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Vectors & Matrices

1.1 Vectors

Definition 1.1.1: Vector

A **vector** $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \quad \text{where each } x_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

Let $\mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be $\mathbf{0} = \underbrace{(0, \dots, 0)}_n$. Then for any $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and scalar $c \in \mathbb{R}$, define:

$$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n) \quad c\mathbf{x} = (cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_n)$$

Also, define the **length** of \mathbf{x} :

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = |\mathbf{x}| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \in \mathbb{R}$$

A **unit vector** is a vector with length 1.

Theorem 1.1.2: Properties of Vectors

For any $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$:

(a) **Commutativity**

$$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}$$

Proof

$$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n) = (y_1 + x_1, y_2 + x_2, \dots, y_n + x_n) = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}$$

(b) **Additive Associativity**

$$(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z})$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{z} &= (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n) + \mathbf{z} \\ &= (x_1 + y_1 + z_1, x_2 + y_2 + z_2, \dots, x_n + y_n + z_n) \\ &= \mathbf{x} + (y_1 + z_1, y_2 + z_2, \dots, y_n + z_n) = \mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}) \end{aligned}$$

(c) **Additive Identity**

There exists a unique $\mathbf{0}_v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$\mathbf{0}_v + \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$$

Moreover, $\mathbf{0}_v = \mathbf{0}$. This only holds for \mathbb{R}^n and not all vector spaces.

Proof

Suppose there are $\mathbf{0}_{v_1}, \mathbf{0}_{v_2}$ where $\mathbf{0}_{v_1} + \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{0}_{v_2} + \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$ for all \mathbf{x} . Then:
 $\mathbf{0}_{v_1} = \mathbf{0}_{v_2} + \mathbf{0}_{v_1} = \mathbf{0}_{v_1} + \mathbf{0}_{v_2} = \mathbf{0}_{v_2}$
 Thus, $\mathbf{0}_v$ must be unique.
 Since $\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{x} = (0 + x_1, \dots, 0 + x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_n) = \mathbf{x}$, then $\mathbf{0}_v = \mathbf{0}$.

(d) **Additive Inverse**

For any \mathbf{x} , there exists a unique $-\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that:

$$\mathbf{x} + (-\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}_v$$

Moreover, $-\mathbf{x} = (-1)\mathbf{x}$.

Proof

Suppose there are $(-\mathbf{x})_a, (-\mathbf{x})_b$ where $\mathbf{x} + (-\mathbf{x})_a = \mathbf{0}_v$ and $\mathbf{x} + (-\mathbf{x})_b = \mathbf{0}_v$. Then:
 $(-\mathbf{x})_a = (-\mathbf{x})_a + \mathbf{0}_v = (-\mathbf{x})_a + \mathbf{x} + (-\mathbf{x})_b = \mathbf{0}_v + (-\mathbf{x})_b = (-\mathbf{x})_b$
 Thus, $-\mathbf{x}$ must be unique.
 Since $(-1)\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x} = (-x_1 + x_1, \dots, -x_n + x_n) = \mathbf{0}$, then $-\mathbf{x} = (-1)\mathbf{x}$.

(e) Distributivity

$$c_1(x + y) = c_1x + c_1y \quad (c_1 + c_2)x = c_1x + c_2x$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} c_1(x+y) &= (c_1x_1+c_1y_1, \dots, c_1x_n+c_1y_n) = (c_1x_1, \dots, c_1x_n) + (c_1y_1, \dots, c_1y_n) = c_1x + c_1y \\ (c_1 + c_2)x &= (c_1x_1 + c_2x_1, \dots, c_1x_n + c_2x_n) \\ &= (c_1x_1, \dots, c_1x_n) + (c_2x_1, \dots, c_2x_n) = c_1x + c_2x \end{aligned}$$

(f) Multiplicative Associativity

$$c_1(c_2x) = (c_1c_2)x$$

Proof

$$c_1(c_2)x = (c_1c_2x_1, \dots, c_1c_2x_n) = (c_1c_2)x$$

(g) Multiplicative Identity

$$1x = x$$

Proof

$$1x = (1x_1, \dots, 1x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_n) = x$$

Theorem 1.1.3: Rescaling to a Unit Vector

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then, $\frac{x}{|x|}$ is a unit vector.

Proof

$$\left| \frac{x}{|x|} \right| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{x_1}{|x|}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{x_n}{|x|}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{|x|} \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2} = \frac{1}{|x|} |x| = 1$$

1.2 Matrices**Definition 1.2.1: Matrix**

A $m \times n$ matrix $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where each } a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$$

Let $0 \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$: be a $m \times n$ matrix where the value of all entries are 0.

For $A, B \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ and scalar $c \in \mathbb{R}$, define:

$$A+B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}+b_{11} & a_{12}+b_{12} & \dots & a_{1n}+b_{1n} \\ a_{21}+b_{21} & a_{22}+b_{22} & \dots & a_{2n}+b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1}+b_{m1} & a_{m2}+b_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn}+b_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad cA = \begin{bmatrix} ca_{11} & ca_{12} & \dots & ca_{1n} \\ ca_{21} & ca_{22} & \dots & ca_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ ca_{m1} & ca_{m2} & \dots & ca_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 1.2.2: Properties of Matrices

For any $A, B, C \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ and $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$:

(a) Commutativity

$$A + B = B + A$$

Proof

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} + b_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} + b_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} + b_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} + a_{11} & \dots & b_{1n} + a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{m1} + a_{m1} & \dots & b_{mn} + a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = B + A$$

(b) Additive Associativity

$$(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$$

Proof

$$(A + B) + C = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} + c_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} + b_{1n} + c_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} + b_{m1} + c_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} + b_{mn} + c_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = A + (B + C)$$

(c) Additive Identity

There exists a unique $0_M \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ such that for all $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$:

$$0_M + A = A$$

Moreover, $0_M = 0$. This only holds for $M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ and not all vector spaces.

Proof

Suppose there are $0_{M_1}, 0_{M_2}$ where $0_{M_1} + A = A$ and $0_{M_2} + A = A$ for all A . Then:

$$0_{M_1} = 0_{M_2} + 0_{M_1} = 0_{M_1} + 0_{M_2} = 0_{M_2}$$

Thus, 0_M must be unique.

$$\text{Since } 0 + A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 + a_{11} & \dots & 0 + a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 + a_{m1} & \dots & 0 + a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = A, \text{ then } 0_M = 0.$$

(d) Additive Inverse

For any A , there exists a unique $-A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ such that:

$$A + (-A) = 0_M$$

Moreover, $-A = (-1)A$.

Proof

Suppose there are $(-A)_a, (-A)_b$ where $A + (-A)_a = 0_M$ and $A + (-A)_b = 0_M$.

$$(-A)_a = (-A)_a + 0_M = (-A)_a + A + (-A)_b = 0_M + (-A)_b = (-A)_b$$

Thus, $-M$ must be unique.

$$\text{Since } (-1)A + A = \begin{bmatrix} -a_{11} + a_{11} & \dots & -a_{1n} + a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -a_{m1} + a_{m1} & \dots & -a_{mn} + a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = 0, \text{ then } -A = (-1)A.$$

(e) Distributivity

$$c_1(A + B) = c_1A + c_1B \quad (c_1 + c_2)A = c_1A + c_2A$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} c_1(A + B) &= \begin{bmatrix} c_1a_{11} + c_1b_{11} & \dots & c_1a_{1n} + c_1b_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_1a_{m1} + c_1b_{m1} & \dots & c_1a_{mn} + c_1b_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = c_1A + c_1B \\ (c_1 + c_2)A &= \begin{bmatrix} c_1a_{11} + c_2a_{11} & \dots & c_1a_{1n} + c_2a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_1a_{m1} + c_2a_{m1} & \dots & c_1a_{mn} + c_2a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = c_1A + c_2A \end{aligned}$$

(f) Multiplicative Associativity

$$c_1(c_2A) = (c_1c_2)A$$

Proof

$$c_1(c_2A) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1c_2a_{11} & \dots & c_1c_2a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_1c_2a_{m1} & \dots & c_1c_2a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = (c_1c_2)A$$

(g) **Multiplicative Identity**

$$1A = A$$

Proof

$$1A = \begin{bmatrix} 1a_{11} & \dots & 1a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1a_{m1} & \dots & 1a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = A$$

1.3 System of Equations

Definition 1.3.1: Elementary Row Operations

There are three types of **elementary row operations**:

- (a) **Row Multiplication**: Multiplying a row by a nonzero scalar
- (b) **Row Addition**: Add a multiple of a row to another row
- (c) **Row Swapping**: Swapping two rows

Note that for any elementary row operation, an entry in the i -th column can be affected by another entry in the i -th column.

