

# MAT 185 Lecture Notes

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## 1 Vector Space

### 1.1 Fundamental Properties

**Definiton 1.1.1** (Vector Space in  $\mathbb{R}$ , Field). This course concerns with real vector spaces. A vectors space,  $V$ , over  $\mathbb{R}$  is a collection of **object**  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  s.t. the follow axioms are followed

#### 1. Addition Axioms

- (a) **Closure Under Addition:**  
 $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V \implies \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in V$
- (b) **Associativity of Addition:**  
 $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in V \implies (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z})$
- (c) **Existence of Additive Identity:**  
 $\exists \mathbf{0} \in V$  such that  $\mathbf{x} \in V \implies \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{x}$
- (d) **Existence of Additive Inverse:**  
 $\forall \mathbf{x} \in V, \exists -\mathbf{x} \in V$  such that  $\mathbf{x} + -\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$

#### 2. Scalar Multiplication Axioms

- (a) **Closure Under Scalar Multiplication:**  
 $\forall \mathbf{x} \in V$  and  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \mathbf{x} \in V$
- (b) **Associativity of Scalar Multiplication:**  
 $\forall \mathbf{x} \in V$  and  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, (\alpha\beta)\mathbf{x} = \alpha(\beta\mathbf{x})$
- (c) **Distributive Property of Scalar Multiplication:**  
 $\forall \mathbf{x} \in V$  and  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, (\alpha + \beta)\mathbf{x} = \alpha\mathbf{x} + \beta\mathbf{x}$
- (d) **Existence of Multiplicative Identity:**  
 $\forall \mathbf{x} \in V, 1\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$

**Note** It could be shown that the axiom imply the commutativity of in addition, namely  $\forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}$

**Example**  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ , where  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ , then  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n)$  and  $\alpha \mathbf{x} = (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2, \dots, \alpha x_n)$

**Theorem 1.1.2** (Cancellation, Part 1). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in V$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z} &= \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z} \\ \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.*

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

From additive inverse we know that  $-\mathbf{z}$  exists

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

By order of addition we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{z} + (-\mathbf{z})) &= \mathbf{y} + (\mathbf{z} + (-\mathbf{z})) \\ \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{0} &= \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{0}\end{aligned}$$

By additive identity we have:

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

□

**Theorem 1.1.3** (Cancellation, Part 2). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in V$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

To proof that, it would require the following proposition:

**Lemma 1.1.4.** Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{z} \in V$ , then  $-\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$

*Proof.*

We know:

$$\begin{aligned}-\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{z} &= (-\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{z}) + \mathbf{0} \\ &= (-\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{z}) + (-\mathbf{z} + -(-\mathbf{z}))\end{aligned}$$

By the order of addition,

$$= -\mathbf{z} + (\mathbf{z} + (-\mathbf{z} + -(-\mathbf{z})))$$

Again, by the order of addition,

$$\begin{aligned}&= -\mathbf{z} + ((\mathbf{z} + (-\mathbf{z})) + -(-\mathbf{z})) \\ &= -\mathbf{z} + -(-\mathbf{z}) \\ &= \mathbf{0}\end{aligned}$$

□

## 1.1 Fundamental Properties

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Now, to prove the part 2 of the Cancellation Theorem:

*Proof.*

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

From additive inverse we know that  $-\mathbf{z}$  exists

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

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

From above, we have  $-\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{z} = 0$

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

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

□

**Lemma 1.1.5** (Inverse of an inverse). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ , then:

$$-(-\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$$

*Proof.* Assume  $0, 0^*$  are the additive identity of  $V$  and  $-\mathbf{x}, -\mathbf{x}^*$  are the additive inverse of  $\mathbf{x}$ . We have:

$$u + 0 = u + 0^*$$

By Cancellation Theorem, we have  $0 = 0^*$ . Thus, the additive identity is unique. Now, we have:

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

$$\mathbf{x} + -\mathbf{x}^* = 0$$

Thus, by the uniqueness of the additive inverse, we have:

$$\mathbf{x} + -\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} + -\mathbf{x}^*$$

By the Cancellation Theorem, we have:

$$-\mathbf{x} = -\mathbf{x}^*$$

Now, we have that the additive inverse is unique. Thus,  $-(-\mathbf{x})$  must be unique and necessarily  $\mathbf{x}$ . □

### Additional Results from Above

1. The additive identity is unique
2. The additive inverse is unique

**Definiton 1.1.6** (Subtraction). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$ , then:

$$\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{x} + -\mathbf{y}$$

**Theorem 1.1.7** (Addition is Commutative). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$ , then:

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

*Proof.*

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

□

## 1.2 Vector Subspace

**Definiton 1.2.1** (Vector Subspace). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $W \subseteq V$ , then  $W$  is a vector subspace of  $V$  if  $W$  is a vector space.

