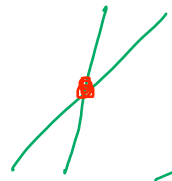


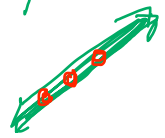
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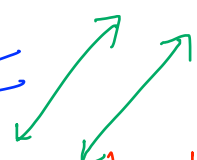
"square matrix" $n \times n$: #rows = #columns.

Recall 2×2 : consistent SOE: if Case I or II $n \times n$ cases same!

SOE

Case I  one solution $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$ one sol $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$

Case II  only many solutions only many sol

Case III  no solutions (\emptyset) no sol (\emptyset)

SOE inconsistent

• Studying RREF to learn the case we're in.

Case I RREF = $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{one sol}$

identity matrix I_n

Case II RREF = must have ^{at least} one entire row of 0s $[0 \dots 0 | 0]$

\hookrightarrow this corresponds to a "free variable"

\rightarrow only many sol

Case III RREF = must have at least one row of the form $[0 \dots 0 | \text{non-zero} \#]$

Thm $S = \{\vec{v}\}$ is LI iff $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$.

Pf (\Rightarrow) Assume S is LI. WTC: $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$.

Note contrapositive:

if $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ then $S = \{\vec{v}\}$ is LD.

This is true by previous theorem.

(\Leftarrow) Assume $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$. WTS: S is LI.

Consider DTE: $x_1 \vec{v} = \vec{0}$.

Use Zero Factors Theorem:

$$\underline{k \vec{v} = \vec{0}} \iff k=0 \text{ or } \vec{v} = \vec{0}.$$

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But we know $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$. We must have $k=0$, i.e. $x_1=0$.

i.e. $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ only trivial sol solves DTE. so S is LI.

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