# Vector Space Notes on Linear Algebra

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## Vector Spaces

- Formally, a vector space is
  - a set of vectors
  - closed under addition and scalar multiplication
- The following are vector spaces.
  - the set of all  $3 \times 2$  real matrices (vector = matrix)
  - the set of all functions defined on an interval (vector = function)
  - Everyone knows the spaces  $R^1, R^2, R^3$ . They are vector spaces.

#### Subspaces

- A (vector) subspace is
  - a subset of a vector space and
  - a vector space
- For example,  $R^3$  is a vector space. Consider a plane S through the origin in  $R^3$ . S is a subspace, since it satisfies the conditions, which we repeat as follows
  - if  $x, y \in S$ , then  $x + y \in S$ .
  - if  $x \in S$ , then  $cx \in S$ .

## **Examples of Subspaces**

#### Which of the following is a subspace?

- 1. the subset of all lower-triangular matrices in the space of all  $n \times n$  matrices? the subset of all symmetric matrices?
- 2. the set of all functions of the form  $a \sin x + b \cos x$  in the set of all functions defined on  $(0, \pi)$ ?
- 3. the first quadrant in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?
- 4. the union of the first and third quadrants?

## **Existence and Uniqueness**

- existence: Is there a solution?
- uniqueness: Are there other solutions?
- Questions regarding existence and uniqueness are common in mathematical theories.
- In this chapter we seek an understanding of linear equations through the concept of vector space.

# Column Space

- Suppose the size of a matrix A is  $m \times n$ .
  - There are n column vectors, each of which is m-dimensional.
- The column space of A, denoted by  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ , is the set of vectors which are linear combinations of the column vectors of A.
- $\mathbf{C}(A)$  is a subspace of  $R^m$ .

#### **Existence of Solution**

- (theorem) Ax = b has a solution if and only if b is in the column space of A.
- (proof) Recall that Ax is a linear combination of the columns of A using  $x_i$ 's as coefficients.
  - (if part) If b is a linear combination of the column vectors of A, then the combination coefficients constitute a solution for x.
  - (only if part) If there is a solution, say  $x_0$ , then  $b = Ax_0$  is a linear combination of the column vectors of A.

## Size of Column Space

- The size of column space varies from matrix to matrix.
  - the smallest case:  $\{0\}$
  - the largest case:  $R^m$
- If m = n, we have a square matrix. From Chapter 1, we know that
  - a non-singular matrix A has  $\overline{\mathcal{C}(A)} = R^m$ , since Ax = b can be solved for any b.
  - for a singular matrix A, C(A) is a proper subset of  $R^m$ : some vector in  $R^m$  is not in C(A).

## Nullspace

The nullspace of A, denoted by  $\mathcal{N}(A)$ , is the set

$$\{x \mid Ax = 0\}.$$

 $\mathbf{N}(A)$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , since

$$x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{N}(A) \Rightarrow A(x_1 + x_2) = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 \in \mathcal{N}(A),$$
  
 $x \in \mathcal{N}(A) \Rightarrow A(cx) = 0 \Rightarrow cx \in \mathcal{N}(A).$ 

Ax = 0 is also known as the homogeneous equation. Accordingly, a solution  $x_0$  to the homogeneous equation is in  $\mathcal{N}(A)$ .

#### Examples

$$A_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathcal{C}(A_{1}) = \{x | x = c_{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \}; \\ \mathcal{N}(A_{1}) = \{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \}. \end{cases}$$

$$A_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 & 9 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathcal{C}(A_{2}) = \mathcal{C}(A_{1}); \\ \mathcal{N}(A_{2}) = \{x | x = c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \}.$$

# General System of Linear Equations

- When m = n, i.e. A is square, we use the Gaussian elimination to solve a system of equations Ax = b.
- What if  $m \neq n$ ? We will generalize the treatment of a system of linear equations to this case.
- Let's look at an example. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 9 & 5 \\ -1 & -3 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Row Echelon Form

We apply the Gaussian elimination to make entries below pivots zero as we did for the square case.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 9 & 5 \\ -1 & -3 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = U.$$

- We say that U is in an echelon (staircase) form. All entries under the staircase are zeros.
- The pivots are the leading non-zero elements of the rows of U. There are two pivots in this example.

#### **Basic and Free Variables**

First, we need to solve the corresponding homogeneous equation Ax = 0. For this example,

$$Ax = 0 \Leftrightarrow Ux = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

- $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  and w correspond to columns with pivots. They are called the *basic variables*.
- v and y correspond to columns without pivots. They are called the free variables.

