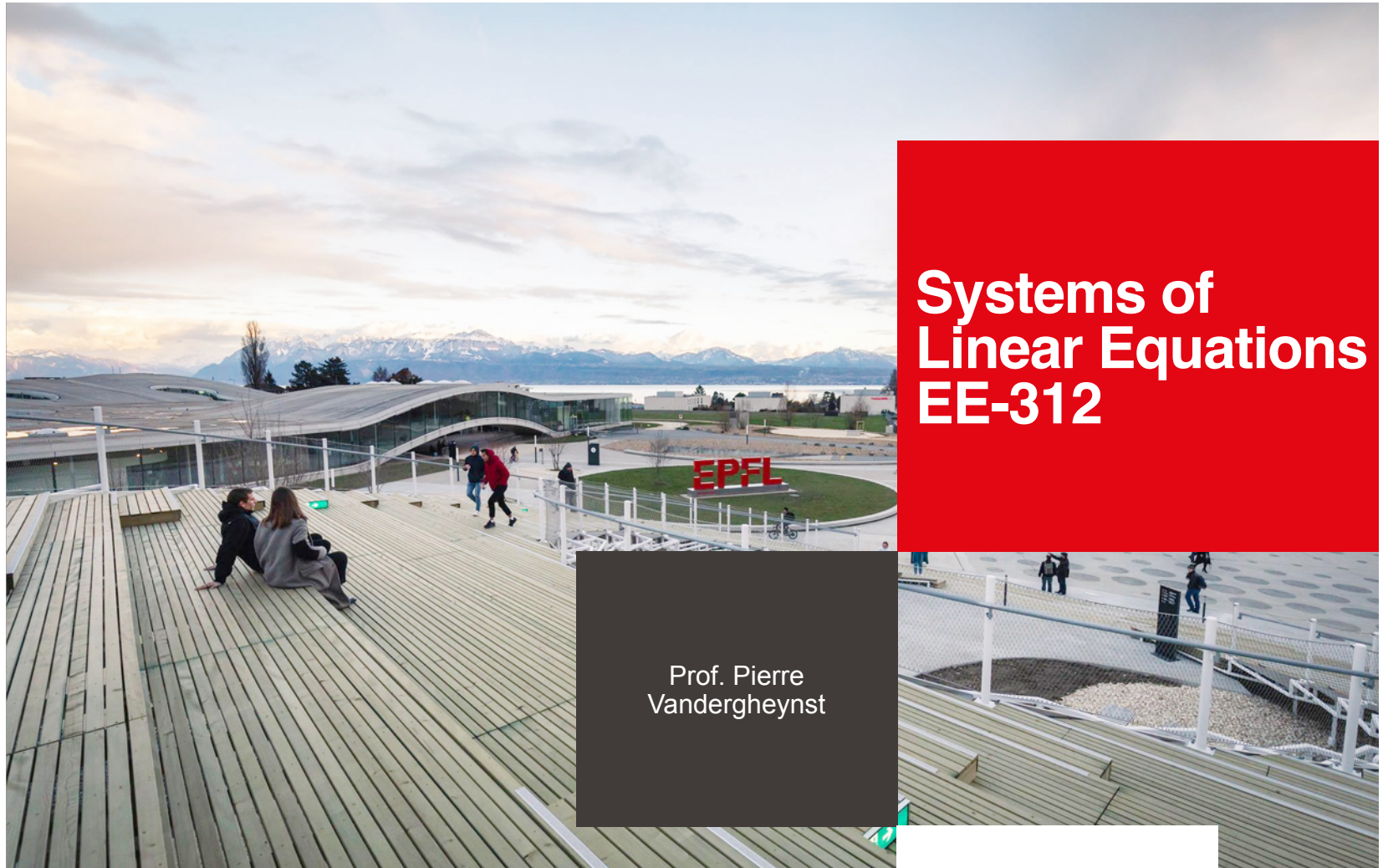


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Systems of Linear Equations EE-312

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The unreasonable power of linear systems

$$Ax = b$$

Linear dynamics: $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$ or $x_{k+1} = Ax_k$