If for matrix $A, B \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, there is a sequence of elementary row operations that transforms A to B , then A and B are **row equivalent**.

Note if there is a sequence that transforms A to B , then performing the sequence in reverse will transform B to A so row equivalence between A and B is the same as row equivalence between B and A .

Definition 1.3.2: Reduced Row-Echelon Form: RREF

The **reduced row-echelon form (rref)** of matrix $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, $\text{rref}(A)$ satisfies:

- (a) If a row has nonzero entries, the first nonzero is 1
- (b) If a row has a leading 1, then each row before it has a leading 1
- (c) A column with a leading 1 has 0 for the other entries

For example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition 1.3.3: System of Equations: Augmented Matrix

A $m \times n$ system of equations written as a $m \times (n+1)$ **augmented matrix** $A \in M_{m \times (n+1)}(\mathbb{R})$:

$$\begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{array} \Leftrightarrow A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right]$$

If the i -th column of the $\text{rref}(A)$ has a leading 1, then x_i is called a **pivot variable** else it is called a **free variable**. The **rank** of a matrix is equal to the number of pivot variables.

For example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & | & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_2 = 1 \\ x_3 = -1 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_2 + 1 \\ x_2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note a pivot variable, $\{x_1, x_3\}$, has a fixed value or its value depends on the free variables while the free variables, $\{x_2\}$, can be any value.

Theorem 1.3.4: Gauss-Jordan Elimination: Elementary Row Operations don't change solutions

Let $m \times n$ system of equations be the augmented matrix $A \in M_{m \times (n+1)}(\mathbb{R})$. By performing elementary row operations on A to get to $\text{rref}(A)$, the solutions are unchanged.

Proof

Suppose the i -th row is multiplied by scalar c .

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} & | & b_1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & | & \vdots \\ ca_{i1} & \dots & ca_{in} & | & cb_i \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & | & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} & | & b_m \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \dots \\ ca_{i1}x_1 + \dots + ca_{in}x_n = cb_i \\ \dots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{cases}$$

If (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*) is a solution, then $a_{i1}x_1^* + \dots + a_{in}x_n^* = b_i$ for any $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$:

$$ca_{i1}x_1^* + \dots + ca_{in}x_n^* = c(a_{i1}x_1^* + \dots + a_{in}x_n^*) = cb_i$$

If (x_1', \dots, x_n') is not a solution, then $a_{i1}x_1' + \dots + a_{in}x_n' \neq b_i$ for any $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$:

$$ca_{i1}x_1' + \dots + ca_{in}x_n' = c(a_{i1}x_1' + \dots + a_{in}x_n') \neq cb_i$$

Thus, row multiplication does not change the solutions. Note c is nonzero since if $c = 0$, then any (x_1, \dots, x_n) satisfies $ca_{i1}x_1 + ca_{i2}x_2 + \dots + ca_{in}x_n = 0 = cb_i$ which includes non-solutions.

Suppose the i -th row multiplied by c is added to the j -th row.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} & | & b_1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & | & \vdots \\ ca_{i1} + a_{j1} & \dots & ca_{in} + a_{jn} & | & cb_i + b_j \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & | & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} & | & b_m \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \dots \\ (ca_{i1} + a_{j1})x_1 + \dots + (ca_{in} + a_{jn})x_n = cb_i + b_j \\ \dots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{cases}$$

If (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*) is a solution, then $a_{i1}x_1^* + \dots + a_{in}x_n^* = b_i$ for any $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$:

$$(ca_{i1} + a_{j1})x_1^* + \dots + (ca_{in} + a_{jn})x_n^* = c(a_{i1}x_1^* + \dots + a_{in}x_n^*) + (a_{j1}x_1^* + \dots + a_{jn}x_n^*) = cb_i + b_j$$

If (x_1', \dots, x_n') is not a solution, then $a_{i1}x_1' + \dots + a_{in}x_n' \neq b_i$ for any $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$:

$$(ca_{i1} + a_{j1})x_1' + \dots + (ca_{in} + a_{jn})x_n' = c(a_{i1}x_1' + \dots + a_{in}x_n') + (a_{j1}x_1' + \dots + a_{jn}x_n') \neq cb_i + b_j$$

Thus, row addition does not change the solutions.

Suppose the i -th row is swapped with the j -th row. Note row swapping is the same as:

$$\text{Add } i\text{-th row to } j\text{-th} \Rightarrow j'\text{-th} = i\text{-th} + j\text{-th}$$

$$\text{Subtract } i\text{-th row by } j'\text{-th} \Rightarrow i'\text{-th} = -j\text{-th}$$

$$\text{Add } i'\text{-th row to } j'\text{-th. Multiply the } i'\text{-th row by } -1 \Rightarrow j''\text{-th} = i\text{-th} \quad i''\text{-th} = j\text{-th}$$

Since each step does not change solutions, then row swapping does not change solutions.

Theorem 1.3.5: Row equivalent matrices have the same solutions

If $A, B \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ are row equivalent, then $Ax = 0$ and $Bx = 0$ have the same solutions

Proof

If A and B are row equivalent, then the augmented matrices $[A \mid 0], [B \mid 0] \in M_{m \times (n+1)}(\mathbb{R})$ are row equivalent. Then, there is a sequence of elementary row operations that transforms $[A \mid 0]$ to $[B \mid 0]$. By [theorem 1.3.4](#), the solutions to $[A \mid 0]$ don't change when transforming to $[B \mid 0]$ so the solutions to $[A \mid 0]$ and $[B \mid 0]$ are the same.

Note $Ax, Bx = 0$ since if $Ax = b$ where $b \neq 0$ and $Ax = c$ where $c \neq 0$, then performing elementary row operations to change A to B might not change b to c . But if $b = 0$, then any elementary row operation will keep b as 0 since the entries in b can only be affected by other entries in b which are all 0. Thus, if also $c = 0$, then $[A \mid 0]$ and $[B \mid 0]$ will be row equivalent.

Theorem 1.3.6: The $\text{rref}(A)$ is unique

Let matrix $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ be row equivalent to matrix $B, C \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ which are in reduced row-echelon form. Then, $B = C$.

Proof

Since A is row equivalent to B, C , then by [theorem 1.3.5](#), $Ax = 0$ and $Bx = 0$ have the same solutions and $Ax = 0$ and $Cx = 0$ have the same solutions. Thus, $Bx = 0$ and $Cx = 0$ have the same solutions. The following proof will be a proof by induction.

Suppose $A, B, C \in M_{m \times 1}(\mathbb{R})$. Since B, C are in reduced row-echelon form, then B, C are either:

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since $M_1x = 0$ is only $x = 0$ and $M_2x = 0$ is any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ then either $B, C = M_1$ or $B, C = M_2$ since $Bx = 0$ and $Cx = 0$ has the same solutions. Thus, the base case holds true.

Suppose for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, any matrix $M \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ in reduced row echelon form is unique. Let $A, B, C \in M_{m \times (n+1)}(\mathbb{R})$ where A is row equivalent to B, C in reduced row echelon form. Let $A_n, B_n, C_n \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ be A, B, C without their $(n+1)$ -th column. Since A is row equivalent to B, C , then A_n is row equivalent to B_n, C_n which are also in reduced row-echelon form since removing the last column of any rref is still a rref. Since $A_n \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ which is row equivalent to reduced row echelon matrices $B_n, C_n \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, then $B_n = \text{rref}(A_n) = C_n$. Thus, the first n columns of B, C are the same. Suppose the $B \neq C$ so only the $(n+1)$ -th column can be different. Then there is a $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ where $b_{i(n+1)} \neq c_{i(n+1)}$. Let $(x_1^*, \dots, x_{n+1}^*)$ be a solution.

$$b_{i1}x_1 + \dots + b_{in}x_n + b_{i(n+1)}x_{n+1} = 0 \quad c_{i1}x_1 + \dots + c_{in}x_n + c_{i(n+1)}x_{n+1} = 0$$

Since $B_n = C_n$, then $b_{ij} = c_{ij}$ for $i = \{1, \dots, m\}$ and $j = \{1, \dots, n\}$. Thus, $b_{i(n+1)}x_{n+1} = c_{i(n+1)}x_{n+1}$. Since $b_{i(n+1)} \neq c_{i(n+1)}$, then $x_{n+1} = 0$. Thus, x_{n+1} is a pivot variable so the $(n+1)$ -th column of B, C have a leading 1. Thus, any other entry in the $(n+1)$ -th column is 0. Since B and C are in reduced row-echelon form, then this pivot is right after any other pivots before it since this 1 is in the final column, but since the entries of B_n, C_n are the same, then this 1 is in the same row in C as in B . Thus, the $(n+1)$ -th column of B and C are the same which contradicts the assumption that $(n+1)$ -th column are different. Thus, $B = C$ by induction.