**Theorem 1.2.2** (Subspace Test, I). Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $W \subseteq V$  with the usual addition and scalar multiplication, then  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  iff for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in W$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ :

1. **Closure Under Addition:**

$$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in W$$

2. **Closure Under Scalar Multiplication:**

$$\alpha \mathbf{x} \in W$$

3. **Additive Identity:**

$$\mathbf{0} \in W$$

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then  $W$  is a vector space. Thus, the axioms of vector space are satisfied.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume the three conditions are satisfied, then  $W$  is a vector space. Thus,  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ . □

**Definiton 1.2.3** (Null Space). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $A \in {}^m\mathbb{R}^{n1}$ , then:

$$\text{null}(A) = \{\mathbf{x} \in {}^n\mathbb{R} \mid A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\} \tag{1}$$

is the null space of  $A$ , otherwise known as the **kernel** of  $A$  or the solution space of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$

We can use the Subspace Test I to show that the null space of a matrix is a subspace of  ${}^n\mathbb{R}$ .

1. **Existence of Additive Identity:**

The zero vector is in the null space of  $A$  as the trivial solution to the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$

2. **Closure Under Addition:**

Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \text{null}(A)$ , then  $A(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = A\mathbf{x} + A\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in \text{null}(A)$ . This holds since  ${}^n\mathbb{R}$  is a vector space.

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<sup>1</sup>Same as  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , The set of all  $m \times n$  matrices with real entries

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### 3. Closure Under Scalar Multiplication:

Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{null}(A)$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $A(\alpha\mathbf{x}) = \alpha A\mathbf{x} = \alpha\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ . Thus,  $\alpha\mathbf{x} \in \text{null}(A)$ . This holds since  ${}^n\mathbb{R}^m$  is a vector space under usual addition and scalar multiplication.

**Theorem 1.2.4** (Subspace Test, II). Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $W \subseteq V$  with the usual addition and scalar multiplication, then  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  iff for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in W$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ :

1.  $\alpha\mathbf{x} + \beta\mathbf{y} \in W$

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then  $W$  is a vector space. Thus, the axioms of vector space are satisfied.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume the condition is satisfied, then  $W$  is a vector space. Thus,  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .  $\square$

**Definiton 1.2.5** (Intersection of Sets). Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets, then:

$$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\} \quad (2)$$

**Definiton 1.2.6** (Union of Sets). Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets, then:

$$A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\} \quad (3)$$

## 2 Linear combinations and Bases

**Definiton 2.0.1** (Linear Combination). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \in V$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}$ , then:

$$\alpha_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n\mathbf{v}_n$$

is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$

### 2.1 Linear Independence, Span, and Basis

**Definiton 2.1.1** (Linear independence). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \in V$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}$ . If and only if the equation:

$$\alpha_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}$$

has **only** the trivial solution  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_n = 0$ .

Then,  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are said to be linearly independent; otherwise, they are linearly dependent.

**Definiton 2.1.2** (Span). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \in V$ , then:

$$\text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) = \{\alpha_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n\mathbf{v}_n \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}\} \quad (4)$$

is the set of all linear combinations of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$

## 2.2 Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra

**Theorem 2.1.3** (Unique Representation). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \in V$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}/0$ , and that they span  $V$ . For any  $\mathbf{v}_{n+1} \in V$ , if  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are linearly independent, then the equation:

$$\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{v}_{n+1}$$

is the only way to express  $\mathbf{v}_{n+1}$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ .

We can prove by contrapositive:

*Proof.* Assume that there exists another way to express  $\mathbf{v}_{n+1}$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ , then:

$$\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n = \beta_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \beta_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

Rearranging the equation, we have:

$$(\alpha_1 - \beta_1) \mathbf{v}_1 + (\alpha_2 - \beta_2) \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + (\alpha_n - \beta_n) \mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}$$

Since  $(\alpha_i - \beta_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are not all zero, then  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are linearly dependent. Thus, the contrapositive is true.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.1.4** (Growing and Pruning). The following are the two theorems describe the relationship between linear independence and the span:

**Growing** Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \in V$  be linearly independent. If  $\mathbf{v}_{n+1} \in V$  and  $\mathbf{v}_{n+1} \notin \text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$ , then  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n, \mathbf{v}_{n+1}$  are linearly independent.

