

# Linear Algebra

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# 1

## Vector Spaces

### 1.1 Definitions

**Definition.** A *vector space* over a field  $F$  is a set  $V$  with two closed operations, *vector addition* or simply *addition* and *scalar multiplication*, that satisfy the following axioms:

1. Associativity of addition;
2. Commutativity of addition;
3. Identity element of addition;
4. Inverse elements of addition;
5. Compatibility of scalar multiplication with field multiplication;

$$a(b\mathbf{v}) = (ab)\mathbf{v}$$

6. Identity element of scalar multiplication;
7. Distributivity of scalar multiplication with respect to vector addition;
8. Distributivity of scalar multiplication with respect to field addition.

**Definition.** A *subspace* of a vector space  $V$  is a subset  $H$  of  $V$  that has three properties:

- The zero vector of  $V$  is in  $H$ .
- $H$  is closed under vector addition.
- $H$  is closed under multiplication by scalars.

If a subspace only contains the zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$ , it is called a *zero subspace* and written as  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

**Definition.** Given vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  in an arbitrary vector space  $V$  and given scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$ , the vector  $\mathbf{y}$  defined by

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n$$

is called a *linear combination* of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  using weights  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$ .

It is easy to verify that the set  $W$  of all linear combinations of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

The subspace  $W$  as above is called the subspace *generated* by  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ . If  $W = V$ , then we say that  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  *generate*  $V$ .

**Definition.** The *dot product* or *scalar product* of two vectors is defined as the sum of the product of their corresponding components. It has the following properties:

1. The commutativity of dot product.
2. The distributivity of dot product over vector addition and vice versa.
3. The associativity of scalar multiplication and dot product.

Two vectors are *perpendicular* or *orthogonal* if their dot product is zero.

If  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of a vector space  $V$ , then  $U + W$ , the set of all elements  $u + w$  with  $u \in U$  and  $w \in W$ , is a subspace of  $V$ , said to be generated by  $U$  and  $W$ , and called the *sum* of  $U$  and  $W$ .

## 1.2 Bases

## 2

# Solving Linear Equations

## 2.1 Systems of Linear Equations

**Definition.** A *linear equation* in the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is an equation that can be written in the form

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$$

where  $b$  and coefficients  $a_i$  are real or complex numbers. A *linear system* is a collection of one or more linear equations involving the same variables. A *solution* of the system is a list of numbers that makes each equation a true statement when their values are substituted for  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  respectively. The set of all possible solutions is called the *solution set* of the linear system. Two linear systems are called *equivalent* if they have the same solution set.

**Definition.** A linear system is *consistent* if it has either one solution or infinitely many solutions. If it has no solution, it is called *inconsistent*.

**Definition.** The *coefficient matrix* is the matrix where the coefficients of each variable in a system aligned in columns. If additionally the coefficient of the right-hand side of equations are added to the coefficient matrix, a new matrix called *augmented matrix* is generated.

**Definition.** *Elementary row operations* on a matrix include:

- (*Replacement*) Replace one row by the sum of itself and a multiple of another row.
- (*Interchange*) Interchange two rows.
- (*Scaling*) Multiply all entries in a row by a nonzero constant.

Two matrices are *row equivalent* if there is a sequence of elementary operations that transforms one matrix into the other.

**Theorem 2.1.1.** *If the augmented matrices of two linear systems are row equivalent, then the two systems have the same solution set.*

## 2.2 Row Reduction and Echelon Forms

**Definition.** A rectangular matrix is in *echelon form* if it has the following properties:

- All nonzero rows are above any rows of all zeros;
- Each leading entry of a row is in a column to the right of the leading entry of the row above it;
- All entries in a column below a leading entry are zero.

If a matrix in echelon form satisfies the following additional conditions, then it is in *reduced echelon form*:

- The leading entry in each nonzero row is 1;
- Each leading 1 is the only nonzero entry in its column.

**Theorem 2.2.1.** *Each matrix is row equivalent to an unique reduced echelon matrix.*

If a matrix  $A$  is row equivalent to an (reduced)echelon matrix  $U$ ,  $U$  is called an *(reduced) echelon form of  $A$* . The abbreviation RREF and REF are used for reduced (row) echelon form and (row) echelon form respectively.

**Definition.** A *pivot position* in a matrix  $A$  is a location in  $A$  that corresponds to a leading entry in an echelon form of  $A$ . A *pivot column* is a column of  $A$  that contains a pivot position.

**Theorem 2.2.2.** *A linear system is consistent iff the rightmost column of the augmented matrix **is not** a pivot column, that is, iff an echelon form of the augmented matrix has **no** row of the form*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with } b \text{ nonzero}$$

*If a linear system is consistent, then the solution set contains either*

- *a unique solution, when there are no free variables.*
- *infinitely many solutions, when there is at least one free variable.*

## 2.3 Vector Equations

**Definition.** A matrix with only one column is called a *column vector*, or simply a *vector*.



**Definition.** If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the set of all linear combinations of them is denoted by  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  and is called the *subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  spanned (or generated) by  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$* . That is,  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is the collection of all vectors that can be written in the form

$$c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p$$

with  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$  scalars.

