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### **Abstract**

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# Chapter 0

## Introduction

### Lecture 1

#### 0.1 Geometry

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- linear
- To study geometry with linearity
- In a different dimension:
  - In 2D: **lines**
  - In 3D: **planes**
  - In  $n$ D: **hyperplanes**

#### 0.2 Abstract Algebra

**Definition 0.2.1 (Linear Algebra).** Here is the definition of Linear algebra.

- Algebra is the study of basic "mathematical structure."  
e.g. **Group**, **Ring**, **Field**, ...etc.
- Linear Algebra studies one of the structures called **vector space**.

**Note.** Followed by logical deduction from the basic definition, we can derive some theorems.

#### 0.3 Applied Science

- **Mathematic:** ODE, PDE.
- **Linear Programming:** developing during World War II
- **Image Processing, Computer Vision, Computer Graphic**, etc.

# Chapter 1

## Matrices and Gaussian Elimination

### 1.1 Introduction

The central problem of Linear Algebra is the solution of Linear Equations. The most important and simplest case is when the # of unknowns equals to the # of equations.

**Note.** There are two ways to solve linear equations:

- The method of elimination (**Gaussian Elimination**)
- Determinants (**Cramer's Rule**)

#### 1.1.1 Four aspects to follow

- (1) The geometry of linear equations.

**Note.**  $n = 2, n = 3 \rightarrow$  higher dimensional space.

- (2) The interpretation of elimination is a factorization of the coefficient matrix.

**Definition.** Some notation to define:

**Definition 1.1.1** (Scalar, Matrix, Vector).

$$Ax = b \quad \begin{cases} \alpha, \beta, \gamma : & \text{scalar} \\ A, B, C : & \text{matrix} \\ a, b, c : & \text{vector} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 1.1.2** (Lower/Upper triangular matrix).

$$A = LU \quad \begin{cases} L : & \text{lower triangular matrix} \\ U : & \text{upper triangular matrix} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 1.1.3** (Transpose/Inverse).

$$A^T/A^{-1} : \quad \begin{cases} A^T : & \text{Transpose of matrix A} \\ A^{-1} : & \text{Inverse of matrix A} \end{cases}$$

(3) Irregular case and Singular case (**no unique solution**):

**Note.** no solution or infinitely many solutions

(4) The # of operations to solve the system by elimination

## 1.2 Geometry of Linear Equation

**Example.** Consider the linear equation below:

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 1 \\ x + y = 5 \end{cases}$$

- approach 1: row picture  $\rightarrow$  two lines in plane

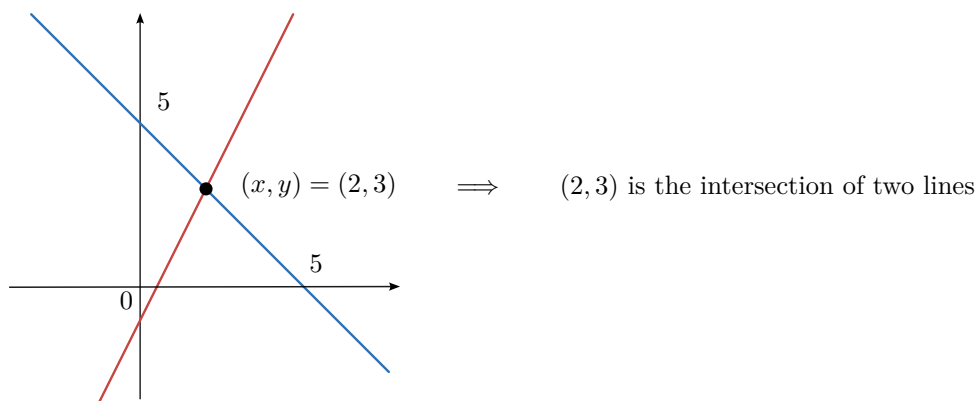


Figure 1.1: Row Picture

- approach 2: column picture

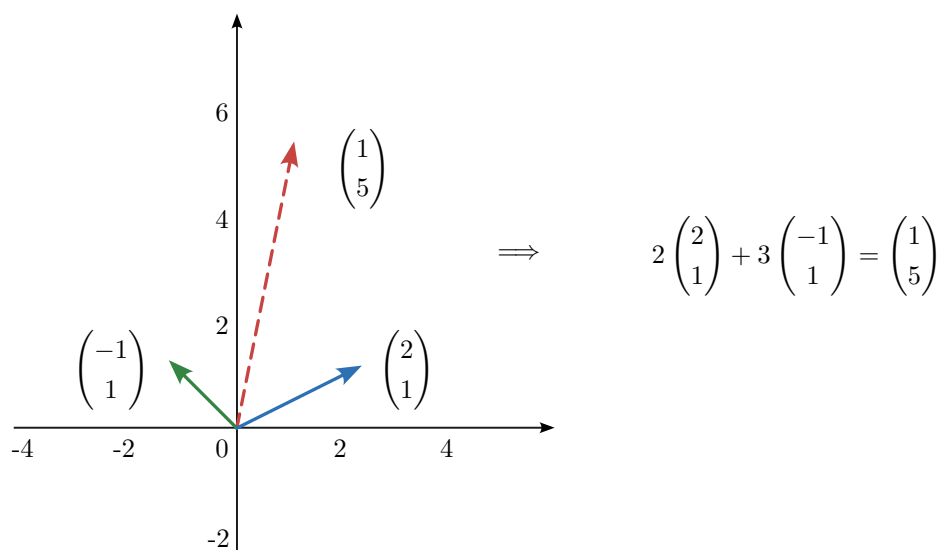


Figure 1.2: Column Picture

**Lemma 1.2.1** (Linear Combination).

$$x \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the **Linear Combination** of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  to reach  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

**Note.** A vector is a  $n \times 1$  array with  $n$  real numbers,  $c_n$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$$

But in the text, we use

$$(c_1, \dots, c_n)$$

to represent.

**Definition.** Here are some operations on matrix:

**Definition 1.2.1.**

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \cdot c_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha \cdot c_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Definition 1.2.2.**

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 + d_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n + d_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$

**Definition 1.2.3.**

$$y \in \mathbb{R}$$

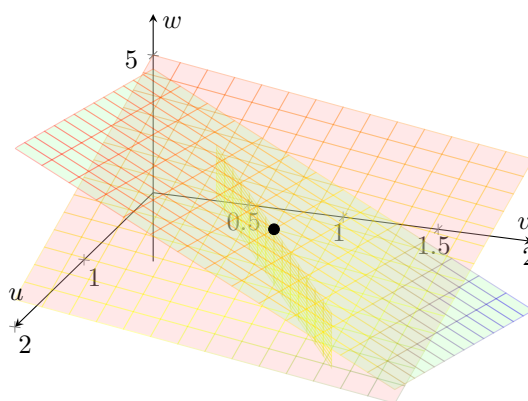
$$y \in \mathbb{R}^2 \implies y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 1} \quad y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$y \in \mathbb{R}^3 \implies y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 1} \quad y_1, y_2, y_3 \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Example.** Consider the linear equation below:

$$\begin{cases} 2u + v + w &= 5 \\ 4u - 6v &= -2 \\ -2u + 7u + 2w &= 9 \end{cases}$$

- Row picture



$$(u, v, w) = (1, 1, 2)$$

**Lemma 1.2.2.** in  $n$ -dimension, a line require  $(n - 1)$  equation.

**Question.** How to extend into  $n$ -dimensions?

**Answer.** Consider the following steps:

- Each equation represents a plane or hyperplane.
- The first equation produces a  $(n - 1)$ -dimension plane in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- The second equation produces another  $(n - 1)$ -dimension plane in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- Their intersection in smaller set of  $(n - 2)$ -dimension
- $(n - 3) \rightarrow (n - 4) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow \text{point}$

Then we can find the final intersection.

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- Column picture

$$u \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + v \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \iff \begin{cases} 2u + v + w &= 5 \\ 4u - 6v &= -2 \\ -2u + 7u + 2w &= 9 \end{cases}$$

RHS is a linear combination of 3 column vectors.

**Theorem 1.2.1.** Solution to a linear equation:

$$\underbrace{(\text{intersection of to points})}_{\text{row pic.}} = \underbrace{(\text{coefficient of linear combination})}_{\text{column pic.}}$$



### 1.2.1 Singular Case

(1) Row Picture: In 3D case, they didn't intersect at a point.

