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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

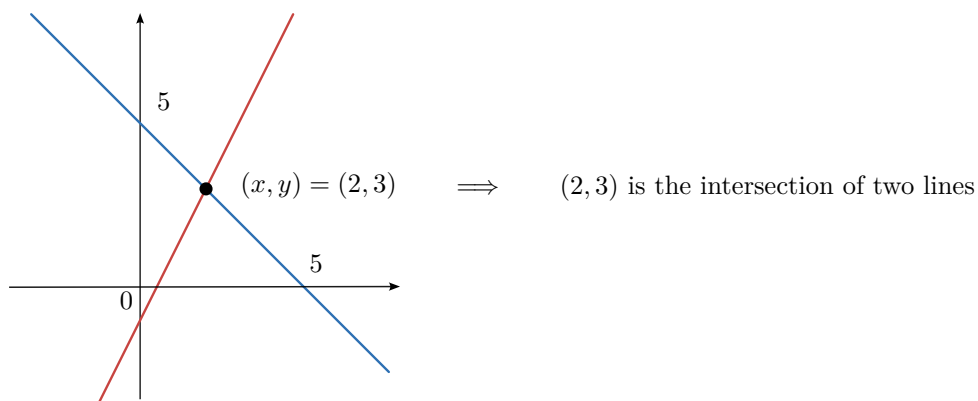


Figure 1.1: Row Picture

- approach 2: column picture

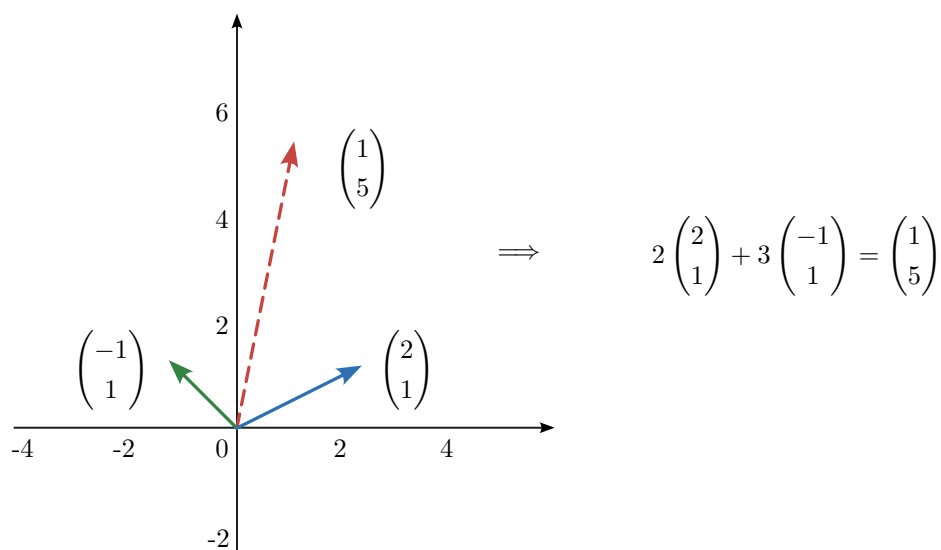


Figure 1.2: Column Picture

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.

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

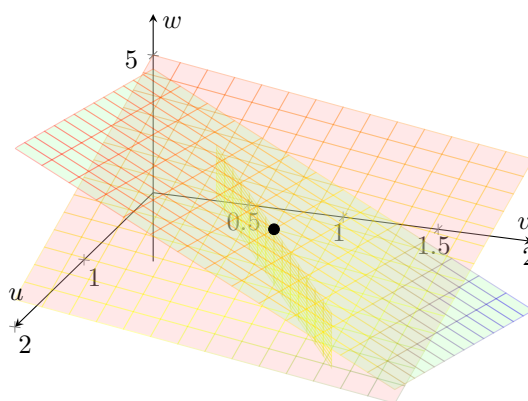
$$y \in \mathbb{R}^2 \implies y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 1} \quad y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

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

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)

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

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

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

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

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

- **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 3×5
- $\boxed{a_{ij}}$ 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 noncommutative

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

(4) Identity Matrix

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

Example.

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

(1)

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

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

(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. ℓ : 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?

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

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

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

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 ℓ_{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.

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

*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:

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

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.

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

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

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 ℓ 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

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

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

3°

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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**_{1°} and **uniqueness**_{2°} 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_{1°} and multiplication by scalar_{2°} 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$S = \{n \times n \text{ symmetric matrix}\}$

$U = \{n \times n \text{ upper triangular matrix}\}$

$L = \{n \times n \text{ lower triangular matrix}\}$

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.

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

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

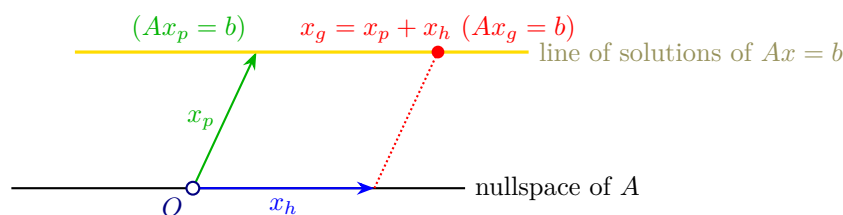
$$x = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 - 3v - y \\ v \\ 1 - \frac{1}{3}y \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{shift}} + \underbrace{v \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{solution to } Ax=0 \text{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

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

$$\Rightarrow x_g = x_p + x_h$$

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 $\Rightarrow m \not< n$.

Similarly, we can show that $n \not< m$, 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

$$cx + \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow x = c^{-1} \alpha_1 v_1 + c^{-1} \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + c^{-1} \alpha_k v_k.$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \langle v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle, \text{ contradiction.}$$

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 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 $\mathcal{N}(A^T)$

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

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

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

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.

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

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).

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

$$\text{Suppose that } PA = LU \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} L^{-1}P \\ m \times m \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} A \\ m \times n \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} U \\ m \times n \end{matrix}$$

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

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

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

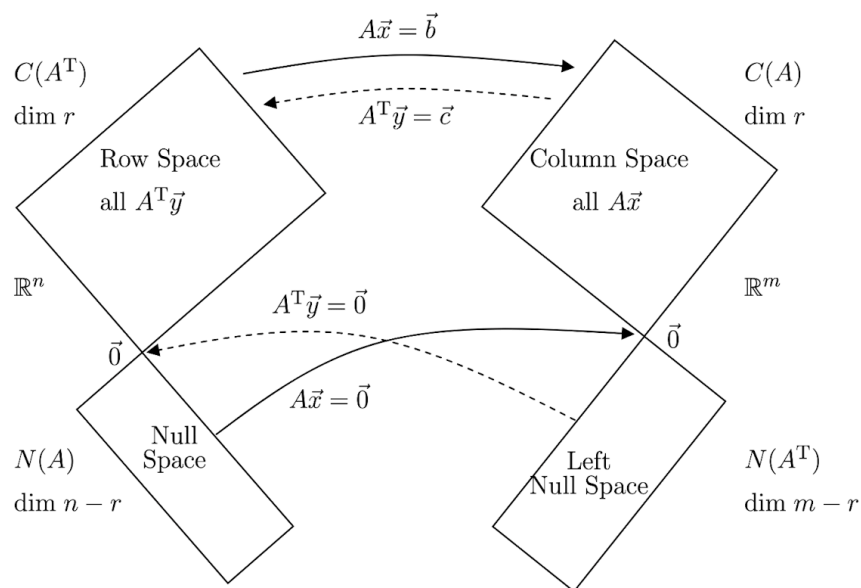


Figure 2.1: Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra

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 $Ax \in \mathcal{C}(A)$.

2.6.1 Notation of Linear Transformation

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°

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

Lecture 8

Definition 2.6.1 (2T). Let V, W be vector spaces over a field \mathbb{F} . A linear transform from V to W is a function $T : V \rightarrow W$ such that preserves the operations on V and W , i.e.

