

$Ax=0$

meant the same as

$Ux=0$

This means if there is a dependency relation between the columns of A , those same dependency relations hold for the columns of U .

Note any $x \neq 0$ that solves $Ax=0$ is a dependency relation between the columns of A .

original matrix

 $A =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -4 & -9 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

row operations

echelon form of A

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \approx U$$

last column

second column

first column

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} - 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

last column

second column

first column

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

From Monday we solved $Ax=0$ and obtained

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5x_3 \\ -2x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_3$$

Thus setting $x_3 = 1$ \pm get that $x = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ solves $Ax=0$

anything
 \pm like for
 x_3

Since there were free variable then $Ax=0$ had non-trivial solutions.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -4 & -9 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

In the column representation of matrix multiplication that mean

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} 5 + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} (-2) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} (1) = 0$$

Thus

Same dependency as found before

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} 5 - \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} (-2)$$

If a matrix has more column than rows there must be at least 1 free variable. If a set contains more vectors than there are entries in each vector, then the set is linearly dependent. That is, any set $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n is linearly dependent if

$p > n$.

p = how many vectors

n = length of the vectors

$p = 4$

$n = 3$

$4 > 3$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

put the vectors into a matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 & 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now do row operations on A ...

elimination steps $r_i \leftarrow r_i - \alpha r_j$

to obtain U, the Echelon form...

4 columns

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

3 rows

• To find dependency relations in the columns of A we solve $Ax = 0$

• To solve $Ax = 0$ we find the Echelon form of A.

Ask question are there any free variables?

what are the pivots?

At most how many pivots could there be?

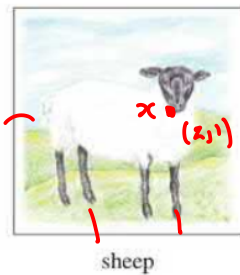
since each pivot needs a row

there are at most 3 pivots ... There are 4 variables because 4 columns

Thus one of them must be a free variable...

If a matrix contains a column of zeros then it has a free variable.

If a set $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n contains the zero vector, then the set is linearly dependent.

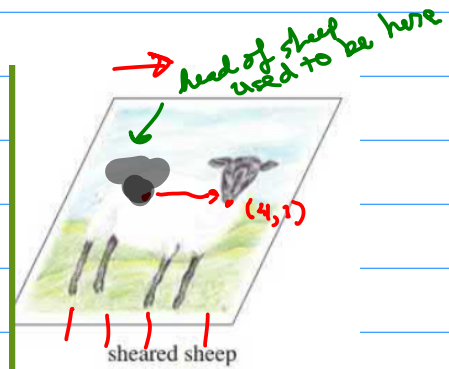


row operation

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

$r_1 \leftarrow r_1 + 2r_2$

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



check this

How to find the matrix corresponding to a row operation?
Perform the row operation on the identity matrix.

$$[r_1 \leftarrow r_1 + 2r_2] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For next time, please read section 1.9 about the geometric interpretation of other linear transformations (functions).