

# Linear Algebra I

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**Recall:** Theorem 2.10 Every matrix  $A$  is row equivalent to a unique matrix  $B$  in row-reduced echelon form.  
 Notation:  $B = \text{rref}(A)$ .

In Example 10:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$(A|b) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right) = \text{rref}(A|b)$$

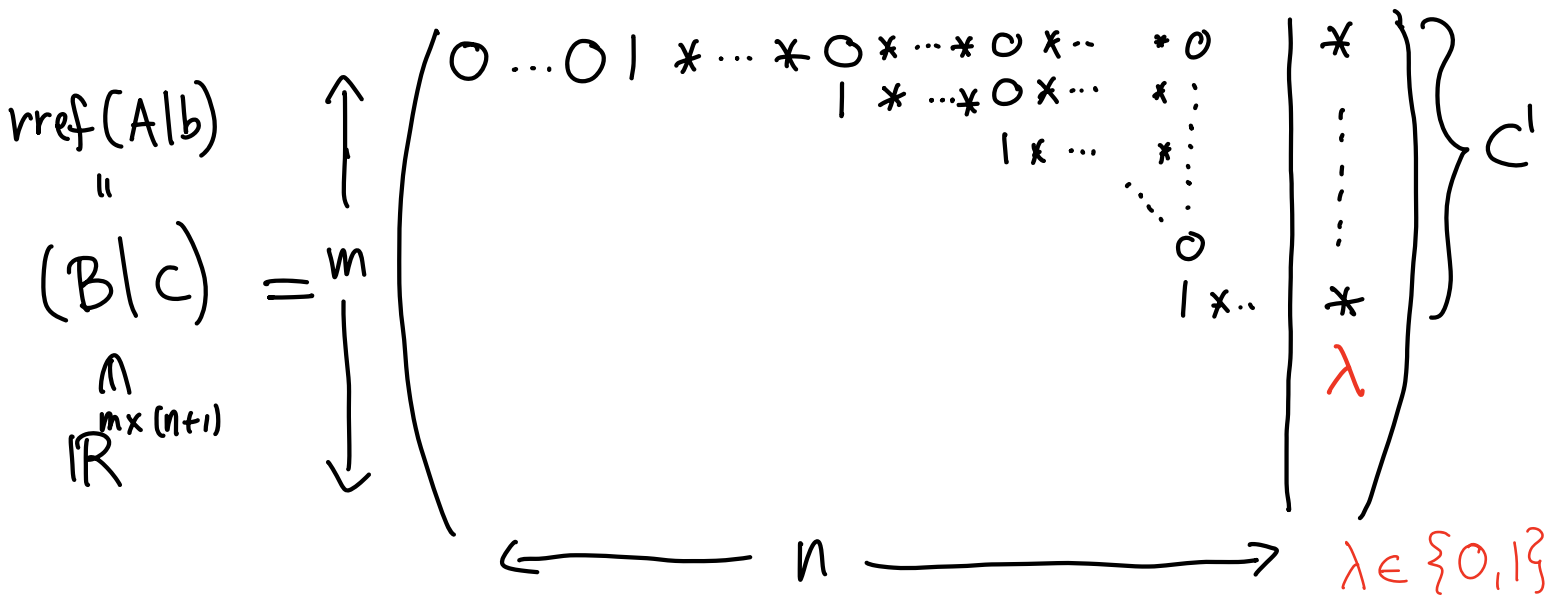
Solutions of  $Ax=b$  are  $x_1 = 3 - 5t$   
 $x_2 = -1 + t$   
 $x_3 = t$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$(B|c)$

Solving linear system  $Ax=b \rightsquigarrow$  Find  $\text{rref}(A|b)$

General rref of an augmented matrix



Reading off solutions for lin. system  $Ax=b$ :  
 $(A|b) \sim (B|c) = \text{rref}(A|b)$

$A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$   
 $b, c \in \mathbb{R}^m$

1) If  $c$  contains a pivot element ( $\lambda=1$ ): No solutions

Else ( $\lambda=0$ ):

2) If every column of  $B$  contains a pivot element then we have the unique solution  $x=c'$ .