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$$\begin{cases} T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v}), & \forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V; \\ T(c\mathbf{u}) = cT(\mathbf{u}), & \forall \mathbf{u} \in V, c \in \mathbb{F}. \end{cases}$$

Example.

$$\begin{aligned} T : \mathbb{R}^3 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ T : (x_1, x_2, x_3) &\mapsto (x_2, x_3, x_1) \end{aligned}$$

T is a linear transform.

Example.

$$\begin{aligned} A = \frac{d}{dt} : \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R}) &\rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{n-1}(\mathbb{R}) \\ p(t) \in \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R}), \quad p(t) &= a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + \cdots + a_nt^n \end{aligned}$$

See the attributes below:

$$AP = \frac{d}{dt}(a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + \cdots + a_nt^n) = a_1 + 2a_2t + \cdots + na_nt^{n-1}$$

The nullspace of A is all constant polynomials.

$$\mathcal{C}(AP) = \mathbb{P}_{n-1}(\mathbb{R})$$

the basis is $\{1, t, t^2, \dots, t^{n-1}\}$ and $\text{rank}(\mathcal{C}(A)) = n$.

$$\text{nullity}(A) + \text{rank}(A) = 1 + n = \dim(\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})).$$

Example.

$$A = \int_0^t : \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{n+1}(\mathbb{R})$$

See the attributes below:

$$AP = \int_0^t (a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + \cdots + a_nt^n) dt = a_0t + \frac{a_1t^2}{2} + \frac{a_2t^3}{3} + \cdots + \frac{a_nt^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$$

The nullspace of A is all constant polynomials.

$$\mathcal{N}(AP) = \{0\}$$

The range of A

$$\mathcal{C}(AP) = \mathbb{P}_{n+1}(\mathbb{R}) - \{\text{constant}\} / \{0\}$$

Example.

$$\begin{aligned} T : \mathbb{R}^3 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ T : (x_1, x_2, x_3) &\mapsto 2x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3, \quad x_i \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

T is a linear transform.

Example.

$$T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$T : (x_1, x_2, x_3) \mapsto 2x_1^2 + 3x_2 - x_3, \quad x_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

T is NOT a linear transform.

$$\because T(x + y) \neq T(x) + T(y)$$

Theorem 2.6.1. Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transform, where V, W are vector spaces over a field \mathbb{F} .

(i) If M is a subspace of V , then

$$T(M) = \{x \in W \mid \exists \mathbf{m} \in M, \text{ such that } T(\mathbf{m}) = x\}$$

is a subspace of W .

(ii) If N is a subspace of W , then

$$T^{-1}(N) = \{\mathbf{v} \in V \mid T(\mathbf{v}) \in N\}$$

is a subspace of V .

Proof. Here is the proof:

(i) Let $M \leq V$, $y_1, y_2 \in T(M) \subseteq W$, and $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$.

$$y_1, y_2 \in T(M) \Rightarrow \exists x_1, x_2 \in M \text{ s.t. } T(x_1) = y_1, T(x_2) = y_2$$

Then

$$T(\alpha x_1 + x_2) = \alpha T(x_1) + T(x_2)$$

since T is a linear transformation.

Also

$$\alpha x_1 + x_2 \in M$$

since M is a subspace of V .

Therefore

$$\alpha y_1 + y_2 = \alpha T(x_1) + T(x_2) = T(\alpha x_1 + x_2) \in T(M)$$

so $T(M)$ is a subspace of W .

(ii) Let $x_1, x_2 \in T^{-1}(N)$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$.

$$T(\alpha x_1 + x_2) = \alpha T(x_1) + T(x_2) \in N$$

since $N \leq W$ and $T(x_1), T(x_2) \in N$.

Therefore

$$\alpha x_1 + x_2 \in T^{-1}(N)$$

and $T^{-1}(N)$ is a subspace of V .

■

Definition 2.6.2. $T : V \rightarrow W$ over a field \mathbb{F} is a linear transform. Then $T^{-1}(\mathbf{0}_W)$ is called the nullspace (kernel) of T , where $\mathbf{0}_W$ is the zero vector in W . $T(V)$ is called the range (image) of T .

$$\dim(T^{-1}(\mathbf{0}_W)) = \text{nullity}(T)$$

$$\dim(T(V)) = \text{rank}(T)$$

2.6.2 Matrix Representation of Linear Transformations

Question. What is the transformation taken $A : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{\in \mathbb{R}^2} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}_{\in \mathbb{R}^3}, \quad x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_{\in \mathbb{R}^2} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}_{\in \mathbb{R}^3}$$

Answer.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 2} = (T)_{\substack{\{e_1, e_2, e_3\} \\ \{e_1, e_2\}}}$$

⊗

Example.

$$T : \mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_2(\mathbb{R}), \quad \text{i.e. } T(f) = \frac{d}{dt}(f)$$

The ordered basis of two vector spaces are

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{B}_1 = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R})) : \{1, t, t^2, t^3\} \\ \mathcal{B}_2 = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{P}_2(\mathbb{R})) : \{1, t, t^2\} \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$(T)_{\substack{\mathcal{B}_1 \\ \mathcal{B}_2}} = \begin{matrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t & t^2 & t^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 4} \quad \text{e.g. } (T) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

Example.

$$T : \mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R}), \quad \text{i.e. } T(f) = \frac{d}{dt}(f)$$

We have to handle the t^3 term, which means

$$(T)_{\mathcal{B}_1} = (T)_{\mathcal{B}_1} = \begin{matrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t & t^2 & t^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{4 \times 4}, \quad \text{this is called a } \langle \text{differentiation matrix} \rangle$$

Example.

$$\int_0^t : \mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_4(\mathbb{R})$$

The ordered basis of two vector spaces are

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{B}_1 = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R})) : \{1, t, t^2, t^3\}, & \dim(\mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R})) = 4 \\ \mathcal{B}_2 = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{P}_4(\mathbb{R})) : \{1, t, t^2, t^3, t^4\}, & \dim(\mathbb{P}_4(\mathbb{R})) = 5 \end{cases}$$

hence we have

$$\left(T \right)_{\substack{\mathcal{B}_1 \\ \mathcal{B}_2}} = \begin{matrix} \textcolor{red}{1} \\ \textcolor{red}{t} \\ \textcolor{red}{t^2} \\ \textcolor{red}{t^3} \\ \textcolor{red}{t^4} \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} \textcolor{red}{1} & \textcolor{red}{t} & \textcolor{red}{t^2} & \textcolor{red}{t^3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}_{5 \times 4} \quad \text{which is called an } \langle \text{integration matrix} \rangle$$

and we also have

$$\mathcal{C}(T) = \text{span}\{t, t^2, t^3, t^4\}, \quad \text{rank}(T) = 4$$

$$\mathcal{N}(T) = \{0\}, \quad \text{nullity}(T) = 0$$

Example.

$$\mathbb{P}_2(\mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\int_t} \mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\frac{d}{dt}} \mathbb{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t \right) = \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_{3 \times 4} \left(\int_0^t \right)_{4 \times 3} = (I)_{3 \times 3} \quad \text{Diff is the left inverse of Int}$$

2.6.3 Rotation Q , Projection P , Reflection R

We introduce three important linear transformations in \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}, \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

1° Rotation: Q rotates vectors by an angle θ .

$$(Q) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$$

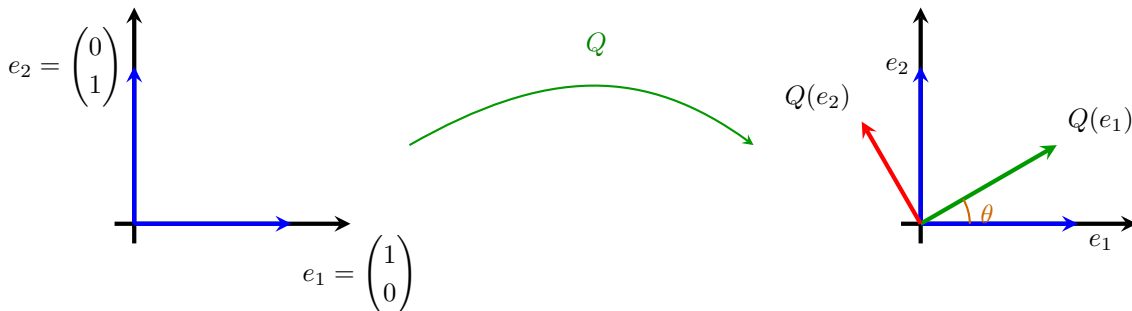


Figure 2.2: Rotation in \mathbb{R}^2

$$Q \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

- $Q_{-\theta} \cdot Q_{\theta} = \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{R}^2}$
- $Q_{\theta} \cdot Q_{\theta} = Q_{2\theta}$
- $Q_{\theta} \cdot Q_{\phi} = Q_{\theta+\phi}$

2° Projection: P projects vectors onto the θ -line.