## 2.4 The Matrix Equation $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

**Definition.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, with columns  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , and if  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the *product of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$* , denoted by  $\mathbf{Ax}$ , is the *linear combination of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  using the corresponding entries in  $\mathbf{x}$  as weights*, that is,

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1a_1 + x_2a_2 + \dots + x_na_n$$

$\mathbf{Ax}$  is defined only if the number of columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  equals the number of entries in  $\mathbf{x}$ .

**Definition.** Equations having the form  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  are called *matrix equations*.

**Theorem 2.4.1.** *If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, with columns  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , and  $\mathbf{b}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , the matrix equation*

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

*has the same solution set as the vector equation*

$$x_1a_1 + x_2a_2 + \dots + x_na_n = \mathbf{b}$$

*which has the same solution set as the system of linear equations whose augmented matrix is*

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Definition.** A set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  *spans (or generates)  $\mathbb{R}^m$*  if  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\} = \mathbb{R}^m$ .

**Theorem 2.4.2.** *Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $m \times n$  coefficient matrix. Then the following statements are logically equivalent, that is, for a particular  $\mathbf{A}$ , either they are all true statements or they are all false.*

- *For each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , the equation  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution.*
- *The columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .*

- $\mathbf{A}$  has a pivot position in every row.

**Theorem 2.4.3.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix,  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $c$  is a scalar, then

- $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$ .
- $\mathbf{A}(c\mathbf{u}) = c(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u})$ .

## 2.5 Solution Sets of Linear Systems

**Definition.** A system of Linear equations is said to be *homogeneous* if it can be written in the form  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Such a system always has at least one solution, namely,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , and this solution is usually called the *trivial solution*. A homogeneous equation has a nontrivial solution iff the equation has at least one free variable.

**Definition.** Vector addition can be considered as a *translation*. e.g. the vector  $\mathbf{v}$  is *translated by*  $\mathbf{p}$  to  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{p}$ .

**Definition.** A *parametric vector equation* can be written as

$$\mathbf{x} = s\mathbf{u} + t\mathbf{v} \quad (s, t \in \mathbb{R})$$

which describes explicitly the spanned plane by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . Whenever a solution set is described explicitly with vectors, we say that the solution is in *parametric vector form*.

**Theorem 2.5.1.** Suppose the equation  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent for some given  $\mathbf{b}$ , and let  $\mathbf{p}$  be a nonzero solution. Then the solution set of it is the set of all vectors of the form  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v}_h$ , where  $\mathbf{v}_h$  is any solution of the homogeneous equation  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

## 2.6 Linear Independence

**Definition.** An indexed set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be *linearly independent* if the vector equation

$$x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + x_p\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}$$

has only the trivial solution. The set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is said to be *linearly dependent* if there exist weights  $c_1, \dots, c_p$ , not all zero, such that

$$c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}$$

and this equation is called a *linear dependence relation* among  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ .

**Theorem 2.6.1.** *The columns of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  are linearly independent iff the equation  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  has **only** the trivial solution.*

**Theorem 2.6.2.** *A set of two vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  is linearly dependent iff one of the vectors is a multiple of the other.*

**Theorem 2.6.3.** *An indexed set  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  of two or more vectors is linearly dependent iff at least one of the vectors in  $S$  is a linear combination of the others.*

**Theorem 2.6.4.** *Any set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly dependent if  $p > n$  (Same as the criterion for the existence of solutions in a system of equations).*

*Proof.* Since  $p > n$ , there are more variables than equations, and therefore nontrivial solutions exist.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6.5.** *If a set  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  contains the zero vector, then the set is linearly dependent.*

## 2.7 Linear Transformations

**Definition.** A *transformation* (or *function* or *mapping*) from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is a rule that assigns to each vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  a vector  $T(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called the *domain* of  $T$ , and  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is called the *codomain* of  $T$ . For  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the vector  $T(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is called the *image* of  $\mathbf{x}$  under  $T$ . The set of all images  $T(\mathbf{x})$  is called the *range* of  $T$ .

**Example 2.1.** *Given a scalar  $r$ , define  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = r\mathbf{x}$ .  $T$  is called a *contraction* when  $0 \leq r \leq 1$  and a *dilation* when  $r > 1$ .*

**Theorem 2.7.1.** *Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation. Then there exists a unique matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  such that*

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{Ax} \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

*In fact,  $\mathbf{A}$  is the  $m \times n$  matrix whose  $j$ th column is the vector  $T(\mathbf{e}_j)$ , where  $\mathbf{e}_j$  is the  $j$ th column of the identity matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} T(\mathbf{e}_1) & \cdots & T(\mathbf{e}_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

*The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is called the *standard matrix* for the linear transformation  $T$ .*

**Theorem 2.7.2.** *Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation. Then  $T$  is injective iff the equation  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution.*

**Theorem 2.7.3.** *Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation and let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the standard matrix for  $T$ . Then*

- $T$  is surjective iff the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ;
- $T$  is injective iff the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are linearly independent.

**Definition.** If there is a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  such that

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

then the equation above is called a *linear difference equation* (or *recurrence relation*).

