

# 1.3: On the Solutions of Linear Systems; matrix algebra.

## I Prelim.

RREF: After Gauss-Jordan Elimination, we say a matrix is in reduced row echelon form or RREF.

So given matrix  $A$ , we can find  $\text{rref}(A)$ .

Rank: We define the rank of matrix  $A$ , or  $\text{rank}(A)$ , as the number of leading ones in  $\text{rref}(A)$ .

read carefully thru ex 1-5 and thms 1.3.3 & 1.3.4 on your own.

## II Matrix algebra.

adding matrices (by element)

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n} + \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \dots & b_{1m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{m1} & \dots & b_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}+b_{11} & \dots & a_{1m}+b_{1m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1}+b_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn}+b_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

multiplying a matrix by a scalar. (by element/entry)

$$k \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ka_{11} & \dots & ka_{1m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ ka_{m1} & \dots & ka_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

matrix multiplication. (row by column).

ex1: Find  $A \cdot B =$

$$\begin{matrix} 3 \times 2 & 2 \times 4 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \text{Same} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \text{dim of product.} \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \vec{w}_1 & 6 \\ 0 & \vec{w}_2 & 4 \\ 1 & \vec{w}_3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_3 & \vec{v}_4 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 4}$$

we are using  $\vec{w}_i$ 's for rows and  $\vec{v}_j$ 's for cols.

Notice our old friend the dot product...

ex2:  $\vec{w}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 = [2 \ 6] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 26$

(the dot product of a row & col vector is a scalar).

more generally,

$$A \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{w}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{w}_n \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_p \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{w}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{w}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_p \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vec{w}_n \cdot \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{w}_n \cdot \vec{v}_p \end{bmatrix}_{n \times p}$$

Two ways to write  $A\vec{x}$

and if like  $\vec{v}_1$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{w}_1 \cdot \vec{x} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{w}_n \cdot \vec{x} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$

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we want another expression for  $A\vec{x}$

ex 3:  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 1}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2(1) + 6(4) \\ 0(1) + 4(4) \\ 1(1) + 2(4) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_m \vec{v}_m$  (2)

DEF: A vector  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  is called a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m \in \mathbb{R}^N$  if there exist scalars  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  s.t.  $\vec{b} = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_m \vec{v}_m$ .

so  $A\vec{x}$  is a linear combo of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_m$

This will be used extensively in the theoretical areas. We can see ...

$A\vec{x} = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_m \vec{v}_m$  (you can break apart  $A\vec{x}$ )

and

$x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_m \vec{v}_m = A\vec{x}$  (you can combine a lin. combo into  $A\vec{x}$ ).

Two rules for  $A\vec{x}$ : If  $A$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix and  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and  $k$  is a scalar

(a)  $A(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = A\vec{x} + A\vec{y}$

(b)  $A(k\vec{x}) = kA\vec{x}$

□ proof of (b).

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(k\vec{x}) &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} kx_1 \\ \vdots \\ kx_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}kx_1 + \dots + a_{1m}kx_m \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}kx_1 + \dots + a_{nm}kx_m \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= k \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1m}x_m \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + \dots + a_{nm}x_m \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= k \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= kA\vec{x} \quad \blacksquare
 \end{aligned}$$

□ proof of (a) ... alternative proof is clearer.

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(k\vec{x}) &= A\left(k \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_m \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} kx_1 \\ \vdots \\ kx_m \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= kx_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + kx_m\vec{v}_m \\
 &= k(x_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_m\vec{v}_m) \\
 &= k \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_m \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} = kA\vec{x} \quad \blacksquare
 \end{aligned}$$

Linear System: 
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 = 8 \\ 3x_1 - x_2 = 3 \end{cases}$$

w/ augmented matrix  $[A | b]$  
$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 8 \\ 3 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

