

# MATH 2940 Study Guide

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# 1 Textbook Information

Lay, Lay, McDonald, “Linear Algebra with Applications”, 6th edition

# 2 Aids

[Matrix Calculator](#)

# 3 Sources

1. Lay, Lay, McDonald, “Linear Algebra with Applications”, 6th edition
2. [Cornell Spring 2023 semester Canvas notes \(Professor Frans Schalekamp\)](#)

# 4 Usage

This guide is meant to be a place to conveniently list most of the important information for the topic of linear algebra. It is also based on the Cornell course MATH 2940, as well as any other sources listed. This guide does not promise to cover all topics that one may be learning in a class they are participating in. It also does not promise to cover all the content from the Cornell course MATH 2940. This is best used either for review, or to read after reviewing the textbook on one’s own time and using this to review the main ideas.

## 5 Overview

### 5.1 Solving Linear Equations

- SoEs can have one of three solutions:
  1. exactly one solution
  2. no solutions
  3. infinitely many solutions
- linear equations can be quite long and cumbersome to write out, so we want a way to make the method for solving them more precise, and a shorter notation for writing them. Thus, **augmented** and **coefficient matrices**

**Example 5.1.1.**

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \\x_2 - 8x_3 &= 8 \\-4x_1 + 5x_2 + 9x_3 &= -9\end{aligned}$$

- augmented matrix (includes the right-hand sides of the equations):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -8 & 8 \\ -4 & 5 & 9 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

- coefficient matrix (does not include right-hand sides of equations)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -8 \\ -4 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 5.2 Matrices

#### Elementary Row operations (EROs)

##### 1. Replacement

Replacing row by sum of itself and multiple of another row

##### 2. Scaling

Multiply all entries in a row with a nonzero constant

##### 3. Interchange

Swap two rows

#### Solving SoEs with Matrices

- use [Gauss-Jordan Elimination](#) to get matrices in reduced echelon form and solve them
- once the **forward phase of G-J elimination** is done, the resulting matrix can be used to determine the solutions of the system:

- if there is a row such that  $0 = b$  (where  $b$  is nonzero), i.e. a row that looks like  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$ , then the system is inconsistent. Otherwise, the system is consistent
- after **backward phase** is done, **parametric description** of solution of system can be determined
  - translate the matrix back into SoE. variables corresponding to pivot columns are **basic variables**, and the other variables are **free variables**.
  - Write the basic variables in terms of the free variables. This is known as the parametric description of the solution set.

**Example 5.2.1.** Reduce  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & -6 & 4 & 9 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$  to reduced row echelon form.

In the below example, pivot positions are circled.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & -6 & 4 & 9 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{1} \leftrightarrow \textcircled{4}} \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \xrightarrow{\textcircled{2} \leftarrow \textcircled{2} + 1\textcircled{1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 6 & -6 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{3} \leftarrow \textcircled{3} + 2\textcircled{1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ 0 & \textcircled{2} & 4 & 6 & -6 \\ 0 & 5 & 10 & -15 & -15 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \xrightarrow{\textcircled{3} \leftarrow \textcircled{3} + -(5/2)\textcircled{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 6 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{4} \leftarrow \textcircled{4} + -(3/2)\textcircled{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 6 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \xrightarrow{\textcircled{3} \leftrightarrow \textcircled{4}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 6 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{-5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix is now in echelon form. To reduce to reduced row echelon form, we need to use row operations to create 0s above the pivots. The following row operations achieve that.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ 0 & \textcircled{2} & 4 & 6 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{-5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{3} \leftarrow (-1/5)\textcircled{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & -6 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
& \xrightarrow{\textcircled{2} \leftarrow \textcircled{2} + 6\textcircled{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & -9 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{1} \leftarrow \textcircled{1} + 9\textcircled{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
& \xrightarrow{\textcircled{2} \leftarrow (1/2)\textcircled{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{1} \leftarrow \textcircled{1} + 4\textcircled{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

### 5.3 Vectors

- solution to matrix can be written as a list of vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

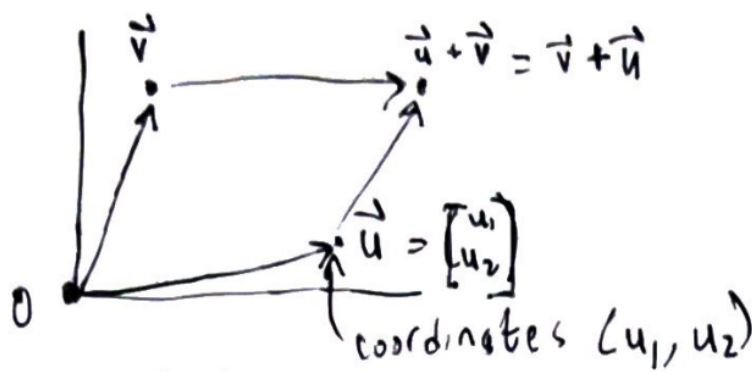
- vectors are equal when all entries are the same

#### Operations

- Addition

- $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$  defined if  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  have the same number of entries

