

a_1, \dots, a_n linearly independent in \mathbb{R}^m

\Leftrightarrow if $x_1 a_1 + \dots + x_n a_n = 0$ then $x_i = 0 \forall i$

\Leftrightarrow no column of A lies in the span of the others for $A = [a_1 \dots a_n]$

$\Leftrightarrow N(A) = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow 0$ can be expressed uniquely as a linear combination of a_1, \dots, a_n

$\Leftrightarrow b \in \text{span}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = C(A)$ is uniquely a linear combination of a_1, \dots, a_n

$\Leftrightarrow Ax = 0$ has only one solution

$\Leftrightarrow Ax = b$ has only one solution when $b \in C(A)$

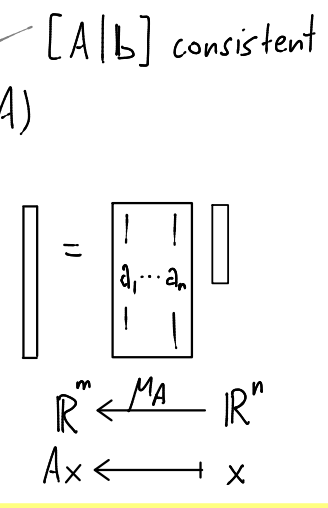
$\Leftrightarrow Ax = b$ has at most one solution $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$\Leftrightarrow M_A$ is injective

$\Leftrightarrow M_A$ does not decrease dimension

$\Leftrightarrow \text{rank } A = n$

$\Leftrightarrow A$ has a left inverse



Prop 3.2: Assume v_1, \dots, v_k are linearly independent.

Then v_1, \dots, v_k, v is linearly independent $\Leftrightarrow v \notin \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$.
dependent $\Leftrightarrow v \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$

Pf: \Rightarrow : Suppose $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k + c v = 0$. Then $c \neq 0$ since $c = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = \dots = c_k = 0$ because v_1, \dots, v_k are linearly independent. So $v = -\frac{1}{c}(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k)$.

\Leftarrow : Previous prop. (Doesn't need v_1, \dots, v_k linearly independent.) \square

E.g. Is 0 linearly independent? No: $1 \cdot 0 = 0$

E.g. Is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ linearly independent? No: $1 \cdot v - 1 \cdot v = 0$. \Rightarrow need multisets technically

E.g. Is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $v \notin \text{span}(v_1, v_2)$ but v_1, v_2, v not linearly independent. Why doesn't this contradict Prop.? $\{\dots\}$ = set, so I list the vectors with no brackets

E.g. Prove that Av_1, \dots, Av_k are linearly independent if v_1, \dots, v_k are linearly independent and $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has rank n .

Sol. Suppose $c_1 Av_1 + \dots + c_k Av_k = 0$. Then $A(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k) = 0$, so $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0$ because M_A is injective. Thus $c_1 = \dots = c_k = 0$ since v_1, \dots, v_k are linearly independent.