Theorem 1.3.7: Number of Solutions in a System of Equations

Let $m \times n$ system of equations be the augmented matrix $A \in M_{m \times (n+1)}(\mathbb{R})$. The system is called [consistent](#) if there is at least one solution and [inconsistent](#) if there are no solutions.

If the $\text{rref}(A)$ contains the row $[0 \dots 0 \mid 1]$, then the system has no solutions.

If there is at least one free variable, then there are infinitely many solutions and if all variables are pivots, then there is one solution.

Proof

Since a variable is either a pivot or free variable, then the $\text{rref}(A)$ either:

- contains the row $[0 \dots 0 \mid 1]$
- doesn't contains the row $[0 \dots 0 \mid 1]$ and have all pivot variables
- doesn't contains the row $[0 \dots 0 \mid 1]$, but have all pivot variables

Since $[0 \dots 0 \mid 1]$ implies $0 = 0x_1 + \dots + 0x_n = 1$, then if $\text{rref}(A)$ contains the row $[0 \dots 0 \mid 1]$, there cannot be any solution regardless of pivot and free variables since no $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ will satisfy such a row. Now, suppose $\text{rref}(A)$ doesn't contains the row $[0 \dots 0 \mid 1]$.

Suppose the $\text{rref}(A)$ have all pivot variables. Since pivot variables are fixed or depend on free variables which don't exist, then the pivot variables are all fixed and thus, unique.

Suppose the $\text{rref}(A)$ has at least one free variable. Then at least one variable can be any real number and thus, there are infinitely many solutions.

Corollary 1.3.8: A unique solution must have as many equation as there are unknowns

Let $m \times n$ system of equations be the augmented matrix $A \in M_{m \times (n+1)}(\mathbb{R})$.

If there is a unique solution, then $m \geq n$.

Proof

By **theorem 1.3.7**, a unique solution must have all pivot variables. If $\text{rref}(A)$ has all pivots, then $m \geq n$ else there will be a column without a pivot.

Definition 1.3.9: Homogeneous & Inhomogeneous Equations

A $m \times n$ system of equations:

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

...

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

can also be written in **matrix form**:

$$Ax = b$$

$$\text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R}), \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

(a) **Closed under Addition**: For any $x_1, \dots, x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$A(x_1 + \dots + x_k) = Ax_1 + \dots + Ax_k$$

(b) **Closed under Scalar Multiplication** For any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$A(cx) = cAx$$

For $x_1, \dots, x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$A(c_1x_1 + \dots + c_kx_k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & a_{11}(c_1x_{11} + \dots + c_kx_{k1}) + a_{12}(c_1x_{12} + \dots + c_kx_{k2}) + \dots + a_{1n}(c_1x_{1n} + \dots + c_kx_{kn}) \\ \Leftrightarrow & a_{21}(c_1x_{11} + \dots + c_kx_{k1}) + a_{22}(c_1x_{12} + \dots + c_kx_{k2}) + \dots + a_{2n}(c_1x_{1n} + \dots + c_kx_{kn}) \\ & \dots \\ & a_{m1}(c_1x_{11} + \dots + c_kx_{k1}) + a_{m2}(c_1x_{12} + \dots + c_kx_{k2}) + \dots + a_{mn}(c_1x_{1n} + \dots + c_kx_{kn}) \\ \hline & c_1(a_{11}x_{11} + \dots + a_{1n}x_{1n}) \quad c_k(a_{11}x_{k1} + \dots + a_{1n}x_{kn}) \\ = & c_1(a_{21}x_{11} + \dots + a_{2n}x_{1n}) \quad + \dots + \quad c_k(a_{21}x_{k1} + \dots + a_{2n}x_{kn}) \quad \Leftrightarrow c_1Ax_1 + \dots + c_kAx_k \\ & \dots \quad \dots \\ & c_1(a_{m1}x_{11} + \dots + a_{mn}x_{1n}) \quad c_k(a_{m1}x_{k1} + \dots + a_{mn}x_{kn}) \end{aligned}$$

A **Homogeneous equation** is in the form:

$$Ax = 0 \quad \text{where } A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R}), x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ and } 0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

A **Inhomogeneous equation** is in the form:

$$Ax = b \quad \text{where } A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R}), x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ and } b \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

Theorem 1.3.10: Relationship between Homogeneous and Inhomogeneous

Let x_0 be a solution to $Ax = b$. Then any solution x_s of $Ax = b$:

$$x_s = x_0 + x^*$$

where x^* is a solution to $Ax = 0$

Proof

Let x_0 be a solution to $Ax = b$. Suppose x_s be a solution to $Ax = b$.

$$b = Ax_s = A(x_0 + (x_s - x_0)) = Ax_0 + A(x_s - x_0) = b + A(x_s - x_0)$$

Thus, $A(x_s - x_0) = 0$ so $x^* = x_s - x_0$ is a solution to $Ax = 0$.

Example

Find the solution(s), (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) :

$$x_1 + 2x_3 + 4x_4 = -8$$

$$x_2 - 3x_3 - x_4 = 6$$

$$3x_1 + 4x_2 - 6x_3 + 8x_4 = 0$$

$$-x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 = -12$$

What are the solutions if instead the equations are equal to 0?

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 & & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 & & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & -6 & 8 & & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 4 & & -12 \end{bmatrix}$	\Rightarrow	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 & & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 & & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & -12 & -4 & & 24 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 4 & & -12 \end{bmatrix}$		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & & -2 \end{bmatrix}$
<p>Add -3(1st) to the (3rd) Add -4(2nd) to the (3rd) Add (2nd) to the (4th) \Rightarrow</p>		<p>Multiply (4th) by $\frac{1}{3}$ Add -4(4th) to (1st) Add (4th) to (2nd) \Rightarrow</p>		

Thus, the reduced row-echelon form of this matrix:

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

The pivot variables are x_1, x_2, x_4 and the free variable is x_3 so the rank is 3.

The solutions to the system of equations are:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_3 \\ 3x_3 + 4 \\ x_3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_3 \\ 3x_3 \\ x_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = x_3(-2, 3, 1, 0) + (0, 4, 0, -2)$$

Thus, $x_3(-2, 3, 1, 0)$ are the solutions when the equations equal to 0.

1.4 Linear Transformations

Definition 1.4.1: Linear Transformation

Function $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a **linear transformation** if for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$:

(a) **Closed under Addition**: $T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y)$

(b) **Closed under Scalar Multiplication**: $T(cx) = cT(x)$

Note for any $x_1, \dots, x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\begin{aligned} T(c_1x_1 + \dots + c_kx_k) &= T(c_1x_1) + T(c_2x_2 + \dots + c_kx_k) \\ &= c_1T(x_1) + T(c_2x_2) + T(c_3x_3 + \dots + c_kx_k) \\ &= c_1T(x_1) + c_2T(x_2) + T(c_3x_3) + T(c_4x_4 + \dots + c_kx_k) \\ &= \dots = c_1T(x_1) + \dots + c_kT(x_k) \end{aligned}$$

The **standard vectors** of \mathbb{R}^n are $e_1, \dots, e_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where:

$$e_i = (0, \dots, \underset{1}{0}, \dots, \underset{i-1}{0}, \underset{i}{1}, \underset{i+1}{0}, \dots, \underset{n}{0})$$

Theorem 1.4.2: $T(0) = 0$

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation. Then for $0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$T(0) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

Proof

Let 0_n be the zero vector in \mathbb{R}^n and 0_m be the zero vector in \mathbb{R}^m . Since $0(0_n) = 0_n$, then:
 $T(0_n) = T(0(0_n)) = 0T(0_n) = 0_m$

Theorem 1.4.3: Every Linear Transformation is a Matrix Transformation

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation. Then for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$T(x) = Ax$$

with $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} T(e_1) & T(e_2) & \dots & T(e_n) \end{bmatrix}$ is called the **standard matrix**

Proof

Since any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1e_1 + \dots + x_ne_n$, then:

$$T(x) = T(x_1e_1 + \dots + x_ne_n) = x_1T(e_1) + \dots + x_nT(e_n)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} T(e_1) & T(e_2) & \dots & T(e_n) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = Ax$$

Since $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and each $e_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then each $T(e_i) \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Thus, $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$.