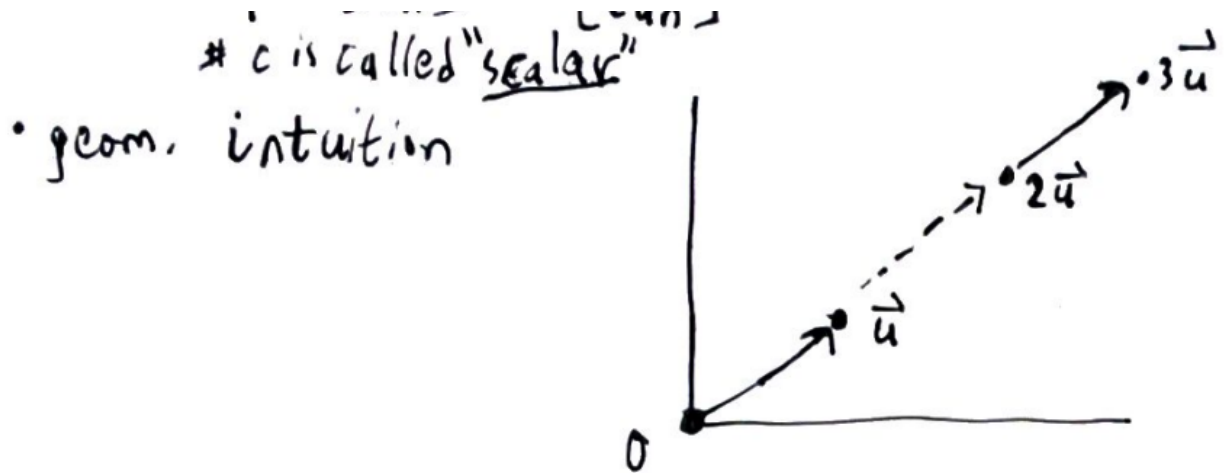
$$- \vec{u} + \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n + v_n \end{bmatrix}$$



- Multiplication

- scalar (real number) times vector only

$$- c\vec{u} = c \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} cu_1 \\ cu_2 \\ \vdots \\ cu_n \end{bmatrix}$$



### Properties

- zero vector =  $\vec{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $-\vec{u} = (-1)\vec{u}$
- $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$
- $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} = \vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$
- $\vec{u} + \vec{0} = \vec{0} + \vec{u} = \vec{u}$
- $-\vec{u} + \vec{u} = \vec{0}$
- $c(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = c\vec{u} + c\vec{v}$
- $(c + d)\vec{u} = c\vec{u} + d\vec{u}$
- $c(d\vec{u}) = (cd)\vec{u}$
- $1\vec{u} = \vec{u}$

### Linear Combinations

- a **linear combination** is a vector written as the sum of other vectors
- the equation  $\vec{y} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\vec{v}_p$
- $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p$  are vectors  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$  are **weights**
- $\vec{y}$  is written as a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p$  with weights  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$

**Example 5.3.1.**  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear combination of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  because  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . The weights are 2 for  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and 1 for  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

## 5.4 Span

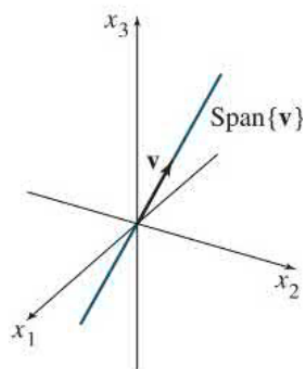
- because of our definition of linear combinations, we have the following relation:  
a vector equation

$$x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n = \vec{b}$$

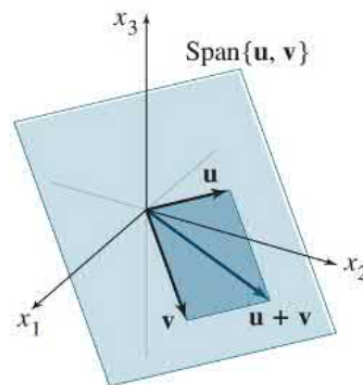
has the same solution set as the linear system with augmented matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_n & \vec{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

- solving this matrix is equivalent to finding weights in a linear combination
- the **span** of a set of vectors is set of all possible linear combinations of those vectors
- if an augmented matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_n & \vec{b} \end{bmatrix}$  is consistent, then  $\vec{b}$  is in the span of  $\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$ , or, in other words,  $\vec{b} \in \text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$
- the span of two vectors is a plane
- geometric intuition:



**FIGURE 10**  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}\}$  as a line through the origin.



**FIGURE 11**  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  as a plane through the origin.

## 5.5 The Matrix Equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

- fundamental idea of linear algebra is to view linear combo of vectors as product of matrix and vector (matrix vector multiplication)
- $A\vec{x}$  only defined when  $\#$  columns of  $A = \#$  entries of  $\vec{x}$
- $A\vec{x}$  is a vector



**Example 5.5.1.**

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + 7 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 42 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 61 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- See [Theorem 2](#) and [Theorem 3](#)
- use [Gauss-Jordan Elimination](#) see if system is consistent or not
- Properties of  $A\vec{x}$  multiplication: [Theorem 4](#)

## 5.6 Homogenous and Nonhomogenous SoEs, and Parametric Vector Form

- **homogenous** SoEs are SoEs that can be written as  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$
- homogenous SoEs are always consistent ( $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$  is always solution, which is called the **trivial solution**)
- care about nontrivial solutions to the equation since we know that there is always a solution
- can write solution set of matrix equation as a vector using parametric description of solution set, known as **parametric vector form**
- to write in parametric vector form, see [Parametric Vector Form](#)

**Example 5.6.1.** The vector form of the parametric description

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= (4/3)x_3 \\ x_2 &= 0 \\ x_3 &\text{ is free} \end{aligned}$$

is

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} (4/3)x_3 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 4/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