#### Solutions to Ax = 0

Solving the basic variables in terms of free variables,
 one gets the general solution

$$w = -\frac{1}{3}y, \ u = -3v - y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3v - y \\ v \\ -\frac{1}{3}y \\ y \end{bmatrix} = v \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The vectors are found by setting the free variables to (v = 1, y = 0) and (v = 0, y = 1).

# Step by Step

- Steps to find the solutions to Ax = 0
  - 1. use elimination to reach Ux = 0 and identify the basic and free variables.
  - 2. set one free variable to 1 and others to 0, and solve Ux = 0 for the basic variables.
  - 3. Every free variable produces a solution in step 2. The linear combinations of these solutions form the solution set for Ax = 0.
- If n > m, then there must be free variables, since each column has at most one pivot. It follows that Ax = 0 must have non-zero solutions (we will use this result soon).

# Solving $Ax = b \neq 0$

Not every b is solvable. This can be seen from the triangular system  $Ux = L^{-1}b$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 - 2b_1 \\ b_3 - 2b_2 + 5b_1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If  $b_3 - 2b_2 + 5b_1 \neq 0$  then there is no solution.

Can you characterize all such b's?

## Example

Let 
$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}'$$
. Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} w = 1 - \frac{1}{3}y \\ u = -2 - 3v - y \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + v \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

#### **General Solution**

Every solution to Ax = b is the sum of a particular solution and a homogeneous solution.

$$x_g = x_p + x_h.$$

This is true since

$$Ax_g = Ax_p + Ax_h = b + 0 = b.$$

- We already know how to find  $x_h$ .
- To find an  $x_p$ , one can set all free variables to 0 and solve for the basic variables.

#### Rank

- After the elimination process, the number of pivots in U, say r, is called the rank of A.
- ullet r is the number of basic variables. n-r is the number of free variables.
- If r = m, the column space is the entire  $R^m$  and there is *at least* one solution since every b is in the column space.
- If r = n, there are no free variables. The nullspace contains only 0 and there is *at most* one solution.

## **Independent Equations**

- The numbers m is not precise in giving the size of the system of equations. Some equations may be redundant in the sense that they can be derived from other equations.
- In our example, the last row is 0 after row operations, therefore it is only a linear combination of the other rows. This indicates that the last equation is either redundant or contradicting.
- We want to find the independent equations in a system. We introduce the concept of "linearly independent".

# Linearly Independent

The vector set  $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is said to be linearly independent if

$$\sum_{i} c_i v_i = 0 \Leftrightarrow c_1 = \dots = c_n = 0.$$

Otherwise it is said to be linearly dependent.

If a set of vectors is linearly dependent, then at least one of them is a linear combination of the others.

## Examples

- Examples of linearly dependent vectors: two (three) vectors are linearly dependent if they lie on the same line (plane).
- Examples of linearly independent vectors
  - the opposite of the above cases
  - non-zero rows in a matrix in row-echelon form
  - columns with pivots in a matrix in echelon form

# **Checking Independent**

- We can determine whether a set of vectors is linearly dependent by putting the vectors as columns in a matrix A and solve Ax = 0.
  - If x = 0 is the only solution, then it is linearly independent.
  - If there are non-zero solution, then it is not.
- That is, the nullspace of A tells whether the columns of A are linearly independent!

# Span

A set of vectors  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_l\}$  spans a vector space V if every vector  $v \in V$  is a linear combination of the w's,

$$v = c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_l w_l.$$

- $\blacksquare$  Such a set is called a spanning set (of V).
- For example,
  - $\{(1,0,0),(0,1,0),(-2,0,0)\}$  spans a plane. (what plane?)
  - The set of columns of A spans  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ .

# **Spanning Set and Vector Space**

- Given a spanning set, the vector space it spans is unique.
- Given a vector space (except for the trivial case), a spanning set is not unique: there are infinitely many spanning sets for a particular space.
- Adding linearly dependent vectors into a spanning set spans the same vector space.

#### **Basis and Dimension**

- Given a vector space, a *basis* 
  - 1. is a spanning set
  - 2. is linearly independent
- A basis consists of the minimum number of vectors to span the given vector space.
- The number of vectors in a basis is called the *dimension* of the vector space.
  - What are the dimensions of the vector spaces we have seen?

## **Uniqueness of Linear Combination**

- $\blacksquare$  Suppose V is a basis for a vector space S.
- Then any  $s \in S$  has a unique expansion

$$s = \sum_{i} \lambda_i v_i.$$

- This can be proved by the property of V being linearly independent.
- Note that a basis is not unique for a given vector space. However, once a basis is fixed, the expansion is unique.