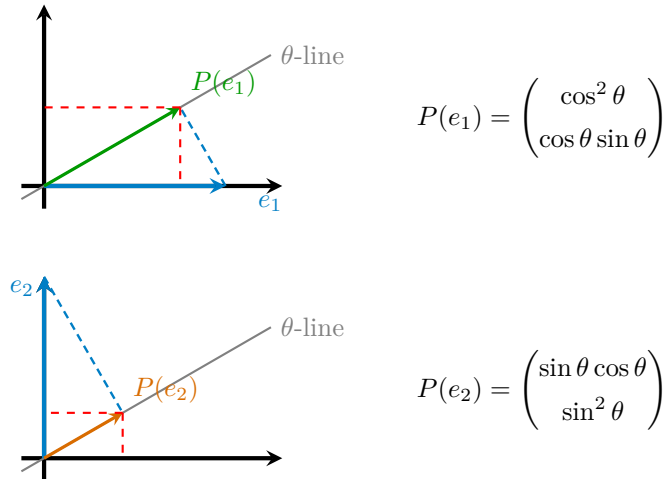


Figure 2.3: Projection onto a line at angle θ

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \cos \theta & \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Here are some properties of projection:

- $P^2 = P$
- Symmetric: $P^T = P$
- P^{-1} does not exist.

1°

$$\begin{aligned} P \left(\alpha \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \right) &= \alpha P \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \alpha \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \cos \theta & \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} \cos^3 \theta + \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta \\ \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta + \sin^3 \theta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

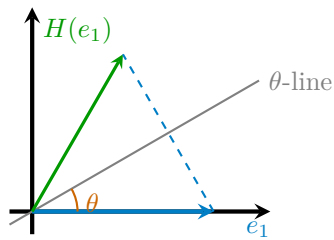
2°

$$\begin{aligned} P \left(\alpha \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \right) &= \alpha P \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \alpha \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \cos \theta & \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \cos^2 \theta + \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta \\ -\sin^2 \theta \cos \theta + \sin^3 \theta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

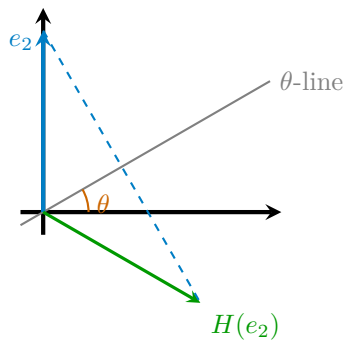
Thus,

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \text{ is in the nullspace of } P.$$

3° Reflection: R reflects vectors across the θ -line.



$$H(e_1) = \cos \theta \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} + \cos \theta \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1 \\ 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$



$$H(e_2) = \sin \theta \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} + \sin \theta \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ 2 \sin^2 \theta - 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Figure 2.4: Reflection across a line at angle θ

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1 & 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta & 2 \sin^2 \theta - 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Here are some properties of reflection:

- $H^2 = I$
- $H^{-1} = H$
- $H = 2P - I$ ($Hx + x = 2Px$)

Note. If first basis vector is on the θ -line, and the second basis vector is perpendicular to the θ -line, then

$$P^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad H^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = 2P^* - I, \quad Q^* = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Chapter 3

Orthogonality

3.1 Perpendicular Vectors and Orthogonal Subspaces

There are three important concepts in this section:

- (i) The length of vector
- (ii) The test for perpendicularity
- (iii) How to create perpendicular vectors from linearly independent vectors

Now we start to discuss:

(i) **The length of vector:**

The length (or norm) of a vector, in \mathbb{R}^n , that satisfies the Pythagorean theorem is defined as:

Definition 3.1.1. Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x_1 e_1 + x_2 e_2 + \dots + x_n e_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

then

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}$$

(ii) **The test for perpendicularity:**

Definition 3.1.2. Given $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then if $\mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{y}$, then by Pythagorean theorem, we have

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2$$

Then we can deduce that

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 + y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \dots + y_n^2 = (x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + \dots + (x_n - y_n)^2$$

then we have

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = 0$$

Definition 3.1.3 (Inner Product). Let V be a vector space over a field \mathbb{F} (\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}). An inner product on V is a function that assigns to every ordered pair of vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} in V , a scalar in \mathbb{F} , denoted as

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$$

$\forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in V, c \in \mathbb{F}$, we have

- (a) $\langle \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle$
- (b) $\langle c\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = c \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$
- (c) $\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \overline{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}$ (where $\overline{a + bi} = a - bi$ complex conjugate)
- (d) $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle > 0$, if $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$

Note (1). If $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$, (c) will reduce to $\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$.

Note (2). Inner product is [linear](#) in the first component.

Definition 3.1.4 (Standard Inner Product). Let $V = \mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{R}$, defined

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

This is called the standard inner product on \mathbb{R}^n .

Proposition 3.1.1. If $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then

- Let $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$ be standard inner product.
- Let $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{y}$.

Example. If \langle, \rangle is any inner product on V , and $r > 0$, we define

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle' = r \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$$

$$1^\circ \langle \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle' = r \langle \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle = r \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \rangle + r \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \rangle' + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle'$$

$$2^\circ \langle c\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle' = r \langle c\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = c \cdot r \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = c \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle'$$

Example. Let $V = \{f \mid f : \text{real-valued continuous functions on } [0, 1]\} = \mathcal{C}([0, 1])$. For $f, g \in V$, define

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt$$

Example. Let $V = \mathbb{C}^n$, \mathbb{C}^n is a vector space over \mathbb{C} . For $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$, define

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^T \bar{\mathbf{y}} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y}_i$$

$$\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \mathbf{y}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}} = \overline{\mathbf{x}^T \bar{\mathbf{y}}} = \overline{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}.$$

Example. Let $V = \mathbb{C}$, \mathbb{C} is a vector space over \mathbb{C} . If $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}$, $x = a + bi$, $y = c + di$, define

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = (a + bi)(c - di)$$

$$1^\circ \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = (c + di)(a - bi) = \overline{(a + bi)(c - di)} = \overline{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}$$

$$2^\circ \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = (a + bi)(a - bi) = a^2 + b^2 > 0 \text{ if } \mathbf{x} \neq 0$$

Lecture 9

Definition 3.1.5 (inner product space). An **inner product space** is a real or complex vector space (i.e. a vector space over the field \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C}) together with a specified inner product on that space.

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Definition 3.1.6 (orthogonal). In an inner product space V , \mathbf{x} is **orthogonal** to \mathbf{y} if $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$. A set S of vectors in V is called **orthogonal set** if all pairs of distinct vectors in S are orthogonal. An **orthonormal set** is an orthogonal set of unit vectors.

$$\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = 1, \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in S$$

Proposition 3.1.2. An orthogonal set of nonzero vectors is linearly independent.