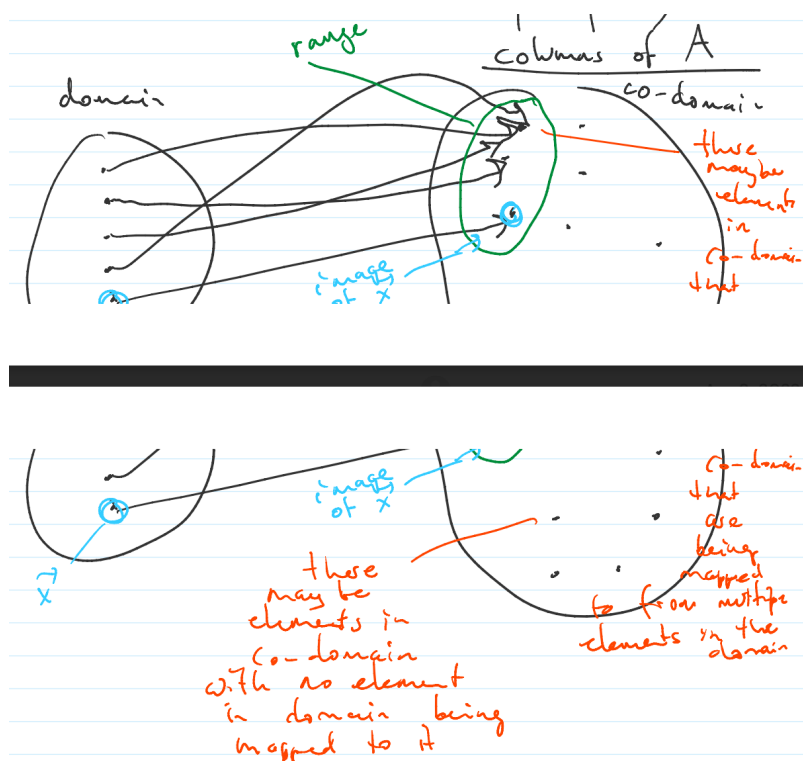
- Non-homogenous SoEs have same parametric vector form solution as  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , but with extra vector added that comes from  $\vec{b}$  (see [Theorem 5](#))

## 5.7 Linear Dependence

- see definitions for **linear independence** and **linear dependence**
- columns of a matrix  $A$  are linearly indep.  $\Leftrightarrow A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has only trivial solution
- see [Checking Linear Independence](#), [Theorem 6](#), [Theorem 7](#), and [Theorem 8](#)

## 5.8 Transformations

- a transformation  $T$  is a function that maps a vector  $\vec{x}$  to a vector  $A\vec{x}$
- $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$  for a matrix  $A$ . Notation:  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$
- $T$  has a **domain** and **co-domain**. For a  $\vec{x}$ , the **image** of  $\vec{x}$  is  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ , and the **range** is all possible images under  $T$ .



- $\vec{x} \mapsto A\vec{x}$  means  $\vec{x}$  maps to  $A\vec{x}$
- Properties of linear transformations:
  1.  $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$
  2.  $T(c\vec{u}) = cT(\vec{u})$
- these properties lead to the following facts:
  1.  $T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$  (though the  $\vec{0}$  vectors can be in different spaces)
  2.  $T(c\vec{u} + d\vec{v}) = cT(\vec{u}) + dT(\vec{v})$ .
  3.  $T(c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_p\vec{v}_p) = c_1T(\vec{v}_1) + c_2T(\vec{v}_2) + \dots + c_pT(\vec{v}_p)$
- linear transformations can also be **onto** (all points in co-domain have at least one arrow pointing in) and/or **one-to-one** (no points in co-domain with more than 1 arrow pointing in)
- See [Theorem 9](#), [Theorem 10](#), [Theorem 11](#)

## 5.9 Key Matrices and Matrix Algebra

- think of matrices as structure with vectors as columns

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- **diagonal entries** are  $a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, \dots$ , which form **main diagonal** of  $A$ .

- **diagonal matrix** (only diagonal entries are nonzero)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , **identity matrix**

(diagonal matrix where diagonal entries are 1)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and **zero matrix** (all

entries 0)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  are also important to know about

- Addition:

- $A + B$  only defined if  $A$  and  $B$  are the same size
- result is sum of corresponding entries in  $A$  and  $B$

- Scalar Multiplication:

$$rA = [r\vec{a}_1 \quad r\vec{a}_2 \quad \dots \quad r\vec{a}_n]$$

- See [Theorem 12](#) for properties of the operations

- Matrix Multiplication:

- only defined if # rows of  $B$  = # columns of  $A$
- $AB = [A\vec{b}_1 \quad A\vec{b}_2 \quad \dots \quad A\vec{b}_p]$
- if  $A$  is  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  is  $n \times p$  matrix, size of  $AB = m \times p$
- ORDER MATTERS!!!! ( $AB \neq BA$  generally, even if both multiplications are defined)
- if  $AB = 0$  one cannot conclude that  $A = 0$  or  $B = 0$
- See [Theorem 13](#) for properties of matrix multiplication

- Powers of a square matrix:

- $A^k = A \times A \times A \times \dots \times A$  (k times)
- $A^0 = I$

- Transpose:

- transpose of matrix is matrix where rows of original matrix become columns of the new matrix and vice versa

**Example 5.9.1.**  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 9 \\ 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 3 \\ 7 & 4 & 4 \\ 9 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

– See [Theorem 14](#) for properties of matrix transposes

## 5.10 Invertible Matrices

- invertibility only applies to square matrices, so matrices in this section are all square ( $n \times n$ )
- a matrix is invertible if there exists a matrix  $C$  such that  $AC = I$  and  $CA = I$ .  $C$  is the inverse of  $A$  (denoted as  $A^{-1}$ ) in this case.
- non-invertible matrices are sometimes called **singular matrices**, and invertible matrices are sometimes called **nonsingular matrices**.
- the matrix  $[0]$  is not invertible
- see [Theorem 15](#) and [Theorem 16](#) and [Theorem 17](#)
- To find inverse of matrix: see [Finding the Inverse of an Invertible Matrix](#)
- IMPORTANT THEOREM: [Theorem 18](#)
- a transformation  $T$  is invertible if there exists if there exists a transformation  $S$  such that
  - $S(T(\vec{x})) = \vec{x}$  for all  $\vec{x}$  in the domain of  $T$
  - $T(S(\vec{b})) = \vec{b}$  for all  $\vec{b}$  in the domain of  $S$
- see [Theorem 19](#)