## **Uniqueness of Dimension**

- (theorem) For a given vector space, all bases have the same number of vectors.
- (proof) Suppose there are two bases U and W of a vector space with |W| = n > m = |U|. Let the matrices  $M_U$  and  $M_W$  use the vectors in U, W as column vectors. Since U is a basis,

$$M_W = M_U A$$

for some  $m \times n$  matrix A. Since n > m, there exists non-zero c such that Ac = 0, or  $M_W c = 0$ . This contradicts the assumption that W is a basis.

#### Dual

- Given V, a linearly independent set of vectors in V can be extended to be a basis of V, by adding vectors as necessary.
- A spanning set of V can be reduced to be a basis of V, by removing dependent vectors as necessary.
- A basis is a maximal independent set and a minimal spanning set.
  - Adding (removing) any vector to (from) a basis will lose the property of being linearly independent (spanning).

## Fundamental Subspaces

We define four fundamental subspaces associated with a matrix A

column space: 
$$\mathcal{C}(A) = \{y \mid \exists \ c \ \text{ s.t. } y = Ac\}$$
  
nullspace:  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \{x \mid Ax = 0\}$   
row space:  $\mathcal{C}(A^T) = \{x \mid \exists \ c \ \text{ s.t. } x = A^Tc\}$   
left nullspace:  $\mathcal{N}(A^T) = \{y \mid A^Ty = 0\}$ 

Note that

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{C}(A), \mathcal{N}(A^T) \subset R^m \\ \mathcal{N}(A), \mathcal{C}(A^T) \subset R^n \end{cases}$$

# **Basis for Row Space**

- Each row operation leaves the row space unchanged.
  - It cannot be bigger since the new rows are linear combination of old rows.
  - It cannot be smaller as the old rows are linear combination of the new rows.
- Row space of A = Row space of U
- The non-zero rows of U constitute a basis for the row space of A.
- It follows that the dimension of the row space is equal to the rank r of a matrix.

# **Basis for Nullspace**

 $\mathbb{N}(A) = \mathbb{N}(U)$ , since

$$Ax = 0 \Leftrightarrow Ux = 0.$$

- **construction** of basis for  $\mathcal{N}(A)$ 
  - 1. Gauss elimination  $Ax = 0 \rightarrow Ux = 0$
  - 2. set a free variable to 1 and others to 0; solve for the basic variables to obtain a vector in  $\mathcal{N}(U)$
  - 3. repeat for each free variable
  - 4. the n-r vectors thus obtained constitute a basis for the nullspace of A
- Obviously the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  is n-r.

# **Basis for Column Space**

- $Ux = 0 \Leftrightarrow Ax = 0$ : a linear combination of columns of U giving the zero vector also produces 0 when using the columns of A.
- If a column of U is some linear combination of the other columns, the same relation holds with the columns of A.
- If a set of column vectors of U is independent, so is the corresponding set of columns of A.
- The columns with pivots in U constitute a basis for  $\mathcal{C}(U)$ . It follows that the corresponding columns of A also constitute a basis for  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ .
- Note  $\mathcal{C}(A) \neq \mathcal{C}(U)$ .

#### Rank and Dimension

 $\blacksquare$  From the above discussion, we see, for a matrix A

$$\dim \mathcal{C}(A) = \dim \mathcal{R}(A) = \text{rank of } A$$

- $\blacksquare$  They are all equal to the number of pivots in U.
- Rank has been defined computationally, to be the number of basic variables.
- Here we see another meaning of rank: the maximum number of linearly independent rows (or columns) of a matrix.

# Basis for Left Nullspace

The left nullspace of A equals the nullspace of  $A^T$ ,

$$y^T A = 0 \iff A^T y = 0.$$

- The column space of  $A^T$  has the same dimension as the row space of A, which is r.
- It follows that the dimension of nullspace of  $A^T$  is m-r, the same as that of the left nullspace of A.
- The last m-r rows of  $L^{-1}$  constitute a basis since they are independent and they are left null-vectors of A as

$$L^{-1}A = U.$$

## Fundamental Theorem, Part I

- The dimension of the column space of a matrix A equals the rank of A, say r.
- The dimension of the nullspace of A is n-r.
- The dimension of the row space of A is r.
- The dimension of the left nullspace of A is m-r.

## Left and Right Inverses

- A matrix A has a left inverse if there exists a matrix B such that  $BA = I_n$ .
- A matrix A has a right inverse if there exists a matrix C such that  $AC = I_m$ .
- The existence of left and right inverses is related to the rank of a matrix: we will see that an inverse exists if and only if the rank is as large as possible (m or n).