**Pruning** Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \in V$ . If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are linearly dependent, then there exists a  $\mathbf{v}_i$  such that  $\mathbf{v}_i \in \text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{i-1}, \mathbf{v}_{i+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.5** (Span and Linear Independence). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \in V$ . For every  $\mathbf{v}_k$  with  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $\text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{k-1}, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) \subset \text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  if and only if  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are linearly independent.

**Definiton 2.1.6** (Basis). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \in V$ . If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are linearly independent and  $\text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) = V$ , then  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  is a basis of  $V$ .

## 2.2 Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra

**Theorem 2.2.1** (Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \in V$ . If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are linearly independent and  $\text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) = V$ , then:

1. Any basis of  $V$  has the same number of elements.
2. Any linearly independent set of  $V$  has at most  $n$  elements.
3. Any spanning set of  $V$  has at least  $n$  elements.

## 2.2 Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra

**Example 2.2.2** (Dimension of Even 4-degree polynomial). Given  $W \subseteq \mathbb{P}_4$  where  $W = \{p(x) \mid p(x) = p(-x)\}$ , then  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{P}_4$ . Since  $x^3, x \in P_4$  but  $x^3, x \notin W$ ,  $\text{Span}(\{W, x, x^3\}) = \dim(W) + 2$ . So  $\dim(W) \leq 3$ ; We can find 3 linearly independent vectors in  $W$  such as  $1, x^2, x^4$ . Thus,  $\dim(W) \geq 3$ . Thus,  $\dim(W) = 3$ .

**Definiton 2.2.3** (Column Space). Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in {}^m\mathbb{R}$ , then:

$$\text{Col}(A) = \text{Span}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \quad (5)$$

is the column space of  $A$ .

**Definiton 2.2.4** (Row Space). Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in {}^m\mathbb{R}$ , then:

$$\text{Row}(A) = \text{Span}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \quad (6)$$

is the row space of  $A$ .

Note that the span of set is a subspace of the vector space. Thus, the column space of a matrix is a subspace of  ${}^m\mathbb{R}$ . This is also call the set of images of the transformation. We can also note that matrix multiplication is commutative with scalar multiplication. We can conduct proofs using such properties.

**Definiton 2.2.5** (Rank). Let  $A \in {}^m\mathbb{R}^n$ , then:

$$\text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{Col}(A)) \quad (7)$$

is the rank of  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.2.6** (Rank of RREF). Let  $A \in {}^m\mathbb{R}^n$ , then:

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(\text{RREF}(A)) \quad (8)$$

**Theorem 2.2.7** (Dimension of Row and Column Space). Let  $A \in {}^m\mathbb{R}^n$ , then:

$$\dim(\text{Row}(A)) = \text{rank}(A) \quad (9)$$

$$\dim(\text{Col}(A)) = \text{rank}(A) \quad (10)$$

**Definiton 2.2.8** (Matrix Multiplication). Let  $A \in {}^m\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $B \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^p$ , then:

$$(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj} \quad (11)$$

**Definiton 2.2.9** (Column View of Matrix Multiplication). Let  $A \in {}^m\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $B \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^p$ , then:

$$AB = [Ab_1 \quad Ab_2 \quad \dots \quad Ab_p] \quad (12)$$

**Theorem 2.2.10** (Column Space of Matrix Multiplication). Let  $A \in {}^m\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $B \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^p$ , then:

$$\text{Col}(AB) \subseteq \text{Col}(A) \quad (13)$$

If  $B$  is a invertible matrix, then also  $\text{Col}(A) \subseteq \text{Col}(AB)$

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**Definiton 2.2.11** (Invertible). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $A$  is invertible if there exists a matrix  $B \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$  such that:

$$AB = BA = I \quad (14)$$

where  $I$  is the identity matrix, and we denote  $B = A^{-1}$ , the inverse of  $A$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A, B$  be matrices, so  $\text{col}(AB) = \text{Span}(\text{columns of } AB)$ . In the column view, we have  $AB = A(\text{columns of } B) = [A\mathbf{b}_1 \ A\mathbf{b}_2 \ \dots \ A\mathbf{b}_p]$  Each column of  $AB$  is in  $\text{Col}(A)$ . So each column of  $AB$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ . Thus,  $\text{Col}(AB) \subseteq \text{Col}(A)$ .

