

Def. For  $A = [a_{ij}] \in F_n^m$  let

$$\text{Row}_i(A) = [a_{i1} \ a_{i2} \ \cdots \ a_{in}] \in F_n \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m,$$

$$\text{Col}_j(A) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1j} \\ a_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mj} \end{bmatrix} \in F^m \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

Def. For  $V$  a vector space over  $F$  and  $S \subseteq V$ ,  
 a linear combination from  $S$  is an element

$\sum_{i=1}^m x_i s_i \in V$  for some  $x_i \in F$ ,  $s_i \in S$ . The set  
 of all such elements (vectors) is the span of  $S$   
 denoted by  $\langle S \rangle$ . If  $S = \emptyset$  is empty,  $\langle S \rangle = \{0_V\}$ .

Def. For vector space  $V$  over  $F$ , a subset [15]  
 $W \subseteq V$  is called a subspace of  $V$  when  $W$  is  
itself a vector space over  $F$  under the same  
operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$ . Notation:  $W \leq V$ .

Th: Let  $W \subseteq V$  be a subset of vector space  
 $V$  over  $F$ . Then  $W \leq V$  is a subspace of  $V$  iff

①  $W$  is closed under  $+$ , that is,  $\forall w_1, w_2 \in W$ ,  
 $w_1 + w_2 \in W$ ,

②  $W$  is closed under  $\cdot$ , that is,  $\forall w \in W, \forall \alpha \in F$ ,  
 $\alpha \cdot w \in W$ ,

③  $\theta_V \in W$ .

Pf. These conditions are certainly necessary  
by the definition of vector space.

If ①, ②, ③ are true, then all the other 16 axioms for vector space being true in  $V$  implies they are true in subset  $W$ . Most are "universally quantified" statements true for all elements of  $V$ , so they are also true for all elements of  $W$ . The axiom ⑥ about additive inverse is not of this type so it needs to be checked using the following lemma.

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Lemma. Suppose  $V$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ . Then

- ①  $0 \cdot v = \theta$ ,  $\forall v \in V$ ,
- ②  $\alpha \cdot \theta = \theta$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ ,
- ③  $-v = (-1) \cdot v$ ,  $\forall v \in V$ .

Pf. ① Let  $w = 0 \cdot v \in V$ . We have  $0+0=0$  [17] in  $F$  so  $w = 0 \cdot v = (0+0) \cdot v = (0 \cdot v) + (0 \cdot v) = w + w$  by the axiom ⑧. Since  $\exists (-w) \in V$  by axiom ⑥, using assoc. axiom ③, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= w + (-w) = (w + w) + (-w) = w + (w + (-w)) \\ &= w + \theta = w \quad \text{so } 0 \cdot v = \theta. \end{aligned}$$

② Let  $w = \alpha \cdot \theta$ . Since  $\theta = \theta + \theta$  we have  $w = \alpha \cdot \theta = \alpha \cdot (\theta + \theta) = (\alpha \cdot \theta) + (\alpha \cdot \theta) = w + w$ . So, as above, get  $w = \theta$ .

③ By uniqueness of inverse in any group,  $-v$  is the element of  $V$  s.t.  $v + (-v) = \theta$ .  
 $v + (-1) \cdot v \stackrel{\textcircled{10}}{=} 1 \cdot v + (-1) \cdot v \stackrel{\textcircled{8}}{=} (1 + (-1)) \cdot v = 0 \cdot v = \theta. \quad \square$

So coming back to finish the proof of the 18  
last Theorem, axiom (6) holds in  $W$  because  
we are given that  $\forall \alpha \in F, \forall w \in W, \alpha \cdot w \in W$ .  
So  $-1 \cdot w = -w \in W$  by last Lemma, part (3).  $\square$

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Prop: For  $S \subseteq V$  any subset of v.s.  $V$  we  
have  $\langle S \rangle \subseteq V$ , the span of  $S$  is a subspace.  
Pf. True by definition when  $S = \emptyset$  is the  
empty set since  $\langle S \rangle := \{ \theta_V \}$  satisfies  
(1), (2), (3) of last Theorem:  
 $\theta + \theta = \theta \in \langle S \rangle, \alpha \cdot \theta = \theta \in \langle S \rangle, \forall \alpha \in F,$   
 $\theta \in \langle S \rangle$ . So suppose  $S$  is not empty.

For  $w_1, w_2 \in \langle S \rangle$ , write 19  
 $w_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i s_i$  and  $w_2 = \sum_{j=1}^n y_j s'_j$  for some

$x_i, y_j \in F$ ,  $s_i, s'_j \in S$ . Then

$w_1 + w_2 = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i s_i + \sum_{j=1}^n y_j s'_j \in \langle S \rangle$  is a

(finite) lin. comb. from  $S$ , so  $\langle S \rangle$  is closed under  $+$ .