#### **Theorems**

- (throrem) A has a right inverse if and only if r = m.
- opposed proof) If r=m, then the columns of A spans  $R^m$ , so the columns of C for  $AC=I_m$  can be solved. Conversely, if  $AC=I_m$ , then columns of A spans  $R^m$ , so r=m.
- (theorem) A has a left inverse if and only if r = n.
- (proof) A has a left inverse if and only if  $A^T$  has a right inverse. So the rank of  $A^T$  is n. The theorem follows since the rank of  $A^T$  is the same as the rank of A.

#### **Existence and Rank**

- The existence and uniqueness of the solution of a system of linear equations Ax = b is related to the rank and the inverses of the coefficient matrix A.
- (existence theorem) Ax = b has at least one solution for every b if and only if A has a right inverse.
- (proof) r = m. Columns of A span  $R^m$ .

## Uniqueness and Rank

- (uniqueness theorem) Ax = b has at most one solution for every b if and only if A has a left inverse.
- (proof) r = n. Columns of A are linearly independent.
- It can be verified that  $(A^TA)^{-1}A^T$  and  $A^T(AA^T)^{-1}$  are left and right inverses, when they exist.

## Non-singularity

- An  $n \times n$  square matrix A is non-singular if and only if any of the following equivalent conditions is true
  - the columns (rows) span  $\mathbb{R}^n$
  - the columns (rows) are linearly independent
  - a full set of pivots exists after elimination
  - A is invertible, i.e., there exists a matrix  $A^{-1}$  such that  $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$ .
- This list of necessary and sufficient conditions for non-singularity will grow as we continue on linear algebra.

### Matrix of Rank One

- The smallest rank for a non-zero matrix is 1.
- If a matrix A is of rank 1, every row is a multiple of the first non-zero row.
- Similarly, every column must be a multiple of the first non-zero column.
- It follows that a rank-1 matrix A has the simple form

$$A = uv^T$$
, where u is  $m \times 1$ , v is  $n \times 1$ .

The columns are multiples of u and the rows are multiples of  $v^T$ .

### **Edge-Node Incidence Matrix**

A graph with m directed edges and n nodes can be represented by an  $m \times n$  matrix A, where

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if edge } i \text{ ends at node } j \\ -1, & \text{if edge } i \text{ starts at node } j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Each row corresponds to an edge and each column corresponds to a node.
- In each row, one entry is 1 and one entry is -1. The rest are 0.

## Example

The following matrix defines a graph.

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

Can you draw it?

## Nullspace of A

- Is there a non-zero solution to Ax = 0?
- That is, are the columns linearly dependent?
- Since the row sum is zero for each row, the sum of columns is the zero vector, and a solution is

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}'.$$

- Given  $b_1, \ldots, b_5$  as the potential differences across edges, we want to find the potentials at the nodes. This is the same as solving Ax = b, where  $x_j$  is the potential at node j.
- Adding a constant to a solution remains a solution.

## Column Space of A

- For what  $b_1, \ldots, b_5$  can we solve Ax = b?
- For each column, the sum of the first and second entries equals the third entry:  $b_3 = b_1 + b_2$  for b to be in the column space of A.
- We are given potential differences  $b_1, \ldots, b_5$  and we want to find x to satisfy these differences.
- The potential difference  $b_3$  must be equal to the sum of  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  for Ax = b to have a solution x.
- Similarly  $b_5 = b_3 + b_4$ .

## Left Nullspace of A

- $y^T A = 0$ : What combination (y) of the rows of A gives the zero vector?
- From the previous discussion, two solutions are

$$y_1^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, y_2^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- $y_1, y_2$  correspond to loops in the graph. That is, each loop produces a vector y in the left nullspace.
- A component of y indicates whether the edge is in the same direction as the loop.
- Here we see a relation between the column space and the left nullspace: for  $b \in \mathcal{C}(A), y^Tb = 0$ .

# Row Space of A

Since the row sum is zero for each row, a vector in the row space must satisfy

$$f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + f_4 = 0.$$

From above and previous discussion,  $f^T x = 0$  for  $x^T$  in the nullspace and f in the row space.

### **Rows of Incidence Matrix**

- With an elimination step on an edge-node incidence matrix, the row sum is 0 and there are two non-zero elements: it is still an edge-node incidence matrix.
- The graph do change with the incidence matrix. For example,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Draw the graphs to get the idea.