Consider the case where  $B$  is invertible. Let  $C = AB$ , Then  $CB^{-1} = A$ . Since it is proven that  $\text{col}(CB^{-1}) \subseteq \text{col}(C)$ , hence,  $\text{col}(A) \subseteq \text{col}(AB)$ .  $\square$

**Definiton 2.2.12** (Null Space of Matrix Multiplication). Let  $A \in {}^m\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $B \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^p$ , then:

$$\text{null}(AB) \supseteq \text{null}(B) \quad (15)$$

**Definiton 2.2.13** (Rank-Nullity Theorem). Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . Then:

$$\dim(\text{null}(A)) = n - \text{rank}(A) \quad (16)$$

where  $n$  is the number of columns of  $A$ .

*Proof.* Consider  $A \in {}^m\mathbb{R}^n$ , Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$  be a basis of  $\text{null}(A)$ , then  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$  are linearly independent and that  $\dim(\text{null}(A)) = k$ . We can extend  $S$  to a basis of  ${}^n\mathbb{R}$  by adding  $n - k$  vectors,  $\{x_{k+1}, x_{k+2}, \dots, x_n\}$ , then  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  is a basis of  ${}^n\mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  is a basis of  ${}^n\mathbb{R}$ , then  $\text{rank}(A) = n - k$ . Assert that  $n - k \geq 0$ . If we can show that  $\{Ax_1, Ax_2, \dots, Ax_n\}$  is a basis of  $\text{Col}(A)$ , then we can show that  $\text{rank}(A) = n - k$ . We can show that  $\{Ax_1, Ax_2, \dots, Ax_n\}$  is a basis of  $\text{Col}(A)$  by showing that  $\{Ax_1, Ax_2, \dots, Ax_n\}$  is linearly independent and that  $\text{Span}(\{Ax_1, Ax_2, \dots, Ax_n\}) = \text{Col}(A)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.14** (Properties of Row and Column Space w.r.t RREF). Let  $A \in {}^m\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\tilde{A} = \text{RREF}(A)$ , then:

$$\dim(\text{Row}(\tilde{A})) = \dim(\text{Row}(A)) \quad (17)$$

$$\dim(\text{Col}(\tilde{A})) = \dim(\text{Col}(A)) \quad (18)$$

$$\text{Row}(\tilde{A}) = \text{Row}(A) \quad (19)$$

$$\text{Col}(\tilde{A}) \neq \text{Col}(A) \quad (20)$$

### 3 Linear Transformations

**Definiton 3.0.1** (Linear Transformation). Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces, then  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation if:



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1.  $T(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = T(\mathbf{x}) + T(\mathbf{y})$

2.  $T(\alpha\mathbf{x}) = \alpha T(\mathbf{x})$

**Example 3.0.2** ( $Ax + b$  is not LT). Let  $A \in {}^m\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , then  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  defined by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} + b$  is not a linear transformation. It violates the first property of linear transformation:

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) &= A(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) + b \\ &= A\mathbf{x} + A\mathbf{y} + b \\ &= T(\mathbf{x}) + T(\mathbf{y}) + b \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.0.3** (Rotate by  $90^\circ$ ). Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$ , then  $T$  is a linear transformation. It satisfies the properties of linear transformation.

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ &= T(\mathbf{x}) + T(\mathbf{y}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(\alpha\mathbf{x}) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} (\alpha\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ &= \alpha T(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.0.4** (Properties of Linear Transformation). Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation, then:

1.  $T(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$

2.  $T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) = T(\mathbf{x}) - T(\mathbf{y})$

*Proof.* We have  $T(\mathbf{0} + X) = T(X) = T(\mathbf{0}) + T(X)$ . Thus,  $T(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ , by the Cancellation Theorem. We also have  $T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) = T(\mathbf{x} + (-\mathbf{y})) = T(\mathbf{x}) + T(-\mathbf{y}) = T(\mathbf{x}) - T(\mathbf{y})$ .  $\square$

