

**Theorem.** The solution set of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is the translation of the solution set of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  by any  $\vec{x}_0$  where  $A\vec{x}_0 = \vec{b}$ .

1. Find the general solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} x_1 = -2x_2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \Rightarrow x_2 - x_3 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow x_2 = x_3 \\ \infty \text{ - sol's} \end{matrix}$$

Augmented Matrix

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -2t \\ t \\ t \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad x_3 = t \text{ (free var)}$$

2. Now find the general solution to  $A\vec{x} = (0, 4, -4)$ .

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow x_3 = t$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \cdot x_2 - x_3 = -4 \Rightarrow x_2 = x_3 - 4 = t - 4$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 = -2x_2 = -2t + 8$$

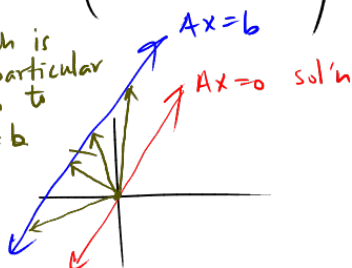
$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -2t + 8 \\ t - 4 \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2t \\ t \\ t \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Sol'n to  $Ax = \vec{0}$ .

Sol'n to  $Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$

$$A \left( t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \underbrace{A \left( t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)}_{\vec{0}} + \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

each is a particular sol'n to  $Ax = b$



**Definition.** The column space is the span of the column vectors of A.

set of all linear combos

Think: columns are vectors.

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

$$\text{col}(A) = t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Theorem.** A linear system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is consistent if and only if  $\vec{b}$  is in the column space of A.

Think: A transforming  $\vec{x}$  into  $\vec{b}$ .

Ex.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$        $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

1.  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is not consistent

2.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is not in  $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

3. Is (0,0,1) in  $\text{col}(A)$ ?

4. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then the solution space of the homogeneous linear system  $\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \mathbf{0}$  consists of all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that are orthogonal to every row vector of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

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

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= t \\ x_2 &= 0 \\ x_1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

sol'n space to  $\mathbf{A}x = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ t \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

this  
ALways  
happens  
for

$$\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \vec{0}.$$

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is orthogonal  
to each  
row

5. Verify that particular solutions to  $\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \mathbf{0}$  are orthogonal to the row vectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

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

### 3.6 Special Forms

**Definition.** A diagonal matrix is one whose only non-zero entries are found on the diagonal.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

↑  
scaling  
by 5 in x dir.  
4 in y  
3 in z

↑  
scaling by  
5 in all  
directions.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{off-diagonal matrix}$$

6. Powers of diagonal matrices are easy to compute.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^2 =$$

$$A^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 64 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 125 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 25 \end{pmatrix}$$

each entry  
gets  
squared

**Definition.** An upper (lower) triangular matrix is a square matrix in which all entries above (below) the diagonal are zero.

upper triangular:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

only non-zeros  
appear on  
the diag  
or above

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

strictly upper  $\Delta$

lower triang.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

7. These matrices are used to create efficient algorithms for solving matrix equations (computing inverses, etc.)

**Definition.** A symmetric matrix has the property  $A^T = A$  and (skew-symmetric if  $A^T = -A$ ).

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

symmetric

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

skew sym

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

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

8. If  $A$  is an invertible symmetric matrix then  $A^{-1}$  is symmetric. Let's prove this.

Facts

$A$  is invertible. ( $A^{-1}$  exists)

$A$  is symmetric  $A = A^T$

$$\star (A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$$

$$(A^T) \downarrow (A^{-1})^T = \left( \underbrace{A^{-1} A}_I \right)^T = I^T = I$$

show  $(A^{-1})^T = A^{-1}$

$$A^T = A \quad \text{fact}$$

$$(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$$

sub.

$$(A^{-1})^T = A^{-1}$$

done.