Corollary 1.4.4: Linear Transformation: Scaling

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation where for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the $T(x) = cx$ for some $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Then:

$$T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & c & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & c \end{bmatrix} x$$

Proof

By **theorem 1.4.3**, $T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} T(e_1) & T(e_2) & \dots & T(e_n) \end{bmatrix} x$. Since $T(e_1) = ce_1$, then:

$$\begin{bmatrix} T(e_1) & T(e_2) & \dots & T(e_n) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ce_1 & ce_2 & \dots & ce_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & c & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & c \end{bmatrix}$$

Example

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ scales all $x \in \mathbb{R}^4$ by 2. Find T . Verify $T((-1, 2, 1, 3)) = (-2, 4, 2, 6)$

$$T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} x \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 * (-1) + 0 * 2 + 0 * 1 + 0 * 3 \\ 0 * (-1) + 2 * 2 + 0 * 1 + 0 * 3 \\ 0 * (-1) + 0 * 2 + 2 * 1 + 0 * 3 \\ 0 * (-1) + 0 * 2 + 0 * 1 + 2 * 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Corollary 1.4.5: Linear Transformation: 2D Rotation

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a linear transformation. Suppose for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the T rotates x counterclockwise by an angle of θ . Then:

$$T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} x$$

Proof

By **theorem 1.4.3**, $T(x) = [T(e_1) \ T(e_2)]x$. Since T rotates any $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ counterclockwise by an angle of θ , then:

$$T(e_1) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \quad T(e_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\theta) \\ \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

Example

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ rotate all $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ by $\frac{\pi}{6}$ radians = 30° degree counterclockwise. Find T . Find $\cos(75^\circ)$ and $\sin(75^\circ)$.

$$T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\frac{\pi}{6}) & -\sin(\frac{\pi}{6}) \\ \sin(\frac{\pi}{6}) & \cos(\frac{\pi}{6}) \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix} x$$

Note $75^\circ = 45^\circ + 30^\circ$ so apply T on the unit vector at 45° which is $(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}{4} \\ \frac{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}}{4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(75^\circ) \\ \sin(75^\circ) \end{bmatrix}$$

1.5 Invertibility**Definition 1.5.1: Product of Linear Transformations**

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and $S: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^t$ be linear transformations. Then for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$(ST)x = S(Tx)$$

is a linear transformation where $ST: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^t$

Let $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned} (ST)(c_1x_1 + c_2x_2) &= S(T(c_1x_1 + c_2x_2)) = S(c_1T(x_1) + c_2T(x_2)) \\ &= c_1S(T(x_1)) + c_2S(T(x_2)) = c_1(ST)(x_1) + c_2(ST)(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.5.2: Product of Linear Transformations are Matrix Transformations

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ with $T(x) = Ax$ and $S: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^t$ with $S(y) = By$ be linear transformations

where $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & A_2 & \dots & A_n \end{bmatrix}$ for $A_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Then for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$(ST)x = (BA)x$$

$$\text{where } BA = \begin{bmatrix} BA_1 & BA_2 & \dots & BA_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof

$$(ST)x = B(Tx) = B(Ax) = B\left(\begin{bmatrix} A_1 & \dots & A_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$= B(x_1A_1 + \dots + x_nA_n) = x_1BA_1 + \dots + x_nBA_n = \begin{bmatrix} BA_1 & \dots & BA_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Example

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ rotate all $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ by $\frac{\pi}{6}$ radians = 30° degree counterclockwise, then scale by 2. Find T .

The 30° degree counterclockwise rotation is $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ and the scale by 2 transformation is $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ as noted by examples under [corollary 1.4.4](#) and [1.4.5](#).

$$T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 2\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 0\frac{1}{2} & 2(-\frac{1}{2}) + 0\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ 0\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 2\frac{1}{2} & 0(-\frac{1}{2}) + 2\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & -1 \\ 1 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 1.5.3: Properties of Matrix Products

- (a) **Associativity**: For $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, $B \in M_{t \times m}(\mathbb{R})$, $C \in M_{s \times t}(\mathbb{R})$:
 $(CB)A = C(BA)$

Proof

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$(CB)Ax = (CB)(A_1x_1 + \dots + A_nx_n) = CBA_1x_1 + \dots + CBA_nx_n = CBAx = C(BA)x$$

- (b) **Distributivity**: For $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, $B \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, $C \in M_{t \times m}(\mathbb{R})$:
 $C(A+B) = CA + CB$

Proof

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$\begin{aligned} C(A+B)x &= C((A_1 + B_1)x_1 + \dots + (A_n + B_n)x_n) \\ &= C((A_1x_1 + \dots + A_nx_n) + (B_1x_1 + \dots + B_nx_n)) \\ &= (CA_1x_1 + \dots + CA_nx_n) + (CB_1x_1 + \dots + CB_nx_n) \\ &= CAx + CBx = (CA+CB)x \end{aligned}$$

- (c) **Distributivity**: For $A \in M_{t \times m}(\mathbb{R})$, $B \in M_{t \times m}(\mathbb{R})$, $C \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$:
 $(A+B)C = AC + BC$

Proof

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$\begin{aligned} (A+B)Cx &= (A+B)(C_1x_1 + \dots + C_nx_n) \\ &= (A+B)C_1x_1 + \dots + (A+B)C_nx_n \\ &= (AC_1x_1 + \dots + AC_nx_n) + (BC_1x_1 + \dots + BC_nx_n) \\ &= ACx + BCx = (AC+BC)x \end{aligned}$$

- (d) **Scalar Multiplication**: For $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, $B \in M_{t \times m}(\mathbb{R})$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$:
 $(cB)A = c(BA) = B(cA)$

Proof

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$\begin{aligned} (cB)Ax &= (cB)(A_1x_1 + \dots + A_nx_n) = cBA_1x_1 + \dots + cBA_nx_n = c(BA)x \\ &= BcA_1x_1 + \dots + BcA_nx_n = B(cA)x \end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.5.4: Identity Matrix

The $n \times n$ **identity matrix** $I_n \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition 1.5.5: Elementary Row Operations are Matrix Transformations

Elementary Row Operations as matrix are called **elementary matrices**.

Let $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$. Then each elementary matrix $B \in M_{m \times m}(\mathbb{R})$ where:

Row Multiplication: Multiplying the i -th row by k

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \overset{1}{1} & \overset{2}{0} & & \overset{i}{0} & & \overset{m}{0} \\ \color{red}{1} & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \color{red}{2} & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \color{red}{i} & 0 & 0 & \dots & k & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \color{red}{m} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row Addition: Adding the k times the j -th row to the i -th row

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \overset{1}{1} & \overset{2}{0} & & \overset{i}{0} & & \overset{j}{0} & & \overset{m}{0} \\ \color{red}{1} & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \color{red}{2} & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \color{red}{i} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & k & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \color{red}{j} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \color{red}{m} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \overset{1}{1} & \overset{2}{0} & & \overset{j}{0} & & \overset{i}{0} & & \overset{m}{0} \\ \color{red}{1} & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \color{red}{2} & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \color{red}{j} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \color{red}{i} & 0 & 0 & \dots & k & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \color{red}{m} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row Swapping: Swapping the i -th and j -th row

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \overset{1}{1} & \overset{2}{0} & & \overset{i}{0} & & \overset{j}{0} & & \overset{m}{0} \\ \color{red}{1} & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \color{red}{2} & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \color{red}{i} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \color{red}{j} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \color{red}{m} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \overset{1}{1} & \overset{2}{0} & & \overset{j}{0} & & \overset{i}{0} & & \overset{m}{0} \\ \color{red}{1} & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \color{red}{2} & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \color{red}{j} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \color{red}{i} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \color{red}{m} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, BA is the matrix after the elementary row operation is applied to A .