- **Case 1:** two parallel

$$\begin{cases} 2u + v + w &= 5 \\ 4u + 2v + 2w &= 9 \end{cases}$$

- **Case 2:** three plane perpendicular ( $\perp$ )

$$\begin{cases} u + v + w &= 2 \cdots (1) \\ 2u + 3w &= 5 \cdots (2) \\ 3u + v + 4w &= 6 \cdots (3) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{RHS} \Rightarrow (1) + (2) = (3) \quad ; \quad \text{LHS} \Rightarrow (1) + (2) \neq (3)$$

- **Case 2:** three plane have a whole line in common.

$$\begin{cases} u + v + w &= 2 \cdots (1) \\ 2u + 3w &= 5 \cdots (2) \\ 3u + v + 4w &= 7 \cdots (3) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{RHS} \Rightarrow (1) + (2) = (3) \quad ; \quad \text{LHS} \Rightarrow (1) + (2) = (3)$$

- **Case 4:** three parallel

(2) Column Picture:

$$u \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + v \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = b$$

In the case above, three vectors are linear combination to each other, i.e. three vectors share the same plane.

**Lemma 1.2.3 (Singular case).** If the three vectors are linear combination to each other (three vector share a common plane), it must be **singular case**.

- If  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$ , which is on the plane  $\Rightarrow$  too many solution to produce  $b$ .
- If  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ , which is not on the plane  $\Rightarrow$  no solution.

### 1.2.2 Fundamental Linear Algebra Theorem (Geometry form)

**Theorem 1.2.2 (Fundamental LA Theorem).** Consider a linear system

$$Ax = b, \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad b \in \mathbb{R}^m.$$

If the  $n$  hyperplanes have no only one intersection or infinitely many points, then the  $n$  columns lie in the same plane. (consistency of *row picture* and *column picture*)

**Notation.** Logic notation:

- If ..., then :  $\Rightarrow$
- If and only if :  $\Leftrightarrow$

## Lecture 2

### 1.3 An Example of Gaussian Elimination

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**Example.** Here is a linear equation.

$$\begin{cases} 2u + v + w &= 5 \\ 4u - 6v &= -2 \\ -2u + 7v + 2w &= 9 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{2} & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & \boxed{-8} & -2 & -12 \\ 0 & 8 & 3 & 14 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 & -12 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{"pivot"}$$

Then we get  $w = 2$ , we can plug in the equation i.e.

$$\begin{cases} 2u + v + 1w = 5 \\ -8v - 2w = -12 \\ w = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{Forward Elimination}$$

Then we substitute into 2nd, 1st equation to get  $v = 1$  and  $u = 1 \Rightarrow$  Backend Elimination

**Note.** By definition, **pivots cannot be zero!**

**Question.** Under what circumstances could the elimination process break down?

**Answer.** Here are some situations.

- Something **must** go wrong in the singular case.
- Something **might** go wrong in the nonsingular case.

A zero appears in a pivot position!

If in the process, there are nonzero pivots, then there's only one solution.

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**Example.**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (1) If  $a_{11} = 0 \implies$  nonsingular
- (2) If  $a_{22} = 0 \implies$  nonsingular
- (3) If  $a_{33} = 1 \implies$  singular

**Question.** How many separate arithmetical operations does elimination require for  $n$  equations in  $n$  unknowns?

**Answer.** For a single operation.

a single operation = each division & each multiplication-subtraction

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• **FE:**

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} x & x & \cdots & x & = & x \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ x & x & \cdots & x & = & x \end{array}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_n$

$$n(n-1) + (n-1)(n-2) + \cdots + (1^2 - 1) = \frac{n^3 - n}{3} \sim \frac{n^3}{3} \text{ steps}$$

• **RHS:**

$$(n-1) + (n-2) + \cdots + 1 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \sim \frac{n^2}{2} \text{ steps}$$

• **BF:**

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \sim \frac{n^2}{2} \text{ steps}$$

## 1.4 Matrix Notation and Matrix Multiplication

$$\begin{cases} 2u + 4v - 2w = 2 \\ 4u + 9v - 3w = 8 \\ -2u - 3v + 7w = 10 \end{cases} \implies u \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + v \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can rewrite it in the below form.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 9 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 3}, \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 1}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 1} \implies x = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

coefficient matrix                      unknowns                      RHS                      solution

$$\boxed{Ax = b}$$

**Definition 1.4.1.** An  $m \times n$  matrix,  $A_{m \times n}$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ , is an array with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns of real numbers, which can be written as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \begin{cases} i : \text{index of row} \\ j : \text{index of column} \end{cases}$$

- $\boxed{m \times n}$  is called the **dimensions (size)** of  $A \implies$  dimension of a  $( )_{3 \times 5}$  is  $3 \times 5$
- $\boxed{a_{ij}}$  is called the **elements/entry/coefficient** of  $A$
- **Addition:**  $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}, \quad B = (b_{ij})_{m \times n}$

$$A + B = (a_{ij} + b_{ij})_{m \times n}$$

- **Multiplication:**  $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}, \quad B = (b_{ij})_{n \times r}$

$$AB = (c_{ij})_{m \times r}, \quad \text{where } c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

- **Scalar Multiplication:**

$$\alpha A = (\alpha a_{ij})_{m \times n}$$

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$$A_{m \times n} x_{n \times 1} = b_{m \times 1}$$

In particular, if

$$A_{1 \times n} B_{n \times 1} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = ()_{1 \times 1}.$$

Then it's the **inner product** of vector  $\mathbf{v}$  and vector  $\mathbf{w}$

**Example.**

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 9 & -3 \\ -2 & 3 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cdot (-1) & 4 \cdot (2) & -2 \cdot (2) \\ 4 \cdot (-1) & 9 \cdot (2) & -3 \cdot (2) \\ -2 \cdot (-1) & 3 \cdot (2) & -7 \cdot (2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ 22 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(-1) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

(1) by row: 3 inner product

(2) by column: a linear combination of 3 columns of  $A$

**Example (1A).**  $Ax$  is a combination of columns of  $A$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{m \times n} x_{n \times 1} &= (A_1 | A_2 | \cdots | A_n) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= x_1(A_1) + x_2(A_2) + \cdots + x_n(A_n) = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \right)_{m \times 1} \end{aligned}$$

### 1.4.1 The Matrix Form of One Elimination Step

**Definition (1B).** Matrix form

**Definition 1.4.2.** zero matrix:

$$O = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Definition 1.4.3.** identity matrix:

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I_n = I_{n \times n}; \quad \begin{cases} A_{m \times n} I_n = A_{m \times n} \\ A_{m \times n} = A_{m \times n} I_n \end{cases}$$

**Definition 1.4.4.** elementary matrix (elimination matrix):

$$E_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & -\ell & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & \text{jth column} & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \ell : \text{multiplier} \\ \text{ith row} \end{array}$$

$$E_{ij} \cdot A = \begin{pmatrix} \cdots & -\ell & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{i-th} \Rightarrow (\text{i-th row}) + (-\ell)(\text{j-th column}) \\ \leftarrow \text{j-th} \Rightarrow \text{create zero at } (i, j) \text{ position!} \end{array}$$

**Example.**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{E_{21}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 9 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}_A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0_{21} & 9 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}_{EA}$$

**Note.** Here is two properties

1.  $Ax = b \implies E_{ij}Ax = E_{ij}b$
2.  $E_{ij}A \neq AE_{ij}$

## 1.4.2 Matrix Multiplication

- (1) The  $(i, j)$ -th entry of  $AB$  is the inner product of the **i-th** of  $A$  and the **j-th** of  $B$ .
- (2) Each column of  $AB$  is the product of a matrix  $A$  and **a column of B**

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \text{column } j \text{ of } AB &= A \text{ times } \mathbf{j\text{-th of } B} \\ &= \text{linear combination of } \mathbf{columns \text{ of } A} \\ &= b_{1j}A \begin{bmatrix} \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \end{bmatrix}_1 + b_{2j}A_{\bullet 2} + \cdots + b_{nj}A_{\bullet n} \\ &\quad \text{any numbers} \end{aligned}$$