**Definiton 3.0.5** (Kernel and Image). Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation, then:

1. The **kernel** of  $T$ , denoted as  $\ker(T)$ , is the set of all vectors in  $V$  that map to the zero vector in  $W$ . Formally,

$$\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{v} \in V \mid T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}\}$$

2. The **image** of  $T$ , denoted as  $\text{Im}(T)$ , is the set of all vectors in  $W$  that are images of vectors in  $V$ . Formally,

$$\text{Im}(T) = \{T(\mathbf{v}) \mid \mathbf{v} \in V\}$$

### 3.1 Change of Basis

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**Theorem 3.0.6** (Rank-Nullity for LT). Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation, then:

$$\dim(\ker(T)) + \dim(\text{Im}(T)) = \dim(V) \quad (21)$$

**Definiton 3.0.7** (Injective LT). Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation, then  $T$  is injective if  $x_1 \neq x_2 \implies T(x_1) \neq T(x_2)$

**Theorem 3.0.8.** If the nullity of  $T$ ,  $\dim \ker T$  is greater than zero, then  $T$  is not injective.

**Definiton 3.0.9** (Surjective). Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation, then  $T$  is surjective if for every  $y \in W$ , there exist an  $x \in V$  so that  $T(x) = y$ .

**Definiton 3.0.10** (Bijective). Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation, then  $T$  is bijective if  $T$  is both injective and surjective.

**Theorem 3.0.11** (Basis function is LT). Let  $\alpha = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  be a basis for vector space  $V$ . The function  $T : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  defined by  $T(v) = [v]_\alpha$  is a linear transformation.

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**Definiton 3.1.1** (Change of Basis). Let  $\alpha = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  and  $\beta = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$  be two bases for vector space  $V$ . The change of basis matrix  $P$  is defined as:

$$P = [\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n]_\alpha \quad (22)$$

**Theorem 3.1.2** (Change of Basis Matrix). Let  $\alpha = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  and  $\beta = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$  be two bases for vector space  $V$ . The change of basis matrix  $P$  is defined as:

$$P = [\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n]_\alpha \quad (23)$$

**Stacking Chnage of Basis Matrix** We can stack the change of basis matrix to form a matrix  $P$ , and also incorporate linear transformations in other bases to a vector.

## 4 Determinants and Inverses

### 4.1 Determinants

**Definiton 4.1.1** (Determinant). Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , then the determinant of  $A$  is denoted as  $\det(A)$ .

**Example 4.1.2.** Consider the following  $2 \times 2$  system:

$$\begin{aligned} ax + by &= 0 \\ cx + dy &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

## 4.2 Constructing Determinants and Inverses

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The the system has the general solution:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{dy}{ad - bc} \\ y &= \frac{-cx}{ad - bc} \end{aligned}$$

The denominator  $ad - bc$  is the determinant of the matrix. Notice that if the determinant is zero, then the system has no unique solution.

**Theorem 4.1.3** (Properties of  $2 \times 2$  Determinant). Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , then:

$$\det(A) = ad - bc \quad (24)$$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} br_1 + cr'_1 \\ r_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = b \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) + c \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} r'_1 \\ r_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (25)$$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = -\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} r_2 \\ r_1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (26)$$

$$\det I = 1 \quad (27)$$

**Definiton 4.1.4** (Determinant Functions). Any function  $f$  that satisfies the properties:

$$1. \ f \left( \begin{bmatrix} br_1 + cr'_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_n \end{bmatrix} \right) = bf \left( \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_n \end{bmatrix} \right) + cf \left( \begin{bmatrix} r'_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_n \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (\text{Multilinearity in rows})$$

$$2. \ f \left( \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_i \\ \vdots \\ r_j \\ \vdots \\ r_n \end{bmatrix} \right) = -f \left( \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_j \\ \vdots \\ r_i \\ \vdots \\ r_n \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (\text{Alternating property})$$

$$3. \ f(A) = (\det A)f(I)$$

is called a determinant function.

**Theorem 4.1.5.** If  $f$  is alternating on rows and  $A$  is a matrix that has two identical rows, then  $f(A) = 0$ .

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**Definiton 4.2.1** (Minor Matrix). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the minor of  $A$  is denoted as  $A_{ij}$ , which the matrix obtained by removing the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column of  $A$ .

**Example 4.2.2.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ , then the minor of  $A$  is:

$$A_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_{13} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Find the Determinant from a Row** We can find the determinant of a matrix by expanding along a row. We can expand along any row or column, but it is easier to expand along a row with zeros.