Definition 1.5.6: Invertibility

Linear Transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is **invertible** if there exist a linear transformation

$S: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ such that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$:

$$(ST)x = x \quad (TS)y = y$$

Suppose $T(x) = Ax$ where $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ and $S(y) = By$ where $B \in M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$.

Then if the property above holds true:

$$BAx = (ST)x = x = I_{n \times n}x \quad ABy = (TS)y = y = I_{m \times m}x$$

$$BA = I_{n \times n} \quad AB = I_{m \times m}$$

If A is invertible, then $B = A^{-1}$ is the **inverse transformation** of A .

Note if A is invertible, then A^{-1} is invertible since there is a A where $AA^{-1} = I_{m \times m}$ and $A^{-1}A = I_{n \times n}$ by the invertibility of A .

If $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, then A is called a **square matrix**.

Theorem 1.5.7: Only Square Matrices can be Invertible

Let $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ and $B \in M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $n \neq m$.

Then, either $AB \neq I_{m \times m}$ or $BA \neq I_{n \times n}$.

Proof

Suppose $n < m$. Then for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, by [corollary 1.3.8](#), $By = x$ does not have a unique $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ so either y does not exist or there are infinitely many y .

If y does not exist, then for $AB y = Ax$, the y does not exist so $AB \neq I_{m \times m}$ else $y = Ax$. If $By = x$ has infinitely many y , then there are y_1, y_2 where $y_1 \neq y_2$ such that $By_1 = x = By_2$ so $AB \neq I_{m \times m}$ else $y_1 = AB y_1 = AB y_2 = y_2$ contradicting $y_1 \neq y_2$. Thus, $AB \neq I_{m \times m}$.

Suppose $n > m$. Then for any $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$, by [corollary 1.3.8](#), $Ax = y$ does not have a unique $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ so either x does not exist or there are infinitely many x .

If x does not exist, then for $BAx = By$, the x does not exist so $BA \neq I_{n \times n}$ else $x = By$. If $Ax = y$ has infinitely many x , then there are x_1, x_2 where $x_1 \neq x_2$ such that $Ax_1 = y = Ax_2$ so $BA \neq I_{n \times n}$ else $x_1 = BAx_1 = BAx_2 = x_2$ contradicting $x_1 \neq x_2$. Thus, $BA \neq I_{n \times n}$.

Theorem 1.5.8: Determining Invertibility

$A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ is invertible if and only if $\text{rref}(A) = I_{n \times n}$

Proof

Let A be invertible. Suppose $\text{rref}(A) \neq I_{n \times n}$. Then there is at least one free variable.

Then for any $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, by [theorem 1.3.7](#), $Ax = y$ has infinitely many $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ since $x = I_{n \times n}x = A^{-1}Ax = A^{-1}y$ must exist due to the existence of A^{-1} by the invertibility of A . But then, there are x_1, x_2 where $x_1 \neq x_2$ such that $Ax_1 = y = Ax_2$ so $AA^{-1} \neq I_{n \times n}$ else $x_1 = A^{-1}Ax_1 = A^{-1}Ax_2 = x_2$ contradicting the invertibility of A . Thus, $\text{rref}(A) = I_{n \times n}$.

Let $\text{rref}(A) = I_{n \times n}$. Take the augmented matrix $[A \mid I_{n \times n}]$.

Since $\text{rref}(A) = I_{n \times n}$, then there is a sequence of elementary row operations that transforms A into $I_{n \times n}$ and thus, transform $[A \mid I_{n \times n}] = [I_{n \times n} \mid B]$ for some $B \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$. Note

$$\begin{aligned} [A \mid I_{n \times n}] &\Leftrightarrow Ax = I_{n \times n}y & [I_{n \times n} \mid B] &\Leftrightarrow I_{n \times n}x = By \\ (BA)x = B(Ax) = By = x & & (AB)y = A(By) = Ax = y &\Rightarrow A^{-1} = B \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 1.5.9: Invertible $n \times n$ matrices have Rank n

$A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ is invertible if and only if $\text{rank}(A) = n$

Proof

By [theorem 1.5.8](#), A is invertible $\Leftrightarrow \text{rref}(A) = I_{n \times n} \Leftrightarrow A$ has n pivots (i.e. $\text{rank}(A) = n$).

Corollary 1.5.10: Invertible Matrices have unique solutions

$A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ is invertible if and only if for any $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, there is a unique $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where:

$$Ax = y$$

Thus, A is invertible if and only if $Ax = 0$ has the trivial solution, $x = 0$.

Proof

Suppose A is invertible. Then by [corollary 1.5.9](#), $\text{rank}(A) = n$ so A has n pivots. Then for augmented matrix, $[A \mid y]$, by [theorem 1.3.7](#), there is one unique solution.

Suppose for any $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, there is a unique $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where $Ax = y$. Then by [theorem 1.3.7](#), A has n pivots so $\text{rank}(A) = n$. Then by [corollary 1.5.9](#), A is invertible.

Suppose A is invertible. Since $A0 = 0$, then the only solution to $Ax = 0$ is $x = 0$.

Suppose $Ax = 0$ has only $x = 0$. Then, $\text{rref}(A)$ has n pivots so $\text{rank}(A) = n$. Thus, by [corollary 1.5.9](#), A is invertible.

Theorem 1.5.11: $AB = I_{n \times n}$ implies $BA = I_{n \times n}$

For $A, B \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, let $AB = I_{n \times n}$. Then A, B are invertible where:

$$A^{-1} = B \quad B^{-1} = A$$

Proof

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be such that $Bx = 0$. Then, $x = I_{n \times n}x = ABx = B0 = 0$.

Then by **corollary 1.5.10**, B is invertible so B^{-1} exist where $B^{-1}B = I_{n \times n}$ and $BB^{-1} = I_{n \times n}$.

$$A = AI_{n \times n} = AI_{n \times n} = ABB^{-1} = I_{n \times n}B^{-1} = B^{-1}$$

Since B is invertible, then $A = B^{-1}$ is invertible so $A^{-1}A = I_{n \times n}$ and $AA^{-1} = I_{n \times n}$.

$$A^{-1} = A^{-1}I_{n \times n} = A^{-1}AB = I_{n \times n}B = B$$

Theorem 1.5.12: Invertibility Equivalences

Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$. Then the following are equivalent:

- (a) A is invertible
- (b) $\text{rref}(A) = I_{n \times n}$
- (c) $\text{rank}(A) = n$
- (d) For any $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then $Ax = y$ has a unique solution x
- (e) $Ax = 0$ has only the trivial solution $x = 0$

Proof

$$(a) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} (b) & \text{theorem 1.5.8} \\ (c) & \text{corollary 1.5.9} \\ (d) & \text{corollary 1.5.10} \\ (e) & \text{corollary 1.5.10} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 1.5.13: Product of Invertible Matrices is Invertible

Let $A, B \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ be invertible. Then, AB is invertible where:

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

Proof

Since A and B are invertible, then there are $A^{-1}, B^{-1} \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ such that:

$$A^{-1}A = I_{n \times n} \quad AA^{-1} = I_{n \times n} \quad B^{-1}B = I_{n \times n} \quad BB^{-1} = I_{n \times n}$$

Then AB is invertible since $(AB)^{-1}$ exist as $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$:

$$(B^{-1}A^{-1})(AB) = B^{-1}(A^{-1}A)B = B^{-1}I_{n \times n}B = B^{-1}B = I_{n \times n}$$

$$(AB)(B^{-1}A^{-1}) = A(BB^{-1})A^{-1} = AI_{n \times n}A^{-1} = AA^{-1} = I_{n \times n}$$

Example

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ be $T(x) = Ax$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 & 11 \\ 3 & 7 & 14 & 25 \\ 4 & 11 & 25 & 50 \end{bmatrix}$. Find $T^{-1}(1, 1, -1, -6)$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 & 11 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 7 & 14 & 25 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 11 & 25 & 50 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 13 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 13 & 34 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & -7 & -22 & 7 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 13 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -5 & 5 & 0 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ & \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -7 & 7 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 7 & -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 & 9 & -5 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 9 & -1 & -5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 & -5 & 9 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right] = A^{-1} \Rightarrow A \text{ is invertible} \\ & T^{-1}(1, 1, -1, -6) = A^{-1}(1, 1, -1, -6) = (2, 1, -1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