## 5.11 LU Factorization

- factorization that makes it easier to solve for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  faster
- $L$  and  $U$  have a special structure:
  - $L$  is "lower triangular" with 1s on diagonal
  - $U$  is the echelon form of  $A$  (so "upper triangular", 0s below diagonal)

$$A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & 1 & 0 \\ * & * & * & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_L \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_U \quad (1)$$

- Method: see [LU Factorization Algorithm](#) and [Using LU to solve  \$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}\$](#)

## 5.12 Vector Spaces and Subspaces

- a **vector space** is nonempty set,  $V$ , of objects (called vectors). Two operations can be performed on these vectors: addition, scalar multiplication
- 10 Vector axioms for vector space  $V$ , vectors  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$ , scalars *candd*:
  1.  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V$
  2.  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$
  3.  $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} = \vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$
  4. there is  $\vec{0} \in V$  such that  $\vec{u} + \vec{0} = \vec{u}$  for all  $\vec{u} \in V$
  5. there is  $-\vec{u} \in V$  such that  $\vec{u} + (-\vec{u}) = \vec{0}$
  6.  $c\vec{u} \in V$
  7.  $c(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = c\vec{u} + c\vec{v}$
  8.  $(c + d)\vec{u} = c\vec{u} + d\vec{u}$
  9.  $c(d\vec{u}) = (cd)\vec{u}$
  10.  $1\vec{u} = \vec{u}$
- from the axioms, we have
  1.  $0\vec{u} = \vec{0}$
  2.  $c\vec{0} = \vec{0}$
  3.  $-\vec{u} = (-1)\vec{u}$
- polynomials of a degree  $n$  can be a vector space  $\mathbb{P}^n$
- **subspace** of vector space  $V$  is a subset,  $H$ , of  $V$  that has three properties:
  1.  $H$  is a nonempty subset of  $V \Leftrightarrow \vec{0} \in H$
  2.  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in H$  implies  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in H$  (closed under addition)
  3.  $\vec{u} \in H$  and scalar  $c$  implies  $c\vec{u} \in H$  (closed under multiplication)
- a subspace is vector space, vector space is subspace
- see [Theorem 20](#)

## 5.13 The Fundamental Spaces

Given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , and a linear transformation  $T$ :

### null space

the solution set to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ . denoted by  $\text{Nul}A$ .  $\text{Nul}A = \{\vec{x} : A\vec{x} = \vec{0}\}$  is the fancy math way of saying it.  $\text{Nul}A$  is a vector space, because it is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

### column space

the set of all linear combinations of the columns of  $A$ . denoted by  $\text{Col}A$  If  $A = [\vec{a}_1 \ \dots \ \vec{a}_n]$  then  $\text{Col}A = \{\vec{b} : A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \text{ for some } \vec{x}\} = \text{Span}\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ . It is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

### row space

the set of all linear combinations of the rows of  $A$ . denoted by  $\text{Row}A$ .  $\text{Row}A = \text{Col}A^T$ .

### kernel

the set of all  $\vec{u}$  such that  $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$ .  $\text{Kernel}(T) = \{\vec{x} : T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}\} = \text{Nul}A$

- see [Solving for the Fundamental Spaces](#) to solve for these mathematically

## 5.14 Bases, Bases for Fundamental Spaces, Change of Bases

- a **basis** is a linearly independent set of vectors that span a subspace
- If  $H$  is a subspace of  $V$ , a set of vectors  $B \subseteq V$  is a **basis** for  $H$  means
  - i.  $B$  is a linearly independent set
  - ii.  $H = \text{span}\{B\}$
- see [Theorem 21](#), [Theorem 22](#), [Theorem 23](#), [Theorem 24](#)
- see [Solving for the Bases of the Fundamental Spaces](#)

## 5.15 Coordinate Systems

- see [Theorem 25](#)

Given  $\vec{x} = c_1\vec{b}_1 + c_2\vec{b}_2 + \dots + c_n\vec{b}_n$ , where  $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$ :

- the **coordinates** of  $\vec{x}$  relative to  $B$  are the weights  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  ( $[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{c}_1 \\ \vec{c}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{c}_n \end{bmatrix}$ )
- the **change of coordinates** matrix is a matrix such that when the coordinates of  $\vec{x}$  relative to  $B$  is multiplied by it,  $\vec{x}$  is produced. It is denoted  $P_B$  ( $P_B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \end{bmatrix}$ )
- $\vec{x} = P_B [\vec{x}]_B$ ,  $P_B^{-1}\vec{x} = [\vec{x}]_B$
- $P_B^{-1}$  is change-of-coordinates matrix from standard basis to  $B$
- $\vec{x} \mapsto [\vec{x}]_B$  is one-to-one and onto linear transformation
- $T(\vec{x}) = [\vec{x}]_B$  is a linear transformation, one-to-one, onto
- an **isomorphism** is a linear transformation that is both one-to-one and onto.
- **change-of-coordinate-matrix** is a square matrix that converts from coordinates in one base to another. denoted  ${}_{C \leftarrow B}P$  for bases  $B, C$
- Given base  $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  and  $C = \{c_1, \dots, c_n\}$  are bases of vector space  $V$ :

$$[\vec{x}]_C = {}_{C \leftarrow B}P [\vec{x}]_B$$

$$P_{C \leftarrow B} = \begin{bmatrix} [\vec{b}_1]_C & [\vec{b}_2]_C & \cdots & [\vec{b}_n]_C \end{bmatrix}$$

- $(P_{C \leftarrow B})^{-1} = P_{B \leftarrow C}$
- $\begin{bmatrix} \vec{c}_1 & \vec{c}_2 & \cdots & \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} I & \vdots & P_{C \leftarrow B} \end{bmatrix}$