**Example.**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}_{A_{2 \times 3}} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}_{B_{3 \times 3}} = \begin{pmatrix} 16 & 1 & 1 \\ 8 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}_{C_{2 \times 3}}$$

$$\text{1st column of } AB = \begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} = 5 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(3) Each row of  $AB$  is a product of a row of  $A$  and a matrix  $B$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \text{ i-th row of } AB &= \text{ i-th row of } A \text{ times } B \\ &= \text{ linear combination of rows of } B \\ &= a_{i1}B_{1\bullet} + a_{i2}B_{2\bullet} + \cdots + a_{in}B_{n\bullet}.\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.4.1.** Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be matrices (possibly rectangular). Assume that their dimension permit them to be added and multiplied in the following theorem

(1) The matrix multiplication is associative

$$(AB)C = A(BC)$$

(2) Matrix operations are distributive

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

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

(3) Matrix multiplication is **non**commutative

$$AB \neq BA \quad \text{in general}$$

(4) Identity Matrix

$$A_{n \times n}I_n = I_n A_{n \times n} = A_{n \times n}$$

**Example.**

$$E_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{-2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad F_{31} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad G_{32} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(1)

$$E_{21} F_{31} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \boxed{=} \quad F_{31} E_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(2)

$$E_{21} G_{32} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \boxed{\neq} \quad G_{32} E_{21}$$

(3)

$$G_{32} F_{31} E_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \boxed{\neq} \quad E_{21} F_{31} G_{32} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

"right order"

**Note.** The product of lower triangular matrices is a lower triangular matrix.

## Lecture 3

## 1.5 Triangular Factors and Row Exchanges

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$$\boxed{Ax = b}$$

$$\implies \textcolor{red}{LU}x = b \implies \begin{cases} Lc = b \\ Ux = c \end{cases}$$

**Example.**

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 9 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} = b$$

**Remark.**  $\ell$ : multipliers

$$E_{ij}(\ell) : (\text{i-th row}) + (-\ell)(\text{j-th column})$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & 2 \\ 4 & 9 & -3 & 8 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\textcolor{blue}{R_3+(1)R_1}]{\textcolor{blue}{R_2+(-2)R_1}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & 2 \\ \textcolor{blue}{0}_{21} & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 12 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcolor{blue}{R_3+(-1)R_2}} \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{2} & 4 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & \textcolor{blue}{0}_{32} & \boxed{4} & 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad \textcolor{red}{\text{pivot}}$$

$$E_{21}(\textcolor{red}{2}) = E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \textcolor{blue}{-2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_{31}(\textcolor{red}{-1}) = F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \textcolor{blue}{1} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_{32}(\textcolor{red}{1}) = G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcolor{blue}{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

i.e.

$$E_{21}E_{31}E_{32}Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = Ux = c = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} = E_{21}E_{31}E_{32}b$$

**Question.** How can we undo the steps of Gaussian Elimination?

$$\textcolor{red}{E}^{-1}\textcolor{red}{F}^{-1}\textcolor{red}{G}^{-1}GF EA = A = \underbrace{E^{-1}F^{-1}G^{-1}}_{\text{factors of } A} \boxed{U} = LU \quad \text{i.e.} \quad A = \textcolor{red}{LU}$$

$$E^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \textcolor{blue}{-(-2)} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad F^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \textcolor{blue}{-1} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad G^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcolor{blue}{-(-1)} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E^{-1}F^{-1}G^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{2} & 1 & 0 \\ \boxed{-1} & \boxed{1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \implies \text{records everything that has been done so far}$$



### 1.5.1 Triangular Factorization

**Theorem 1.5.1.** If no exchanges are required, the original matrix  $A$  can be written as

$$A = LU$$

- The matrix  $L$  is lower triangular with 1's on the diagonal and the multipliers  $\ell_{ij}$  (taken from elimination) below the diagonal.
- The matrix  $U$  is the upper triangular matrix which appears after forward elimination and before back-substitution; its diagonal entries are the pivots.

**Example.**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 \\ 6 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{提出2}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Question.**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad ; \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 5 \\ -1 & 4 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad ; \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

\*triangular matrix\* 有三條對角線

**Answer.**

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### 1.5.3 Row Exchange and Permutation Matrices

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \langle \text{Permutation matrix } P_{ij} \rangle$$

**Note.** Permutation matrix is also an elementary matrix.

**Example.** Here are some of the example:

1°

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \boxed{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3}$$

2°

$$PA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \boxed{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3}$$

3°

$$AP = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \boxed{C_2 \leftrightarrow C_3}$$

**Note.** For the permutation matrix:

1°  $PA$ : Performing row exchange of  $A$

2°  $AP$ : Performing column exchange of  $A$

3°  $PAx = Pb$ ; Should we permute the component of  $x = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$  as well? **NONONONONO!!!**

**Example.**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ d & e & f \end{pmatrix} \quad Ax = b$$

(1) if  $d = 0$ , the problem is incurable. The matrix is singular.

(2) if  $d \neq 0$ ,  $P_{13}A = \begin{pmatrix} d & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & a & b \end{pmatrix}$ ; if  $a \neq 0$ ,  $P_{23}P_{13}A = \begin{pmatrix} d & e & f \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc} P_{23}P_{13} & \neq & P_{13}P_{23} \\ \text{row} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{matrix} \end{array} \right|$$

**Theorem 1.5.3.** We separate into two cases:

- In the non singular case, there's a permutation matrix  $P$  that reorders the rows of  $A$  to avoid zeros in the pivot positions. In this case,
  - (1)  $Ax = b$  has a **unique** solution.
  - (2) It is found by **elimination with row exchange**
  - (3) With the rows reorders in advance,  $PA$  can be factored into **LU** ( $PA = LU$ )
- In singular case, no reordering can produce a full set of pivots.

**Example.**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\ell_{21}=2]{\ell_{31}=1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{P_{23}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = U$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ (This is WRONG) } = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**To summarize:** A good code for Gaussian Elimination keeps a record of  $L, U$  and  $P$ . They allow the solution ( $Ax = b$ ) from two triangular systems. If the system  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution, then we say:

1° The system is nonsingular or

2° The matrix is nonsingular

Otherwise, it is singular.

## 1.6 Inverse and Transpose

**Definition 1.6.1.** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is **invertible** if  $\exists$  an  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$   $\ni BA = I = AB$

**Theorem 1.6.1.** If  $A$  is invertible, then the matrix  $B$  satisfying  $AB = BA = I$  is unique!

**Proof.** Suppose  $\exists c \neq B \ni AC = CA = I$

$$B = BI = B(AC) = (BA)C = IC = C \text{ i.e. } B = C$$

we call this matrix  $B$ , the **inverse of  $A$** , and denoted as  **$A^{-1}$**  ■

**Note.** Not all  $n \times n$  matrices have inverse.

e.g.

1°

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2° if  $Ax = \vec{0}$  has a **nonzero solution**, then  $A$  has no inverse!

$$x = A^{-1}(Ax) = A^{-1}\vec{0} = \vec{0} \quad (\rightarrow \leftarrow)$$

**Note.** The inverse of  $A^{-1}$  is  $A$  itself. i.e.  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$ .

**Note.** If  $A = (a)_{1 \times 1}$  and  $a \neq 0$ , then  $A^{-1} = (\frac{1}{a})$ . The inverse of  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$  is

$$\frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } \det(A) \neq 0$$

**Note.**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & \cdots & d_n \end{pmatrix} \quad d_i \neq 0, \forall i \implies A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/d_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & \cdots & 1/d_n \end{pmatrix}$$

**Proposition 1.6.1.** If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible, then

- $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
- $(A_1A_2 \cdots A_n)^{-1} = A_n^{-1} \cdots A_2^{-1}A_1^{-1}$

### 1.6.1 The Calculation of $A^{-1}$ : Gaussian-Jordan Method

$$A \cdot A^{-1} = I$$

$$A_{n \times n} B_{n \times n} = I_n$$

$$\implies A_{n \times n} (B_1 | B_2 | \cdots | B_n)_{n \times n} = (e_1 | e_2 | \cdots | e_n)_{n \times n}$$

$$\implies (AB_1 | AB_2 | \cdots | AB_n)_{n \times n} = (e_1 | e_2 | \cdots | e_n)_{n \times n}$$

$$\implies AB_1 = e_1; AB_2 = e_2; \cdots; AB_n = e_n \longrightarrow n \text{ linear systems: } Ax = b$$

**Definition 1.6.2 (Gaussian-Jordan Method).** Instead of stopping at  $U$  and switching to back substitution, it continues by subtracting multipliers of a row from the rows above till it reaches a diagonal matrix. Then we divide each row by corresponding pivot.