$\forall \alpha \in F$ ,  $w_1 \in \langle S \rangle$  as above, we have

$$\alpha \cdot w_1 = \alpha \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m x_i s_i = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha \cdot (x_i s_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha \cdot x_i) s_i$$

$\in \langle S \rangle$  so  $\langle S \rangle$  is closed under  $\cdot$ .

$S \subseteq \langle S \rangle$  so for any  $s_i \in S$ ,  $0 = 0 \cdot s_i \in \langle S \rangle$ .

By last Theorem,  $\langle S \rangle \subseteq V$ .  $\square$

Linear Systems: Let  $1 \leq m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . 20

Def. A linear system of  $m$  equations in  $n$  variables is a list of the form:

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

where  $a_{ij} \in F$ ,  $b_i \in F$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ ,  
and  $x_j$  are variables whose values in  $F$  we  
are seeking such that all  $m$  equations are  
true simultaneously.

Given all "coefficients"  $a_{ij}$  and all [21] "constant targets"  $b_i$ , the values  $x_j$  for which all equations are true are called the "solutions". If there are no solutions, we say the system is "inconsistent". If there is at least one solution, the system is called "consistent" and we write the solution set as

$$\left\{ X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \in F^n \right\} \text{ a subset of } F^n.$$

Let  $A = [a_{ij}] \in F_n^m$  be called the "coefficient matrix" of the lin. sys. and let



$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{F}^m$  be the "constant matrix" (22) of the lin. sys.

Define  $AX = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j} x_j \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{2j} x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{mj} x_j \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \text{Col}_j(A)$   
as the column matrix made from the left hand sides of the  $m$  equations.  $\in \mathbb{F}^m$  is a lin. comb. of the columns of  $A$ .

Then the lin. sys. is a single matrix equation

$AX = B$  and the solution set is

$$\{X \in \mathbb{F}^n \mid AX = B\}.$$

Def. We say lin. sys.  $AX=B$  is homogeneous [23] when  $B=0_1^m$ , that is, all  $b_i=0$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . If any  $b_i \neq 0$  we call the system inhomogeneous.

Note  $AX=0$  is always consistent since it has the "trivial" solution  $X=0_1^n$ . So the main question for  $AX=0$  is whether it has any "non-trivial" solutions  $X \neq 0_1^n$ .

Th. For any  $A=[a_{ij}] \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$ , the solution set  $W = \{X \in \mathbb{F}^n \mid AX=0_1^m\}$  of the homog. sys.  $AX=0$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^n$ .

To prove this Theorem we first prove the next one.

Th: For any  $A = [a_{ij}] \in F_n^m$ ,  $X, Y \in F_n$ ,  $\alpha \in F$  [24]

we have:

$$\textcircled{1} A(X+Y) = (AX) + (AY) \quad \textcircled{3} A O_1^n = O_1^m$$

$$\textcircled{2} A(\alpha \cdot X) = \alpha \cdot (AX)$$

Pf  $\textcircled{1} A(X+Y) = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}(x_j + y_j) \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{mj}(x_j + y_j) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n (a_{1j}x_j + a_{1j}y_j) \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n (a_{mj}x_j + a_{mj}y_j) \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{mj}x_j \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}y_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{mj}y_j \end{bmatrix} = AX + AY$$

What algebra laws were used in each step?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{2} A(\alpha \cdot X) &= \begin{bmatrix} \sum a_{1j}(\alpha x_j) \\ \vdots \\ \sum a_{mj}(\alpha x_j) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum (a_{1j} \alpha) x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum (a_{mj} \alpha) x_j \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{[25]} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \sum (\alpha a_{1j}) x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum (\alpha a_{mj}) x_j \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum \alpha (a_{1j} x_j) \\ \vdots \\ \sum \alpha (a_{mj} x_j) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \sum a_{1j} x_j \\ \vdots \\ \alpha \sum a_{mj} x_j \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \alpha \begin{bmatrix} \sum a_{1j} x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum a_{mj} x_j \end{bmatrix} = \alpha (AX).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{3} A \mathbf{0}_n^T = \begin{bmatrix} \sum a_{1j} \cdot 0 \\ \vdots \\ \sum a_{mj} \cdot 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}_m \quad \square$$

Pf of  $W = \{X \in F^n \mid AX = 0^m\} \subseteq F^n$  : 26

- ①  $W$  is closed under  $+$  because if  $X, Y \in W$ ,  
 $AX = 0^m$  and  $AY = 0^m$ , so  
 $A(X+Y) = AX + AY = 0^m + 0^m = 0^m$ , so  $X+Y \in W$ .
- ②  $W$  is closed under  $\cdot$  because if  $X \in W, \alpha \in F$ ,  
 $AX = 0^m$ , so  $A(\alpha \cdot X) = \alpha \cdot (AX) = \alpha \cdot 0^m = 0^m$ , so  
 $\alpha \cdot X \in W$ .
- ③  $0^n \in W$  since  $A0^n = 0^m$ .  $\square$
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Goal: Find efficient algorithm to solve  
linear systems.

