

Announcements Jan 29

- Announcing: extra credit (bounty) for WebWork bugs: post a screen shot and a clear explanation
- Written Homework 2 due **now**. Circle **H** and L/C/R. Pass to aisle, then front.
- Quiz 2 in class **Today** on Sections 1.3-1.4.
- Midterm 1 in class **Friday Feb 12**
- My Office Hours Tuesday and Wednesday 2-3, after class, and by appointment
- LA Office Hours: Scott Mon 12-1, Yashvi Mon 2-3, Baishen Wed 4-5, Matt Thu 3-4, Shivang Fri 10:30-11 + 12:30-1
- Math Lab, Clough 280
 - Regular hours: Mon/Wed 11-5 and Tue/Thu 11-5
 - Math 1553 hours: Mon-Thu 5-6 and Tue/Thu 11-12.
 - LA hours: Matt Tue 11-12, Scott Tue 5-6, Baishen Thu 11-12, Yashvi/Shivang Thu 5-6

Section 1.5

Solution Sets of Linear Systems

Homogeneous systems

Homogeneous systems \longleftrightarrow matrix equations

$$Ax = 0$$

Homogeneous systems always have the trivial solution:

$$x = 0$$

$Ax = 0$ has a
nonzero solution

\Leftrightarrow there is a
free variable. \Leftrightarrow row with
no pivot.

Homogeneous systems

Example

How many free variables for $Ax = 0$ where

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$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -8 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

2 free vars
Solns: plane.

Homogeneous systems

Example

How many free variables for $Ax = 0$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

1 free var
solns: line.

Homogeneous systems

Example

How many free variables for $Ax = 0$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3 free vars
solns: 3-dim
plane
in \mathbb{R}^4

Dimension and Span of Homogeneous Systems

- If v_1, \dots, v_k are solutions to $Ax = 0$, then so is...

$\text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$

Why?

$$\begin{aligned} & A(5v_1 - 7v_3) \\ &= 5Av_1 - 7Av_3 \\ &= 0 - 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- \rightsquigarrow set of solutions to $Ax = 0$ is...

line, plane, ...

Variables, equations, and dimension

Poll

How many solutions can there be for a homogeneous system with more equations than variables?

1. 0

2. 1

3. ∞

What about more variables than equations?

3

$$\begin{pmatrix} \square & & \\ & \square & \\ & & \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \square & \\ & \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \square & \\ & \end{pmatrix}$$

2

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

0 free vars 1 free 1 free 2 free

Parametric Forms

Say free variables for $Ax = 0$ are x_k, \dots, x_n .

Then the solutions to $Ax = 0$ can be written as

$$\underline{x_k v_k} + \underline{x_{k+1} v_{k+1}} + \dots + \underline{x_n v_n}$$

for some v_k, \dots, v_n (in other words, as a *span* of the v 's).

This is the *parametric form* of the solutions.

Parametric Forms for Solutions

Homogeneous case

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$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 & 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -8 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} x_1 - 8x_3 \\ -7x_4 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 8x_3 + 7x_4 \\ x_2 &= -3x_4 - 4x_3 \\ x_3 &= \text{free } 1 \cdot x_3 \\ x_4 &= \text{free } 0 \cdot x_4 \end{aligned}$$

param form
solns:

$$x_3 \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

span $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

Note: don't really need the last column!

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$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= -x_4 \\ x_2 &= x_4 \\ x_3 &= -x_4 \\ x_4 &= x_4 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_4 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Parametric Forms for Solutions

Homogeneous case

Find the parametric solution to $Ax = 0$ where

$$A = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1)$$

$$x_1 = -x_2 - x_3 - x_4$$

$$x_2 = x_2$$

$$x_3 = x_3$$

$$x_4 = x_4$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Nonhomogeneous Systems

Suppose $Ax = b$, and $b \neq 0$.

As before, we can find the parametric solution in terms of free variables.

What is the difference?

Parametric Forms for Solutions

Nonhomogeneous case

Find the parametric solution to $Ax = (3, 2, 6)$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & -3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Parametric Forms for Solutions

Nonhomogeneous case

Find the parametric solution to $Ax = (3, 2, 6)$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & -3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ -2 & -3 & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & -2 & 6 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -8 & -7 & -13 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Soln to $Ax=0$

param

$$x_3 \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -13 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

only new thing

$$x_1 = -13 + 8x_3 + 7x_4$$

$$x_2 = 8 - 4x_3 - 3x_4$$

~~$x_3 = \text{free}$~~ x_3

~~$x_4 = \text{free}$~~ x_4

$$\begin{pmatrix} -13 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Parametric Forms for Solutions

Nonhomogeneous case

Find the parametric solution to $Ax = (4, 2, 4)$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Parametric Forms for Solutions

Nonhomogeneous case

Find the parametric solution to $Ax = (4, 2, 4)$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 4 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

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

$$x_4 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Parametric Forms for Solutions

Nonhomogeneous case

Find the parametric solution to $Ax = (9)$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right)$$

Homogeneous vs. Nonhomogeneous Systems

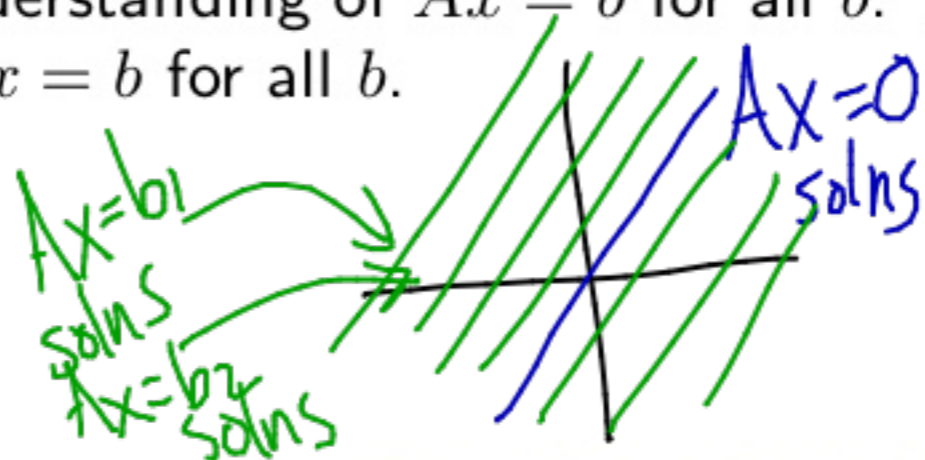
Key realization. Set of solutions to $Ax = b$ obtained by taking one solution and adding all possible solutions to $Ax = 0$.

$$Ax = 0 \text{ solutions} \rightsquigarrow Ax = b \text{ solutions}$$

$$\underbrace{x_k v_k + \cdots + x_n v_n}_{\text{homogeneous solutions}} \rightsquigarrow p + x_k v_k + \cdots + x_n v_n$$

So: set of solutions to $Ax = b$ is *parallel* to the set of solutions to $Ax = 0$.

So by understanding $Ax = 0$ we gain understanding of $Ax = b$ for all b . This gives structure to the set of equations $Ax = b$ for all b .



Homogeneous vs. Nonhomogeneous Systems

Varying b

What are the solutions to $Ax = b$ for various b where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}?$$

$$Ax = 0: \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