# **Spanning Tree**

- A tree is a graph with no loops.
- A spanning tree of a connected graph is a tree that contains all nodes in the graph.
- A spanning tree of a graph of n nodes has n-1 edges.
- n-1 independent rows for the edge-node incidence matrix for a connected graph: the rank is n-1.
- It follows that the dimension of the nullspace is 1 and the dimension of the left nullspace is m-n+1.

#### **Block Matrices**

- We can partition a matrix into blocks, each block being a matrix.
- In an  $I \times J$  block matrix, there are I blocks in each column of blocks (block column) and J blocks in each row.
- The numbers of rows of matrices in a block row must agree. Similarly for the numbers of columns of matrices in a block column.
- The number of columns and rows are not specified, so there are many ways to partition a given matrix into a block matrix.

## **Block Matrice Multiplication**

- Let A be partitioned into an  $I \times J$  block matrix, with blocks  $A_{ij}$ . Let B be partitioned into a  $J \times K$  block matrix, with blocks  $B_{jk}$ .
- The multiplication AB is an  $I \times K$  block matrix C, following the same formula as treating the blocks as scalar entries, i.e.,

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & \dots & C_{1K} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{I1} & \dots & C_{IK} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } C_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^{J} A_{ij} B_{jk}.$$

#### **Linear Transformations**

- Multiplication by a matrix A from left transforms a vector x of dimension n into another vector of dimension m in the column space of A.
- That is,

$$x \to Ax$$
.

**This** transformation is linear in the sense that

$$A(cx + dy) = c(Ax) + d(Ay).$$

# Examples of L. T.

■ 90° rotation counterclockwise

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

reflection against x = y

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\blacksquare$  projection to the x axis

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### L. T. on Basis

- $\blacksquare Ax$  represents an L. T. of x.
- How about the opposite direction: does every L. T. lead to a matrix? The answer is a resounding yes.
- If we know the result of T on basis vectors, then we know the result of T on any vectors

$$T(x_i) = y_i, \ x = \sum_i c_i x_i \Rightarrow T(x) = \sum_i c_i y_i.$$

All we need to know about an L. T. T is its effect on a basis.

## Matrix Representation for L. T.

Suppose T maps vectors in V with basis  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$  to W, with basis  $\{z_1, \ldots, z_m\}$ .

$$Tx_j = y_j = a_{1j}z_1 + a_{2j}z_2 + \dots + a_{mj}z_m = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij}z_i.$$

Consider  $x = \sum_{j=1}^{n} d_j x_j$ .

$$y = T(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} d_j y_j = \sum_{j=1}^{n} d_j \sum_{i=1}^{m} a_{ij} z_i = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} d_j\right) z_i$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i z_i \quad \Rightarrow c_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} d_j, \text{ or } c = Ad.$$

## **Examples**

**Ro**tation by an angle  $\theta$ .

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix}1\\0\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}\cos\theta\\\sin\theta\end{bmatrix}, \ T\left(\begin{bmatrix}0\\1\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}-\sin\theta\\\cos\theta\end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow Q_{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix}\cos\theta & -\sin\theta\\\sin\theta & \cos\theta\end{bmatrix}$$

Projection on the  $\theta$ -line.

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix}1\\0\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}\cos^2\theta\\\cos\theta\sin\theta\end{bmatrix}, \ T\left(\begin{bmatrix}0\\1\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}\sin\theta\cos\theta\\\sin\theta\end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P_{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix}\cos^2\theta&\sin\theta\cos\theta\\\cos\theta\sin\theta&\sin^2\theta\end{bmatrix}$$

**Reflection** with the  $\theta$ -line.

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix}1\\0\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}2\cos^2\theta - 1\\2\cos\theta\sin\theta\end{bmatrix}, \ T\left(\begin{bmatrix}0\\1\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}2\sin\theta\cos\theta\\2\sin^2\theta - 1\end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow H_{\theta} = ?$$

## Composite L. T.

If an L. T. can be decomposed into a sequence of L. T., then the matrix for the L. T. is the product of the matrices for the component L. T. That is, if T is defined by  $T_1$  followed by  $T_2$ , then

$$M(T) = M(T_2)M(T_1).$$

This is quite obvious from the perspective of matrix representation.

## **Examples**

**rot**ation of a vector by angle  $\theta$  followed by  $\phi$ 

$$Q_{\theta+\phi} = Q_{\phi}Q_{\theta}$$

repeated projections

$$P_{\theta}P_{\theta} = P_{\theta}$$

repeated reflections

$$H_{\theta}H_{\theta}=I$$

They are correct algebraically and geometrically.