# 3

## Matrices

### 3.1 Matrices and Arithmetic Operations on Them

**Definition.** A *diagonal matrix* is a square matrix whose nondiagonal entries are zero.

**Definition.** Two matrices are equal if they have the same size and each entries are equal.

**Definition.** The *sum* of two matrices is the sum of each corresponding entries in these two matrices. Thus the sum is defined only when they have the same size.

**Definition.** The *scalar multiple* of a matrix has entries of the product of the scalar and each corresponding original entries.

**Theorem 3.1.1.** *The set of matrices of the same size with respect to matrix addition and scalar multiplication over the field of real numbers is a vector space.*

**Definition.** A square matrix is called *lower triangular* if all the entries above the main diagonal are zero. Similarly, a square matrix is called *upper triangular* if all the entries below the main diagonal are zero. A triangular matrix is one that is either lower triangular or upper triangular. A matrix that is both upper and lower triangular is called a *diagonal matrix*.

**Definition.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, and if  $\mathbf{B}$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix with columns  $\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p$ , then the *product*  $\mathbf{AB}$  is the  $m \times p$  matrix whose columns are  $\mathbf{Ab}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Ab}_p$ . Multiplication of matrices corresponds to composition of linear transformations.

**Theorem 3.1.2.** *The multiplication has the following properties:*

- *Associativity of multiplication;*

- *Left distribution;*
- *Right distribution;*
- *Associativity over scalar multiplication;*
- *Identity for matrix multiplication; i.e. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a matrix of size  $m \times n$ , then*

$$\mathbf{I}_m \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}_n$$

where  $\mathbf{I}_n$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

**Definition.** In general, matrix multiplication is not commutative and the cancellation law do not hold. When two matrices' multiplication is commutative, they are said to be *commute* with one another. Also, if a product  $\mathbf{AB}$  is the zero matrix, in general it does not mean that either  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$  or  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$ .

**Definition.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $k$  is a positive integer, then  $\mathbf{A}^k$  denoted the product of  $k$  copies of  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e. the  $k$ th power of  $\mathbf{A}$ . The 0th power of a matrix is the identity matrix.

**Definition.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, the *transpose* of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix, denoted  $\mathbf{A}^T$ , whose columns are formed from the corresponding rows of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.3.** *The transpose operation has the following properties:*

- $(\mathbf{A}^T)^T = \mathbf{A}$ ;
- $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^T = \mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{B}^T$ ;
- *Associativity with scalar multiplication;*
- $(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$ , that is, the transpose of a product of arbitrary number of matrices equals the product of their transpose in the reverse order.

## 3.2 The Inverse of a Matrix

**Definition.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then if

$$\mathbf{AA}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}_n$$

we say that  $\mathbf{A}$  is *invertible* and  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  an *inverse* of  $\mathbf{A}$ . The inverse of a matrix is unique. If a matrix is not invertible, it is called a *singular matrix*.

**Theorem 3.2.1.** *A matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible only if  $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$ , and in this case*

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A})} \text{Adj}(\mathbf{A})$$

**Theorem 3.2.2.** *If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, then for each  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the equation  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has the unique solution  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ .*

**Theorem 3.2.3.** • *The inverse of the inverse of a invertible matrix is the matrix itself.*

- *The inverse of the product of arbitrary number of invertible square matrices is the product of the inverse of themselves multiplied in the reverse order.*
- *The transpose of a invertible matrix is also invertible. Moreover, the inverse of a matrix's transpose is the transpose of the matrix's inverse.*

**Definition.** An *elementary matrix* is a matrix obtained by performing a single elementary row operation on a identity matrix.

**Theorem 3.2.4.** *If an elementary row operations is performed on an  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , the resulting matrix can be written as  $\mathbf{EA}$ , where the  $m \times m$  matrix  $\mathbf{E}$  is created by performing the same row operation on  $\mathbf{I}_m$ .*

**Theorem 3.2.5.** *Each elementary matrix  $\mathbf{E}$  is invertible. The inverse of  $\mathbf{E}$  is the elementary matrix of the same type that transforms  $\mathbf{E}$  back into  $\mathbf{I}$ .*

**Theorem 3.2.6.** *An  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible iff  $\mathbf{A}$  is a row equivalent to  $\mathbf{I}_n$ , and in this case, any sequence of elementary row operations that reduces  $\mathbf{A}$  to  $\mathbf{I}_n$  also transforms  $\mathbf{I}_n$  into  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .*

**Theorem 3.2.7** (The Invertible Matrix Theorem). *Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- *$\mathbf{A}$  is an invertible matrix.*
- *$\mathbf{A}$  is row equivalent to the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.*
- *$\mathbf{A}$  has  $n$  pivot positions.*
- *The equation  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution.*
- *The columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  form a linearly independent set.*
- *The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{Ax}$  is injective.*
- *The equation  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*
- *The columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*

- The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- There is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  such that  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ .

- There is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{I}$ .

- $\mathbf{A}^T$  is an invertible matrix.