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & | & I \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{LU}]{\times L^{-1}} (U | L^{-1}) \xrightarrow{\times U^{-1}} (I | A^{-1})$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \boxed{2} & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{3/2} & -1 & 1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{4/3} & 1/3 & 2/3 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\longrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \boxed{2} & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{3/2} & -1 & 1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{4/3} & 1/3 & 2/3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3/4 & 1/2 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/2 & 1 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/4 & 1/2 & 3/4 \end{array} \right)$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3/4 & 1/2 & 1/4 \\ 1/2 & 1 & 1/2 \\ 1/4 & 1/2 & 3/4 \end{pmatrix}$$

### 1.6.2 Invertible = Nonsingular

**Question.** What kind of matrices are invertible?

**Answer.** Here are the example:

1° nonzero pivot [Ch1](#) [Ch4](#)

2° nonzero determinants [Ch4](#)

3° independent columns (rows) [Ch2](#)

4° nonzero eigenvalues [Ch5](#)

which will in the whole course

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Suppose a matrix  $A$  has full set of nonzero pivots. By definition,  $A$  is nonsingular and the  $n$  systems

$$Ax_1 = e_1, Ax_2 = e_2, \dots, Ax_n = e_n$$

can be solved by elimination or Gaussian-Jordan Method.

Row exchanges maybe necessary, but the columns of  $A^{-1}$  are uniquely determined.

$$Ax = b \quad PAx = Pb$$

$$PAx_i = Pe_i$$

$$\{Pe_1, Pe_2, \dots, Pe_n\} = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$$

**Note.** Compute  $A^{-1}$ :

$$1^\circ A(x_1 | \dots | x_n) = I = (e_1 | \dots | e_n) \iff Ax_i = e_i, i = 1 \dots n$$

$$2^\circ \text{ Gauss-Jordan Method: } (A | I) \longrightarrow (I | A^{-1})$$

**Question.** We have found a matrix  $A^{-1} \ni AA^{-1} = I$ . But is  $A^{-1}A = I$

**Answer.** We can do this by recall.

**As previously seen.** Recall that every Gauss-Jordan step is a multiplication of matrices on the left. There are three types of elementary matrices:

1°  $E_{ij}(\ell)$  : to subtract a multiple  $\ell$  of  $j$  row from  $i$  row.

2°  $P_{ij}$  : to exchange row  $i$  and  $j$

3°  $\boxed{D_i(d)}$  : to multiply row  $i$  by  $d$  i.e.  $D_i(d) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & d & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{ith row}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & 0 \\ & 1 & \\ & & \ddots \\ 0 & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & d_2 & \\ & & \ddots \\ 0 & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdots \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & 1 & \\ & & \ddots \\ 0 & & & d_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & 0 \\ & d_2 & \\ & & \ddots \\ 0 & & & d_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \text{DEEPEE}A = I \Rightarrow A^{-1}A = I \therefore$  we have a left inverse!

These are the operation of  $A^{-1}$

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**Theorem 1.6.2.** For nonsingular and invertible:

- Every nonsingular matrix is invertible.
- Every invertible matrix is nonsingular.

**Theorem 1.6.3.** A square matrix is invertible  $\iff$  it is nonsingular

## Lecture 4

### 1.7 Transpose $A^T$

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**Proposition 1.7.1.** Here are the proposition of transpose

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

**Proof.** Here is the proof

$$1^\circ ((A + B)^T)_{ij} = (A + B)_{ji} = A_{ji} + B_{ji} = (A^T + B^T)_{ij}$$

$$2^\circ ((AB)^T)_{ij} = (AB)_{ji} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{jk} b_{ki} \quad (B^T A^T)_{ij} = \sum_{\ell=1}^n b_{i\ell}^T a_{\ell j}^T = \sum_{\ell=1}^n b_{\ell i} a_{j\ell} = \sum_{\ell=1}^n a_{j\ell} b_{\ell i}$$

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**Definition 1.7.1.** A symmetric matrix is a matrix which equals its own transpose. i.e.  $A = A^T$

**Example.**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ YES } \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ NO } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ YES}$$

**Note.** A symmetric matrix is **not necessarily** invertible. If it is invertible, then its inverse is symmetric.

**Theorem 1.7.1.** If  $A$  is symmetric and if  $A$  can be factored as  $LDU$ , then  $A = LDU^T$

**Proof.** Here is the proof.

$$1^\circ \ A = A^T, A = LDU \Rightarrow A^T = (LDU)^T = U^T D^T L^T = A = LDU$$

2° By theorem 1.5.2, the theorem is correct.

$LDU$  is unique if they exist. ■



## Chapter 2

# Vector Spaces and Linear Equation

## 2.1 Vector Spaces and Subspace

To answer the basic questions about the **existence**<sub>1°</sub> and **uniqueness**<sub>2°</sub> of the solution of  $Ax = b$ , we need the concept of vector space.

$$\text{Field} \implies \text{Vector Space} \implies \text{Solution of } Ax = b$$

**Definition 2.1.1 (Field).** Let  $F$  be a set with two operations "+" and "•" i.e.

$$+ : F \times F \longrightarrow F$$

$$\cdot : F \times F \longrightarrow F$$

and  $+, \cdot$  are well-defined functions. If the system  $(F, +, \cdot)$  satisfies the following conditions, the  $F$  is called a **Field**.

For  $a, b, c \in F$

$$(1) (a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$$

$$(2) a + b = b + a$$

$$(3) \exists 0 \in F \ni a + 0 = 0 + a = a \quad \text{單位元素 (1st operation)}$$

$$(4) \forall a \in F, \exists (-a) \in F \ni a + (-a) = 0 \quad \text{反元素 (1st operation)}$$

$$(5) (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$$

$$(6) a \cdot b = b \cdot a$$

$$(7) \exists 1 \in F \ni a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a \quad \text{單位元素 (2nd operation)}$$

$$(8) \forall a \neq 0 \in F, \exists a^{-1} \in F \ni a \cdot a^{-1} = a^{-1} \cdot a = 1 \quad \text{反元素 (2nd operation)}$$

$$(9) a \cdot (b + c) = ab + ac \quad \text{Distribution Law}$$

**Example.**

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathbb{R} & \text{(YES)} & \mathbb{Q} & \text{(YES)} & \mathbb{Z} & \text{(NO)} & \mathbb{C} & \text{(YES)} & \mathbb{N} & \text{(NO)} \\ \text{(real)} & & \text{(rational)} & & \text{(integer)} & & \text{(complex)} & & & \end{array}$$

**Definition 2.1.2** (vector space). Let  $V$  be a set and  $F$  be a field.  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$  if addition<sub>1°</sub> and multiplication by scalar<sub>2°</sub> are defined on  $V$  and they satisfy.

$$+ : V \times V \longrightarrow V$$

$$\cdot : F \times V \longrightarrow V$$

(A1) addition is associated

(A2) addition is commutative

(A3)  $\exists$  zero vector  $\in V \ni 0 + v = v + 0, \forall v \in V$

(A4)  $\forall v \in V, \exists (-v) \in V \ni (-v) + v = 0$

(M1)  $1 \cdot v = v, v \in V, 1 \in F$

(M2)  $(\lambda\mu) \cdot v = \lambda(\mu v) \quad v \in V, \lambda, \mu \in F$

(M3)  $\lambda(v_1 + v_2) = \lambda v_1 + \lambda v_2 \quad v_1, v_2 \in V, \lambda \in F$

(M4)  $(\lambda + \mu)v = \lambda v + \mu v \quad v \in V, \lambda, \mu \in F$

### 2.1.1 Algebraic Rules of Vector Algebra

**Question.**  $n \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{R}$  ( $\mathbb{R}^n$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ ) is a vector space?