3) Some columns of  $B$  do not contain pivot element: Infinitely many solutions

Definition 2.11: The rank  $\text{rk}(A)$  of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is the number of pivot elements in  $\text{rref}(A)$ .

Proposition 2.12: Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . The solutions of  $Ax=b$  depend on  $\text{rk}(A|b)$ ,  $\text{rk}(A)$  as follows:

(i)  $\text{rk}(A|b) > \text{rk}(A)$ : No solutions

(ii)  $\text{rk}(A|b) = \text{rk}(A) = n$ : unique solution

(iii)  $\text{rk}(A|b) = \text{rk}(A) < n$ : Infinitely many solutions

Proof: Follows from the discussion before.  
(See lecture notes).

Examples: 1)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

2)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

3)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

## § 3 Sets & Functions

Set: A collection of distinct objects.

Precisely, but not necessarily explicitly, defined.

Already have seen examples of infinite sets:  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

**Example 11**  $\{2, 4, \pi\}$  finite set

$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$  natural numbers

$\mathbb{Q}$ : rational numbers

$\emptyset = \{\}$  empty set

If  $A$  is a set we write " $a \in A$ " if  $a$  is an element of  $A$  and " $a \notin A$ " if  $a$  is not an element of  $A$ .

$A \subset B$ :  $A$  is a subset of  $B$ :  
If  $a \in A$  then  $a \in B$ .

e.g.  $\emptyset \subset \mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$   
 $\cup$   
 $\{1, 2, 3\}$

$\{a \in A \mid \text{condition}\}$ : The (sub)set of all  $a \in A$   
that satisfy the condition.

e.g.  $\{m \in \mathbb{N} \mid m \text{ is even}\}$

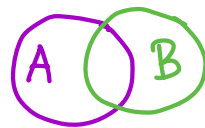
$H$ : set of all humans


$NU = \{h \in H \mid h \text{ is a student at NU}\} \subset H$


$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = b\}$ : solutions of  $Ax = b$

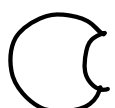
HW2:  $L = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid Av = x \text{ for some } v \in \mathbb{R}^2\} = \text{im}(A)$   
 $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  later

Operations on sets:



 Union:  $A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$

 Intersection:  $A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$

 Difference:  $A \setminus B = \{x \in A \mid x \notin B\}$

e.g.  $A = \{-1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \mathbb{N}$

$$A \cup B = \{-1, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}, A \cap B = \{2, 3\},$$

$$A \setminus B = \{-1\}$$

Definition 3.1  $X, Y$ : Sets

i) A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a rule, assigning to each element  $x \in X$  an element  $f(x) \in Y$ .

This is also denoted by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f: X & \longrightarrow & Y \\ x & \longmapsto & f(x). \end{array}$$

ii)  $X$ : domain of  $f$

$Y$ : codomain of  $f$

Functions are also called maps.

Definition 3.2 For a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  the image of  $f$  is defined by

$$\text{im}(f) = \{y \in Y \mid \exists x \in X : y = f(x)\} \subset Y.$$

Sometimes called "range"  $\text{ran}(f)$

"there exists" "with"

### Definition 3.3

Composition of functions For two fct.  $f: X \rightarrow Y$   
 $g: Y \rightarrow Z$   
the composition  $g \circ f$  of  $f$  and  $g$  is defined by

$$g \circ f: X \longrightarrow Z$$

$$x_1 \longmapsto (g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)).$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & \xrightarrow{g} & Z \\ & & \searrow & \nearrow & \\ & & g \circ f & & \end{array}$$

Definition 3.4 A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is

i) injective if  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$  whenever  $x_1 \neq x_2$ .

ii) surjective if  $\text{im}(f) = Y$  ( $\forall y \in Y \exists x \in X: y = f(x)$ )  
(image = codomain).

iii) bijective if it is injective and surjective.

If  $f$  is bijective: For every  $y \in Y$  there exists a  
 $(f: X \rightarrow Y)$  unique  $x \in X$  with  $f(x) = y$ .