Control: $x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k$

Data Science: $a_{i1}, \dots, a_{in} \mapsto b_i$

$$b_i = x_0 + a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n$$

features (predictors)

characteristic

Linear Model

Row & Column Views

A gentle reminder before we proceed

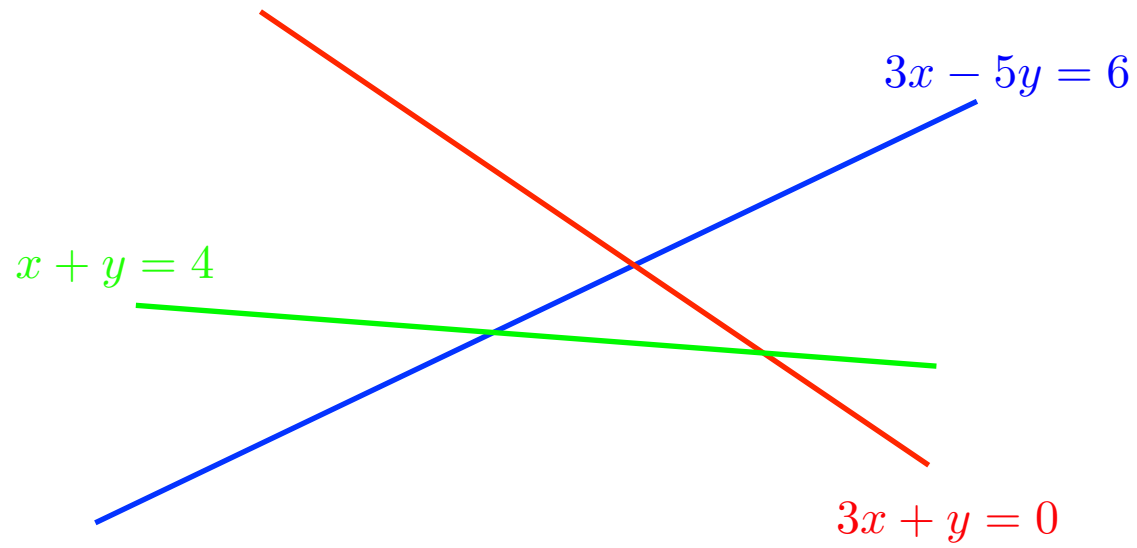
$$Ax = b, A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, b \in \mathbb{R}^m, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Row view: each row of A defines a linear equation (matrix entries = coefficients)

m equations of the form $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j = b_i$ each equation is a line constrain that “carves out” the solution

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} - & a_1^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_m^T & - \end{pmatrix} \quad a_i^T x = b_i$$

Row View



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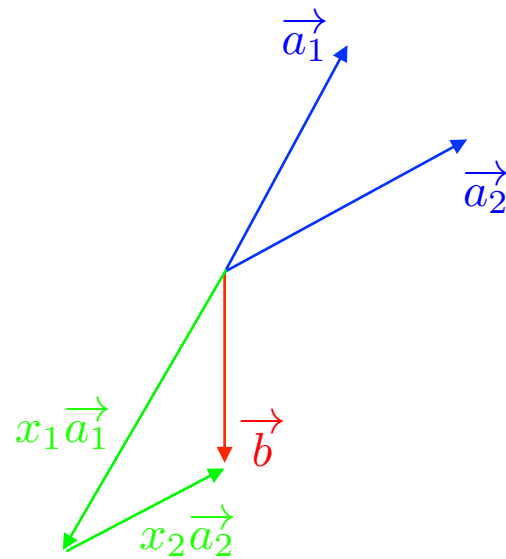
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Column view: express b as a linear superposition of the columns of A

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{c|ccc|c} & & & & \\ a_1 & & \dots & & a_n \\ & & & & \end{array} \right) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i a_i = b$$

A more geometric construction that relates well to fundamental subspaces

Column View



Existence de solutions:

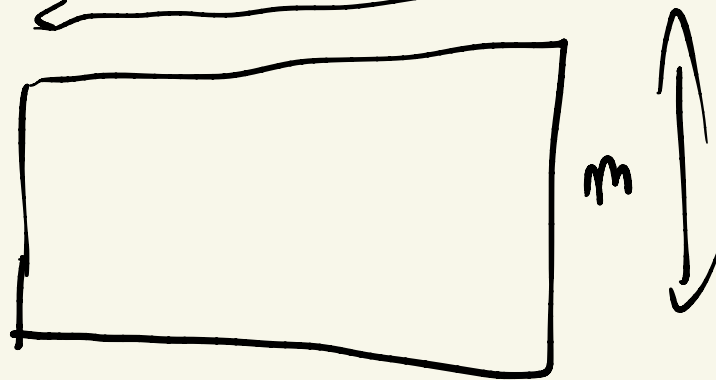
$Ax = b \Rightarrow \exists$ solutions ssi $b \in R(A)$

