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then a lin syst w/  $n$  eqns in  $n$  vars has a unique soln iff the rank of the coeff matrix is  $n$ . In this case, if  $B$  is the augmented matrix then

$$\text{REF}(B) = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & b_2 \\ & & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & & b_n \end{array} \right]$$

$n \times n$   
identity  
matrix

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sol'n is

$$x_1 = b_1$$

$$x_2 = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x_n = b_n$$

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Ex  $\mathcal{L}$  = linear system

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 1$$

$$2x_1 + 5x_2 + 7x_3 = 1$$

$$3x_1 + 8x_2 + 12x_3 = 1$$

Augmented matrix: (i'll skip the steps in class.)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 & 1 \\ 3 & 8 & 12 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & -2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x_1 = 3$$

$$x_2 = -1$$

$$x_3 = 0$$

(check equations

to confirm -

$$3 + 2(-1) + 3(0) = 1$$

$$2(3) + 5(-1) + 7(0) = 1$$

$$3(3) + 8(-1) + 12(0) = 1$$

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## Matrix algebra

Recall  $A$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix if it has  $n$  rows &  $m$  columns.

We say the size of  $A$  is  $n \times m$ .

- We can add two matrices as long as they're the same size (see Def 1.3.5).  
- the result also has the same size

- Scalar multiple:

Given a scalar  $k$  and an  $n \times m$  matrix  $A$  we form a new  $n \times m$  matrix  $kA$ . (Def 1.3.5)

Ex      $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$       $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$k = 10$$

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 7 & 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$kA = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 20 & 30 \\ 40 & 50 & 60 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Matrix mult is a bit more complicated.  
We'll come to that shortly.)

Def Given vectors  $\vec{v}, \vec{w}$  of the same size, we define their dot product as follows.

$$\text{Say } \vec{v} = [v_1, \dots, v_n]$$

$$\vec{w} = [w_1, \dots, w_n].$$

Then  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = v_1 w_1 + \dots + v_n w_n$ . Note the dot product of 2 vectors is a number, not a vector.

Ex      $n = 3$       $\vec{v} = [1 \ 2 \ 3]$   
                          $\vec{w} = [4 \ 5 \ 1]$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 4 + 10 + 3 = 17$$

The vectors have to be in the same vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (i.e. same # of entries)

Remark We'll define matrix mult shortly, & this is a special case

Ex in last example 1<sup>st</sup> example of matrix mult.

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 4 + 10 + 3 = 17$$

dot product

(1×3) - (3×1)

But first an intermediate situation

Def let  $A$  be an  $n \times m$  matrix and  $\vec{x}$  a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Then

$A\vec{x}$  is as defined in Def 1.3.7. in the book.

Just do an example

Ex  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$   $3 \times 4$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4$$

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 + 2 + 6 - 8 \\ 0 + 3 - 2 - 4 \\ 0 + 1 + 4 - 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

in terms of dot products

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (1^{\text{st}} \text{ row}) \cdot \vec{x} \\ (2^{\text{nd}} \text{ row}) \cdot \vec{x} \\ (3^{\text{rd}} \text{ row}) \cdot \vec{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

(3×4) (4×1) = (3×1)

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\left. \begin{matrix} 3 \times 3 \end{matrix} \right\}$  identity matrix

$$\text{But } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is } \underline{\text{undefined}}$$

$3 \times 3 \qquad 4 \times 1$

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \text{ the lin syst } \begin{cases} 3x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 = 8 \\ 4x_1 - x_2 + 4x_3 = 10 \end{cases}$$

is the same as  
the matrix product

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 4 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

It can also be  
written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} x_2 + \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex Above we showed

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is also equal to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}(0) + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}(1) + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}(2) + \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}(-2)$$

this  $\nearrow$  is an example of a linear combination of the vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Bring some things together:

Ex (\*) Is the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  a linear comb. of the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

We'll show that answering (\*) is the same as solving a certain linear system!

(\*) asks: can we find  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  st

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}(x_1) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}(x_2) + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}(x_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$