Proof. Let v_1, \dots, v_n be nonzero distinct vectors in S , and $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i v_i = y$$

$$\langle y, v_j \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n c_i v_i, v_j \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \langle v_i, v_j \rangle = c_j \langle v_j, v_j \rangle = c_j \|v_j\|^2$$

Then we have $y = 0 \iff c_j = 0, \forall j$

$\therefore \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is linearly independent. ■

Example. $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ is an orthonormal set (basis) for \mathbb{R}^n

In \mathbb{R}^2 ,

$$1^\circ \{e_1, e_2\}$$

$$2^\circ \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$3^\circ \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

3.1.1 Orthogonal Subspaces

Definition 3.1.7 (3B). Let W_1 and W_2 be subspaces of an inner product space V . We say that W_1 is **orthogonal** to W_2 ($W_1 \perp W_2$) if

$$\langle \mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle = 0, \quad \forall \mathbf{w}_1 \in W_1, \forall \mathbf{w}_2 \in W_2$$

Note. In \mathbb{R}^3 , the xy -plane is **NOT** orthogonal to the yz -plane. Because vectors along the y -axis are in both planes, and their inner product is not zero.

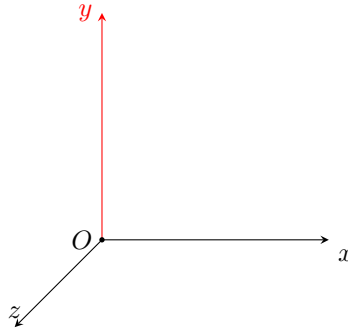


Figure 3.1: The xy -plane and the yz -plane in \mathbb{R}^3

Example. In \mathbb{R}^3 , the subspace spanned by $(1, 2, 3)^T$ is orthogonal to the subspace spanned by $(1, 1, -1)^T$.

Example. In \mathbb{R}^3 , the subspace spanned by $(1, 2, 3)^T$ is orthogonal to the subspace spanned by $\{(1, 1, -1)^T, (5, -4, 1)^T\}$.

Theorem 3.1.1 (3C). $A_{m \times n}$ The row space is orthogonal to the null space (in \mathbb{R}^n), and the column space is orthogonal to the left null space (in \mathbb{R}^m).

Proof. This is the proof.

- 1°
- $\mathbf{v} \in \text{row space of } A$, then we have $\mathbf{b} = A^T y$ for some $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$.
 - $\mathbf{w} \in \text{null space of } A$, then we have $A\mathbf{w} = 0$.

$$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{w} = (A^T y)^T \mathbf{w} = y^T (A\mathbf{w}) = y^T 0 = 0$$

- 2°
- $b \in \mathcal{C}(A) \Rightarrow Ax = b$ is solvable.
 - $y \in \mathcal{N}(A^T) \Rightarrow A^T y = 0$.

$$b^T y = (Ax)^T y = x^T (A^T y) = x^T 0 = 0$$

■

Example.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 3} \longrightarrow U = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & \boxed{-13} & -13 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$$

- $\mathcal{C}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad \text{rank} = 2$
- $\mathcal{C}(A^T) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad \text{rank} = 2$
- $\mathcal{N}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad n - \text{rank} = 1$
- $\mathcal{N}(A^T) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad m - \text{rank} = 0$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{C}(A) \perp \mathcal{N}(A^T) \in \mathbb{R}^2} \quad \boxed{\mathcal{C}(A^T) \perp \mathcal{N}(A) \in \mathbb{R}^3}$$

Note. The nullspace $\mathcal{N}(A)$ doesn't contain "some" of vectors orthogonal to the row space. It contain "every" such vector.

Proposition 3.1.3. Let V be an inner product space, and let W be a subspace of V . Then the set is defined

$$U = \{\mathbf{v} \in V \mid \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0, \forall \mathbf{w} \in W\}$$

Then U is a subspace of V .

Definition 3.1.8. The subspace U is called the **orthogonal complement** of W in V , denoted by W^\perp (W -perp). By definition of nullspace $\mathcal{N}(A)$, we have

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = (\mathcal{C}(A^T))^\perp, \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{C}(A) = (\mathcal{N}(A^T))^\perp$$

Theorem 3.1.2 ((3D) Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra). The nullspace is the orthogonal complement of the row space in \mathbb{R}^n , and the left nullspace is the orthogonal complement of the column space in \mathbb{R}^m .
 \mathbb{R}^n is V , \mathbb{R}^m is $V(W^\perp)$, row space is W , column space is V .

Proposition 3.1.4 (3E). The equation $Ax = b$ is solvable if and only if

$$b^T y = 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{N}(A^T)$$

Note. Solvability of $Ax = b$:

- Direct approach: b must be a combination of the columns of A .
- Indirect approach: b must be orthogonal to every vector that is orthogonal to the columns of A .

3.1.2 The Matrix and the Subspaces

U and W can be orthogonal without being complements when their dimensions are too small. In \mathbb{R}^3

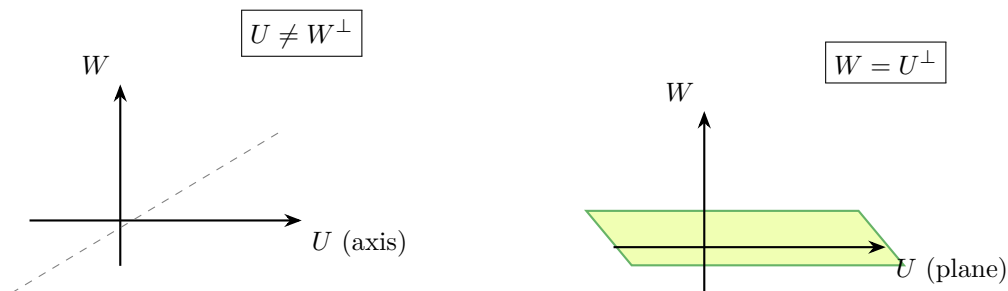


Figure 3.2: Orthogonal but not complements

$$W = U^\perp \Rightarrow U = W^\perp \text{ or } U^{\perp\perp} = U$$

When the space is split into orthogonal parts (i.e. $V = U + W = U + U^\perp$), so every vector ($x = x_U + x_{U^\perp}$).

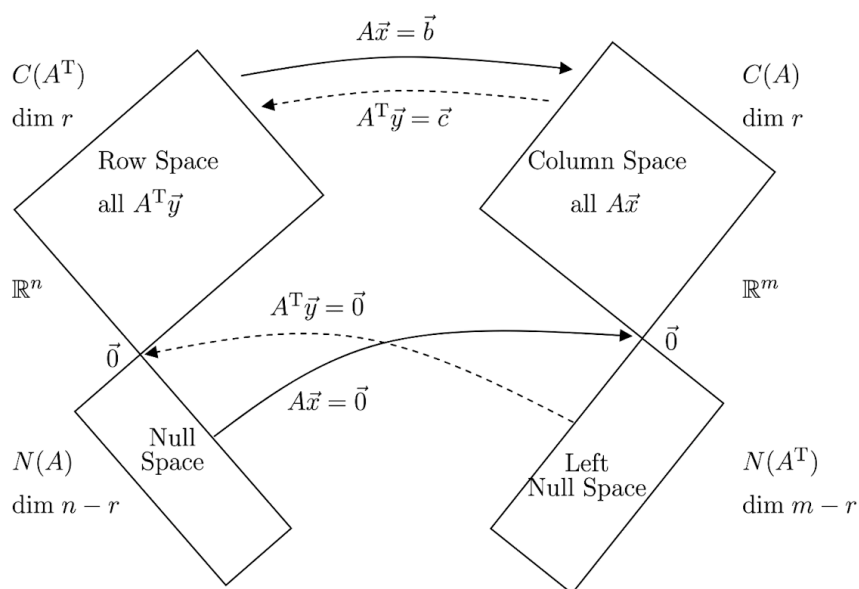


Figure 3.3: Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra

Proposition 3.1.5 (3F). The mapping from row space to column space is actually invertible. Every matrix $A_{m \times n}$ transforms its row space to its column space. (On these r -dimensional subspaces, A is invertible.)

$$A_{m \times n} : \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow[Ax=b]{x} \mathbb{R}^m \quad Ax = b$$

$$A_{n \times m}^T : \mathbb{R}^m \xrightarrow[A^T b=0]{b} \mathbb{R}^n \quad A^T b \stackrel{?}{=} x \quad x = A^{-1}b$$

- A^T moves the space correctly but NOT the individual vectors.
- When A^{-1} fails to exist, we can substitute. It's called the **pseudoinverse**, denoted by A^+ .

$$\begin{cases} A^+Ax = x, & \forall x \in \mathcal{C}(A^T) \\ A^+b = 0, & \forall b \in \mathcal{N}(A^T) \end{cases}$$

3.2 Inner Product and Projections onto Lines

$$\text{Inner product } x^T y = \begin{cases} = 0, & \text{if } x \perp y \\ \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Question. Practical applications?