$\exists$ solutions $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ $R(A) = \mathbb{R}^m \Rightarrow$ SURJECTIVITÉ

$$m = \dim R(A) = \text{rank}(A) \leq \min(m, n)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow m \leq n$$

moins équations
que d'inconnues



Unicité des solutions

2 solutions x, x' de $Ax = b$ $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ $x \neq x'$

$$b = Ax = Ax' \Rightarrow A \underbrace{(x - x')}_{\neq 0} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x - x' \in \mathcal{N}(A) \setminus \{0\}$$

- Unicité ssi $\mathcal{N}(A) = \{0\}$ INJECTIVITÉ

Il ex plus une solution x $Ax = b$ $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}^m$
ssi colonnes de A sont lin. indep.

$$\Leftrightarrow n \leq m$$

$\Leftrightarrow$ 1! solution ssi A est BIJECTIVE $n = m$



Les solutions de $Ax=b$ $b \in R(A)$

on est tenté par $x^\# = A^+ b$

(a) A^+ est un g-inverse donc $A^+ b$ est une solution

(b) $R(A^+) = R(A^T) = N(A)^\perp$ $A^+ b \in N(A)^\perp$

$$AA^+ b \neq 0$$

(c) Si x v. l. $Ax=b$
 $y \in N(A)$ $A(x+y) = Ax + Ay = Ax = b$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A^+ b + \underbrace{w(A)}_{\text{base de } w(A)}} \equiv \text{Solutions}$$

$$\text{ou } P^\perp(w(A)) = I - A^+ A$$

DONC

$$z^\# = A^+ b + (I - A^+ A)y \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

TOUTES les solutions sont de la forme précédente.

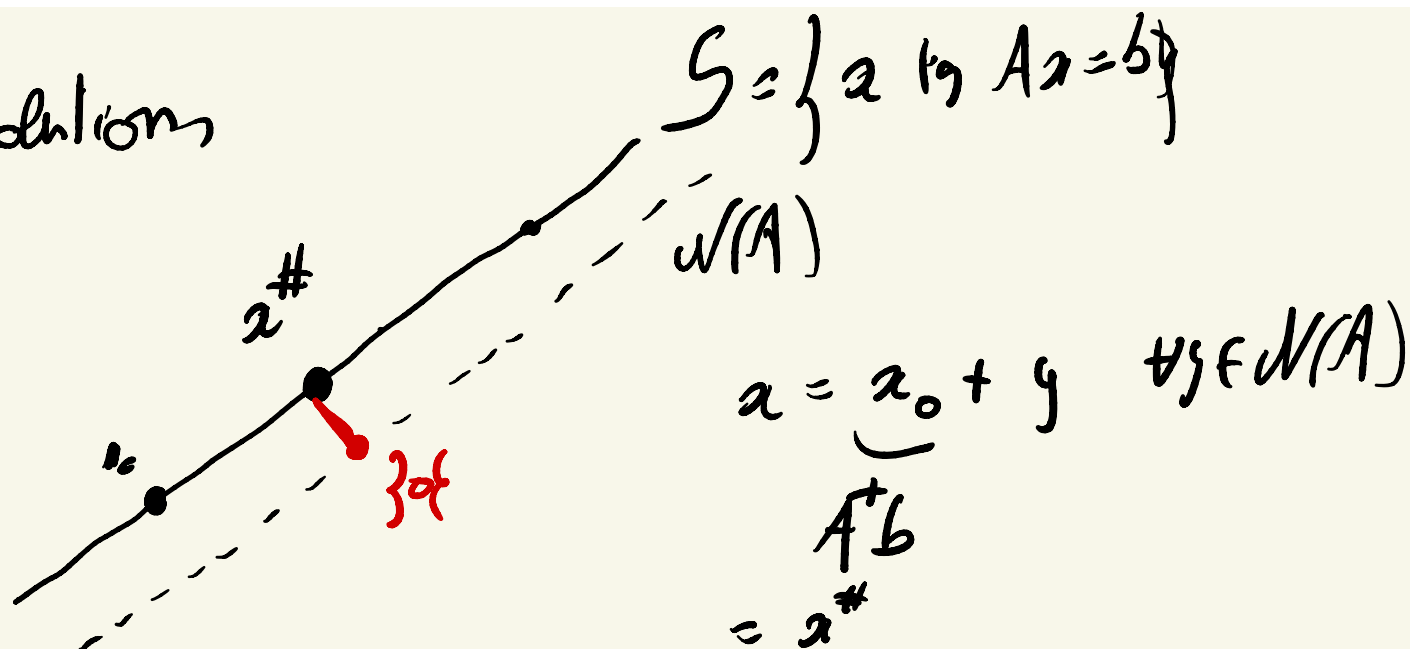
$z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ EST une solution $Az = b$