Solution: Row reduction to Reduced Row Echelon  
Form (RREF) and interpretation.

## Functional Viewpoint:

[27]

For  $A = [a_{ij}] \in F_n^m$  define the associated map  
 $L_A: F^n \rightarrow F^m$  by  $L_A(X) = AX$ ,  $\forall X \in F^n$ .  
domain codomain

Th: The map  $L_A$  satisfies

$$\textcircled{1} L_A(X+Y) = L_A(X) + L_A(Y)$$

$$\textcircled{2} L_A(\alpha \cdot X) = \alpha \cdot L_A(X)$$

Pf.  $\textcircled{1} L_A(X+Y) = A(X+Y) = AX + AY = L_A(X) + L_A(Y)$

$$\textcircled{2} L_A(\alpha \cdot X) = A(\alpha \cdot X) = \alpha \cdot (AX) = \alpha \cdot L_A(X).$$

These are just restatements of the last Theorem.  $\square$

Def. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be any vector spaces over  $\mathbb{F}$ . We say that a map (function)  $L: V \rightarrow W$  is linear when

- ①  $L(v_1 + v_2) = L(v_1) + L(v_2)$ ,  $\forall v_1, v_2 \in V$ ,
- ②  $L(\alpha \cdot v) = \alpha \cdot L(v)$ ,  $\forall v \in V, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ .

Th  $L_A: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$  defined by  $L_A(x) = Ax$  is linear.

Important questions about lin. maps:

- ① When is  $L: V \rightarrow W$  injective? surjective?  
bijjective? invertible?

These concepts come from the general Theory of functions between sets  $f: S \rightarrow T$ , so we will review them. But first:

Def. For  $L: V \rightarrow W$  linear, define

$$\ker(L) = \{v \in V \mid L(v) = \theta_w\} \text{ and}$$

$$\text{Range}(L) = \text{Image}(L) = \{L(v) \in W \mid v \in V\}.$$

Th: For  $L: V \rightarrow W$  linear, we have

$$\ker(L) \leq V \text{ and } \text{Range}(L) \leq W \text{ (subspaces).}$$

Pf. If  $v_1, v_2 \in \ker(L)$  then  $v_1 + v_2 \in \ker(L)$

because  $L(v_1 + v_2) = L(v_1) + L(v_2) = \theta_w + \theta_w = \theta_w$ .

If  $v \in \ker(L)$  and  $\alpha \in F$  then  $\alpha \cdot v \in \ker(L)$

because  $L(\alpha \cdot v) = \alpha \cdot L(v) = \alpha \cdot \theta_w = \theta_w$ .

$\theta_v \in \ker(L)$  since  $L(\theta_v) = L(\theta_v + \theta_v) =$

$L(\theta_v) + L(\theta_v)$  so for  $w = L(\theta_v)$ ,  $w = w + w$

which gives  $w = \theta_w$ . So  $\ker(L) \leq V$ . ■



If  $w_1, w_2 \in \text{Range}(L)$ ,  $\exists v_1, v_2 \in V$  s.t. □ 30  
 $L(v_1) = w_1$  and  $L(v_2) = w_2$  so  
 $L(v_1 + v_2) = L(v_1) + L(v_2) = w_1 + w_2$  so  $w_1 + w_2 \in \text{Range}(L)$ .  
 If  $w = L(v) \in \text{Range}(L)$  and  $\alpha \in F$  then  
 $\alpha \cdot w = \alpha \cdot L(v) = L(\alpha \cdot v) \in \text{Range}(L)$ .  
 $0_W = L(0_V) \in \text{Range}(L)$ . So  $\text{Range}(L) \subseteq W$ . □

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Should have done the following Lemma first.  
Lemma. Suppose  $L: V \rightarrow W$  is linear. Then  
 ①  $L(0_V) = 0_W$ , ②  $L(-v) = -L(v)$ ,  $\forall v \in V$ ,  
 ③  $L\left(\sum_{i=1}^m x_i v_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i L(v_i)$ ,  $\forall v_i \in V, x_i \in F, 1 \leq i \leq m$ .