2 Vector Space

2.1 Span & Independence

Definition 2.1.1: Vector Space

V is a **vector space** over \mathbb{K} if for any $u, v, w \in V$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{K}$:

(a) **Commutativity**

$$u + v = v + u$$

(b) **Additive Associativity**

$$(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$$

(c) **Additive Identity**

There exists a unique $0_v \in V$ such that for all $v \in V$:

$$0_v + v = v$$

(d) **Additive Inverse**

For any v , there exists a unique $-v \in V$ such that:

$$v + (-v) = 0_v$$

(e) **Distributivity**

$$a(u+v) = au + av \quad (a+b)u = au + bu$$

(f) **Multiplicative Associativity**

$$a(bu) = (ab)u$$

(g) **Multiplicative Identity**

$$1u = u$$

Theorem 2.1.2: $0v = 0_v$, $a0_v = 0_v$, $(-1)v = -v$

Let V be a vector space where $v \in V$. Then:

$$0v = 0_v \quad a0_v = 0_v \quad (-1)v = -v$$

Proof

Since $0v = (0+0)v = 0v + 0v$, then:

$$0_v = 0v + (-0v) = 0v + 0v + (-0v) = 0v + 0_v = 0v$$

Since $a0_v = a(0_v+0_v) = a0_v + a0_v$, then:

$$0_v = a0_v + (-a0_v) = a0_v + a0_v + (-a0_v) = a0_v + 0_v = a0_v$$

Since $0_v = 0v = (-1+1)v = (-1)v + 1v = (-1)v + v$, then:

$$-v = 0v + (-v) = (-1)v + v + (-v) = (-1)v + 0_v = (-1)v$$

Definition 2.1.3: Linear Combination, Span, and Independence

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a **linear combination** of $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ if there are $c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$x = c_1v_1 + \dots + c_kv_k$$

The **span** of $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the set of all linear combinations of v_1, \dots, v_k .

Also, $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are **linearly independent** if none of the v_i are linear combinations of the other v_i 's. Else, v_1, \dots, v_k are **linearly dependent**.

Theorem 2.1.4: Remove Linearly dependent vectors to get Linearly independence

Let $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear combination of $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then:

$$\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k, u)$$

Thus, by removing vectors that are linear combinations (i.e. linearly dependent vectors), then the resulting set of vectors will be linearly independent and the span is unaffected.

Proof

Since u is a linear combination of v_1, \dots, v_k , then there are $c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$u = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k$$

Let u_1 be a linear combination of v_1, \dots, v_k, u . Then there are $a_1, \dots, a_k, a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$u_1 = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_k v_k + a u = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_k v_k + a(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k) = (a_1 + a c_1) v_1 + \dots + (a_k + a c_k) v_k$$

Thus, $u_1 \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$ so $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k, u) \subset \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$.

Let u_2 be a linear combination of v_1, \dots, v_k . Then there are $b_1, \dots, b_k \in \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$\begin{aligned} u_2 &= b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_k v_k = [(b_1 - c_1) v_1 + \dots + (b_k - c_k) v_k] + [c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k] \\ &= (b_1 - c_1) v_1 + \dots + (b_k - c_k) v_k + u \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $u_2 \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k, u)$ so $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k) \subset \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k, u)$.

Theorem 2.1.5: Condition for Linear Independence

$v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are linearly independent if and only if the only solution (c_1, \dots, c_k) :

$$c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0$$

is $c_1 = \dots = c_k = 0$.

Note regardless of v_1, \dots, v_k , any $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0$ holds true when $(c_1, \dots, c_k) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^k$.

$(c_1, \dots, c_k) = 0$ is called the **trivial solution**. Any $(c_1, \dots, c_k) \neq 0$ is a **nontrivial solution**.

Proof

Suppose $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are linearly independent.

Then for any v_i , there are no $c_1, \dots, c_{i-1}, c_{i+1}, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$v_i = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_{i-1} v_{i-1} + c_{i+1} v_{i+1} + \dots + c_k v_k$$

Thus, there are no $(c_1, \dots, c_{i-1}, c_i = -1, c_{i+1}, \dots, c_k)$ such that:

$$0 = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_{i-1} v_{i-1} + c_i v_i + c_{i+1} v_{i+1} + \dots + c_k v_k$$

The statement holds true if the equation was multiplied by any non-zero number. Thus, any (c_1, \dots, c_k) where at least one c_i is not 0 is not a solution. Since $(c_1, \dots, c_k) = 0$ is a solution for $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0$, then for linearly independent v_1, \dots, v_k , then $(c_1, \dots, c_k) = 0$.

Suppose the solution, (c_1, \dots, c_k) , to $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0$ is only $(c_1, \dots, c_k) = 0$.

Suppose there is a linearly dependent vector, v_i . Then there are $a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_k$ where:

$$v_i = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_{i-1} v_{i-1} + a_{i+1} v_{i+1} + \dots + a_k v_k$$

$$0 = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_{i-1} v_{i-1} + -v_i + a_{i+1} v_{i+1} + \dots + a_k v_k$$

Thus, $(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, -1, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_k)$ is a solution to $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0$ contradicting that $(c_1, \dots, c_k) = 0$. Thus, there are no linearly dependent vectors.

Theorem 2.1.6: Extending the Span of Linearly independent vectors

Let $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be linearly independent. If $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is not in the $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$, then v_1, \dots, v_k, v are linearly independent.

Proof

Let $c_1, \dots, c_k, c \in \mathbb{R}$ be such that $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k + c v = 0$. Suppose $c \neq 0$. Then:

$$c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k = -c v \quad \Rightarrow \quad v = \frac{-c_1}{c} v_1 + \dots + \frac{-c_k}{c} v_k$$

Then, v is a linear combination of v_1, \dots, v_k and thus, v is in the $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$ which is a contradiction. Thus, $c = 0$. Then:

$$0 = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k + c v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k$$

Since v_1, \dots, v_k are linearly independent, then each $c_1 = \dots = c_k = 0$. Thus, $(c_1, \dots, c_k, c) = 0$ so v_1, \dots, v_k, v are linearly independent.

2.2 Subspaces: Image & Kernel

Definition 2.2.1: Subspaces

$V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n if:

(a) **Zero Vector Existence**

$$0 \in V$$

(b) **Closed under Addition**: If $v_1, v_2 \in V$, then:

$$v_1 + v_2 \in V$$

(c) **Closed under Scalar Multiplication**: If $v \in V$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$, then:

$$cv \in V$$

Theorem 2.2.2: Union of Subspaces's Condition for Subspace

Let $U, V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be subspaces. Then, $U \cup V$ is a subspace if and only if $U \subset V$ or $V \subset U$.

Proof

Suppose $U \cup V$ is a subspace. Suppose $U \not\subset V$ and $V \not\subset U$. Then there is a $u \in U$ where $u \notin V$ and a $v \in V$ where $v \notin U$. Thus, $u, v \in U \cup V$, but $u+v \notin U$ since $v \notin U$ and $u+v \notin V$ since $u \notin V$. Thus, $u+v \notin U \cup V$ contradicting $U \cup V$ is a subspace. Thus, $U \subset V$ or $V \subset U$.

If $U \subset V$, then $U \cup V = V$ is a subspace. If $V \subset U$, then $U \cup V = U$ is a subspace.

Theorem 2.2.3: Intersection of Subspaces is a Subspace

Let $U, V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be subspaces. Then, $U \cap V$ is a subspace.

Proof

Let $x, y \in U \cap V$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $x, y \in U, V$. Since U and V are subspaces, then $ax+by \in U, V$. Thus, $ax+by \in U \cap V$ so $U \cap V$ is a subspace.

Definition 2.2.4: Image and Kernel

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be the linear transformation $T(x) = Ax$.

The **image** of T is the set of all $Ax \in \mathbb{R}^m$ where $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$\text{im}(T) = \text{im}(A) = \{ Ax \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^n \}$$

The **kernel** of T is the set of all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $Ax = 0$:

$$\text{ker}(T) = \text{ker}(A) = \{ x \mid Ax = 0 \}$$

Theorem 2.2.5: $\text{im}(A)$ is a Subspace that spans the columns of A

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be the linear transformation $T(x) = Ax$.

Then, $\text{im}(A)$ is a subspace and $\text{im}(A) = \text{span}(A)$.