## 5.16 Dimensions

- **dimension:** number of vectors in a basis of a vector space  $V$  (provided there are a finite number of vectors). denoted  $\dim(V)$ .
- see [Theorem 27](#), [Theorem 26](#)
- $\dim(\vec{0}) = 0$
- $\text{rank}A = \dim(\text{Col}A) = \dim(\text{Row}A) = \text{number of pivot columns of } A = \text{number of rows with a pivot in EF of } A$
- $\dim(\text{Nul}A) = \text{nullity of } A = \# \text{ of non pivot columns in } A$ .
- see [Theorem 28](#), [Theorem 18](#) (adds some new content with this knowledge), [Theorem 29](#)

## 5.17 Determinants

- the following only applies for **square** matrices
- **determinant** is the volume of a geometric object with edges as the rows of  $A$
- $\det A = 0 \Leftrightarrow A$  is not invertible
- Properties of determinants:
  1.  $\det I = 1$
  2. if  $A$  has 2 rows that are the same,  $\det A = 0$
  3. If a matrix has a row of 0s, then  $\det A = 0$
  4. replacement operations do not change determinant
  5. the determinant of a matrix  $B$  obtained by a row interchange on a matrix is  $-\det A$
  6. scaling operation by a scalar  $k$  makes the determinant  $k \det S$
  7. the determinant of a diagonal or triangular matrix is the product of its diagonal entries
- $\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc$
- $\det A = \det A^T$
- $\det AB = (\det A)(\det B)$ ,  $\det A^2 = (\det A)^2$ ,  $\det A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A}$

## 6 Important Theorems

**Theorem 1.** Each matrix is row equivalent to one and only one reduced echelon matrix.

**Theorem 2.** When  $A$  is  $m \times n$  matrix with columns  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , and  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ,

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

has same solution set as

$$x_1\vec{a}_1 + x_2\vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n\vec{a}_n = \vec{b}$$

which has same solution set as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_n & \vec{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix (coefficient matrix). Then the following statements are logically equivalent. That is, for a particular  $A$ , either they are all true statements or they are all false.

- For each  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a solution.
- Each  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .
- The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- $A$  has a pivot position in every row.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix,  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $c$  is a scalar, then:

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

**Theorem 5.** Suppose the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is consistent for some given  $\vec{b}$ , and let  $\vec{p}$  be a solution. Then the solution set of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is the set of all vectors of the form  $\vec{w} = \vec{p} + \vec{v}_h$ , where  $\vec{v}_h$  is any solution of the homogeneous equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

**Theorem 6.** A set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$  is linearly dependent if one of the vectors is a linear combination of the others. ( $v_j \in \text{span} v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_p$ ) for some  $j$ .

**Theorem 7.** A set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$  is linearly dependent if there are more vectors than entries in each vector. Any set  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly dependent if  $p > n$ .

**Theorem 8.** A set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$  is linearly dependent if it contains the zero vector.

**Theorem 9.** Given a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  there exists a unique matrix  $A$  such that

$$T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$$

namely

$$A = [T(\vec{e}_1) \quad T(\vec{e}_2) \quad \dots \quad T(\vec{e}_n)]$$



where

$$\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{e}_j = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \leftarrow j^{th} \text{entry} \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_j$  are known as **standard basis vectors**. The matrix  $A$  is the **standard matrix for the linear transformation  $T$** .

**Theorem 10.** Given a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $T$  is one-to-one exactly when  $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$  has only the trivial solution.

**Theorem 11.** Given a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  with standard matrix  $A$ :

- a.  $T$  is onto  $\Leftrightarrow$  span of columns of  $A = \mathbb{R}^m$ .
- b.  $T$  is one-to-one  $\Leftrightarrow A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  only has trivial solution,  $\Leftrightarrow$  columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.

**Theorem 12.** Given matrices  $A, B, C$  of the same size, and  $r, s$  are scalars:

- a.  $A + B = B + A$
- b.  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$
- c.  $A + 0 = A$
- d.  $r(A + B) = rA + rB$
- e.  $(r + s)A = rA + sA$
- f.  $r(sA) = (rs)A$

**Theorem 13.** Given  $A, B, C$  matrices such that sums and products below are defined:

- a.  $A(BC) = (AB)C$
- b.  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$
- c.  $(B + C)A = BA + CA$
- d.  $r(AB) = (rA)B = A(rB)$
- e.  $IA = A = AI$

**Theorem 14.** Given a matrix  $A$ :

- a.  $(A^T)^T = A$
- b.  $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- c.  $(rA)^T = rA^T$
- d.  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

**Theorem 15.** Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , if  $ad - bc \neq 0$  then  $A$  is invertible and  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$

**Theorem 16.** If  $A$  is invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, then for every  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has the unique solution  $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$ .

**Theorem 17.** Given  $A, B$  invertible matrices, then

- a.  $A^{-1}$  is also invertible and  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
- b.  $AB$  is also invertible and  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
- c.  $A^T$  is also invertible and  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$

**Theorem 18 (Invertible Matrix Theorem).** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then the following statements are equivalent. That is, for a given  $A$ , the statements are either all true or all false.

- a.  $A$  is an invertible matrix
- b.  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has unique solution for every  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- c.  $A$  has  $n$  pivot positions, and a pivot position in every row and column. (because  $A$  is square)
- d.  $A$  has reduced echelon form  $I$
- e.  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  only has trivial solution
- f. the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent
- g. columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- h.  $A^T$  is invertible
- i. the transformation  $\vec{x} \mapsto A\vec{x}$  is onto
- j. the transformation  $\vec{x} \mapsto A\vec{x}$  is one-to-one
- k. there exists an  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  such that  $CA = I$
- l. there exists an  $n \times n$  matrix  $D$  such that  $AD = I$
- m. The columns of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- n.  $\text{Col}A = \mathbb{R}^n$
- o.  $\text{rank}A = n$
- p.  $\text{nullity}A = 0$
- q.  $\text{Nul}A = \{\vec{0}\}$

**Theorem 19.** A linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  with standard matrix  $A$  is invertible  $\Leftrightarrow A$  is an invertible matrix. In that case,  $\vec{b} \mapsto A^{-1}\vec{b}$  is the inverse function of  $T$ .