$$z = \underbrace{P^\perp z}_{(\mathbb{I} - A^+ A)z} + \underbrace{P^\perp z}_{(A^+ A)^+ z}$$

$$z = A^+ A z + (\mathbb{I} - A^+ A)z$$

$$z = A^+ b + (\mathbb{I} - A^+ A)z$$

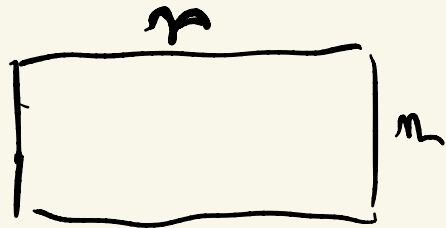
Les solutions



$$x_R^\# = \min_x \|x\|_2^2 \quad \text{tq} \quad Ax = b$$

Au sujet de la solution particulière $x^\# = A^+ b$

- dans le cas où il $\exists$ solution $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ car $\text{rank}(A) = m$
surjective



$$- A^+ = \underset{\text{à droite}}{A_R^{-1}} = A^T (A A^T)^{-1} \Rightarrow x_R^\# = A^+ b = A_R^{-1} b$$

Soit $x^\#$ une autre solution de $Ax = b$

$$(x^\# - x_R)^\top x_R = (x^\# - x_R)^\top \underbrace{A^\top (AA^\top)^{-1} b}_{=0}$$

$x^\# - x_R \perp x_R \quad \forall x^\# \text{ solution}$

$$\|x^\#\|_2^2 = \|x^\# - x_R + x_R\|_2^2$$

$$= \|x^\# - x_R\|_2^2 + \|x_R\|_2^2$$

$$\|x^\#\|_2^2 \geq \|x_R\|_2^2$$

$$= \left(A(x^\# - x_R) \right)^\top (AA^\top)^{-1} b$$

$$= \underbrace{(Ax^\# - Ax_R)^\top}_{=0} (AA^\top)^{-1} b$$

$$= 0$$

General result for vector linear systems

$$Ax = b, A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, b \in \mathbb{R}^m, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

there exists a solution IFF $b \in \mathcal{R}(A)$

there exists a solution $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ IFF $\mathcal{R}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$ A is onto

$$\text{rank}([A, b]) = \text{rank}(A)$$

$$m \leq n$$

More unknowns than equations

General result for vector linear systems

$$Ax = b, A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, b \in \mathbb{R}^m, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

A solution is unique IFF $\mathcal{N}(A) = 0$ A is 1-1

there exists a unique solution $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ IFF A is 1-1 and onto, i.e non-singular

equiv. $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ and A has no zero singular nor eigenvalue

there exists at most a solution $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ IFF the columns of A are linearly independent, i.e $\mathcal{N}(A) = 0$ only possible if $m \geq n$

More equations
than unknowns

there exists a non-trivial solution to $Ax = 0$ IFF $\text{rank}(A) < n$ $\mathcal{N}(A)$ non-trivial

General result for vector linear systems

Now we would like to compute solutions

If A is non-singular, clearly $b = A^{-1}x$

In the general case, shall we try $b = A^+x$

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ Then any x of the form

$$x = A^+b + (\mathbb{I} - A^+A)y \text{ where } y \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ is arbitrary,}$$

is a solution of $Ax = b$.

Matrix Linear Equations

$$AX = B, A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}, X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$$

Existence: The matrix linear equation $AX = B$ has a solution IFF $\mathcal{R}(B) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(A)$

Equivalently a solution exists IFF $AA^+B = B$

Characterisation: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$ and suppose that $AA^+B = B$.

Then any matrix of the form

$$x = A^+B + (\mathbb{I} - A^+A)Y \text{ where } Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k} \text{ is arbitrary,}$$

is a solution of $AX = B$.