Proof

Since $Ax = A_1x_1 + \dots + A_nx_n$ for $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where A_1, \dots, A_n are the columns of A :

$$\text{im}(A) = \{ Ax \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^n \} = \{ x_1A_1 + \dots + x_nA_n \mid x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R} \} = \text{span}(A_1, \dots, A_n)$$

Since $A0 = 0$, then $0 \in \text{im}(A)$. Let $u, v \in \text{im}(A)$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then there are $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ and $b_1, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$u = a_1A_1 + \dots + a_nA_n \quad v = b_1A_1 + \dots + b_nA_n$$

Thus, $au+bv = (aa_1 + bb_1)A_1 + \dots + (aa_n + bb_n)A_n \in \text{span}(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \text{im}(A)$.

Theorem 2.2.6: $\text{ker}(A)$ is a Subspace

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be the linear transformation $T(x) = Ax$. Then, $\text{ker}(A)$ is a subspace.

Proof

Since $A0 = 0$, then $0 \in \text{ker}(A)$. Let $x_1, x_2 \in \text{ker}(A)$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ so $Ax_1 = Ax_2 = 0$.

Then, $A(ax_1 + bx_2) = aAx_1 + bAx_2 = a0 + b0 = 0$ so $ax_1 + bx_2 \in \text{ker}(A)$.

Theorem 2.2.7: Relationship between the Kernel and Linear Independence

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be the linear transformation $T(x) = Ax$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & \dots & A_m \end{bmatrix}$.
Then, A_1, \dots, A_m are linearly independent if and only if $\ker(A) = \{0\}$.

Proof

Note $Ax = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & \dots & A_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} = x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_m A_m = 0$. Let A_1, \dots, A_m be linearly independent.
Then, the only solution to $x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_m A_m = 0$ is $(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0$ so $\ker(A) = \{0\}$.
Suppose $\ker(A) = \{0\}$. Then, the only solution to $x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_m A_m = Ax = 0$ is $x = 0$. By [theorem 2.1.5](#), A_1, \dots, A_m are linearly independent.

2.3 Dimension**Definition 2.3.1: Basis & Dimension**

Let set $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . If $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are linearly independent and span V (i.e. $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k) = V$), then v_1, \dots, v_k form a [basis](#) for V .

The [dimension](#) of V , $\dim(V)$, is the number of vectors in a basis of V .

Since e_1, \dots, e_n are linearly independent and any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, is $x = x_1 e_1 + \dots + x_n e_n$ so $\text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_n) = \mathbb{R}^n$, then $\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n$. e_1, \dots, e_n are called the [standard basis vectors](#).

Theorem 2.3.2: # linearly independent vectors in $V \leq$ # vectors that span V

Let $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ be linearly independent and $u_1, \dots, u_k \in V$ span V , then $m \leq k$

Proof

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_m \end{bmatrix} \in M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & \dots & u_k \end{bmatrix} \in M_{n \times k}(\mathbb{R})$. Since $\text{im}(B) = \text{span}(B) = V$, then for $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$, there are $c_1, \dots, c_m \in \mathbb{R}^k$ such that $v_i = Bc_i$:
 $A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Bc_1 & \dots & Bc_m \end{bmatrix} = B \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & \dots & c_m \end{bmatrix} = BC$ where $C \in M_{k \times m}(\mathbb{R})$
Thus, if $Cx = 0$, then $Ax = BCx = B0 = 0$ so $\ker(C) \subset \ker(A)$. Since $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ be linearly independent, then by [theorem 2.2.7](#), $\ker(A) = \{0\}$ so $\ker(C) = \{0\}$. Since $Cx = 0$ has a unique solution $x = 0$, then by [corollary 1.3.8](#), $k \geq m$.

Corollary 2.3.3: The dimension is unique

Suppose $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ and $u_1, \dots, u_k \in V$ are bases for V , then $\dim(V) = m = k$

Proof

Since v_1, \dots, v_m and u_1, \dots, u_k are bases, then v_1, \dots, v_m and u_1, \dots, u_k are linearly independent and span V . By [theorem 2.3.2](#), $m \leq k$ and $k \leq m$ so $m = k$.

Theorem 2.3.4: Linear combinations of a Basis are unique

Let $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ form a basis for $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

Then for any $v \in V$, there are unique (c_1, \dots, c_k) such that:

$$v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k$$

Proof

Since v_1, \dots, v_k form a basis for V , then $V = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$. Then for any $v \in V$, then $v \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$. Thus, there are $c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k$.
Let $a_1, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_k v_k$. Then:
 $0 = (c_1 - a_1)v_1 + \dots + (c_k - a_k)v_k$
Since v_1, \dots, v_k form a basis for V , then v_1, \dots, v_k are linearly independent. Thus, by [theorem 2.1.5](#), $c_i - a_i = 0$ for $i = \{1, \dots, k\}$ so $c_i = a_i$ for $i = \{1, \dots, k\}$. Thus, (c_1, \dots, c_k) must be unique.

Theorem 2.3.5: Connection between Span, Linear Independence, and Basis

Let $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ where $\dim(V) = m$. Then, $m \leq n$ and:

- (a) If $u_1, \dots, u_k \in V$ are linearly independent, then $k \leq m$
- (b) For $u_1, \dots, u_k \in V$, if $\text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_k) = V$, then $k \geq m$
- (c) $u_1, \dots, u_m \in V$ are linearly independent if and only if $\text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m) = V$

Proof

Since $\dim(V) = m$, then there are $v_1, \dots, v_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$ that are linearly independent and span V . Then for any $v \in V$, there are c_1, \dots, c_m where:

$$v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_m v_m \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_m \end{bmatrix} = v \Leftrightarrow Ac = v \quad \text{where } A \in M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$$

By [theorem 2.3.4](#), c is unique. Since $A \in M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$, then by [corollary 1.3.8](#), $n \geq m$.

Let u_1, \dots, u_k be linearly independent. Since v_1, \dots, v_m span V , then by [theorem 2.3.2](#), $k \leq m$.

Let u_1, \dots, u_k span V . Since v_1, \dots, v_m are linearly independent, then by [theorem 2.3.2](#), $m \leq k$

Suppose $u_1, \dots, u_m \in V$ are linearly independent. Let $v \in V$. If $v \notin \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m)$, then by [theorem 2.1.6](#), u_1, \dots, u_m, v are linearly independent contradicting that $m+1 = \dim(V) = m$. Thus, any $v \in V$ is $v \in \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m)$ so $V \subset \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m)$. Since $\text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m) \subset V$, then $\text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m) = V$.

Suppose $\text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m) = V$. Suppose there are c_1, \dots, c_m where not all $c_i = 0$ such that:

$$c_1 u_1 + \dots + c_m u_m = 0$$

If there is one $c_i \neq 0$, then $c_i u_i = c_1 u_1 + \dots + c_m u_m = 0$ implies $u_i = 0$ which is a dependent vector. Thus, there are at least two $c_i \neq 0$. Then, $u_i = \frac{-c_1}{c_i} u_1 + \dots + \frac{-c_{i-1}}{c_i} u_{i-1} + \frac{-c_{i+1}}{c_i} u_{i+1} + \dots + \frac{-c_m}{c_i} u_m$ where at least one $c_{j \neq i} \neq 0$ so u_i is a dependent vector. So there are less than m independent vectors contradicting that $m = \dim(V) < m$. Thus, all $c_i = 0$ so u_1, \dots, u_m are independent.

Theorem 2.3.6: Determining Basis for $\text{Im}(A)$ using rref

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_k \end{bmatrix} \in M_{n \times k}(\mathbb{R})$ where each $v_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Then the v_i that are linearly independent are the columns in $\text{rref}(A)$ which contain pivots.

Thus, such v_i form a basis for $\text{im}(A)$.

Proof

By [theorem 2.2.5](#), $\text{im}(A) = \text{span}(A) = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$. Suppose the i -th column of $\text{rref}([A \mid 0])$ does not contain a pivot. Then, $Ax = 0$ where $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$ has a free variable at x_i so $\ker(A)$ has nonzero solutions. Thus, by [theorem 2.2.7](#), v_1, \dots, v_k are linearly dependent. But, if all columns without pivots are removed are removed from $\text{rref}(A)$ to make B , then $Bx = 0$ has only pivots and thus, by [theorem 1.3.7](#), there is a unique solution and since $B0 = 0$, then $\ker(B) = \{0\}$ and thus, the columns with pivots are linearly independent.