**Theorem 20.** If  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p$  are in a vector space  $V$ , then  $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

**Theorem 21.**  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  ( $p \geq 2$ ) is linearly dependent  $\Leftrightarrow$  one of the vectors is a linear combination of the others

**Theorem 22** (The Spanning Set Theorem). Given  $H = \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$  we can repeatedly find a vector that is a linear combination of the others and delete this vector from the generating set until we have a linearly independent set of vectors that still spans  $S$ .

**Theorem 23.** The pivot columns of matrix  $A$  form a basis for  $\text{Col}A$ .

**Theorem 24.** The row space of a matrix does not change after performing one row operation. ( $\text{Row}A = \text{Row}B$  if  $B$  can be obtained from  $A$  by performing 1 row operation)

**Theorem 25** (Unique Representation Theorem). Given  $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  be a basis for vector space  $V$ . For any  $\vec{x} \in V$  there is a unique set of scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  such that  $\vec{x} = c_1\vec{b}_1 + c_2\vec{b}_2 + \dots + c_n\vec{b}_n$

**Theorem 26.**  $V$  vector space, with basis  $B = \vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n$ : Any set of vectors in  $V$  with more than  $n$  vectors ( $n = \#$  vectors in  $B$ ) is linearly dependent.

**Theorem 27.** Every basis for vector space  $V$  has same  $\#$  of vectors.

**Theorem 28** (Rank-Nullity Theorem).  $\text{rank}A + \text{nullity of } A = n$

**Theorem 29.** Given vector space  $V$ ,  $\dim V = p$ ,

- a. Any linearly independent set of size  $p$  is a basis for  $V$ .
- b. Any set of  $p$  vectors that spans  $V$  is a basis for  $V$ .

## 7 Toolbox

Make sure to check your work after using any of these methods!

### 7.1 Linear Equations

To solve systems of linear equations:

1. Variable Elimination
  - System of 2 variables
    - (a) Eliminate one of the variables by adding or subtracting the equations together. This will give you an equation to solve for the other variable. Solve for this value.
    - (b) Plug the value for the variable that was just solved for into either of the equations to solve for the value of the other variable.
  - System of 3 or more variables
    - (a) Choose a variable in one equation to eliminate from the other equations. Eliminate this variable by adding or subtracting the equations together. Repeat the first step until you are able to solve for one variable.
    - (b) Plug the value for the variable that was just solved for into either of the equations to solve for the value of the another variable. Repeat this step until all variables are solved for.
2. Substitution
  - (a) Define one variable in terms of another, and plug it into all other equations. Use this equation to solve for this variable. If the system of equations has 3 or more equations, use all the other equations to solve for one variable in terms of another.

### 7.2 Gauss-Jordan Elimination

1. Create augmented matrix for the SoE.
2. Use first nonzero entry in the leftmost column as first pivot. If necessary, interchange rows so that there is a nonzero entry in the top entry of the first column.
3. Use EROs to create all 0s below the pivot position in the first column.
4. Ignore the row with the pivot position, and apply steps 2-3 to the submatrix that remains until there are no more nonzero rows to reduce.
  - after this step, one can determine the pivot positions and pivot columns of the matrix
5. Create zeroes above each pivot, starting with the rightmost pivot. If a pivot is not a 1, make it a 1 with a scaling operation.

### 7.3 Parametric Vector Form

1. Find the parametric description of the solution set for the SoE. Write all the basic variables in terms of the free variables.

2. Write the parametric description as a vector  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ , substituting each variable for its actual value.

3. Write each free variable as the product of itself and a vector  $\vec{v}_n = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$ , where each entry of  $\vec{v}_n$  is the corresponding coefficient of the variable in the vector  $\vec{x}$ .

4. Write all the free variables and the vectors they are multiplied by as a sum expression.

### 7.4 Checking Linear Independence

Given a set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ :

1. Put the vectors into a matrix  $A$
2. Solve for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ . If there is only the trivial solution, the  $S$  is linearly independent. Otherwise, it is linearly dependent.

### 7.5 Finding the Inverse of an Invertible Matrix

To find the inverse of a matrix  $A$ :

1. create the matrix  $M = [A \mid I]$ .
2. perform Gauss-Jordan Elimination on  $M$ . If the matrix is invertible, the reduced echelon form of  $M$  will be  $[I \mid A^{-1}]$ .

In other words,

$$[A \mid I] \xrightarrow{G.J.} [I \mid A^{-1}]$$

### 7.6 LU Factorization Algorithm

1. Reduce  $A$  to echelon form. As you are row reducing, when you get 0s underneath a column, place entries in the next column of  $L$  such that the same sequence of row operations will reduce  $L$  to the corresponding column of  $I$ .  $L$  will have as many columns as pivots of  $A$ . Note: Generally, the entries of  $L$  are the corresponding entries of  $A$  divided by the top entry of that column, with 1s along the main diagonal (see 7.6.1 below).
2.  $U$  is the echelon form of  $A$ .