- The columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- $\text{Col } \mathbf{A} = \mathbb{R}^n$

- $\dim \text{Col } \mathbf{A} = n$

- $\text{rank } \mathbf{A} = n$

- $\text{Nul } \mathbf{A} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$

- $\dim \text{Nul } \mathbf{A} = 0$

**Proposition.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  be square matrices. If  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I}$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are both invertible, with  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}$

**Definition.** A linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is *invertible* if there exists a function  $S : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n) \quad S(T(\mathbf{x})) &= \mathbf{x} \\ (\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n) \quad T(S(\mathbf{x})) &= \mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

and  $S$  is called the *inverse* of  $T$  and denoted  $T^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.8.** A linear transformation is invertible iff its standard matrix is invertible. In this case its inverse is unique.

**Theorem 3.2.9.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $m \times n$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  is  $n \times p$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{AB} &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{Col}_1(\mathbf{A}) & \text{Col}_2(\mathbf{A}) & \cdots & \text{Col}_n(\mathbf{A}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{Row}_1(\mathbf{B}) \\ \text{Row}_2(\mathbf{B}) \\ \vdots \\ \text{Row}_n(\mathbf{B}) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \text{Col}_1(\mathbf{A}) \text{Row}_1(\mathbf{B}) + \cdots + \text{Col}_n(\mathbf{A}) \text{Row}_n(\mathbf{B}) \end{aligned}$$

**Definition.** A *block matrix* is a partitioned matrix with zero blocks off the main diagonal. Such matrix is invertible iff each block on the diagonal is invertible.



**Definition.** A *factorization* of a matrix is an equation that expresses it as a product of two or more matrices.

**Definition.** A square matrix is said to be *strictly diagonally dominant* if the absolute of each diagonal entry exceeds the sum of the absolute values of the other entries in the same row.

### 3.3 Subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$

**Definition.** A *subspace* of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is any set  $H \in \mathbb{R}^n$  that has three properties:

- The zero vector is in  $H$ ;
- For each vector  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $H$ , their sum is in  $H$  (addition is closed on  $H$ );
- For each  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $H$  and each scalar  $c$ , the vector  $c\mathbf{u}$  is in  $H$  (scalar multiplication is closed on  $H$ ).

**Definition.** The *column space* of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is the set  $\text{Col } \mathbf{A}$  of all linear combinations of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Definition.** The *null space* of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is the set  $\text{Nul } \mathbf{A}$  of all solutions to the homogeneous equation  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

**Theorem 3.3.1.** *The null space of a  $m \times n$  matrix is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*

**Definition.** A *basis* for a subspace  $H$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a linearly independent set in  $H$  that spans  $H$ .

**Example 3.1.** *The standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are vectors  $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$ , where*

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Theorem 3.3.2.** *The pivot columns of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  form a basis for the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .*

**Definition.** Suppose the set  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$  is the basis for a subspace  $H$ . For each  $\mathbf{x} \in H$ , the *coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$  relative to the basis  $\mathcal{B}$*  are the weights  $c_1, \dots, c_p$  such that  $\mathbf{x} = c_1\mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{b}_p$ , and the vector in  $\mathbb{R}^p$

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_p \end{bmatrix}$$

is called the *coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{x}$  relative to  $\mathcal{B}$* .

**Definition.** The *dimension* of a nonzero subspace  $H$ , denoted by  $\dim H$ , is the number of vectors in any basis for  $H$ . The dimension of the zero subspace  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$  is defined to be zero.

**Definition.** The *rank* of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , denoted by  $\text{rank } \mathbf{A}$ , is the dimension of the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Theorem 3.3.3** (The Rank Theorem). *If a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has  $n$  columns, then  $\text{rank } \mathbf{A} + \dim \text{Nul } \mathbf{A} = n$ .*

*Proof.* The nonpivot columns correspond to the free variables in  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ , and since the number of pivot columns plus the number of nonpivot columns are the number of columns in the matrix, the proof completes.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.4** (The Basis Theorem). *Let  $H$  be a  $p$ -dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Any linearly independent set of exactly  $p$  elements in  $H$  is automatically a basis for  $H$ . Also, any set of  $p$  elements of  $H$  that spans  $H$  is a basis for  $H$ .*

# 4

## Determinants

### 4.1 Determinants and some other Concepts

**Definition.** The *determinant* of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

denoted  $\det \mathbf{A}$  and equals  $ad - bc$ . Determinant is only defined for a square matrix, but the procedure above can be repeated on higher dimension matrices, for example

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ m & n & o & p \end{bmatrix} = a \det \begin{bmatrix} f & g & h \\ j & k & l \\ n & o & p \end{bmatrix} - b \det \begin{bmatrix} e & g & h \\ i & k & l \\ m & o & p \end{bmatrix} + c \det \begin{bmatrix} e & f & h \\ i & j & l \\ m & n & p \end{bmatrix} - d \det \begin{bmatrix} e & f & g \\ i & j & k \\ m & n & o \end{bmatrix}$$

By the Leibniz formula for the determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} (\text{sgn}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i,\sigma_i})$$

Here the sum is computed over all permutations  $\sigma$  of the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

A permutation is a function that reorders this set of integers. The value in the  $i$ th position after the reordering  $\sigma$  is denoted by  $\sigma_i$ . For example, for  $n = 3$ , the original sequence  $1, 2, 3$  might be reordered to  $\sigma = [2, 3, 1]$ , with  $\sigma_1 = 2$ ,  $\sigma_2 = 3$ , and  $\sigma_3 = 1$ . The set of all such permutations (also known as the symmetric group on  $n$  elements) is denoted by  $S_n$ .