**Answer.** YES

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**Example.**

$$\mathbb{C}^n / \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}^n / \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R} / \mathbb{R}$$

**Question.**  $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) / \mathbb{R}$  is a vector space?

$$M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

**Answer.** YES

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**Question.**  $V$  is a vector space?

$$V = \{\text{all } 3 \times 3 \text{ symmetric matrices over } \mathbb{R}\}$$

**Answer.** YES

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**Question.**  $\mathbb{R}^\infty / \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^\infty = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots) \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$

**Answer.** YES

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**Question.** Let  $V = \{f \mid f \text{ is a real-valued function defined on } [0, 1]\}$  define  $(rf)(x) = r \cdot f(x)$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$

**Answer. YES**

$$(\text{zero vector}) = (\text{zero function})$$

i.e.  $f(x) = 0, \forall x \in [0, 1]$

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**Question.**  $V = \{\text{all positive } \mathbb{R}\}$

$$\begin{cases} x+y &= xy \\ c \cdot x &= x^c \end{cases}, \text{ is } V \text{ a v.s. over } \mathbb{R}$$

**Answer. YES**

$$1^\circ \text{ (A1) } (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$$

$$2^\circ \text{ (A2) } (x + y) = xy = yx = (y + x)$$

$$3^\circ \text{ (A3) zero vector: } x + 1 = x$$

$$4^\circ \text{ (A4) } x + \frac{1}{x} = \text{zero vector} = 1$$

$$5^\circ \text{ (M3) } \lambda(x + y) = (x + y)^\lambda = (xy)^\lambda = x^\lambda y^\lambda = (\lambda x)(\lambda y) = \lambda x + \lambda y$$

$$6^\circ \text{ (M4) } (\lambda + \mu) \cdot x = x^{(\lambda + \mu)} = x^\lambda \cdot x^\mu = \lambda x \cdot \mu x = \lambda x + \mu x$$

All conditions apply.

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### 2.1.2 subspace

**Definition 2.1.3 (subspace).** A subspace  $W$  of a vector space  $(V, +, \cdot)$  over  $F$  is a nonempty subset of  $V \ni (W, +, \cdot)$  itself is a vector space over  $F$ .  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  over  $F$  if and only if  $W$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication.

**Question.** Does the zero vector belong to subspace?

**Answer. YES**

$W = \{\text{zero vector}\}$  is the smallest possible vector space. \*

**Remark.** If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces of  $V$  over  $F$ . Then  $W_1 \cap W_2 \neq \emptyset$

**Note.** If  $W$  is a subspace of  $V/F$ , then we use notation  $W \leq V$ .

**Question.**  $V = \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{R}$  ( $xy$ -plane), What are the subspace of  $V$ ?

**Answer.** Here are all subspace of  $V$

- (i) origin (one point)
- (ii)  $\mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{R} \leq V$
- (iii) all lines through origin
- (iv) ~~2nd-quadrant~~ (no zero)

There are much more example. \*

**Question.**  $V = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})/\mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \{n \times n \text{ symmetric matrix}\} \\ U &= \{n \times n \text{ upper triangular matrix}\} \\ L &= \{n \times n \text{ lower triangular matrix}\} \end{aligned}$$

**Answer. YES, YES, YES** \*

**Theorem 2.1.1 ( ).** Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ . A nonempty subset  $W$  of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ , if and only if for each pair  $x, y \in W$  and  $\alpha \in F$ :

- 1° The zero vector  $\in W$ .
- 2°  $\alpha x + y \in W$

### 2.1.3 Column Space of $A$

**Example.**

$$A_{m \times n} x_{n \times 1} = b_{m \times 1}$$

The first concern is to find all attainable r.h.s. vector  $b$ . For example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = u \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + v \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Theorem 2.1.2.** The system is solvable if and only if the vector  $b$  can be expressed as a combination of columns of  $A$

**Note.** The columns of  $A_{m \times n}$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , the rows of  $A_{m \times n}$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Example.** Let  $\mathcal{C}(A) = \{\text{all combinations of columns of } A\}$ . Then,  $\mathcal{C}(A)$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m/\mathbb{R}$ .

**Proof.** If  $b$  and  $b' \in \mathcal{C}(A)$ ,  $\exists x, x' \ni Ax = b$  &  $Ax' = b'$

$$\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \quad A(\alpha x + x') = A(\alpha x) + A(x') = \alpha Ax + Ax' = \alpha b + b' \in \mathcal{C}(A)$$

$$\implies \mathcal{C}(A) \leq \mathbb{R}^m/\mathbb{R} \quad \blacksquare$$

**Definition 2.1.4.**  $\mathcal{C}(A)$  is called the **column space** of  $A$ . Thus if  $b \in \mathcal{C}(A)$ , then  $Ax = b$  is solvable.

- $A_{m \times n} = 0 \implies \mathcal{C}(A) = 0_{m \times 1}$
- $A_{m \times n} = I_m \implies \mathcal{C}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$

## Lecture 5

### 2.1.4 Nullspace of $A$

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**Definition 2.1.5.** Let  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = 0\}$ , then  $\mathcal{N}(A) \leq \mathbb{R}^n/\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  is called the **null space** of  $A$ .

**Proof.** We proof it with the Theorem 2.1.1

- zero vector is in the  $\mathcal{N}(A)$
- $x, x' \in \mathcal{N}(A) \implies Ax = 0, Ax' = 0$

$$A(x + x') = Ax + Ax' = 0 + 0 = 0 \implies x + x' \in \mathcal{N}(A)$$

$$A(\alpha x) = \alpha Ax = \alpha \cdot 0 = 0 \implies \alpha x \in \mathcal{N}(A), \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \quad \therefore \mathcal{N}(A) \leq \mathbb{R}^n/\mathbb{R} \quad \blacksquare$$

**Note.** The system  $Ax = 0$  is called a homogeneous equation. (齊次)

**Remark.** The solution set of  $Ax = b$  is **NOT** a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n/\mathbb{R}$

$$x, x' \longrightarrow Ax = b, Ax' = b$$

$$A(x + x') = Ax + Ax' = 2b \neq b$$

**Example.**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies \mathcal{N}(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

**Example.**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies \mathcal{N}(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} t \\ t \\ -t \end{pmatrix}, t \in (-\infty, \infty) \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}(A) &= \{\text{all combinations of columns of } A\} \\ &= \text{column space of } A \leq \mathbb{R}^m/\mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(A) &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = 0\} \\ &= \text{null space of } A \leq \mathbb{R}^n/\mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

## 2.2 The Solution of $m$ Equations in $n$ Unknowns

For  $ax = b$ ,  $a, b, x \in \mathbb{R}$

- (i) if  $a \neq 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{b}{a}$ , unique
- (ii) if  $a = 0, b = 0 \Rightarrow$  infinitely many solutions.
- (iii) if  $a = 0, b = 0 \Rightarrow$  no  $x$  exists.

Now, consider  $Ax = b$ , if  $A$  is a square, then (i), (ii), (iii) may occur.

- (i)  $A^{-1}$  exists  $\longrightarrow x = A^{-1}b$ , unique
- (ii)  $A$  is singular (undetermined case)
- (iii) inconsistent case.

With a rectangular matrix  $A$ ,  $x = A^{-1}b$  **will never happen!**

**Definition.** Here is the definition of two similar jargon.

**Definition 2.2.1 (row echelon matrix).** An  $m \times n$  matrix  $R$  is called a **row echelon matrix** if

- (i) the nonzero rows come first and the pivots are the first nonzero entries in those rows.
- (ii) below each pivot is a column of zeros
- (iii) each pivot lies to the right of the pivot in the row above.

e.g.

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

**Definition 2.2.2 (row-reduced echelon matrix).** An  $m \times n$  matrix  $R$  is called a **row-reduced echelon matrix** if

- (i) the nonzero rows come first and the pivots are the first nonzero entries in those rows; pivots are normalized to be 1.
- (ii) Above & Below each pivot is a column of zeros
- (iii) each pivot lies to the right of the pivot in the row above.

e.g.

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

**Theorem 2.2.1.** To any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , there exists a permutation matrix  $P$ , a lower triangular matrix  $L$  with unit diagonal and an  $m \times n$  echelon matrix  $U$   $\ni PA = LU$

**OR**

Every  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is **row equivalent to** a row echelon matrix.