**Example 7.6.1.**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 8 & 11 \\ 4 & 10 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\textcircled{2} \leftarrow \textcircled{2} + 2\textcircled{1}]{\textcircled{3} \leftarrow \textcircled{3} + -2\textcircled{1}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have created 0s under the first column. Now, we can create the first column of  $L$ . We ask ourselves, what column could be turned into  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  with the row operations

$\textcircled{3} \leftarrow \textcircled{3} + -2\textcircled{1}$ ? The answer is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , so this is our first column of  $L$ . We repeat this process for the other pivots of  $A$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{3} \leftarrow \textcircled{3} + -2\textcircled{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have created 0s under the second column. Now, we can create the second column of  $L$ . We ask ourselves, what column could be turned into  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  with the row operations

$\textcircled{3} \leftarrow \textcircled{3} + -2\textcircled{2}$ ? The answer is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and this is our second column of  $L$ . For the last

column, it is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , because  $L$  is lower triangular. Therefore,  $L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

You will notice from this example that **the entries of  $L$  are the corresponding entries of  $A$  divided by the top entry of that column, with 1s along the main diagonal**. This is generally the case, but you should always go through this whole algorithm to ensure you don't make mistakes.

## 7.7 Using LU to solve $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  can be written as  $L(U\vec{x}) = \vec{b}$  with LU factorization. Therefore, to solve  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ :

1. Solve  $L\vec{y} = \vec{b}$  for  $\vec{y}$ .
2. Solve  $U\vec{x} = \vec{y}$  for  $\vec{x}$ .

## 7.8 Solving for the Fundamental Spaces

Given a matrix  $A$ :

To solve for **Nul** $A$ :

1. Solve for  $\vec{x}$  in parametric vector form in  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  (using G.J. elimination).
2. **Nul** $A$  is the Span of the set of vectors that the free variables are multiplied by.

**Example 7.8.1.** Given

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 & -1 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

what is  $\text{Nul}A$ ?

First, reduce  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  to REF.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 & -1 & 1 & -7 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{G.J.} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, find the parametric vector form of the solution set.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_2 + x_4 - 3x_5 \\ x_2 \\ -2x_4 + 2x_5 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, we can conclude that } \text{Nul}A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

To solve for **Col** $A$ :

1. If  $A = [\vec{a}_1 \ \dots \ \vec{a}_n]$ , then  $\text{Col}A$  is  $\text{Span}\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ .

To solve for **Row** $A$ :

1. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{r}_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\text{Row}A$  is  $\text{Span}\{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$ .

## 7.9 Solving for the Bases of the Fundamental Spaces

To solve for a basis of **Nul** $A$ :

1. Solve for  $\vec{x}$  in parametric vector form in  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  (using G.J. elimination).
2.  $\text{Nul}A$  is the the set of vectors that the free variables are multiplied by.

To solve for a basis of **Col** $A$ :

1. Use G.J. elimination to find the echelon form of  $A$ .
2. Identify the pivot columns of  $A$
3.  $\text{Col}A$  is the set of vectors that are in the pivot columns of the echelon form of  $A$  in the the original matrix  $A$ .

To solve for a basis of **Row** $A$ :

1. Row  $A$  is all the nonzero vectors in the original matrix  $A$  or in the echelon form of  $A$ .

## 7.10 Finding the Determinant (Co-factor Expansion)

Assuming the original matrix is  $A$ :

1. Find a row or column where there are all 0s except for one entry. If there is not already one, use row operations to make a row or column have all 0s except for one entry in that row or column. It does not matter which entry is you decide to make nonzero (so it does not need to be picked such that the reduced form of the matrix corresponds to echelon form). It's usually a good idea to pick a row or column with a lot of 0s already in it. We will denote the row that the nonzero entry is in with  $i$ , the column it is in with  $j$ , and the entry itself with  $m$ .
2. The determinant of your starting matrix will be  $m(-1)^{i+j}B$ , where  $B$  is the matrix obtained by deleting row  $i$  and column  $j$  from  $A$ .
3. Repeat step 1 until a number is generated from the equation.

For reference, the actual Co-factor expansion formula is

for using  $i$ -th row:

$$\det A = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}(-1)^{i+j} \det M_{ij}$$

or, for using  $j$ -th column:

$$\det A = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}(-1)^{i+j} \det M_{ij}$$

where  $M_{ij}$  is  $A$  with row  $i$  and column  $j$  deleted.



## 8 Terminology

### 8.1 Notation

$\sim$  a symbol used to represent row equivalence between two matrices.

■ a symbol used to represent a nonzero number

$*$  a symbol used to represent any number

$[\vec{x}]_B$  the coordinates of  $\vec{x}$  relative to the basis  $B$

$P_B$  a change-of-coordinates matrix relative to basis  $B$

$\dim(V)$  the dimension of the basis  $V$ .

$P_{C \leftarrow B}$  a change-of-coordinates matrix from basis  $B$  to basis  $C$ .

$\det A$  the determinant of the matrix  $A$ .

### 8.2 Definitions

#### linear equation

a linear equation in vars  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is an equation that can be written as

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

where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  and  $b$  are real (or complex) numbers.

#### system of linear equations (SoE) or linear system

one or more linear equations with the same variables.

#### consistent system

an SoE that has one, or infinitely many solutions

#### inconsistent system

an SoE that has no solution

#### augmented matrix

a representation of a system of equations that includes the right-hand sides of the equations.

#### coefficient matrix

a representation of a system of equations that does not include the right-hand sides of the equations.

#### leading entry

The first nonzero entry of a matrix.

#### basic variable

variables in an SoE that correspond to pivot columns in the REF of a matrix.

#### free variable

variables in an SoE that are not basic variables. These variables can take on any value and have the equations of the SoE hold true.

### echelon form (EF)

A matrix is in echelon form if it has the following properties:

1. All nonzero rows are above any rows of all zeroes
2. Each leading entry of a row is in a column to the right of the leading entry above it
3. all entries in a column below a leading entry are zeroes

$$\begin{bmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### reduced echelon form (REF)

A matrix is in reduced echelon form if it is in reduced echelon form and has the following additional properties:

1. The leading entry of each nonzero row is 1
2. Each leading 1 is the only nonzero entry in its column

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * & 0 & * & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & * & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### pivot position

given a matrix in echelon or reduced form, a pivot position is a position with a leading number in a row.