For each permutation  $\sigma$ ,  $\text{sgn}(\sigma)$  denotes the signature of  $\sigma$ , a value that is  $+1$  whenever the reordering given by  $\sigma$  can be achieved by successively interchanging two entries an even number of times, and  $-1$  whenever it can be achieved by an odd number of such interchanges.

**Definition.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a square matrix, then the *minor* of the entry in the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column (also called the  $(i, j)$  *minor*, or a *first minor*) is the determinant of the submatrix formed by deleting the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column. This number is often denoted  $M_{i,j}$ . The  $(i, j)$  *cofactor* is obtained by multiplying the minor by  $(-1)^{i+j}$  and is denoted  $C_{i,j}$ .

In general, let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $k$  an integer with  $0 < k \leq m$ , and  $k \leq n$ . A  $k \times k$  minor of  $\mathbf{A}$ , also called minor determinant of order  $k$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  or, if  $m = n$ ,  $(n - k)$ th minor determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$ , is the determinant of a  $k \times k$  matrix obtained from  $\mathbf{A}$  by deleting  $m - k$  rows and  $n - k$  columns.

**Definition.** The matrix formed by all of the cofactors of a square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is called the *cofactor matrix*.

**Definition.** The *adjugate* is the transpose of the cofactor matrix of it, that is, if  $\mathbf{A}$  is a matrix and  $\mathbf{C}$  is its cofactor matrix, then

$$\text{Adj}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{C}^T$$

**Theorem 4.1.1.** For a invertible matrix  $n \times n$   $\mathbf{A}$

$$\mathbf{A} \text{Adj}(\mathbf{A}) = \det(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{I}$$

or equivalently

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}} \text{Adj} \mathbf{A}$$

**Theorem 4.1.2.** The determinant of an square matrix can be computed by a cofactor expansion across any row or down any column. The expansion across the  $i$ th row is

$$\det \mathbf{A} = a_{i1}C_{i1} + \cdots + a_{in}C_{in}$$

**Theorem 4.1.3.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a triangular matrix, then  $\det \mathbf{A}$  is the product of the entries on the main diagonal of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

## 4.2 Properties of Determinants

**Definition.** An elementary matrix is called an *row replacement* if it is obtained from the identity matrix by adding a multiple of one row to another; it's called an *interchange* if it is obtained by interchanging two rows of identity; and it's called a *scale by  $r$*  if it is obtained by multiplying a row of identity by a nonzero scalar  $r$ .

**Theorem 4.2.1.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a square matrix.

- If a multiple of one row of  $\mathbf{A}$  is added to another row to produce a matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ , then  $\det \mathbf{A} = \det \mathbf{B}$ .

- If two rows of  $\mathbf{A}$  are interchanged to produce  $\mathbf{B}$ , then  $\det \mathbf{B} = -\det \mathbf{A}$ .
- If one row of  $\mathbf{A}$  is multiplied by  $k$  to produce  $\mathbf{B}$ , then  $\det \mathbf{B} = k \cdot \det \mathbf{A}$ .

or, equivalently, if  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $\mathbf{E}$  is an  $n \times n$  elementary matrix, then

$$\det \mathbf{EA} = (\det \mathbf{E})(\det \mathbf{A})$$

where  $\det \mathbf{E}$  assumes  $1, -1, r$  respectively for  $\mathbf{E}$  is a row replacement, an interchange, and a scale by  $r$ .

**Theorem 4.2.2.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\det \mathbf{A}^T = \det \mathbf{A}$ .

**Theorem 4.2.3.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are  $n \times n$  matrices, then  $\det \mathbf{AB} = (\det \mathbf{A})(\det \mathbf{B})$ .

**Example 4.1.** If all columns except one are held fixed in a square matrix, then its determinant is a linear function of that one (vector) variable.

Let  $\mathbf{A}_i(\mathbf{b})$  denote the matrix obtained from  $\mathbf{A}$  by replacing column  $i$  by the vector  $\mathbf{b}$ .

**Theorem 4.2.4.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix. For any  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then unique solution  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has entries given by

$$x_i = \frac{\det \mathbf{A}_i(\mathbf{b})}{\det \mathbf{A}}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

**Theorem 4.2.5.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, the area of the parallelogram determined by the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $|\det \mathbf{A}|$ . If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $|\det \mathbf{A}|$ .

**Theorem 4.2.6.** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation determined by a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . If  $S$  is a parallelogram in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then

$$\{\text{area of } T(S)\} = |\det \mathbf{A}| \cdot \{\text{area of } S\}$$

and similar, if in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   $S$  is a parallelepiped, then

$$\{\text{volume of } T(S)\} = |\det \mathbf{A}| \cdot \{\text{volume of } S\}$$

These conclusions hold whenever  $S$  has finite area or finite volume.