Least squares solution to an overdetermined system. i.e. given a vector b not falling in the desired space, we have to project to the subspace. Then we get the approximate solution.

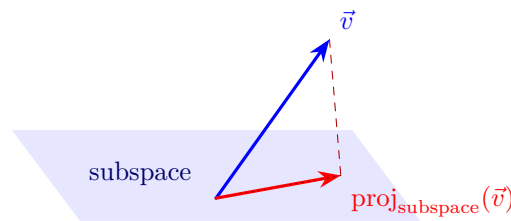
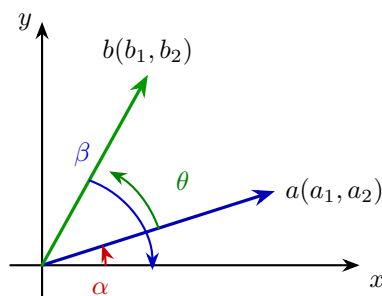


Figure 3.4: Projection onto a subspace (in \mathbb{R}^3)

Question. Practical applications?

A formula for the projection, we need the basis.

3.2.1 Inner Product and Schwarz Inequality



$$\begin{aligned} \sin \alpha &= \frac{a_2}{\|a\|}, & \cos \alpha &= \frac{a_1}{\|a\|}, \\ \sin \beta &= \frac{b_2}{\|b\|}, & \cos \beta &= \frac{b_1}{\|b\|}. \end{aligned}$$

Figure 3.5: Angle between two vectors in \mathbb{R}^2

$$\cos \theta = \cos(\beta - \alpha) = \cos \beta \cos \alpha + \sin \beta \sin \alpha = \frac{a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2}{\|a\| \|b\|} = \frac{a^T b}{\|a\| \|b\|}$$

Proposition 3.2.1 (3G). The cosine of the angle between any two vectors $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is

$$\cos \theta = \frac{a^T b}{\|a\| \|b\|}$$

If we consider the relationship between $\|a\|$, $\|b\|$ and $\|b - a\|$, then we have

$$\|b - a\|^2 = \|a\|^2 + \|b\|^2 - 2\|a\| \|b\| \cos \theta \quad (\text{Law of Cosines})$$

Projection onto a Line:

$$\begin{aligned} (b - p) \perp a &\iff (b - p)^T a = 0 \iff (b - \alpha a)^T a = 0 \\ &\iff b^T a - \alpha a^T a = 0 \iff \alpha = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 3.2.2 (3H). The projection of b onto the line through 0 and a is

$$p = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} \cdot a$$

Theorem 3.2.1 (3I Schwarz Inequality). For any two vectors in inner product space satisfy the **Cauchy-Schwarz inequality**:

$$|a^T b| \leq \|a\| \|b\| \quad \text{or} \quad |\langle a, b \rangle| \leq \|a\| \|b\|$$

with equality if and only if $b = \alpha a$, for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \|b - p\|^2 &= \|b - \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} a\|^2 = b^T b - 2 \cdot \frac{(a^T b)^2}{a^T a} + \left(\frac{a^T b}{a^T a} \right)^2 a a^T \\ &= \frac{(b^T b)(a^T a) - (a^T b)^2}{a^T a} \geq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow |a^T b| \leq \|a\| \|b\| \end{aligned}$$

and the equality holds $\iff \|b - p\| = 0 \iff b = p = \alpha a$. ■

Example. Project $(1, 1, 1) \rightarrow (1, 2, 3)$

$$p = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} a = \frac{6}{14} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3/7 \\ 6/7 \\ 9/7 \end{pmatrix}$$

3.2.2 Projections of Rank One

Question. What is the matrix this linear transformation that maps b to p

$$p = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} \cdot a = \frac{a a^T}{a^T a} b$$

The projection matrix is $P = \frac{a a^T}{a^T a}$

Note. Here are some properties of P :

1° P is symmetric: $P^T = P$

2° $P^2 = P$ (idempotent)

Proof. Here are the proofs:

$$1^\circ \quad P^T = \left(\frac{aa^T}{a^T a} \right)^T = \frac{(a^T)^T a^T}{a^T a} = \frac{aa^T}{a^T a} = P$$

$$2^\circ \quad P^2 = \left(\frac{aa^T}{a^T a} \right) \left(\frac{aa^T}{a^T a} \right) = \frac{aa^T aa^T}{(a^T a)^2} = \frac{a(a^T a)a^T}{(a^T a)^2} = \frac{aa^T}{a^T a} = P$$

Proof complete. ■

- $\text{rank}(P) = 1$, nullspace of P is the space orthogonal to a . i.e.

$$\mathcal{N}(P) \perp \mathcal{C}(P)$$

which is not general. It is right here because $\mathcal{C}(P) = \mathcal{C}(P^T) = \text{span}(a)$.

Remark (Scaling). Project b onto a , which can be scaled arbitrarily. i.e. project onto αa

$$p = \frac{a' a'^T}{a'^T a'} = \frac{(\alpha a)(\alpha a)^T}{(\alpha a)^T (\alpha a)} = \frac{\alpha^2 aa^T}{\alpha^2 a^T a} = \frac{aa^T}{a^T a} = p \quad (\text{remains the same})$$

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3.3 Projections and Least Squares Applications

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$$\begin{cases} a_1 x = b_1 \\ a_2 x = b_2 \\ a_3 x = b_3 \end{cases} \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} x = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E^2 = (a_1 x - b_1)^2 + (a_2 x - b_2)^2 + (a_3 x - b_3)^2$$

$$1^\circ \quad \text{if } b = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} x_0 \text{ then } E^2 = 0$$

2° Or consider

$$\frac{dE^2}{dx} = 2[a_1(a_1 x - b_1) + a_2(a_2 x - b_2) + a_3(a_3 x - b_3)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x} = \frac{a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3}{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} = \boxed{\frac{a^T b}{a^T a}}_{\alpha}$$

Hence, we call the projection of b onto a as $p_a b = \bar{x} a = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} a$, which is also called the least squares solution.

$$a^T (b - \bar{x} a) = 0 = a^T b - \bar{x} a^T a$$

3.3.1 Least Squares Problem with Several Variables

$$A_{m \times n} x_{n \times 1} = b_{m \times 1} \quad (m > n)$$

- If $b \in \text{Col}(A)$, then the system is solvable.
- If the equations contain errors, then b might not belong to $\mathcal{C}(A)$

$$A_{3 \times 2} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$

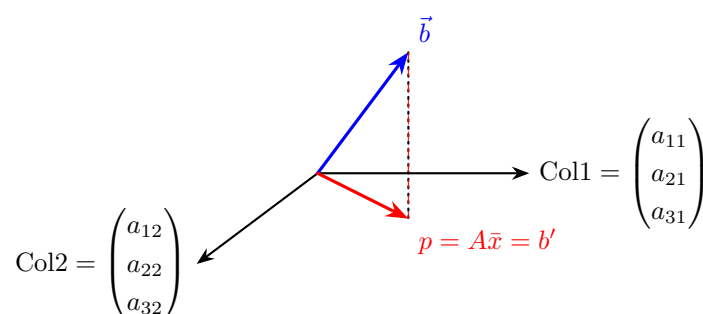


Figure 3.6: Projection of \vec{b} onto the span of the columns of A

- $Ax = b$ has error, $b \notin \mathcal{C}(A)$
- $Ax = b'$ is solvable $\Rightarrow b' \in \mathcal{C}(A) \Leftrightarrow \exists \bar{x}_{n \times 1} \ni A\bar{x} = p = b'$

Note. To find x , we do it in three ways:

1° The vectors perpendicular to $\mathcal{C}(A)$ are in $\mathcal{N}(A^T)$

$$A^T(b - A\bar{x}) = 0 \Rightarrow A^T A\bar{x} = A^T b$$

2° The error vector must be perpendicular to each column of A .