### pivot columns

given a matrix in echelon or reduced form, a pivot column is a column with a pivot columns.

### forward phase of G-J Elimination

getting the matrix into echelon form (steps 1-4 of G-J elimination)

### backward phase of G-J Elimination

getting the matrix into echelon form (step 5 of G-J elimination)

### parametric description

a description of all the variables involved in a system with their associated values

### linear combination

a description of a vector as a sum of vectors multiplied by scalars. The scalars the vectors are multiplied by are called **weights**.

### span

the set of all possible linear combinations of a set of vectors ( $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$  is the set of all possible linear combinations of  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ )

**homogenous system of linear equations**

an SoE that can be written as  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

**trivial solution**

a solution to the matrix equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  where  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

**nontrivial solution**

a solution to the matrix equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  where  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ .

**parametric vector form**

a way of representing the solution set to a matrix equation where  $\vec{x}$  is a sum of vectors with its free variables as weights.

**linear independence and dependence**

Given a set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ , they are **linearly independent** if

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

has only the trivial solution. If there is a nontrivial solution to the equation, for example, a

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

where  $\{c_1, \dots, c_p\}$  are not all zero, the set is **linearly dependent**.

**linear dependence relation**

Given a set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ , a **dependence relation** among  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$  is

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

where  $\{c_1, \dots, c_p\}$  are not all zero.

**matrix transformation**

a function that maps a vector  $\vec{x}$  to a vector  $A\vec{x}$ .

**domain of matrix transformation**

the set of objects being mapped. If a matrix  $A$  has  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns, the domain is  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**co-domain of matrix transformation**

the set of objects being mapped to. If a matrix  $A$  has  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns, the domain is  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

**image of matrix transformation**

for a particular  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$  is the image of  $\vec{x}$  under  $T$ .

**range of a matrix transformation**

the set of all images under  $T$ .

**onto**

a transformation is onto when its range is its co-domain. In other words, for every  $\vec{b}$  in the co-domain, there exists at least one  $\vec{x}$  in the domain such that  $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{b}$ .

**one-to-one**

a transformation is one-to-one when each  $\vec{b}$  in the co-domain is mapped to at most 1  $\vec{x}$  in the domain.

**standard basis vectors**

the set of vectors  $\{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_j\}$ , where the vectors have 0s in all other positions besides their  $j^{th}$  position, which is a 1.

**standard matrix for a linear transformation**

the matrix

$$A = [T(\vec{e}_1) \quad T(\vec{e}_2) \quad \dots \quad T(\vec{e}_n)]$$

where  $\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n$  are standard basis vectors.

**diagonal entries**

the entries on the diagonal that goes through the middle of a matrix.

**main diagonal**

the diagonal on which the diagonal entries lie on a matrix.

**diagonal matrix**

a square matrix where only its diagonal entries are nonzero.

**identity matrix**

a special case of a diagonal matrix where its diagonal entries are all equal to 1 (denoted as  $I$  or  $I_n$ ).

**zero matrix**

a matrix whose entries are all 0 (denoted as 0 or  $0_{m \times n}$ ).

**invertible/nonsingular matrix**

a matrix is invertible when exists a matrix  $C$  such that  $AC = I$  and  $CA = I$ . A non-invertible matrix is called a singular matrix. The inverse of the matrix is denoted as  $A^{-1}$ , if the original matrix is  $A$ .

**lower triangular matrix**

a matrix that only has nonzero numbers below its diagonal.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \blacksquare & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & \blacksquare & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & \blacksquare & 0 \\ * & * & * & \blacksquare \end{bmatrix}$$

**unit lower triangular matrix**

a special case of the lower triangular matrix that has 1s on its diagonal.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & 1 & 0 \\ * & * & * & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**upper triangular matrix**

a matrix that has only has nonzero numbers above its diagonal.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \end{bmatrix}$$

**unit upper triangular matrix**

special case of the upper triangular matrix that has 1s on its diagonal.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**triangular matrix**

a matrix that is either lower or upper triangular.

**vector space**

a vector space is a nonempty set of objects (called vectors).

**subspace**

subspace,  $H$ , is a vector space that contains the zero vector of the vector space it is a subspace of, and is closed under addition ( $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in H$  implies  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in H$ ) and scalar multiplication ( $\vec{u} \in H$  and scalar  $c$  implies  $c\vec{u} \in H$ ).

**null space (NulA)**

a vector space that is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that is the solution set to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  for an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

**column space (ColA)**

a vector space that is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  that is the set of all linear combinations of the columns of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

**row space**

a vector space that is the set of all linear combinations of the rows of  $A$ . denoted by  $\text{Row}A$ .  $\text{Row}A = \text{Col}A^T$ .

**kernel**

the set of all  $\vec{u}$  such that  $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$ .

**basis**

If  $H$  is a subspace of  $V$ , a set of vectors  $B \subseteq V$  is a **basis** for  $H$  means

- i.  $B$  is a linearly independent set
- ii.  $H = \text{span}\{B\}$

**coordinates relative to a basis**

given  $\vec{x} = c_1\vec{b}_1 + c_2\vec{b}_2 + \dots + c_n\vec{b}_n$ , where  $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$ : the **coordinates relative to a basis** of  $\vec{x}$  relative to  $B$  are the weights  $c_1, \dots, c_n$

**change-of-coordinates matrix**

a square matrix such that the result of multiplying it and the coordinates of a vector relative to a basis is the vector.

**isomorphism**

a linear transformation that is both one-to-one and onto.

**dimension of a basis**

the number of vectors in a basis of a vector space  $V$  (provided there are a finite number of vectors).

**change-of-coordinate-matrix**

is a square matrix that converts from coordinates in one base to another.

**determinant**

the volume of a geometric object with edges as the rows of a matrix  $A$ .