# 5

## Vector Spaces

**Theorem 5.0.1.** *If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  are in a vector space  $V$ , then  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is a subspace of  $V$  and is called the subspace spanned (or generated) by  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ . Given any subspace  $H$  of  $V$ , a spanning (or generating) set for  $H$  is a set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  in  $H$  such that  $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ .*

**Definition.** The *null space* of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , written as  $\text{Nul } \mathbf{A}$ , is the set of all solutions to the homogeneous equation  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

**Theorem 5.0.2.** *The null space of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*

**Definition.** The *column space* of an  $m \times n$  matrix, written as  $\text{Col } \mathbf{A}$ , is the set of all linear combinations of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Theorem 5.0.3.** *The column space of an  $m \times n$  matrix is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .*

**Theorem 5.0.4.** *The column space of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is all of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  iff the equation  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution for each  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .*

**Definition.** For a linear transformation  $T$  from a vector space  $V$  into a vector space  $W$ , the *kernel* (or *null space*) of  $T$  is the set of all  $\mathbf{u} \in V$  such that  $T(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$ . The range of  $T$  is the set of all vectors in  $W$  of the form  $T(\mathbf{x})$  for some  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ . If  $T$  can be written as a matrix transformation, then the kernel and the range of  $T$  are just the null space and the column space of that matrix. Kernel is a subspace of  $V$ , and range is a subspace of  $W$ .

**Definition.** An indexed set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\} \in V$  is said to be *linearly independent* if the vector equation

$$c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}$$

has only the trivial solution.

**Theorem 5.0.5.** *An indexed set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  of two or more vectors, with  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{0}$ , is linearly dependent iff some  $\mathbf{v}_j$  with  $j > 1$  is a linear combination of the preceding vectors,  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{j-1}$ .*

**Definition.** Let  $H$  be a subspace of a vector space  $V$ . An indexed set of vectors  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$  in  $V$  is a *basis* for  $H$  if

1.  $\mathcal{B}$  is a linearly independent set;
2. the subspace spanned by  $\mathcal{B}$  coincides with  $H$ .

**Theorem 5.0.6.** Let  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  be a set in  $V$  and let  $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ .

1. If one of the vectors in  $S$  is a linear combination of the remaining vectors in  $S$ , then the set formed from  $S$  by removing this vector still spans  $H$ .
2. If  $H \neq \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , some subset of  $S$  is a basis for  $H$ .

**Theorem 5.0.7.** The pivot columns of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  form a basis for  $\text{Col } \mathbf{A}$ .

## 5.1 Coordinate Systems

**Theorem 5.1.1.** Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$  be a basis for a vector space  $V$ . Then for each  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ , there exists a unique set of scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  such that

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n$$

**Definition.** Suppose the set  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$  is a basis for  $V$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ . The *coordinate of  $\mathbf{x}$  relative to the basis  $\mathcal{B}$*  (or the  *$\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$* ) are the weights  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  such that  $\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n$ .

The vector

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

is the *coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{x}$  (relative to  $\mathcal{B}$ )*, or the  *$\mathcal{B}$ -coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{x}$* . The mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  is the *coordinate mapping (determined by  $\mathcal{B}$ )*.

**Definition.** The matrix

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{B}} = [\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p]$$

is called the *change-of-coordinates matrix* from  $\mathcal{B}$  to the standard basis in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , since for a vector  $\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n$  we obtain the relationship

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

**Theorem 5.1.2.** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a basis for a vector space  $V$ . Then the coordinate mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  is an injective linear transformation from  $V$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .



In general, an injective linear transformation from a vector space  $V$  onto another vector space  $W$  is called an *isomorphism* from  $V$  onto  $W$ .

**Theorem 5.1.3.** *If a vector space  $V$  has a basis  $\mathcal{B} = \mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n$ , then any set in  $V$  containing more than  $n$  vectors must be linearly dependent.*

**Theorem 5.1.4.** *If a vector space  $V$  has a basis of  $n$  vectors, then every basis of  $V$  must consist of exactly  $n$  vectors.*

**Definition.** If  $V$  is spanned by a finite set, then  $V$  is said to be *finite-dimensional*, and the *dimension* of  $V$ , written as  $\dim V$ , is the number of vectors in a basis for  $V$ . If  $V$  is not spanned by a finite set, then  $V$  is said to be *infinite-dimensional*.

**Theorem 5.1.5.** *Let  $H$  be a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ . Any linearly independent set in  $H$  can be expanded, if necessary, to a basis for  $H$ . Also,  $H$  is finite-dimensional and*

$$\dim H \leq \dim V$$

**Theorem 5.1.6** (The Basis Theorem). *Let  $V$  be a  $p$ -dimensional vector space,  $p \geq 1$ . Any linearly independent set of exactly  $p$  elements in  $V$  is automatically a basis for  $V$ . Any set of exactly  $p$  elements that spans  $V$  is a basis for  $V$ .*

The dimension of  $\text{Nul } \mathbf{A}$  is the number of free variables in  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , and the dimension of  $\text{Col } \mathbf{A}$  is the number of pivot columns in  $\mathbf{A}$ .