If $A = [a_1 \ a_2 \ \cdots \ a_n]$

$$\begin{cases} a_1^T(b - A\bar{x}) = 0 \\ a_2^T(b - A\bar{x}) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_n^T(b - A\bar{x}) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow A^T(b - A\bar{x}) = 0 \Rightarrow A^T A\bar{x} = A^T b \quad (A'x' = b')$$

3° The third way is to differentiate the sum of squares.

$$E^2 = \|Ax - b\|^2 = (Ax - b)^T(Ax - b) \Rightarrow A^T Ax - A^T b = 0 \Rightarrow A^T A\bar{x} = A^T b$$

Proposition 3.3.1 (3L). The least-squares solution to an inconsistent system $Ax = b$ of m equations in n unknowns satisfies

$$A^T A \bar{x} = A^T b$$

The above equation is referred to the **Normal Equation**.

Note. The properties of $A^T A$:

1° $A^T A$ is symmetric.

Proof. $(A^T A)^T = A^T (A^T)^T = A^T A$ ■

2° The $(i, j)^{\text{th}}$ entry of $A^T A$ is the inner product of the i^{th} and j^{th} columns of A .

3° $A^T A$ has the same nullspace of A (i.e., $\mathcal{N}(A^T A) = \mathcal{N}(A)$).

Proof. We follow the two directions:

- $Ax = 0 \Rightarrow A^T Ax = 0 \quad \therefore \mathcal{N}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(A^T A)$
- if $A^T Ax = 0$, then

$$x^T A^T Ax = (Ax)^T (Ax) = \|Ax\|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow Ax = 0 \quad \therefore \mathcal{N}(A^T A) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(A)$$

Proof complete. ■

4° $A^T A$ is positive definite, i.e., for any non-zero vector x ,

$$x^T A^T Ax = (Ax)^T (Ax) = \|Ax\|^2 \geq 0$$

with equality if and only if $Ax = 0$.

Proposition 3.3.2 (3L (conti.)). The least-squares solution to the inconsistent system $Ax = b$ is the solution of the normal equation

$$A^T A \bar{x} = A^T b$$

Proposition 3.3.3 (3M). If the columns of A are linearly independent ($\text{rank} = n$), then $A^T A$ is invertible and

$$\bar{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

The projection of b onto $\mathcal{C}(A)$ is therefore

$$p_{\mathcal{C}(A)} = A\bar{x} = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

Proof. We consider $\text{rank}(A) = r = n \Rightarrow \mathcal{N}(A) = \{0\} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(A^T A) = \{0\}$

\therefore rank of $A^T A = n$ which means $A^T A$ has full rank.

$\therefore A^T A$ is invertible. ■

Note. If $\text{rank}(A) < n$, then $A^T A$ is singular and the linear system has infinitely many solutions.

Example.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 2}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 1}, \quad Ax = b$$

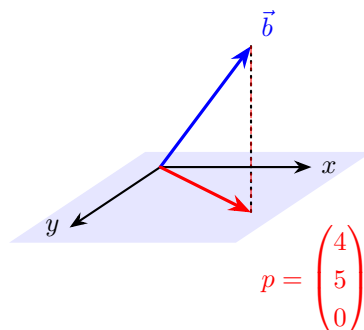


Figure 3.7: Projection of \vec{b} onto the span of the columns of A

$$1^\circ \quad \bar{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow p = A\bar{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2^\circ \quad \mathcal{C}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = xy\text{-plane} \quad \therefore p = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Remark. 1° The normal equation $A^T A \bar{x} = A^T b$ is indeed consistent.

2° If $b \in \mathcal{C}(A)$, then $p = b$.

3° Suppose $b \perp \mathcal{C}(A)$, then $p = 0$.

4° When A is square and invertible, then $\mathcal{C}(A) = \mathbb{R}^n$

$$p = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b = b$$

5° If $A_{m \times 1} = a$, then $A^T A = a^T a$

$$\bar{x} = (a^T a)^{-1} a^T b = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} = \alpha$$

3.3.2 Projection Matrices

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix over \mathbb{R} , $\mathcal{C}(A) \leq \mathbb{R}^m$.

Let $b \notin \mathcal{C}(A)$, the closest point to b in $\mathcal{C}(A)$ is $p = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$.

Let $\mathcal{P} = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$.

i.e. The matrix projects any vector b onto $\mathcal{C}(A)$.

i.e. $p = \mathcal{P}b$ is the component of b in $\mathcal{C}(A)$.

i.e. $b - \mathcal{P}b$ (error) is the component of b in orthogonal complement $\mathcal{N}(A^T)$.

Corollary 3.3.1.

$$I = \underset{\text{projection onto } \mathcal{C}(A)}{\mathcal{P}} + \underset{\text{projection onto } \mathcal{C}(A)^\perp}{(I - \mathcal{P})}$$

Theorem 3.3.1 (3N). Here are some properties of projection matrix

1. $\mathcal{P}^2 = \mathcal{P}$
2. $\mathcal{P}^T = \mathcal{P}$

3.3.3 Least Square Fitting of Data

Given m data points

Example. $(t_i, b_i) : (\underset{t_1}{-1}, \underset{b_1}{1}), (\underset{t_2}{1}, \underset{b_2}{1}), (\underset{t_3}{2}, \underset{b_3}{3})$

$$P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T = \frac{1}{14} \begin{pmatrix} 13 & 3 & -2 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \\ -2 & 6 & 10 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 3} \Rightarrow p = Pb = \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 13 \\ 17 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{error vector} = b - p = \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P = \frac{1}{14} \begin{pmatrix} 13 & 3 & -2 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \\ -2 & 6 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow U = \frac{1}{14} \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{13} & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & \boxed{\frac{56}{13}} & \frac{84}{13} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(P) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \Rightarrow x - 3y + 2z = 0$$

$$\mathcal{C}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \Rightarrow x - 3y + 2z = 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(P) = \mathcal{C}(A)$$

3.4 Orthogonal Bases, Orthogonal Matrices and Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization

Recall. The vectors q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k are orthonormal if

$$q_i^T q_j = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

3.4.1 Orthogonal Matrices

Definition 3.4.1 (3Q). An **orthognoral matrix** Q is a square matrix satisfying $Q^T Q = I$. If $Q = [q_1 \ q_2 \ \dots \ q_n]$, then

$$Q^T Q = \begin{pmatrix} q_1^T \\ q_2^T \\ \vdots \\ q_n^T \end{pmatrix} (q_1 \ q_2 \ \dots \ q_n) = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{q_1^T q_1} & \boxed{q_1^T q_2} & \cdots & q_1^T q_n \\ \text{=1} & \text{=0} & & \\ q_2^T q_1 & \boxed{q_2^T q_2} & \cdots & q_2^T q_n \\ & \text{=1} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ q_n^T q_1 & q_n^T q_2 & \cdots & q_n^T q_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n} = I_n$$

i.e. The columns of Q are orthonormal and $Q^{-1} = Q^T$.