Then define  $g: Y \rightarrow X$  by  $g(y) = x$  for  $f(x) = y$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) = g(y) = x \quad \forall x \in X \Rightarrow g \circ f = \text{id}_X \\ (f \circ g)(y) &= f(g(y)) = f(x) = y \quad \forall y \in Y \Rightarrow f \circ g = \text{id}_Y \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $f$  is invertible, and  $g$  is the inverse of  $f$ .  
Notation:  $g = f^{-1}$ .

## Example 15

1)  $H$ : Set of all humans

$$NU = \{ h \in H \mid h \text{ is a student at NU} \}$$

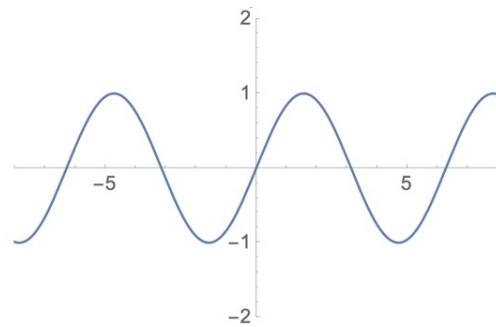
$$f_1: NU \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$s \longmapsto$  Student ID of student  $s$ .

- $f_1$  is injective. (There are not two students with the same id.)
- $f_1$  is not surjective. (Not every number is the student ID of a student.)

2)

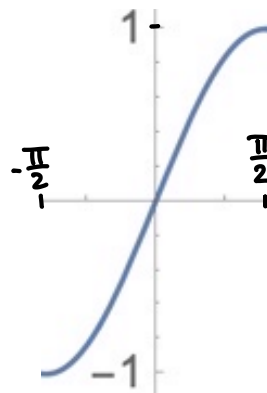
$$f_2: \begin{array}{ccc} X & & Y \\ \mathbb{R} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R} \\ x & \longmapsto & \sin(x) \end{array}$$



- $\text{im}(f_2) = [-1, 1] = \{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -1 \leq x \leq 1 \}$
- $f_2$  is not surjective. ( $2 \in Y = \mathbb{R}$  but  $2 \notin \text{im}(f_2)$ )
- $f_2$  is not injective. ( $f_2(0) = f_2(2\pi)$  but  $0 \neq 2\pi$ .)

$$3) f_3: \overset{X}{\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]} \rightarrow \overset{Y}{[-1, 1]}$$

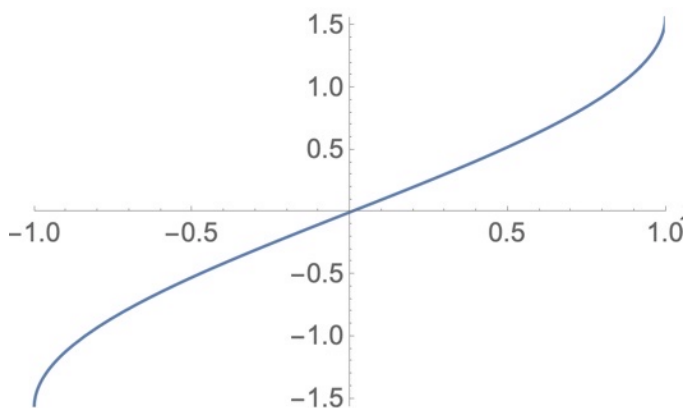
$$x \mapsto \sin(x)$$



•  $\text{im}(f_3) = [-1, 1] = Y$   
 $\Rightarrow f_3$  is surjective

•  $f_3$  is also injective: For each  $y \in [-1, 1] = Y$   
 there is exactly one  $x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$   
 with  $f_3(x) = y$ .  $\overset{X}{x}$

$\Rightarrow f_3$  is bijective with inverse  $f_3^{-1} = \arcsin$ .

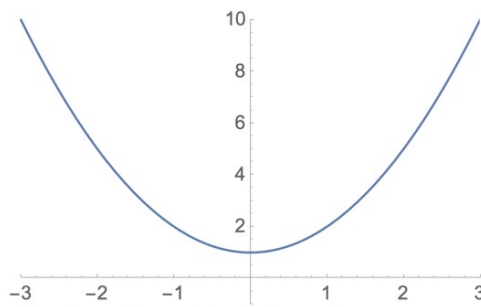


$$4) f_4: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto x^2 + 1$$

•  $\text{im}(f_4) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 1\}$

• not injective and not surjective.





$$5) f_5: \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}}_{Ax} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

To calculate the image of  $f_5$  we need to find all  $b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that there exists a  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $Ax = b$ .