**Definiton 4.2.3** (Cofactor). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the cofactor of  $A$  is denoted as  $C_{ij}$ , which is defined as:

$$C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ij}) \quad (28)$$

**Checkerboard Pattern** We can use the checkerboard pattern to find the determinant of a matrix. We can expand along any row or column, but it is easier to expand along a row with zeros.

**Definiton 4.2.4** (Determinant). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the determinant of  $A$  is denoted as  $\det(A)$ , which is defined as:

$$\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij} \quad (29)$$

**Example 4.2.5.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ , then the cofactor of  $A$  is:

$$C_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad C_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad C_{13} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Find the Determinant from a Column** We can find the determinant of a matrix by expanding along a column. We can expand along any row or column, but it is easier to expand along a column with zeros.

**Using Elementary Row Operations** We can use elementary row operations to simplify the matrix on the row or column we are expanding along (by having zeros).

**Theorem 4.2.6** (Determinant w.r.t Elementary Row Operations). Consider the following elementary row operations:

1. **Swapping two rows:** The determinant of the matrix changes sign due to the alternating property.
2. **Multiplying a row by a scalar:** The determinant of the matrix is multiplied by the scalar. This is obvious.

3. **Adding a multiple of one row to another row:** The determinant of the matrix remains the same. This is due to the multilinearity property.

**Theorem 4.2.7** (Determinant of a Transpose). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then:

$$\det(A) = \det(A^T) \quad (30)$$

**Example 4.2.8** (Determinant of a  $5 \times 5$  Matrix). Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & 1 & 6 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . We have:

Step 1: Swap row 1 and row 5

$$\det A = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & 1 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Step 2: Get row 2 - 5 start with 0

$$\det A = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & -6 & -12 & -18 & -24 \\ 0 & -3 & -4 & -5 & -9 \\ 0 & 10 & 10 & 18 & 22 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & -8 & -16 \end{vmatrix}$$

Step 3: Get it to a UTM

$$\det A = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & -6 & -12 & -18 & -24 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

We can see that each row expansion is just a multiple of the minor below it. Thus, the determinant is the product of the diagonal elements.

$$\det A = -1 \times -6 \times 2 \times 4 \times -3 = -144$$

**Definiton 4.2.9** (Singular Matrix). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $A$  is singular if  $\det(A) = 0$ .

**Definiton 4.2.10** (Adjugate Matrix). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the adjugate of  $A$  is denoted as  $\text{adj}(A)$ , which is defined as:

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & -C_{12} & C_{13} & \dots \\ -C_{21} & C_{22} & -C_{23} & \dots \\ C_{31} & -C_{32} & C_{33} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (31)$$

**Theorem 4.2.11** (Determinant and Inverse). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the following properties hold:

1.  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .
2.  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A)$ .

### 4.3 Determinants and Inverses of Elementary Matrices

**Definiton 4.3.1** (Elementary Matrices). Let  $E \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $E$  is an elementary matrix if  $E$  is obtained by performing a single elementary row operation on  $I$ .

**Theorem 4.3.2** (Determinants and Inverses of Elementary Matrices). Let  $E \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$  be an elementary matrix, then the following properties hold:

1.  $\det(E) = 1$ .
2.  $E^{-1} = E^T$ .

**Example 4.3.3** (Determinants and Inverses of Elementary Matrices). Let  $E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , then:

$$\det(E_1) = 1 \times 2 = 2$$

$$E_1^{-1} = E_1^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Theorem 4.3.4** (Determinants and Inverses of Product of Matrices). Let  $A, B \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the following properties hold:

1.  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ .
2.  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 4.3.5** (Determinants and Inverse w.r.t. RREF). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the following properties hold:

1.  $\det(A) = \det(\text{RREF}(A))$ .
2.  $A^{-1} = \text{RREF}(A)^{-1}$ .

However:

1.  $\det(\text{RREF}(A)) = \det(A)$ .
2.  $\text{RREF}(A)^{-1} \neq A^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 4.3.6** (The theorem of Determinants and Inverse). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the following properties hold:

1.  $A$  is invertible.
2.  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .
3.  $\text{RREF}(A) = I$ .
4.  $A$  is a product of elementary matrices.
5.  $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$ .
6.  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ .

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## 5 Eigen and Diagonalization

### 5.1 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

**Definiton 5.1.1** (Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if there exists a **non-zero** vector  $\mathbf{v}$  such that:

$$A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v} \quad (32)$$

The vector  $\mathbf{v}$  is called an eigenvector of  $A$ .

**Theorem 5.1.2** (Properties of Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the following properties hold:

1. The eigenvalues of  $A$  are the roots of the characteristic equation:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \quad (33)$$

2. The eigenvectors of  $A$  are the solutions to the system of equations:

$$(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \quad (34)$$

**Note** If  $A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$ .

**Example 5.1.3** (Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors). Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then the characteristic equation is:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (1 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - 4 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The roots of the characteristic equation are  $\lambda = 3, -1$ . The eigenvectors are:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } \lambda = 3 : \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} &\implies \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{For } \lambda = -1 : \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} &\implies \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 5.1.4.** Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$  and has eigen value 2 with multiplicity 2, and eigen value 3 with multiplicity 1. Let  $x, y, z$  be eigenvectors of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalues 2, 2, 3 respectively. Then:

1.  **$2\mathbf{x}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ :** Since  $A(2x) = 2Ax = 2(2x)$ , then  $2x$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue 2.
2.  **$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ :** Since  $A(x + y) = Ax + Ay = 2x + 2y = 2(x + y)$ , then  $x + y$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue 2.
3.  **$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z}$  is an not an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ :** Since  $A(x + z) = Ax + Az = 2x + 3z \neq \lambda(x + z)$ , then  $x + z$  is not an eigenvector of  $A$ .

## 5.2 Eigenspace and Multiplicity

**0 can be an Eigenvalue** If there exist  $\mathbf{x} \neq 0$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = 0$ , then 0 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . This requires the nullity of  $A$  to be greater than 0.

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**Definition 5.2.1** (Eigenspace). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the eigenspace of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is denoted as  $E_\lambda$ , which is defined as:

$$E_\lambda = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}\} \quad (35)$$

, which is the union of all eigenvectors of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  and  $\mathbf{0}$ .

**Theorem 5.2.2** (Eigenspace is a Subspace). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the eigenspace of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with dimension equal to the multiplicity of  $\lambda$  ( $\geq 1$ ).

*Proof.* This is obvious as eigenspace is a span of eigenvectors, and the span of eigenvectors is a subspace. To prove it, we use the subspace test:

1. **Non-emptiness:** Since  $\mathbf{0}$  satisfies  $A\mathbf{0} = \lambda\mathbf{0}$ , then  $\mathbf{0} \in E_\lambda$ .
2. **Closure under addition:** Let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in E_\lambda$ , then  $A(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) = A\mathbf{v}_1 + A\mathbf{v}_2 = \lambda\mathbf{v}_1 + \lambda\mathbf{v}_2 = \lambda(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2)$ , then  $\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 \in E_\lambda$ .
3. **Closure under scalar multiplication:** Let  $\mathbf{v} \in E_\lambda$ , then  $A(c\mathbf{v}) = cA\mathbf{v} = c\lambda\mathbf{v} = \lambda(c\mathbf{v})$ , then  $c\mathbf{v} \in E_\lambda$ .

□

**Theorem 5.2.3** (Intersection of Eigenspaces). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the intersection of eigenspaces of  $A$  corresponding to distinct eigenvalues is  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ , that is, for eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ , if  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ , then  $E_{\lambda_1} \cap E_{\lambda_2} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

**Theorem 5.2.4** (Theorem of Eigenvalues). The following statements are equivalent:

1.  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .
2.  $Ax = \lambda x$  for some non-zero vector  $x$ .
3.  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ .
4.  $A - \lambda I$  is singular.
5.  $A - \lambda I$  has a non-trivial null space.

**Definition 5.2.5** (Algebraic Multiplicity (AM)). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the algebraic multiplicity of an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is the number of times  $\lambda$  appears as a root of the characteristic equation.

**Definition 5.2.6** (Geometric Multiplicity (GM)). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the geometric multiplicity of an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is the dimension of the eigenspace of  $\lambda$ .