Example. Here are some examples:

- Rotation matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ **YES**
- Permutation matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ **YES**

Proposition 3.4.1 (3R). Here are some properties

- $\|Qx\| = \|x\|, \quad \forall x$
- $\langle Qx, Qy \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle, \forall x, y$

The properties preserve

1° length

2° inner product

3° angle (since $\cos \theta = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|}$)

Remark. Since $Q^{-1} = Q^T$, we also have $QQ^T = I$. Therefore, the rows of a square matrix are orthonormal whenever the columns are orthonormal.

We've learned that any vector is a combination of basis vectors. The problem becomes how to find the coefficients of the combination.

Let $\{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n\}$ be an orthonormal basis, then for any vector b

$$b = x_1 q_1 + x_2 q_2 + \dots + x_n q_n$$

try to compute x_i 's:

$$q_1^T b = x_1 \underbrace{q_1^T q_1}_1 + x_2 \underbrace{q_1^T q_2}_0 + \dots + x_n \underbrace{q_1^T q_n}_0 = x_1$$

Similarly, we have $x_i = q_i^T b$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. i.e.

$$b = (q_1^T b)q_1 + (q_2^T b)q_2 + \dots + (q_n^T b)q_n$$

for the matrix form

$$b = (q_1 \ q_2 \ \dots \ q_n) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = Qx \quad x = Q^{-1}b = Q^T b = \begin{pmatrix} q_1^T b \\ q_2^T b \\ \vdots \\ q_n^T b \end{pmatrix}$$

Recall. $\mathcal{P} = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} \cdot a$

Therefore, we can rewrite b as

$$b = \frac{q_1^T b}{q_1^T q_1} q_1 + \frac{q_2^T b}{q_2^T q_2} q_2 + \dots + \frac{q_n^T b}{q_n^T q_n} q_n = \mathcal{P}_{q_1} b + \mathcal{P}_{q_2} b + \dots + \mathcal{P}_{q_n} b \quad (\text{since } q_i^T q_i = 1)$$

i.e. The sum of the projections of b onto each basis vector equals to b itself.

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3.4.2 Rectangular Matrices with Orthogonal Columns

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$$Ax = b, \quad \text{where } A \text{ is not necessarily square.}$$

Similarly, we may have a system $Qx = b$, where $Q_{m \times n}$ is NOT square and $m > n$.

Note.

$$Q^T Q = \begin{pmatrix} q_1^T \\ \vdots \\ q_n^T \end{pmatrix} (q_1 \quad \cdots \quad q_n) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I_n$$

In this case, Q^T is the left inverse of Q .

Proposition 3.4.2 (3S). If Q has orthonormal columns, then the least squares problem is easy.

- $Q_{m \times n}$: has no solution for most b $\longleftrightarrow Ax = b$
- $Q^T Q \bar{x} = Q^T b$: normal equation $\longleftrightarrow A^T A \bar{x} = A^T b$
- $\bar{x} = Q^T b$: least squares solution
-

$$\begin{aligned} p = Q\bar{x} &= QQ^T b = (q_1 \quad \cdots \quad q_n) \begin{pmatrix} q_1^T \\ \vdots \\ q_n^T \end{pmatrix} b \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (q_i^T b) q_i : \text{projection of } b \text{ onto } C(Q) \end{aligned} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad p = A\bar{x}$$

- $P = QQ^T$ $\longleftrightarrow P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$

3.4.3 The Gram-Schmidt Process

Recall. $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is an orthognoral subset if V if $\forall i \neq j, \langle x_i, x_j \rangle = 0$ and S is orthonormal if additionally

$$\langle x_i, x_i \rangle = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Notation. $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$ is called the norm of x . ($\langle x, x \rangle > 0$, if $x \neq 0$)

Note. There are many norms,

- 1-norm: $\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$
- 2-norm: $\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$
- ∞ -norm: $\|x\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$

Theorem 3.4.1 (1). Let V be an inner product space and let $S = \{x_1 \cdots x_n\}$ be an orthogonal subset of non-zero vectors. If

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i x_i,$$

then

$$a_j = \frac{\langle y, x_j \rangle}{\|x_j\|^2} \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n. \quad (\text{i.e. } y = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\langle y, x_j \rangle}{\|x_j\|^2} x_j)$$

Proof. Since

$$\langle y_i, x_j \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \langle x_i, x_j \rangle = a_j$$

Thus,

$$a_j = \frac{\langle y, x_j \rangle}{\|x_j\|^2}.$$

■

Corollary 3.4.1 (1). If S is, then

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle y, x_j \rangle x_j.$$

Corollary 3.4.2 (2). If S is an orthonormal set of non-zero vectors, then S is linearly independent.

Example. In \mathbb{R}^3 , $\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1, 0), \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1, -1, 1), \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(-1, 1, 2) \right\}$. Find the orthonormal set.

$$\text{Given } (1, 2, 3) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1, 0) \right] + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left[\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}(1, -1, 1) \right] + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(-1, 1, 2) \right].$$

Remark. Suppose $\{y_1, y_2\}$ is linearly independent set. We would like to construct an orthogonal set, $\{x_1, x_2\}$, that spans the same subspace. One way is to take $x_1 = y_1$ and $x_2 = y_2 - p$, where p is the projection of y_2 onto y_1 .

$$p = \frac{\langle y_2, y_1 \rangle}{\|y_1\|^2} y_1$$

In other words, we take

$$x_2 = y_2 - \frac{\langle y_2, y_1 \rangle}{\|y_1\|^2} y_1.$$

Theorem 3.4.2 (2. extend to n vectors). Let V be an inner product space and let $S = \{y_1, \dots, y_m\}$ be a linearly independent subset of V . Define $S' = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ where

$$x_1 = y_1, \quad x_k = y_k - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{\langle y_k, x_i \rangle}{\|x_i\|^2} x_i, \quad \text{for } 2 \leq k \leq m.$$

Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization

Then S' is an orthogonal set of non-zero vectors such that

$$\text{span}(S') = \text{span}(S).$$

Proof. Supplementary notes.

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Example. In \mathbb{R}^3 , let $y_1 = (1, 1, 0)$, $y_2 = (2, 0, 1)$, $y_3 = (2, 2, 1)$. Find an orthogonal basis for x_1, x_2, x_3 .

- $x_1 = y_1 = (1, 1, 0)$
- $x_2 = y_2 - \frac{\langle y_2, x_1 \rangle}{\|x_1\|^2} x_1 = (2, 0, 1) - \frac{2}{2}(1, 1, 0) = (1, -1, 1)$
- $x_3 = y_3 - \frac{\langle y_3, x_1 \rangle}{\|x_1\|^2} x_1 - \frac{\langle y_3, x_2 \rangle}{\|x_2\|^2} x_2 = (-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$

3.4.4 The Factorization $A = QR$

$$A = (a_1 \mid \cdots \mid a_n)_{m \times n} \longrightarrow Q = (q_1 \mid \cdots \mid q_n)_{m \times n} \quad Q^T Q = I_n$$

Theorem 3.4.3 (3U). Every $m \times n$ matrix A with linearly independent columns can be factored as

$$A = Q_{m \times n} R_{n \times n}$$

The columns of Q are orthonormal and R is an invertible upper-triangular matrix. When $m = n$ and all matrices are square, Q is orthogonal.

Proof. We use Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization process to construct Q and R .

