

LINEAR ALGEBRA

Introduction

Linear Algebra started as method to solve linear systems.

Now it appears in a lot of places:

physics, engineering, multivariate statistics,
google page rank, smoothing algorithm for pictures,
approximation of non-linear problems.....

Examples for linear systems:

• (Ex. 30 of Ch. 1.2 in Grotzmann).

A zoo has birds and 4-legged animals

In total, there are 60 heads and 200 legs.

How many birds and 4-legged animals are there?

Solution x = number of birds
 y = number of 4-legged animals.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We know: } \left. \begin{aligned} x+y &= 60 \\ 2x+4y &= 200 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x &= 60-y \\ \Rightarrow 2(60-y)+4y &= 200 \\ \Rightarrow 2y &= 200-120 = 80 \\ \Rightarrow y &= 40. \\ \Rightarrow x &= 20. \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

• Find a polynomial P of degree ≤ 3 s.t. $P(0) = 1, P(1) = 7,$
 $P'(0) = 3, P'(2) = 23$

Solution. We know: $P(x) = \alpha x^3 + \beta x^2 + \gamma x^1 + \delta.$

We have to find $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta.$

Note: $P'(x) = 3\alpha x^2 + 2\beta x + \gamma.$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \textcircled{1} & \delta = 1 \\ \textcircled{2} & \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = 7 \\ \textcircled{3} & \gamma = 3 \\ \textcircled{4} & 12\alpha + 4\beta + \gamma = 23 \end{cases} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2} \\ \Rightarrow \\ \text{in } \textcircled{2}, \textcircled{4} \end{matrix} \left\{ \begin{aligned} \textcircled{2}' & \alpha + \beta = 3 \\ \textcircled{4}' & 12\alpha + 4\beta = 20. \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\textcircled{2}' \Rightarrow \alpha = 3 - \beta \text{ in } \textcircled{4}': 12(3 - \beta) + 4\beta = 20 \Rightarrow 8\beta = 56 \Rightarrow \beta = 7.$$
$$\Rightarrow \alpha = -4,$$

$$\Rightarrow P(x) = -4x^3 + 7x^2 + 3x + 1$$

Important Questions: Existence and uniqueness of solutions??

Important facts: $(A=B \text{ and } C=D \Rightarrow A+C=B+D)$ and $(A=B \Rightarrow AC=BC)$.
" \Leftarrow " if $C \neq 0$

Special Case: 2 equations with 2 unknowns.

Examples.

$$\textcircled{A} \cdot \begin{cases} x+2y = 11 \\ 3x+4y = 27 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{aligned} x &= 11-2y \\ \Rightarrow 33-6y+4y &= 27 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 11-2y \\ -2y = -6 \end{cases}$$
$$\Rightarrow y = 3, x = 5.$$

Easy to check that this is a solution. (Or: convince yourself that all " \Rightarrow " in reality are " \Leftrightarrow ").

\rightarrow The system has exactly one solution.

$$\textcircled{B} \cdot \begin{cases} \textcircled{1} & x+2y = 1 \\ \textcircled{2} & 2x+4y = 5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{aligned} x &= 1-2y \\ \Rightarrow 2-4y+4y &= 5 \Rightarrow 2=5 \end{aligned} \right. \nabla$$

$$\text{or: } \begin{cases} 2 \cdot \textcircled{1}: & 2x+4y = 2 \\ \textcircled{2}: & 2x+4y = 5 \end{cases} \nabla$$

\rightarrow The system has no solution.

$$\textcircled{C} \cdot \begin{cases} \textcircled{1} & x+2y = 1 \\ \textcircled{2} & 3x+6y = 3 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 1-2y \\ \text{in } \textcircled{2} & 3-6y+6y = 3 \rightarrow 3=3. \end{cases}$$

\rightarrow every pair (x, y) which satisfies $\textcircled{1}$, automatically satisfies $\textcircled{2}$!

\rightarrow The system has infinitely many solutions.

Geometric interpretation: Suppose that $(A, B) \neq (0, 0)$

All x, y which satisfy $Ax + By = U$ lie on a line with slope $= -A/B$ if $B \neq 0$, and parallel to y -axis if $B = 0$.

\Rightarrow all x, y which satisfy simultaneously

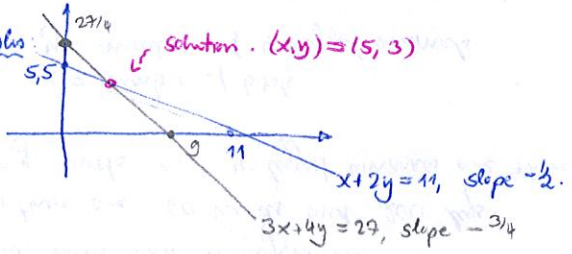
$$\begin{cases} Ax + By = U \\ Cx + Dy = V \end{cases} \text{ lie on the intersection of these lines.}$$

3 possible cases:

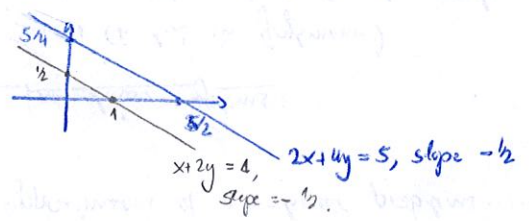
- The lines are not parallel \Rightarrow exactly one intersection
- The lines are parallel, but not equal \Rightarrow no intersection
- The lines are parallel and equal \Rightarrow infinitely many intersections.

In the examples:

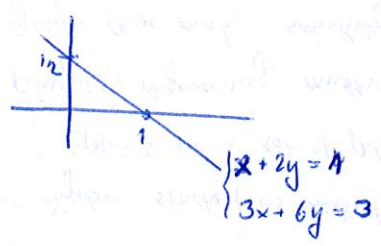
(A)



(B)



(C)



Remark: If $A=B=0$ then:

- Case 1 $Ax + By = 0$ describes the plane \mathbb{R}^2
- Case 2 $Ax + By = U \neq 0$ has no solution.