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**Theorem 5.2.7** (Multiplicity of Eigenvalues). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the algebraic multiplicity of an eigenvalue is greater than or equal to the geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue, that is:

$$\text{AM}(\lambda) \geq \text{GM}(\lambda) \geq 1 \quad (36)$$

**Theorem 5.2.8** (Product of Eigenvalues). Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , then the product of the eigenvalues of  $A$  is equal to the determinant of  $A$ :

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = \det(A) \quad (37)$$

**Theorem 5.2.9.** Given  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , we can find  $P \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\Lambda \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$  where  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix so that  $A = P\Lambda P^{-1}$  if and only if  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors.

**Theorem 5.2.10.**  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$  is diagonalizable if and only if there is a basis for the eigenvectors of  $A$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Theorem 5.2.11.** If  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix with the eigenvalues of  $A$  on the diagonal, then  $A$  is similar to  $\Lambda$ .

**Lemma 5.2.12** (Linear Independence of Eigenvectors). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_j$  be eigenvector associated with distinct eigenvalues, then they are linearly independent.

**Theorem 5.2.13.** Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

**Theorem 5.2.14** (AM, GM, and Diagonalization). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $A$  is diagonalizable.
2. The algebraic multiplicity of each eigenvalue is equal to its geometric multiplicity.
3. The number of linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A$  is equal to the dimension of the eigenspace of  $A$ .

**Similar Matrices** Two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are similar if there exists an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $A = PBP^{-1}$ . This means that  $A$  and  $B$  have the same eigenvalues and the same characteristic polynomial.

**Theorem 5.2.15** (Similar Matrices). Let  $A, B \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $A$  and  $B$  are similar.
2.  $A$  and  $B$  have the same eigenvalues.
3.  $A$  and  $B$  have the same characteristic polynomial.

**Theorem 5.2.16** (Similarity of Charistic Polynomial). Let  $A, B \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$  be similar matrices, then:

1.  $\lambda I - A$  and  $\lambda I - B$  are similar matrices.

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2.  $\det(\lambda I - A) = \det(\lambda I - B)$  (by product of determinants).
  3.  $\dim(\lambda I - A) = \dim(\lambda I - B)$  (by rank-nullity), but not necessarily the same null space.

, thus the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  and  $B$  are the same and they have the same eigenvalues, which also means that they have the same AM.

**Theorem 5.2.17.** If  $A$  is a diagonalizable matrix, then  $A$  has equal AM and GM.

*Proof.*  $A$  is similar to the diagonal matrix  $D$ , so  $\dim \text{null} D = \dim \text{null} A$ . Thus, the AM and GM of  $A$  are equal since AM and GM are equal for diagonal matrices.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.2.18** (Distinct Eigenvalues). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues.
2.  $A$  is diagonalizable.
3. The algebraic multiplicity of each eigenvalue is equal to its geometric multiplicity.
4. The number of linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A$  is equal to the dimension of the eigenspace of  $A$ .

## 6 Differential Equations

**Definiton 6.0.1.** A system of the form:

$$\begin{aligned} x'_1 &= a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \\ x'_2 &= a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n \\ &\vdots \\ x'_n &= a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n \end{aligned}$$

, wherer  $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$  is a  $n \times n$  system of homogeneous linear differential equations with constant coefficients. For  $A = \{a_{ij}\}$ , we can write the system as:

$$X' = AX \tag{38}$$

**Example 6.0.2** (Two Wafers in Breeze). Let  $\alpha = ha/mc$ ,  $\beta = ka/mcd$ ,  $T = [\hat{T}_1, \hat{T}_2]^T$ , wher  $h, a, m, c, k, d$  are constants. The system of equations is:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{T}_1}{dt} &= -(\alpha + \beta)\hat{T}_1 + \beta\hat{T}_2 \\ \frac{d\hat{T}_2}{dt} &= \beta\hat{T}_1 - (\alpha + \beta)\hat{T}_2 \end{aligned}$$

Then the coefficients matrix is:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -(\alpha + \beta) & \beta \\ \beta & -(\alpha + \beta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -(ha/mc + ka/mcd) & ka/mcd \\ ka/mcd & -(ha/mc + ka/mcd) \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Example 6.0.3.** Let:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 17 & -30 \\ 10 & -18 \end{bmatrix}$$

, then particular solutions are

$$y_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}$$

$$y_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t}$$

Our initial conditions for two solutions are:

$$y_1(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_2(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

, which are the eigenvectors of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalues 2 and 3 respectively. Thus, the initial solution of the system:

$$y(0) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the span of the eigenvectors of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalues 2 and 3 respectively.