## 5.2 Rank

**Definition.** The set of all linear combinations of the row vectors in  $\mathbf{A}$  is called the *row space* of  $\mathbf{A}$  and denoted  $\text{Row } \mathbf{A}$ .

**Theorem 5.2.1.** *If two matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are row equivalent, then their row spaces are the same. If  $\mathbf{B}$  is in echelon form, the nonzero rows of  $\mathbf{B}$  form a basis for the row space of  $\mathbf{A}$  as well as  $\mathbf{B}$ .*

**Definition.** The *rank* of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the dimension of the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Theorem 5.2.2** (The Rank Theorem). *The dimensions of the column space and the row space of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  are equal. This common dimension, the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ , also equals the number of pivot positions in  $\mathbf{A}$  and satisfies the equation*

$$\text{rank } \mathbf{A} + \dim \text{Nul } \mathbf{A} = n$$

### 5.3 Change of Basis

**Theorem 5.3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n\}$  be bases of a vector space  $V$ . Then there is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$ , called the change-of-coordinates matrix from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$ , such that*

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

*The columns of  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  are the  $\mathcal{C}$ -coordinate vectors of the vectors in the basis  $\mathcal{B}$ , that is*

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} [\mathbf{b}_1]_{\mathcal{C}} & [\mathbf{b}_2]_{\mathcal{C}} & \cdots & [\mathbf{b}_n]_{\mathcal{C}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Because the columns of this matrix are linearly independent, since they are the coordinate vectors of the linearly independent set  $\mathcal{B}$ , it follows that  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  is invertible, and we have

$$(\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}})^{-1} = \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}$$

# 6

## Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

### 6.1 Definition

**Definition.** An *eigenvector* of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $\mathbf{Ax} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$  for some scalar  $\lambda$ . A scalar  $\lambda$  is called an *eigenvalue* of  $\mathbf{A}$  if there is a nontrivial solution  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ ; such an  $\mathbf{x}$  is called an *eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda$* .

**Definition.** The set of all solutions of

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and is called the *eigenspace* of  $\mathbf{A}$  corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

**Theorem 6.1.1.** *The eigenvalues of a triangular matrix are the entries on its main diagonal.*

**Theorem 6.1.2** (The Invertible Matrix Theorem). *Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible iff the number 0 is not an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ .*

**Theorem 6.1.3.** *If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$  are eigenvectors that corresponding to distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$  of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , then the set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r\}$  is linearly independent.*

**Definition.** The scalar equation  $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = 0$  is called the *characteristic equation* of  $\mathbf{A}$ . If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  called the *characteristic polynomial* of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Theorem 6.1.4.** *A scalar  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  iff  $\lambda$  satisfies the characteristic equation.*

**Definition.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are  $n \times n$  matrices, then  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are *similar* if there is an invertible matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  such that  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{B}$ . Changing  $\mathbf{A}$  into  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}$  is called a *similarity transformation*.

**Theorem 6.1.5.** *If  $n \times n$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are similar, then they have the same characteristic polynomial and hence the same eigenvalues (with the same multiplicities).*

## 6.2 Diagonalization

**Definition.** A square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is said to be *diagonalizable* if  $\mathbf{A}$  is similar to a diagonal matrix.

**Theorem 6.2.1.** *An  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable iff  $\mathbf{A}$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors. In other words,  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable iff there are enough eigenvectors to form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and such basis is called an eigenvector basis.*

**Theorem 6.2.2.** *An  $n \times n$  matrix with  $n$  distinct eigenvalues is diagonalizable.*

**Theorem 6.2.3.** *Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix whose distinct eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p$ .*

1. *For  $1 \leq k \leq p$ , the dimension of the eigenspaces for  $\lambda_k$  is less than or equal to the multiplicity of the eigenvalue  $\lambda_k$ .*
2. *The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable iff the sum of the dimensions of the distinct eigenspaces equals  $n$ , and this happens iff the dimension of the eigenspace for each  $\lambda_k$  equals the multiplicity of  $\lambda_k$ .*
3. *If  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable and  $\mathcal{B}_k$  is a basis for the eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda_k$  for each  $k$ , then the total collection of vectors in the sets  $\mathcal{B}_1, \dots, \mathcal{B}_p$  forms an eigenvector basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*

**Definition.** The matrix

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} [T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} & [T(\mathbf{b}_2)]_{\mathcal{C}} & \cdots & [T(\mathbf{b}_n)]_{\mathcal{C}} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  is a basis for the vector space  $V$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  is a basis in  $W$ , and  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $V$  to  $W$ , is called the *matrix for  $T$  relative to the bases  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$* . If  $W$  is the same as  $V$  and the basis  $\mathcal{C}$  is the same as  $\mathcal{B}$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  is called the *matrix for  $T$  relative to  $\mathcal{B}$*  or the  *$\mathcal{B}$ -matrix for  $T$* , and denoted  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ .

**Theorem 6.2.4** (Diagonal Matrix Representation). *Suppose  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{PDP}^{-1}$ , where  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal  $n \times n$  matrix. If  $\mathcal{B}$  is the basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  formed from the columns of  $\mathbf{P}$ , then  $\mathbf{D}$  is the  $\mathcal{B}$ -matrix of the transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{Ax}$ .*

## 6.3 Complex Eigenvalues

The theory of eigenvalues and eigenvectors developed for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  applies equally well on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

**Theorem 6.3.1.** *Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a real  $2 \times 2$  matrix with a complex eigenvalue  $\lambda = a - bi$  ( $b \neq 0$ ) and associated eigenvector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^2$ . Then*

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{PCP}^{-1}, \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Re} \mathbf{v} & \operatorname{Im} \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

# 7

## Orthogonality

**Definition.** If a vector  $\mathbf{z}$  is orthogonal to every vector in a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\mathbf{z}$  is said to be *orthogonal* to  $W$ . The set of all vectors  $\mathbf{z}$  that are orthogonal to  $W$  is called the *orthogonal complement* of  $W$  and denoted by  $W^\perp$ .

**Theorem 7.0.1.** 1. A vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $W^\perp$  iff  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to every vector in a set that spans  $W$ .

2.  $W^\perp$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

*Proof.* Left for Exercise □

**Theorem 7.0.2.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Then the orthogonal complement of the row space of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and the orthogonal complement of the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}^T$ :

$$(\text{Row } \mathbf{A})^\perp = \text{Nul } \mathbf{A}, \quad (\text{Col } \mathbf{A})^\perp = \text{Nul } \mathbf{A}^T$$

### 7.1 Orthogonal Sets

**Definition.** A set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be an *orthogonal set* if each pair of distinct vectors from the set is orthogonal.

**Theorem 7.1.1.** If  $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $S$  is linearly independent and hence is a basis for the subspace spanned by  $S$ .

**Definition.** An *orthogonal basis* for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a basis for  $W$  that is also an orthogonal set.

**Theorem 7.1.2.** Each vector in a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has a unique representation as a linear combination of its orthogonal basis.

**Definition.** The *orthogonal projection* of  $\mathbf{v}$  on an arbitrary non-zero vector  $\mathbf{b}$  can be written as:

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{b}\|^2} \mathbf{b} \quad (7.1)$$

Moreover, we can see that  $\mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{v}$  is the vector component of  $\mathbf{v}$  orthogonal to  $\mathbf{b}$ . The projection  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{v}$  is determined by the subspace  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{b}\}$ , and we may call it the *orthogonal projection onto*  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{b}\}$ .

**Definition.** A set is an *orthonormal set* if it is an orthogonal set of unit vectors. It is also an *orthonormal basis* for a subspace spanned by it.

**Theorem 7.1.3.** An  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{U}$  has orthonormal columns iff  $\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$ .

**Theorem 7.1.4.** Let  $\mathbf{U}$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix with orthonormal columns, and let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

1.  $\|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$ .
2.  $\|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{y}\| = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$ , and it equals zero iff  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = 0$ .

Equivalently, they say that the linear mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}$  preserves lengths and orthogonality.

**Definition.** An *orthogonal matrix* is a square invertible matrix  $\mathbf{U}$  such that  $\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}^T$ .

## 7.2 Orthogonal Projections

**Theorem 7.2.1.** Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then each  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  can be written uniquely in the form

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

where  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is in  $W$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  is in  $W^\perp$ . In fact, if  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  is any orthogonal basis of  $W$ , then

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{y} + \dots + \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_p} \mathbf{y}$$

and  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ .

The vector  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is called the *orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $W$*  and written as  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$ .

**Theorem 7.2.2.** Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $W$ . Then  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is the closest point in  $W$  to  $\mathbf{y}$ , in the sense that

$$\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\| < \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{v}\|$$

for all  $\mathbf{v} \in W$  distinct from  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ .

**Theorem 7.2.3.** *If  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  is an orthonormal basis for a subspace  $W \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then*

$$\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1)\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p)\mathbf{u}_p$$

*If  $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_p]$ , then*

$$\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{y}$$





# 8

## Symmetric Matrices and Quadratic Forms

**Definition.** A *symmetric matrix* is a matrix such that it equals to the transpose of itself.

**Definition.** A *quadratic form* on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a function  $Q$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  whose value at a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  can be computed by an expression of the form  $Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{x}$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix. The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is called the *matrix of the quadratic form*. The simplest example of a nonzero quadratic form is where the matrix of the quadratic form is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

**Definition.** A quadratic form  $Q$  is:

1. *positive definite* if  $Q(\mathbf{x}) > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ,
2. *negative definite* if  $Q(\mathbf{x}) < 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ,
3. *indefinite* if  $Q(\mathbf{x})$  assumes both positive and negative values.

**Theorem 8.0.1.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix. Then a quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{x}$  is:

1. *positive definite* iff the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are all positive,
2. *negative definite* iff the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are all negative,
3. *indefinite* iff the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  has both positive and negative eigenvalues.

**Definition.** A *positive definite matrix*  $\mathbf{A}$  is a symmetric matrix for which the quadratic form is positive definite. The matrix is a *positive semidefinite matrix* if its quadratic form is nonnegative. Other terms are defined analogously.