If v_i are linearly dependent, then the sequence of elementary row operations to transform A into $\text{rref}(A)$ transform the entries of the i -th column into 0 except possibly the first entry and thus, the i -th column does not have a pivot. By [theorem 2.1.4](#), removing linearly dependent vectors will not change the $\text{span}(A) = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \text{im}(A)$ so the resulting vectors with pivots will be linearly independent and span $\text{im}(A)$ and thus, form a basis for $\text{im}(A)$.

Corollary 2.3.7: $\dim(\text{im}(A)) = \text{rank}(A)$

For any $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$:

$$\dim(\text{im}(A)) = \text{rank}(A)$$

Proof

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & \dots & A_n \end{bmatrix}$ where $A_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$. By **theorem 2.3.6**, the A_i that form a basis for $\text{im}(A)$ are columns that contain pivots so $\dim(\text{im}(A))$, the number of vectors in a basis for $\text{im}(A)$ is the same as the number of pivots in $\text{rref}(A)$, $\text{rank}(A)$.

Theorem 2.3.8: Rank-Nullity Theorem

For any $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, the $\dim(\ker(A))$ is called the **nullity** of A where:

$$\dim(\text{im}(A)) + \dim(\ker(A)) = n$$

Proof

Note the number of free variables + the number of pivot variables = n .
 By **corollary 2.3.7**, the number of pivot variables, $\text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{im}(A))$.
 If the i -th column doesn't have a pivot, then the solutions to $Ax = 0$ are linear combinations of a vector v_i with 1 in the i -th row and 0 in any j -th row where the j -th column doesn't have a pivot so each v_i is linearly independent and span $\ker(A)$. Thus, the number of free variables is equal to the number of v_i , $\dim(\ker(A))$, so $\dim(\text{im}(A)) + \dim(\ker(A)) = n$.

2.4 Injectivity & Surjectivity

Definition 2.4.1: Injectivity and Surjectivity

Let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation.

T is **injective** if for any $w \in T(V) = \text{im}(T)$, there is a unique $v \in V$ such that $T(v) = w$

T is **surjective** if for any $w \in W$, there is a $v \in V$ such that $T(v) = w$

Theorem 2.4.2: Connection between Invertibility, Injectivity, and Surjectivity

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation where $T(x) = Ax$.

Then, T is invertible if and only if T is injective and surjective.

Proof

Suppose T is invertible. Let $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then, by **theorem 1.5.12**, there is a unique $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $Ax = T(x) = y$. Thus, T is injective and surjective.

Suppose T is injective and surjective. Since T is surjective, then for any $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, there is a $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $Ax = T(x) = y$. Since T is injective, then x is unique. Then, by **theorem 1.5.12**, T is invertible.

Theorem 2.4.3: Connection between Invertibility, Span, and Linear Independence

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation $T(x) = Ax$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & \dots & A_n \end{bmatrix}$.

Then, T is invertible if and only if A_1, \dots, A_n are linearly independent and span \mathbb{R}^n .

Proof

Suppose T is invertible. By **theorem 1.5.12**, for any $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, there is a unique $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where $Ax = y$. Thus, $\text{span}(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \text{im}(A)$. Since $\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n$, then A_1, \dots, A_n span \mathbb{R}^n , then by **theorem 2.3.5**, A_1, \dots, A_n are linearly independent.

Theorem 2.4.4: Injectivity \Leftrightarrow Surjectivity

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation where $T(x) = Ax$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & \dots & A_n \end{bmatrix}$.

Then, T is surjective if and only if T is injective.

Proof

Suppose T is surjective. Then for any $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, there is a $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where $Ax = T(x) = y$. Thus, $\text{span}(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \text{im}(A) = \mathbb{R}^n$. Since $\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n$, then by [theorem 2.3.5](#), A_1, \dots, A_n are linearly independent. By [theorem 2.4.3](#), T is invertible, then by [theorem 2.4.2](#), T is injective.

Suppose T is injective. Then for any $y \in \text{im}(A)$, there is a unique $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where $Ax = T(x) = y$. Suppose there is a linearly dependent A_i . Then there are $c_1, \dots, c_{i-1}, c_{i+1}, c_n$ where at least one $c_i \neq 0$ such that $A_i = c_1 A_1 + \dots + c_{i-1} A_{i-1} + c_{i+1} A_{i+1} + \dots + c_n A_n$. Then:

$$Ax = x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_n A_n$$

$$= (x_1 + x_i c_1) A_1 + \dots + (x_{i-1} + x_i c_{i-1}) A_{i-1} + (x_{i+1} + x_i c_{i+1}) A_{i+1} + \dots + (x_n + x_i c_n) A_n$$

If $x_i \neq 0$, then $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is not the only solution to $y = Ax$ contradicting that x is unique. Thus, $x_i = 0$. Similarly, if any other A_j is linearly dependent, then $x_j = 0$. Thus, $Ax = x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_n A_n = x_{i_1} A_{i_1} + \dots + x_{i_k} A_{i_k}$ where A_{i_1}, \dots, A_{i_k} are the A_i that are linearly independent. Thus, for $Ax = 0$, then each $x_{i_1} = 0$. Since then all $x_i = 0$, then no A_i is linearly dependent so A_1, \dots, A_n are linearly independent. By [theorem 2.4.3](#), T is invertible, then by [theorem 2.4.2](#), T is surjective.

Theorem 2.4.5: Invertibility Equivalences Extended

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation where $T(x) = Ax$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & \dots & A_n \end{bmatrix}$.

Then the following are equivalent:

- (a) A is invertible
- (b) $\text{rref}(A) = I_{n \times n}$
- (c) $\text{rank}(A) = n$
- (d) For any $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then $Ax = y$ has a unique solution x
- (e) $Ax = 0$ has only the trivial solution $x = 0$ (i.e $\ker(A) = \{0\}$)
- (f) A_1, \dots, A_n are linearly independent
- (g) $\text{im}(A) = \text{span}(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \mathbb{R}^n$
- (h) T is injective
- (i) T is surjective

Proof

(a) \Leftrightarrow	(b), (c), (d), (e)	theorem 1.5.12
	(f)	theorem 2.4.3 and 2.3.5 .
	(a) \Rightarrow (f)	only needs 2.4.3, but (a) \Leftarrow (f) needs 2.4.3, 2.3.5
	(g)	theorem 2.4.3 and 2.3.5
	(a) \Rightarrow (g)	only needs 2.4.3, but (a) \Leftarrow (g) needs 2.4.3, 2.3.5
	(h)	theorem 2.4.2 and 2.4.4
	(a) \Rightarrow (h)	only needs 2.4.2, but (a) \Leftarrow (h) needs 2.4.2, 2.4.4
	(i)	theorem 2.4.2 and 2.4.4
	(a) \Rightarrow (i)	only needs 2.4.2, but (a) \Leftarrow (i) needs 2.4.2, 2.4.4

Example

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ be $T(x) = Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & -6 & 8 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x$.

Find if T is invertible, $\text{im}(T)$, $\dim(\text{im}(T))$, $\ker(T)$, and $\dim(\ker(T))$.

$$[A \mid I_{4 \times 4}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & -6 & 8 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -12 & -4 & | & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & -3 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{rref}(A) \neq I_{4 \times 4} \Rightarrow A \text{ is not invertible}$$

Since the 1st and 2nd column have pivots, then $(1,0,3,0)$ and $(0,1,4,-1)$ form a basis for $\text{im}(T)$.
 $\text{im}(T) = c_1(1,0,3,0) + c_2(0,1,4,-1)$ for $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$
 where $(1,0,3,0)$, $(0,1,4,-1)$ form a basis for $\text{im}(T)$ so $\dim(\text{im}(T)) = 2$

To find $\ker(T)$, (aka solving $Ax = 0$ for x), replace the right matrix by a column with all 0 entries:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{matrix} x_1 + 2x_3 + 4x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 - 3x_3 - x_4 = 0 \end{matrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_3 - 4x_4 \\ 3x_3 + x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\ker(T) = x_3(-2, 3, 1, 0) + x_4(-4, 1, 0, 1)$ for $x_3, x_4 \in \mathbb{R}$
 where $(-2,3,1,0)$, $(-4,1,0,1)$ form a basis for $\ker(T)$ so $\dim(\ker(T)) = 2$

2.5 Coordinates

3 Orthogonality

4 Eigenvectors

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