

# MATH2111 Tutorial 9

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## 1 Coordinate System

1. **Theorem (The Unique Representation Theorem).** Let  $B = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  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

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1\mathbf{b}_1 + c_2\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{b}_n$$

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

$$[\mathbf{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

3. **Change of coordinates matrix.**

Let  $B = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  be a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $P_B = [\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n]$ .

$\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{b}_1 + c_2\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{b}_n$  if and only if

$$\mathbf{v} = [\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n] \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = P_B[\mathbf{v}]_B.$$

$P_B$  is called the **change-of-coordinates matrix** from  $B$  to the standard basis in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Since  $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  is linearly independent,  $P_B$  is invertible. Thus

$$[\mathbf{v}]_B = P_B^{-1}\mathbf{v}.$$

4. **Theorem (the coordinate mapping).** Let  $B = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  be a basis for a vector space  $V$ . Then the coordinate mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_B$  is a one-to-one linear transformation from  $V$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

## 2 Dimension of a Vector Space

1. **Theorem.** If a vector space  $V$  has a basis  $B = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ , then any set in  $V$  containing more than  $n$  vectors must be linearly dependent.
2. **Theorem.** If a vector space  $V$  has a basis of  $n$  vectors, then every basis of  $V$  must consist of exactly  $n$  vectors.
3. **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  $V$ . The dimension of the zero vector space  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$  is **defined to be zero**. If  $V$  is not spanned by a finite set, then  $V$  is said to be **infinite-dimensional**.
4. **Theorem (Basis Extension Theorem).** 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

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

5. **Theorem (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 automatically a basis for  $V$ .
6. **Fact.**
  - (a)  $\dim \text{Nul } A = \text{number of free variables in } A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .
  - (b)  $\dim \text{Col } A = \text{number of pivot columns of } A$ .
7. **Definition.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix.
  - (a) The dimension of  $\text{Nul } A$  is called the nullity of  $A$ .
  - (b) The dimension of  $\text{Col } A$  is called the column rank of  $A$ .
  - (c) The dimension of  $\text{Row } A$  is called the row rank of  $A$ .

## 3 Rank of a Matrix

### 3.1 Row Space

1. **Definition (Row Space).** The row space of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , written as  $\text{Row } A$ , is the set of all linear combinations of the rows of  $A$ .

$$\text{Row } A = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$$

where  $\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m$  are the row vectors of the matrix  $A$ .

2. **Theorem.** The row space of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
3. **Theorem.**
  - (a)  $\text{Row } A = \text{Col } A^\top$
  - (b) Suppose  $A$  is row equivalent to  $B$ , then  $\text{Row } A = \text{Row } B$ .

## 3.2 Rank

1. **Definition.** The **rank** of  $A$  is the dimension of the column space of  $A$ .
2. **Theorem (Rank Theorem).** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Suppose  $A$  has  $p$  pivot positions. Then
  - (a) nullity of  $A = n - p$
  - (b) column rank of  $A = p$
  - (c) row rank of  $A = p$

Therefore, by defining  $\text{Rank } A = \text{column rank of } A = \text{row rank of } A$ , we have

$$\text{nullity } A + \text{rank } A = n, \text{ the number of columns.}$$

3. **Theorem (Dimension Theorem).** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation with standard matrix  $A$ . Then

$$\dim \ker T + \dim \text{range } T = n$$

### The Invertible Matrix Theorem

Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (a)  $A$  is an invertible matrix.
- (b)  $A$  is row equivalent to the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.
- (c)  $A$  has  $n$  pivot positions.
- (d) The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution.
- (e) The columns of  $A$  form a linearly independent set.
- (f) The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow A\mathbf{x}$  is one-to-one.
- (g) The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (h) The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (i) The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow A\mathbf{x}$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (j) There is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  such that  $CA = I$ .
- (k) There is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $D$  such that  $AD = I$ .
- (l)  $A^T$  is an invertible matrix.
- (m) The columns of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (n)  $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^n$
- (o)  $\dim \text{Col } A = n$
- (p)  $\text{rank } A = n$
- (q)  $\text{Nul } A = \{\mathbf{0}\}$
- (r)  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 0$
- (s)  $\det(A) \neq 0$