( $f(x) = b$ )

$$(A|b) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & b_1 \\ 2 & 4 & | & b_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & | & b_2 - 2b_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

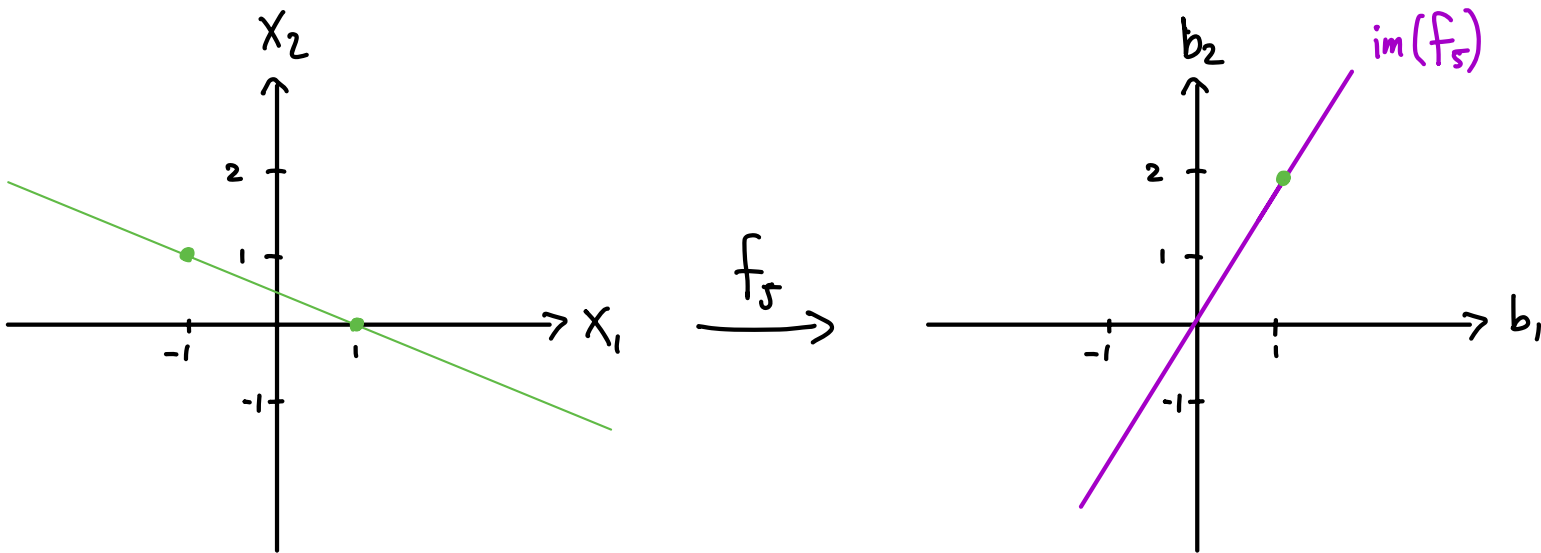
$\Rightarrow$  Just have a solution for  $b_2 = 2b_1$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{im}(f_5) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid b_2 = 2b_1 \right\}$$

If  $b_2 = 2b_1$  we have the solution  $x_1 = b_1 - 2t$   $t \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $x_2 = t$

$$b_1 = 1: \begin{matrix} x_1 = 1 - 2t \\ x_2 = t \end{matrix} \quad \text{and} \quad f_5 \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2t \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\Rightarrow f_5$  is not injective since  $f_5 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = f_5 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$   
but  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $t=0$        $t=1$



$$6) \quad f_6: \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 3x_1 + 4x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}}_X$$

check for yourself:

- $\text{im}(f_6) = \mathbb{R}^2$
- $f_6$  is bijective
- $f_6^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2x_1 + x_2 \\ \frac{3}{2}x_1 - \frac{1}{2}x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}}_{A^{-1}} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$

$A^{-1}$ : Inverse of  $A$ .  
Will discuss later  
in this course!