text{ matrix (Identity matrix } I)} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$

Matrix-vector multiplication applied to model "dynamical" systems ^③

$\vec{x}(n)$ = "state" of our system at time n

= Example: $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x\text{-position} \\ y\text{-position} \\ z\text{-position} \\ x\text{-velocity} \\ y\text{-velocity} \\ z\text{-velocity} \end{pmatrix}$ } state of airplane

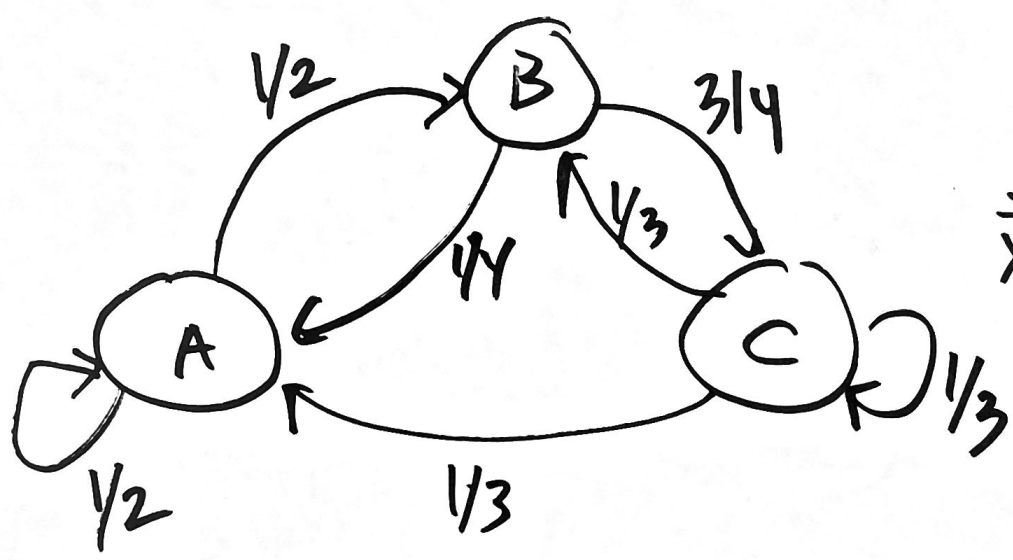
Ex: web traffic

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \# \text{ users on site 1} \\ \# \text{ users on site 2} \\ \vdots \\ \# \text{ users on site } n \end{pmatrix}$$

Usual model for dynamical system:

~~\vec{x}~~ $\vec{x}(n+1) = A \vec{x}(n) \left[\overset{\text{optional}}{+ u(n)} \right]$

prototypical example: pumps and reservoirs



$$\vec{x}(n) = \begin{bmatrix} x_A(n) \\ x_B(n) \\ x_C(n) \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_A(n)$ = # gallons in reservoir A at time n .

$$x_A(n+1) = \frac{1}{2}x_A(n) + \frac{1}{4}x_B(n) + \frac{1}{3}x_C(n)$$

$$x_B(n+1) = \frac{1}{2}x_A(n) + \frac{1}{3}x_C(n)$$

$$x_C(n+1) = \frac{3}{4}x_B(n) + \frac{1}{3}x_C(n)$$

$$\vec{x}(n+1) = A \vec{x}(n)$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x}(n+1) &= A \vec{x}(n) = A(A \vec{x}(n-1)) \\ &= \vdots \\ &= A A A \dots A \vec{x}(1) . \\ &= A^n \vec{x}(1) . \end{aligned}$$



Back to systems of LEQs.

For $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$, when does

$A \vec{x} = \vec{b}$ have a solution?

Note: Any solution must satisfy

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \vec{b}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\vec{a}_1} \qquad \qquad \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\vec{a}_n}$

Solution exists if \vec{b} can be expressed as a lin. combination of the columns of A .

Motivates following defⁿ:

Def: Let $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ be a collection of vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . Define the Span

$$\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \vec{v}_i \mid \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

= set of all linear combinations of $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$.

Ex: $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a solution iff $\vec{b} \in \text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$, where $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n$ are columns of A .

Example:

$$\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Why? Any linear combination

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

"is"

$$\Rightarrow \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$$

"is subset of"

To show other direction, need to show any vector in \mathbb{R}^2 can be realized as a lin. combination of ...

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for arbitrary } (b_1, b_2).$$

\rightarrow is $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$ consistent?

In general, not easy to compute span explicitly. ⑨
Closely related to span is concept of linear dependence.

Def: A set of vectors $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is linearly dependent if there exist scalars $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$, not all zero, such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \vec{v}_i = \vec{0}. \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Defn: A set of vectors $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is linearly dependent if there is some index i such that

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \vec{v}_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \alpha_j \vec{v}_j, \quad \text{for some scalars } \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n.$$

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First "proof" of the course. WTS that Def ① & ② are equivalent.

① \Rightarrow ②: Assume $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ are linearly dependent.

Then ① ensures existence of α_i 's not all zero

s.t. $\sum \alpha_i \vec{v}_i = \vec{0}$. Say $\alpha_{i_0} \neq 0$ (know this to be true)

then above rearranges to $-\alpha_{i_0} \vec{v}_{i_0} = \sum_{j \neq i_0} \alpha_j \vec{v}_j$

Divide by $-\alpha_{i_0} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_{i_0} = \sum_{j \neq i_0} \left(\frac{-\alpha_j}{\alpha_{i_0}} \right) \vec{v}_j$

\Rightarrow ②.

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② \Rightarrow ①: Start out assuming ②, i.e., for some index i ,

$$\vec{v}_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \alpha_j \vec{v}_j$$

rearrange: $0 = \sum_{j \neq i} \alpha_j \vec{v}_j - \vec{v}_i$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \vec{v}_j, \quad \Rightarrow \text{①.}$$

for $\alpha_j = -1$ if $j=i$
 ~~$\alpha_j = 1$~~

Thm: If the system of LEQs $A\vec{x}=\vec{b}$ has infinitely many solutions, then cols. of A are linearly dependent.

Thm: If cols of A are linearly dependent, then $A\vec{x}=\vec{b}$ does not have a unique solution.