- Case 1. Homogeneous Case.  $b_{m \times 1} = 0$

$$Ax = 0$$

We call the component of  $x$ , which correspond to columns with pivots the **basic variables**; and these correspond to columns with pivots the **free variables**.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{cases} \text{basic variables: } u, w \\ \text{free variables: } v, y \end{cases}$$

The basic variables are then expressed in terms of free variables.

$$\begin{cases} 3w + y = 0 \\ u + 3v + 3w + 2y = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} w = -\frac{1}{3}y \\ u = -3v - y \end{cases}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3v - y \\ v \\ -\frac{1}{3}y \\ y \end{pmatrix} = v \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$- \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is obtain from } x \text{ by setting } \begin{cases} v = 1 \\ y = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$- \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is obtain from } x \text{ by setting } \begin{cases} v = 0 \\ y = 1 \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.2.2.** If a homogeneous system  $A_{m \times n}x = 0$  has more unknowns than equations ( $m < n$ ), it has a nontrivial solution.

$$(A_{m \times n}) \longrightarrow (A_{m \times n})$$

at most  $m$  pivot, at most  $m$  basic variables, at least  $(n - m)$  free variables.

**Note.** The nullspace is a subspace of the same **dimension** as the number of **free** variables.



- Case 2. Inhomogeneous Case:  $b \neq 0$

$$Ax = b \rightarrow Ux = c \text{ where } c = L^{-1}b$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 9 & 5 \\ -1 & -3 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 - 2b_1 \\ b_3 - 2b_2 + 5b_1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow b_3 - 2b_2 + 5b_1 = 0$$

We know that  $Ax = b$  is solvable  $\Rightarrow b \in \mathcal{C}(A)$

– 1 & 3: basic variables

–  $\mathcal{C}(A)$  = the set of combinations of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  &  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

, which is also  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} \mid b_3 - 2b_2 + 5b_1 = 0 \right\} \perp \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

**Example.**

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} w = 1 - \frac{1}{3}y \\ u = -2 - 3v - y \end{cases}$$

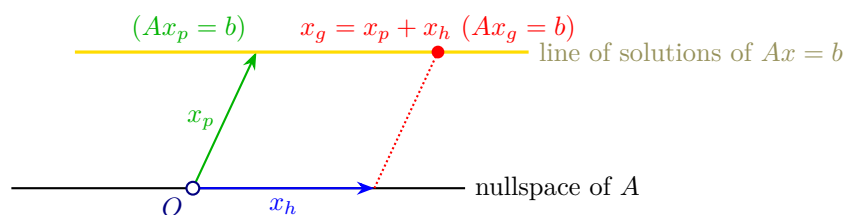
$$x = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 - 3v - y \\ v \\ 1 - \frac{1}{3}y \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{shift}} + \underbrace{v \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{solution to } Ax=0 \text{ (nullspace)}} + y \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Shift: particular solution to  $Ax = b$  (set all free variables to be zero)

$$x_{\text{general}} = x_{\text{particular}} + x_{\text{homogeneous}}; \quad x_g = x_p = x_h$$

Generally, the general solution fills a two-dimensional surface (but NOT a subspace since it doesn't contain the zero vector (origin))

It is parallel to the **Nullspace of  $A$**



### 2.2.1 Steps to obtain the solution to $Ax = b$

- (i) Reduce  $Ax = b$  to  $Ux = c$  to determine basic/free variables.
- (ii) Set all free variables to zero to find particular solution,  $x_p$
- (iii) set RHS = 0. Give each free variables 1 others 0, in terms, find the homogeneous solution,  $x_h$

$$\implies x_g = x_p + x_h$$

**Definition 2.2.3 (rank).**  $A_{m \times n}$  if there are  $r$  pivots, there are  $r$  basic variables and  $n - r$  free variables. The number of pivots,  $r$ , is called the **rank** of the matrix.

**Theorem 2.2.3.** Suppose elimination reduce  $A_{m \times n}x = b$  to  $Ux = c$  and there are  $r$  pivots and the last  $(m - r)$  rows of  $U$  are zero. Then there is a solution only if last  $(m - r)$  elements of  $c$  are zeros.

- If  $r = m$ , there's always a solution. The general solution is the sum of particular solution and a homogeneous solution.
- If  $r = n$ , there are **No** free variables and the null space contains  $x = 0$  only. The number  $r$  is called the rank of  $A$ .

Two extreme case:  $A_{m \times n}x = b$

- (1) If  $r = n \rightarrow$  No free variables  $\rightarrow \mathcal{N}(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = 0\} = \{0\}$
- (2) If  $r = m \rightarrow$  No zero rows in  $U \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m \Rightarrow \exists$  solution for all  $b$

## 2.3 Linear Independence, Basis and Dimension

In the elimination process, we refer to the number,  $r$ , of pivots as the rank of  $A$ . This definition is purely computational rather than mathematical. We shall give a formal definition later.

Now we shall discuss the following four ideas:

- (i) linear independence or dependence
- (ii) **spanning** a subspace
- (iii) **basis** for a subspace
- (iv) **dimension** of a subspace

**Definition 2.3.1.** Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ . A nonempty subset  $S$  of  $V$  is said to be linearly dependent if there exist distinct vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  in  $S$  and scalar  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  in  $F$ , not all of which are zero  $\ni$

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = 0$$

A set which is not linearly dependent is called linearly independent. If  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  then we say that  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly dependent/independent.

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**Remark (1).** To show that  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent. We verify if

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$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n = 0 \text{ for some } c_i \in F$$

then  $c_i$  must be zero for all  $i$ .

**Example.** In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , if  $v_1, v_2$  are not colinear(共線) then they are linearly independent.

$$v_1 (\neq 0) \text{ and } v_2 (\neq 0) \text{ are linearly dependent} \iff v_1, v_2 \text{ are on the same line}$$

Any 3 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are linearly dependent.

**Remark (2).** If  $v_1 = v_2$ , then the set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is linearly dependent.

$$\alpha v_1 + (-\alpha) v_2 = 0$$

**Remark (3).** Any set which contain a linear dependent subset is linearly dependent.

**Remark (4).** Any subset of a linearly independent set is linearly independent.

**Remark (5).** Any set which contain 0 vector is linearly dependent.

**Example.**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 & 0 \\ -4 & -4 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

The columns of  $A$  are linearly dependent.

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 + c_4 v_4 = 0$$

$$(v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3 \ v_4) \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \implies 4v_1 + (-3)v_2 + 2v_3 + 0v_4 = 0$$

**Example.**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The columns of  $A$  are linearly **independent**

**Note.** We showed that the nullspace of  $A$  is  $\{0\}$  only. That is exactly the same as saying the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.

**Example.**

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Proposition 2.3.1 (2F).** The  $r$  nonzero rows of echelon matrix  $U$  are linearly independent, and so are  $r$  columns that contain pivots.

**Example.** In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  are linearly **independent**.

**To summarize:** To check any set of vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n (\in \mathbb{R}^n)$  are linearly independent.

Let  $A = (v_1 | v_2 | \dots | v_n)_{m \times n}$ , then solve  $Ax_{n \times 1} = 0$ .

1° if  $\exists$  solution  $x \neq 0$ , then  $v_i$ 's are linearly **dependent**.

2° if there are no free variables (i.e.  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ ), **nullspace** =  $\{0\}$  then  $v_i$ 's are linearly **independent**.

3° if  $\text{rank}(A) < n$ , then  $v_i$ 's are linearly **dependent**.

4° special case: if  $v_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $n > m$ , then  $v_i$ 's are linearly **dependent**.

**Proposition 2.3.2.** A set of  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  must be linearly dependent if  $\boxed{n > m}$ .

### 2.3.1 Spanning a Subspace

**Definition 2.3.2** (2H). Let  $S$  be a subset vectors in  $V/F$ .

The subspace spanned by  $S$  is defined to be the intersection  $W$  of all subspaces of  $V$  which contain  $S$ .

When  $S$  is finite,  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ , we call  $W$  the subspace spanned by  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  and denoted as  $W = \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle$  or  $W = \text{span}(S) = \langle S \rangle$ .

**Theorem 2.3.1.** [The subspace spanned by a nonempty subset  $S$ ] of a vector space  $V$  is [the set  $T$  of all linear combinations of vectors in  $S$ ].