## 4 Exercises

1. Find the coordinate vector  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  of  $\mathbf{x}$  relative to the given basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$

$$(1) \mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(2) \mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q_1 (1). \quad c_1 \vec{b}_1 + c_2 \vec{b}_2 = \vec{x}$$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + 5c_2 = 4 \\ -2c_1 - 6c_2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = -6 \\ c_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore [\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(2) \quad c_1 \vec{b}_1 + c_2 \vec{b}_2 + c_3 \vec{b}_3 = \vec{x}$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{x}$$

$\nwarrow [\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -5 \\ 3 & 8 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - 3R_1 \rightarrow R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & -5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_2 \rightarrow R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 - R_3 \rightarrow R_1 \\ R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_2 \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 - 2R_2 \rightarrow R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore [\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- (1). Show that the set  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- (2). Find the change-of-coordinates matrix from  $\mathcal{B}$  to the standard basis.
- (3). Write the equation that relates  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Q2. (1)} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 8 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 4 & -5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} &\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & 8 \\ 4 & -5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 + 3R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 + 4R_1 \rightarrow R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{R_3 + \frac{5}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$\{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3\}$  is linearly independent.

And there are 3 vectors in  $\mathcal{B}$ ,

Thus,  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$(2) \quad P_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 8 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 4 & -5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(3) \quad \vec{x} = P_{\mathcal{B}} [\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

3. For each subspace, find a basis, and state the dimension.

$$(1) \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4s \\ -3s \\ -t \end{bmatrix} : s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$(2) \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3a + 6b - c \\ 6a - 2b - 2c \\ -9a + 5b + 3c \\ -3a + b + c \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Q3. (1) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4s \\ -3s \\ -t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

basis : 
$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \leftarrow \text{prove by yourself.}$$

dimension: 2

$$(2) \begin{bmatrix} 3a + 6b - c \\ 6a - 2b - 2c \\ -9a + 5b + 3c \\ -3a + b + c \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ -9 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check if basis:

check the linear independence firstly.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & -1 \\ 6 & 2 & -2 \\ -9 & 5 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 + 3R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_4 + R_1 \rightarrow R_4}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & -1 \\ 0 & -10 & 0 \\ 0 & 23 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_3 + \frac{23}{10}R_2 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_4 + \frac{7}{10}R_2 \rightarrow R_4}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & -1 \\ 0 & -10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\therefore \text{basis : } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ -9 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

dimension: 2

4. Determine the dimensions of Nul  $A$  and Col  $A$  for the matrices.

(1)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -4 & 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q4. (1)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Two pivots in column 1 and 3, thus  $\dim \text{Col} A = 2$ .

Two free variables  $x_2, x_4$ , thus  $\dim \text{Nul} A = 2$ .

(2)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -4 & 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Three pivots in column 1, 3, 4, thus  $\dim \text{Col} A = 3$ .

Three free variables  $x_2, x_5, x_6$ , thus  $\dim \text{Nul} A = 3$ .



5. Assume that the matrix  $A$  is row equivalent to  $B$ . Without calculations, list rank  $A$  and  $\dim \text{Nul } A$ . Then find bases for  $\text{Col } A$ ,  $\text{Row } A$ , and  $\text{Nul } A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 & 7 & 9 & -9 \\ 1 & 2 & -4 & 10 & 13 & -12 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 & -5 & -7 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 & 7 & 9 & -9 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q5. Since  $A, B$  are row equivalent,

$$\text{rank } A = \text{rank } B = 3.$$

$$\text{By Rank thm, } \dim \text{Nul } A = b - \text{rank } A = 6 - 3 = 3.$$

Looking at  $B$ , the pivot columns are column 1, 2, 4,  
the pivot rows are row 1, 2, 3,

thus, look back to  $A$ ,

$$\text{Col } A = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Row } A = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \\ 7 \\ 9 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}^T, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}^T, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}^T \right\}.$$

To find  $\text{Nul } A$ , we need  $\text{ref}(A)$ .

$$A \sim B. \quad \therefore A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow B\vec{x} = \vec{0}.$$

actually,  $B$  is one possible form of  $\text{REF}(A) := C$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & 1 & -3 & 7 & 9 & -9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 4 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 - 7R_3 \rightarrow R_1 \\ R_2 - 3R_3 \rightarrow R_2}}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 16 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 7 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_1}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 9 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 7 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$x_3, x_5, x_6$  are free.

$$\begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ [C \mid \vec{0}] \\ \uparrow \\ \text{RREF}(A) \\ \parallel \\ \text{RREF}(B) \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ -7 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_6 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \underline{\text{Nul}A} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ -7 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$