Now general case:

$$\begin{cases} Ax + By = U \\ Cx + Dy = V \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

• $A \neq 0, C \neq 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} A \cdot (1) & ACx + BCy = CU \quad (1') \\ A \cdot (2) & ACx + ADy = AV \quad (2') \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} ACx + BCy = CU \\ (AD - BC)y = AV - CU \end{cases}$$

Case 1: $AD - BC \neq 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{AV - CU}{AD - BC}$ and $x = \frac{U - B/A y}{A} = \frac{UD - BV}{AD - BC}$
 \Rightarrow exactly one solution

(B) Case 2: $AD - BC = 0 \Rightarrow$ No solution if $AV - CU \neq 0$
 inf. many solutions if $AV - CU = 0$
 (Choose y arbitrary and $x = \frac{1}{A}(U - By)$).

• $A = 0, C \neq 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} By = U \\ Cx + Dy = V \end{cases}$$

Case 1: $B \neq 0 \Rightarrow y = U/B, x = \frac{1}{C}(V - D \frac{U}{B}) \Rightarrow$ exactly one solution
 Note: in this case:
 $AD - BC = -BC \neq 0$

Case 2: $B = 0 \Rightarrow$ no solution if $U \neq 0$
 inf. many solutions if $U = 0$ } in this case:
 $AD - BC = 0$

- $A \neq 0, C = 0$: similar
- $A = C = 0$: $\begin{cases} By = U \\ Dy = V \end{cases} \Rightarrow$ the original system has no or infinitely many solutions.
 Note: $AB - CD = 0$.

Conclusion:

$AD - BC \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow$ exactly one solution

$AD - BC = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ the system has either no solution or infinitely many solutions!

$AB - CD$ se llama el determinante del sistema (*)

1. \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{R}^3 .

1.1. Vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Intuition. A vector in \mathbb{R}^2 is "an arrow".

That is: "something that has length and direction"
= "a directed line segment".

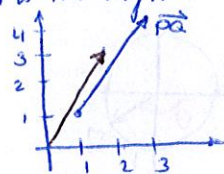
Each two arrows with same length and same direction are called equivalent.

The set of all equivalent "arrows" is called a vector.

Each arrow in such a set is called a representant (representation del vector).

Special representant: Arrow whose initial point is the origin.

Example: $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $P(1,1)$, $Q(3,4)$.



\Rightarrow Every vector can be identified with a point in \mathbb{R}^2
Every point P in \mathbb{R}^2 can be identified with the vector \vec{OP} .

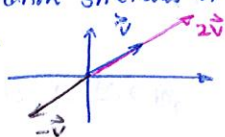
Notation $P(a,b) \Rightarrow \vec{v} = \vec{OP} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ or $\vec{v} = (a,b)$.

Examples of vectors: Forces; velocities, ...

Vector space properties of \mathbb{R}^2 :

- Sum of vectors $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix}$: $\vec{v} + \vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 + w_1 \\ v_2 + w_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$
- Multiplication by $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$: $\lambda \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda v_1 \\ \lambda v_2 \end{pmatrix}$.

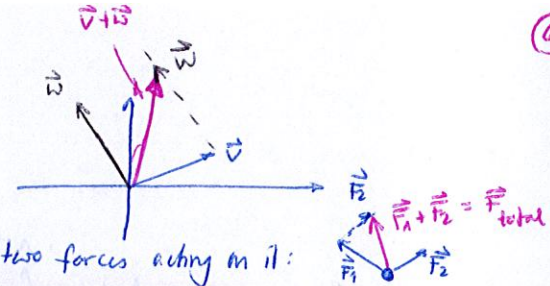
Graphically: Multiplication stretches or shrinks, always: \vec{v} and $\lambda \vec{v}$ are parallel.



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Sum of two vectors:



Example: Body with two forces acting on it:

Superposition of velocities: Moving body on a moving train

$\vec{v}_{total} = \vec{v}_{train} + \vec{v}_{body\ on\ train}$

Vector space properties Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

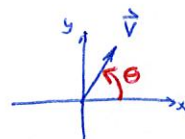
- Associativity: $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} = \vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$
- Commutativity: $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$
- Identity element: $\exists \vec{0}$ t.q. $\forall \vec{v} \in V$ $\vec{0} + \vec{v} = \vec{v}$
- Inverse element: $\forall \vec{v} \in V \exists \vec{-v} \in V$ s.t. $\vec{v} + \vec{-v} = \vec{0}$
- Mult by id: $1 \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v}$ ($\vec{v} \in V$)
- Compatibility: $\lambda(\mu \vec{v}) = (\lambda\mu) \vec{v}$
- Distributivity: $(\lambda + \mu) \vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v} + \mu \vec{v}$
 $\lambda(\vec{v} + \vec{u}) = \lambda \vec{v} + \lambda \vec{u}$.

Easy to show: $0 \vec{v} = \vec{0}$; $-\vec{v} = -1 \cdot \vec{v}$.

Clearly, a vector is known, if we know its length and its angle with the positive x-axis.

Definition. $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$; $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$.

$\Rightarrow \|\vec{v}\| := \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} =$ length / length / norm of \vec{v}



How to find θ : Always $\tan \theta = b/a$ if $a \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow \theta = \begin{cases} \arctan(b/a), & a > 0 \\ \pi - \arctan(b/a), & a < 0 \\ \pi/2, & a = 0, b > 0 \\ -\pi/2, & a = 0, b < 0 \end{cases}$

\Rightarrow gives $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi]$