**Proof.** We need to show  $W = T$ .

**Claim.**  $W = T$  if and only if  $W \subseteq T$  and  $T \subseteq W$ .

- Let  $W$  be the subspace spanned by  $S$ ,  $S \subseteq W$  ( $S$  不一定有包含 0 vector 所以不能用  $\leq$ ).  
So every linear combination of vectors in  $S$  is in  $W$ .  $\implies T \subseteq W$ .  
( $\because W$  is a subspace which is a vector space)
- on the other hand,  $T$  is a subspace containing  $S$ .  
( $\because x, y \in T, \alpha \in F \implies \alpha x + y \in T$ )

So,  $W \subseteq T$  by definition  $\implies W = T$ .

(Intersection of all subspaces containin  $S$ ) ■

**Example.**  $\mathcal{C}(A)$  = space spanned by columns of  $A$ .

**Example.**  $w_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $w_2 = (0, 1, 0)$ ,  $w_3 = (0, 0, 1)$ , span a space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .  
 $w_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $w_2 = (0, 1, 0)$ ,  $w_3 = (-3, 0, 0)$ , span a plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Note.** Spanning involves the columns space, independence involves the null space.

### 2.3.2 Basis

**Definition 2.3.3** (2I). A basis for a vector space is a set of vectors that satisfies

- it is linearly independent AND
- it span the vector space

If the basis of  $V$  is finite, then  $V$  is finite-dimensional (f-dim).

**Remark** (1). There's one and only one way to write every  $v \in V$  as a linear combination of the basis elements.

**Remark (2).** In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$e_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ i^{th} \\ \downarrow \end{matrix}$$

then  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The basis is called the **standard basis**.

$$\forall x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i$$

The standard basis is **not** the only basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In fact, there are **infinitely many** bases for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For any nonsingular matrix  $A_{n \times n}$ , the **columns** of  $A$  are the basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Example.**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 9 & 5 \\ -1 & -3 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 4} \longrightarrow U = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$$

The columns of  $U$  that contain pivots are a basis for  $\mathcal{C}(U)$ .

Note that  $\mathcal{C}(U)$  is generated by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , which is a  $xy$ -plane within  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Remark.**  $\mathcal{C}(U)$  is **NOT** same as  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ .

**Theorem 2.3.2 (2J).** Any two bases for  $V$  contain the same number of vectors. This number is called the *dimension* of  $V$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  are bases for  $V$ , and suppose  $m < n$ .

For  $j = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$w_j = a_{1j}v_1 + \dots + a_{mj}v_m \quad \text{for some } a_{ij} \in F.$$

Let

$$w = [w_1, \dots, w_n] = VA = [v_1, \dots, v_m] \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matrix  $A$  is  $m \times n$  with  $m < n$ . By Theorem 2C,  $\exists$  nontrivial  $C$  such that  $AC = 0$ .

$$VAC = WC = 0.$$

Hence the columns of  $W$  are linearly dependent. But the columns of  $W$  are basis elements, contradiction  $\Rightarrow m \not\leq n$ .

Similarly, we can show that  $n \not\leq m$ , so we conclude  $m = n$ . ■

**Theorem 2.3.3 (2L).** Any linearly independent set in a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$  can be extended to a basis. Any spanning set of  $V$  can be reduced to a basis.

**Proof.** Let  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  be linearly independent over  $F$ . Then  $\langle v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle \leq V$ .

If  $\langle v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle = V$ , then  $\langle v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$  is a basis of  $V$ . Otherwise,  $\exists x \in V$  such that  $x \notin \langle v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$ . Then  $x, v_1, \dots, v_k$  are linearly independent. If not,  $\exists c \neq 0$ , and  $\exists \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$ , not all zero, such that

$$\begin{aligned} cx + \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k &= 0. \\ \Rightarrow x &= c^{-1} \alpha_1 v_1 + c^{-1} \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + c^{-1} \alpha_k v_k. \\ \Rightarrow x &\in \langle v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle, \text{ contradiction.} \end{aligned}$$

Then repeat the process, i.e. is  $\langle x, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle = V$ ? Since  $V$  is finite-dimensional, the process will terminate after finite steps.

The 2nd half of the theorem can be proved similarly (exercise). ■

## 2.4 The Four Fundamental Subspaces

Usually there are two ways to describe a subspace

- (i) a set of vectors that span the space.  
(e.g. the column space of  $A_{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ )
- (ii) a list of constraints that imposed on a subspace.  
(e.g. the null space of  $A_{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \{x \mid Ax = 0\}$ )

Here we will discuss four fundamental subspaces associated to  $A_{m \times n}$

- (1) the **column space** of  $A$  denoted by  $\mathcal{C}(A)$
- (2) the **null space** of  $A$  denoted by  $\mathcal{N}(A)$
- (3) the **row space** of  $A$  the columns spaces of  $A^T$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{C}(A^T)$
- (4) the **left null space** of  $A$  denoted by  $\mathcal{N}(A^T)$ , i.e.  $\{y \mid A^T y = 0\}$ 
  - If  $A_{m \times n}$ , then  $\mathcal{C}(A), \mathcal{N}(A^T) \leq \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathcal{N}(A), \mathcal{C}(A^T) \leq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

### 2.4.1 Row space $\mathcal{C}(A^T)$

The **row space** of  $A$  (the subspace spanned by the rows of  $A$ ),  $\mathcal{C}(A^T)$ . For an echelon matrix, its  $r$  nonzero rows are independent and its row space is  **$r$ -dimensional**.

**Proposition 2.4.1 (2M).** The row space of  $A$  has the same dimension  $r$  as the row space of echelon form  $U$  of  $A$ , and they have the same basis.

$$\mathcal{C}(A^T) = \mathcal{C}(U^T)$$

But in general,  $\mathcal{C}(A) \neq \mathcal{C}(U)$ .

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### 2.4.2 Nullspace $\mathcal{N}(A)$

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The nullspace of  $A_{m \times n}$ ,  $\{x \mid Ax = 0\} = \{x \mid Ux = 0\}$

$\therefore$  The nullspace of  $A$  is the same as the nullspace of  $U$

**Proposition 2.4.2 (2N).** The nullspace  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  is of dimension  $n - r$

A basis of  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  can be constructed by reducing to  $Ux = 0$  which has  $n - r$  free variables corresponding to the columns of  $U$  that do not contain pivots. Let each free variable  $1$ , in turn, and others  $0$ , and solve  $Ux = 0$ . The  $n - r$  vectors produced in this manner will be a basis of  $\mathcal{N}(A)$ .

$$\dim(\mathcal{N}(A)) = n - r$$

The  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  is also called the **kernel of  $A$** ,  $\ker(A)$ , and its dimension is called the **nullity of  $A$** .

$$\ker(A) = \mathcal{N}(A)$$

### 2.4.3 Column space $\mathcal{C}(A)$

The  $\mathcal{R}$  in  $\mathcal{R}(A)$  stands for “**range**” which is consistent with the usual idea of range of  $f$

Let  $f(x) = A_{m \times n}x_{n \times 1}$ , the

- the domain of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- the range of  $f$  is  $\{b \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid Ax = b\} = \mathcal{C}(A) = \mathcal{R}(A)$
- the kernel of  $f$  is  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = f(x) = 0\} = \mathcal{N}(A) = \ker(A)$

If  $U$  is the echelon form of  $A$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(A) \neq \mathcal{C}(U)$ , but they have the same dimension. For  $U$ , the columns with pivots form a basis of  $\mathcal{C}(U)$ . Then, the corresponding columns in  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ . Since the two systems  $Ax = 0$ ,  $Ux = 0$  are equivalent and have the same solutions. A nontrivial solution  $x$  means a linear combination of columns of  $U$ , hence the same linear combination of columns of  $A$ .

So, if the set of columns of  $U$  is independent, then so are the corresponding **columns** of  $A$  and vice versa.

To find a basis of  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ , we pick those columns of  $A$ , which correspond to the columns of  $U$  with pivots.

