

13. Determine if the following systems has a non-trivial solution:

$$\text{i. } \begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 = 0 \\ -2x_1 - 3x_2 - 4x_3 = 0 \\ 2x_1 - 4x_2 + 9x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & 9 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} 2r_1+r_2 \\ -2r_1+r_3 \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -10 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & 15 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{8r_2+r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -65 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 - 10x_3 = 0 \\ x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \text{ trivial solution}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  no free variables  $\Rightarrow$  only trivial solution

$$\text{ii. } \begin{cases} 2x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 = 0 \\ -4x_1 - 4x_2 - 8x_3 = 0 \\ -3x_2 - 3x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ -4 & -4 & -8 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} 2r_1+r_2 \\ \frac{1}{2}r_1 \\ r_2+r_1 \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} r_2 \leftrightarrow r_3 \\ -\frac{1}{3}r_2 \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = -x_3 \\ x_2 = -x_3 \\ x_3 \text{ free} \end{cases}$$

$\downarrow$  free

Solv.  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 \\ -x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

14. Describe all solutions of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  in parametric vector form, where  $A$  is row equivalent to the given matrix. Careful, the matrix below is NOT the augmented matrix, but the coefficient matrix!

$$\text{i. } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -8 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -3 & -8 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 2x_3 + 7x_4 \\ x_2 = 2x_3 + 4x_4 \end{cases}$$

$$\xrightarrow{3r_2+r_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_3 + 7x_4 \\ 2x_3 + 4x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_3 \\ 2x_3 \\ x_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 7x_4 \\ 4x_4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{ii. } \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & -4 & -2 & 0 & 3 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & -4 & -2 & 0 & 3 & -5 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{array} \right] \stackrel{2r_2 + r_1}{\sim}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -7 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{array} \right] \stackrel{-3r_3 + r_1}{\sim} \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 4x_2 - 5x_6 \\ x_3 = x_6 \\ x_5 = 4x_6 \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4x_2 - 5x_6 \\ x_2 \\ x_6 \\ x_4 \\ 4x_6 \\ x_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4x_2 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_6 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

15. Describe and compare the solution sets of  $x_1 + 5x_2 - 3x_3 = 0$  and  $x_1 + 5x_2 - 3x_3 = -2$ .

$$x_1 + 5x_2 - 3x_3 = 0 \quad \text{HOMOGENEOUS}$$

↑ free      ↑ free

$$x_1 = -5x_2 + 3x_3$$

$$\text{Sol. } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5x_2 + 3x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 + 5x_2 - 3x_3 = -2 \quad \text{NON-HOMOGENEOUS}$$

↑ free      ↑ free

$$x_1 = -2 - 5x_2 + 3x_3$$

$$\text{Sol. } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 - 5x_2 + 3x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution to  $x_1 + 5x_2 - 3x_3 = -2$

is same as sol. to eq.

$$x_1 + 5x_2 - 3x_3 = 0 \quad \text{PLUS}$$

vector  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\vec{x} = \vec{p} + s\vec{u} + t\vec{v},$$

s, t ∈ ℝ

→ translation by  $\vec{p}$

$$\vec{p} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

16. Describe the solutions of the following system in parametric vector form, and compare it to that of

$$\text{exercise 12.ii: } \begin{cases} 2x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 = 8 \\ -4x_1 - 4x_2 - 8x_3 = -16 \end{cases}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ -4 & -4 & -8 & -16 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & 12 \end{array} \right] \stackrel{2r_1 + r_2}{\sim} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -4 \end{array} \right] \stackrel{r_2 \leftrightarrow r_3}{\sim} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \stackrel{-r_2 + r_1}{\sim} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 8 - x_3 \\ x_2 = -4 - x_3 \\ 0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 \\ -x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Sol. } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 - x_3 \\ -4 - x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\vec{x} = \vec{p} + t \cdot \vec{v}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

how. system in 13. ii had sol.  
 $\vec{x} = t \cdot \vec{q}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$  translation by  $\vec{p}$ .

17. Find the parametric equation of the line through  $\vec{a}$  parallel to  $\vec{b}$ :

i.  $\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\vec{x} = \vec{a} + t \cdot \vec{b}, t \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is parameter}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = -2 - 5t \\ x_2 = 3t \end{cases}$$

ii.  $\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\vec{x} = \vec{a} + t \cdot \vec{b}, t \in \mathbb{R} \text{ parameter}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = 3 - 7t \\ x_2 = -2 + 6t \end{cases}$$

18. Does the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  have a non-trivial solution, and does the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  have at least one solution for every possible  $\vec{b}$ ?

i.  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with 3 pivot positions

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

$\hookrightarrow$  no free variables

(a)  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$   
has only trivial solution  
 $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has exactly one solution  $\forall \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$   
(by Thm. 4,  $\forall \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a sol.)

ii.  $A$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix with 3 pivot positions

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

↑  
free variable

(a)  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$   
has a free variable  
 $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ * \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$  many solutions

(b)  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  does not have a sol.  $\forall \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^4$  (by Thm. 4)  
 $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 : *]$  gives inconsistent system

iii.  $A$  is a  $2 \times 5$  matrix with 2 pivot positions

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

↑  
free variables

(a)  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has 3 free variables  
 $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} * \\ x_2 \\ * \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$  many solutions

(b)  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has at least 1 solution ( $\forall \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ )  
it has a pivot position in every row).

19. Mark each statement as ***True*** or ***False*** and justify your answer.

- i. An example of a linear combination of vectors  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  is the vector  $\frac{1}{2}\vec{v}_1$ . **True**
- ii. The weights  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$  in a linear combination  $c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\vec{v}_p$  cannot all be zero. **False**  
 $\vec{0} \in \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$
- iii. The equation  $\vec{x} = \vec{p} + t\vec{v}$  describes a line through  $\vec{v}$  parallel to  $\vec{p}$ . **False**  
line parallel to  $\vec{v}$  through  $\vec{p}$
- iv. The equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is referred to as a vector equation. **False**  
Matrix equation
- v. If  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix and if the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is inconsistent for some  $\vec{b}$  in  $R^m$ , then  $A$  cannot have a pivot position in every row. **True** (see Thm. 4 / p.37)
- vi. The solution set of a linear system whose augmented matrix is  $[a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3 \ b]$ , is the same as the solution set of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  if  $A = [a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3]$ . **True**
- vii. If the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is consistent, then  $\vec{b}$  is in the set spanned by the columns of  $A$ . **True**