**Proposition 2.4.3 (2O).** The dimension of the column space = rank  $r$ , which also equals the dimension of the row space.

$$\therefore \# \text{ of independent columns} = \# \text{ of independent rows} = r$$

or more formally,

$$\text{rank}(A) = r = \text{row rank} = \text{column rank}$$



### 2.4.4 Left nullspace $\mathcal{N}(A^T)$

$$\begin{matrix} A^T & y & = & 0 & = & (y^T & A)^T \\ n \times m & m \times 1 & & n \times 1 & & 1 \times m & m \times n \end{matrix}$$

$$(\# \text{ of basic variables}) + (\# \text{ of free variables}) = (\# \text{ of variables}) = n$$

$$\boxed{\dim(\mathcal{C}(A)) + \dim(\mathcal{N}(A)) = \# \text{ of columns of } A}$$

For  $A^T$ , which has  $m$  columns, the column space of  $A^T$  is the row space of  $A$  which has dimension  $\text{rank}(A)$ . So,

$$\dim(\mathcal{N}(A^T)) = m - \text{rank}(A)$$

i.e.

$$\boxed{\dim(\mathcal{C}(A^T)) + \dim(\mathcal{N}(A^T)) = \# \text{ of columns of } A^T}$$

**Proposition 2.4.4 (2P).** The left nullspace  $\mathcal{N}(A^T)$  is of dimension  $m - r$

The left nullspace contain the coefficients that make the rows of  $A$  combined to a zero vector (linear dependent).

$$\text{To find } y \ni y^T A = 0$$

$$\text{Suppose that } PA = LU \longrightarrow \boxed{L^{-1}P}_{m \times m} A_{m \times n} = U_{m \times n}$$

The last  $m - r$  rows of  $L^{-1}P$  must be a basis for the left nullspace. ( $\therefore$  the last  $m - r$  rows of  $L^{-1}P$  are independent and  $\dim(\mathcal{N}(A^T))$  is  $m - r \rightarrow$  it is a basis of  $\mathcal{N}(A^T)$ )

**Theorem 2.4.1 (Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra).** Let  $A$  be an arbitrary  $m \times n$  matrix, then

$$\dim(\mathcal{C}(A)) = \dim(\mathcal{C}(A^T)) = \text{rank}(A)$$

$$\dim(\mathcal{N}(A)) = n - \text{rank}(A); \quad \dim(\mathcal{N}(A^T)) = m - \text{rank}(A)$$

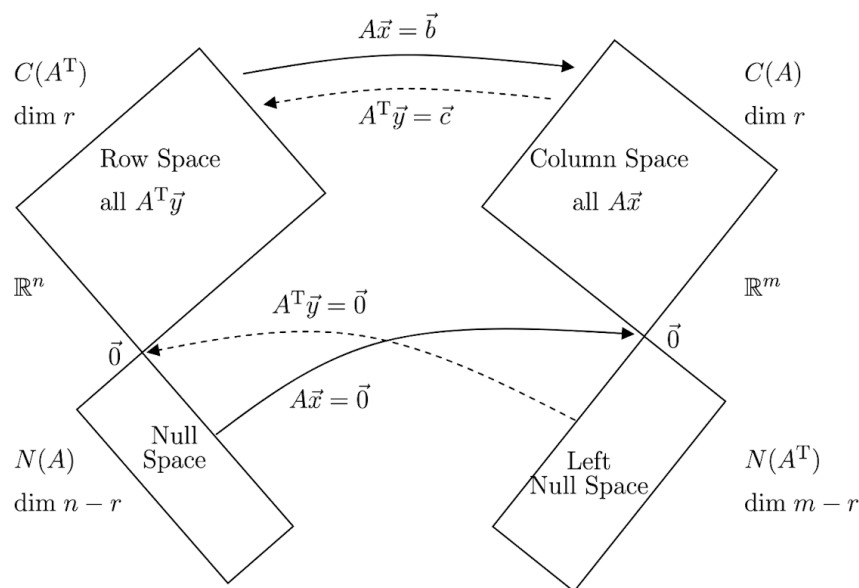


Figure 2.1: Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra

**Example.** Find out the basis for the four fundamental subspaces of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow U = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 2/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad r = 2$$

1°  $\mathcal{C}(A)$

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \dim(\mathcal{C}(A)) = r = 2$$

2°  $\mathcal{N}(A)$

$$Ax = 0 \longrightarrow Ux = 0 \longrightarrow U \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + \frac{2}{3}x_3 + \frac{1}{3}x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(a) \quad x_3 = 1, x_4 = 0 \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2/3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = v_2$$

$$(b) \quad x_3 = 0, x_4 = 1 \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = v_2$$

Hence,  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{N}(A)$  is  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  and

$$\dim(\mathcal{N}(A)) = n - r = 4 - 2 = 2$$

3°  $\mathcal{C}(A^T)$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} S_1 \\ S_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \mathcal{B} = \{S_1^T, S_2^T\}, \quad \dim(\mathcal{C}(A^T)) = r = 2$$

4°  $\mathcal{N}(A^T) \longrightarrow \mathcal{N}(B)$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = A^T \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} y_1 + 2y_3 = 0 \\ y_2 + y_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$z = 1 \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \therefore \mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad \dim(\mathcal{N}(A^T)) = m - r = 3 - 2 = 1$$

Check orthogonality

**Proposition 2.4.5 (2Q).** We can find the existence and uniqueness of solution of  $Ax = b$ .

- **Existence** of inverse:

The system  $Ax = b$  has at least one solution  $x$  for each  $b$  iff the columns span  $\mathbb{R}^m$  ( $r = m$ ).  
In this case,

$$\exists n \times m \text{ "right" inverse } C \ni AC = I$$

This is possible only if  $m \leq n$ .

- **Uniqueness** of inverse:

The system  $Ax = b$  has at most one solution  $x$  for each  $b$  iff the columns are independent ( $r = n$ ). In this case,

$$\exists n \times m \text{ "left" inverse } B \ni BA = I$$

This is possible only if  $m \geq n$ .

**Proof.** We separately prove the two parts.

- **Existence:**

$$Ax = b \text{ has a solution for each } b \Leftrightarrow b \in \mathcal{C}(A), \forall b \in \mathbb{R}^m \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$$

Let  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

Then  $\exists x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \ni Ax_i = e_i, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, m$

Let  $C = (x_1 \mid x_2 \mid \dots \mid x_m)$ , then  $AC = A(x_1 \mid x_2 \mid \dots \mid x_m) = (e_1 \mid e_2 \mid \dots \mid e_m) = I_m$ .

- **Uniqueness:**

$$Ax = b \text{ has at most one solution for each } b \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$\Leftrightarrow \forall b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , if  $b$  can be represented as linear combination of columns of  $A$ , then it is unique

Hence, proof is complete. ■

**Example.**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 3} \quad m=2, n=3, r=2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \exists \text{ right inverse } C \ni AC = I$$

1°

$$AC = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/5 \\ c_{31} & c_{32} \end{pmatrix} = I_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad C \text{ is not unique}$$

2°

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/5 \\ c_{31} & c_{32} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{impossible since LHS is } 3 \times 2$$

3°

$$A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 2} \quad m=3, n=2, r=2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad Ax = b \quad \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Note.** The following statements about a square matrix  $A_{n \times n}$  are equivalent:

- (1)  $A$  is nonsingular (invertible)
- (2) The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , so  $Ax = b$  has **only one** solution  $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- (3) The columns of  $A$  are independent, so  $Ax = 0$  has **only one trivial solution**  $x = 0$
- (4) The rows of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- (5) The rows of  $A$  are independent
- (6) Elimination can be completed:  $PA = LDU$  with all  $d_i \neq 0$
- (7)  $\exists A^{-1} \ni AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_n$
- (8) Determinant of  $A$   $\det(A) \neq 0$
- (9) Zero is NOT an eigenvalue of  $A$
- (10)  $A^T A$  is positive definite (正定)

## 2.5 Graph and Network

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## 2.6 Linear Transformation

We have seen that a matrix move subspaces around. For example,  $A$  maps  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  to the **zero vector** and move all vectors into its **column space**  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ . Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , so  $A$  transforms  $x$  into  $Ax \in \mathcal{C}(A)$ .

**Example.** Here are some examples of linear transformations:

1°

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \quad A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} cx_1 \\ cx_2 \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{scaling by } c)$$

2°

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{rotation by } 90^\circ)$$

3°

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{reflection about } x_1 = x_2)$$

4°

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{projection onto } x_1\text{-axis})$$