As previously seen (Theorem (2)).

$$q'_j = a_j - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\langle a_j, q_i \rangle}{\|q_i\|^2} \cdot q_i, \quad q_j = \frac{q'_j}{\|q'_j\|}$$

Let a_1, \dots, a_n be the columns of A . By Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization process, we can construct orthonormal vectors

$$q_1, \dots, q_n \ni \text{span}\{q_1, \dots, q_n\} = \text{span}\{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n$$

So

$$a_j = (q_1^T a) \cdot q_1 + \cdots + (q_{j-1}^T a) \cdot q_{j-1} + \|q'_j\| \cdot q_j \quad (\text{i.e. linear combination of } q'_j \text{'s})$$

$$A = (a_1 \mid \cdots \mid a_n) = (q_1 \mid \cdots \mid q_n) \begin{pmatrix} \|q'_1\| & q_1^T a_2 & \cdots & q_1^T a_n \\ 0 & \|q'_2\| & \cdots & q_2^T a_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \|q'_n\| \end{pmatrix} = QR$$

$$j = 1 : a_1 = \|q'_1\| \cdot q_1$$

$$j = 2 : a_2 = (q_1^T a_2) \cdot q_1 + \|q'_2\| \cdot q_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$j = n : a_n = (q_1^T a_n) \cdot q_1 + (q_2^T a_n) \cdot q_2 + \cdots + (q_{n-1}^T a_n) \cdot q_{n-1} + \|q'_n\| \cdot q_n$$

i.e. R is invertible since its diagonal entries are non-zero. ■

Example.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad a_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1^\circ \quad q'_1 = a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad q_1 = \frac{q'_1}{\|q'_1\|} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2^\circ \quad q'_2 = a_2 - \langle a_2, q_1 \rangle \cdot q_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -4 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}, \quad q_2 = \frac{q'_2}{\|q'_2\|} = \frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -4 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$3^\circ \quad q'_3 = a_3 - \langle a_3, q_1 \rangle \cdot q_1 - \langle a_3, q_2 \rangle \cdot q_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - 5 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad q_3 =$$

$$\frac{q'_3}{\|q'_3\|} = \frac{1}{1} \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ -2/3 \\ 1/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

4° Thus,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ | & | & | \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = QR$$

orthonormal columns invertible upper-triangular record Gram-Schmidt

Remark. A : linearly independent columns

$$Ax = b \quad \text{inconsistent}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \longrightarrow \quad A^T A \bar{x} &= A^T b & (A = QR \rightarrow A^T A &= R^T Q^T Q R = R^T R) \\ \longrightarrow \quad R^T R \bar{x} &= A^T b & (R \text{ is invertible}) \\ \longrightarrow \quad R \bar{x} &= Q^T b \end{aligned}$$

i.e. inconsistent $\xrightarrow{Ax=b}$ consistent $\xrightarrow{R\bar{x}=Q^T b}$

Chapter 4

Determinant

4.1 Introduction to Determinants

(A) A test for invertibility

$$\begin{cases} \text{If } \det A = 0, & A \text{ is singular} \\ \text{If } \det A \neq 0, & A \text{ is invertible} \end{cases}$$

The most important application is whether $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ (characteristic polynomial). We shall see that $\det(A - \lambda I)$ is a polynomial of degree n in λ .

(B) The determinant gives formulas for the pivots i.e.

$$\text{determinant} = \pm(\text{product of pivots})$$

(C) The determinant measures the dependence of $A^{-1}b$ on each entry of b (Cramer's rule). If one parameter is changed in an experiment, or one observation is corrected, the influence coefficients on $x = A^{-1}b$ is a ratio of determinants.

4.2 The Properties of Determinants

Definition 4.2.1 (determinant). Let A be an $n \times n$ square matrix over F . The determinant of A is a function

$$\det : M_{n \times n}(F) \rightarrow F$$

satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) The $\det A$ is a **linear function** if the i -th row ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) when the other $(n - 1)$ rows are held fixed. i.e. if

$$\det A = D(A_1, \dots, A_i, \dots, A_n) \text{ where } A_i \text{ is the } i\text{-th row of } A,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} & \det(A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}, \alpha A_i + A'_i, A_{i+1}, \dots, A_n) \\ &= \alpha \det(A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}, A_i, A_{i+1}, \dots, A_n) + \det(A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}, A'_i, A_{i+1}, \dots, A_n) \end{aligned}$$

Example.

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a+a' & b+b' \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} a' & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b' \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

- (ii) $\det I = 1$
- (iii) $\det(P_{ij}A) = -\det A$, where $P_{ij}A$ is the permutation matrix.
- (iv) $\det A = 0$, if A has two identical rows.
- (v) $\det(EA) = \det A$, if E is the elementary operation of subtracting a multiple of one row from another row.

Proof. For the following steps,

$$\begin{aligned} & \det(A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}, \alpha A_i + A_j, A_{i+1}, \dots, A_n) \\ & \stackrel{(i)}{=} \alpha \det(A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}, A_i, A_{i+1}, \dots, A_n) + \det(A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}, A_j, A_{i+1}, \dots, A_n) \\ & \stackrel{(iv)}{=} \alpha \det(A) + 0 = \det(A) \end{aligned}$$

i.e. $\det(EA) = \det A$. ■

- (vi) If A has a row of zeros, then $\det A = 0$.

Proof. (v) + (iv) ■

- (vii) If A is triangular, then $\det A = a_{11}a_{22} \cdots a_{nn}$

Proof. Here is the steps

$$1^\circ \det A \stackrel{(v)}{=} \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{(i)}{=} a_{11} \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \cdots \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

2° If $a_{jj} = 0$, by (v), the j -th row can be converted to a zero row, thus by (vi), $\det A = 0$. ■

- (viii) If A is singular $\Leftrightarrow \det A = 0$. If A is invertible $\Leftrightarrow \det A \neq 0$.

Proof. Let

$$\begin{aligned} & A \xrightarrow{E_1 E_2 \cdots} U \\ & \det A \stackrel{(iii)}{=} \det U \stackrel{(vii)}{=} \pm d_1 d_2 \cdots d_n \end{aligned}$$
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- (ix) $\det(AB) = \det A \cdot \det B$

$$(x) \det(A^T) = \det A$$

Proof. We separately consider two cases:

- Case1: A is singular $\Leftrightarrow A^T$ is singular.
- Case2: A is nonsingular $\Rightarrow PA = LDU$
 - 1° $(\det P)(\det A) = \det L \det D \det U = \det D$
 - 2° $(PA)^T = (LDU)^T$ and thus

$$(\det A^T)(\det P^T) = \det D^T \Rightarrow \det A^T = \det D = \det A$$

Note. $PP^T = I \Rightarrow (\det P)(\det P^T) = \det I = 1$ and $\det P, \det P^T \in \{1, -1\}$

Done. ■

Example.

$$A_n = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n} = L \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \frac{n}{n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \frac{n+1}{n} \end{pmatrix} U$$

Thus,

$$\det A_n = 2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdots \frac{n}{n-1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n} = n+1.$$

4.3 Formulas for the Determinant

Proposition 4.3.1 (4A). If A is nonsingular, then $A = P^{-1}LDU$ and

$$\det A = \pm(\text{product of pivots})$$

Example.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ c/a & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{ad-bc}{a} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b/a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc$$

Example.

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} &= \det \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the non-zero terms have to come in different columns

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$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}^{(1,2,3)} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}^{(2,3,1)} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{32} & 0 \end{vmatrix}^{(3,1,2)} \\
&+ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}^{(2,1,3)} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ a_{31} & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}^{(3,2,1)} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} \\ 0 & a_{32} & 0 \end{vmatrix}^{(1,3,2)} \\
&= a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\
&+ a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow n!$ ways to permute the numbers $1, 2, \dots, n$

Corollary 4.3.1.

$$\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \left(\operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i, \sigma(i)} \right)$$

where S_n is the set of all permutations on $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and $\operatorname{sgn}(\sigma)$ is the sign of the permutation σ .

$$|S_n| = n!$$

In other words $\det(A)$ is the sum of $n!$ terms and for each term, every row and column contributes to exactly one element. So it is not difficult to see that

$$\det A = a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} + \dots + a_{1n}A_{1n}$$

where

$$A_{1j} = (-1)^{1+j} M_{1j}$$

is the **cofactor** of a_{1j} , and M_{1j} is the submatrix of A obtained by deleting the 1-th row and j -th column. Similarly,

Proposition 4.3.2 (4B).

$$\det A = a_{i1}A_{i1} + a_{i2}A_{i2} + \dots + a_{in}A_{in}$$

where

$$A_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$$

is the **cofactor** of a_{ij} . M_{ij} is the submatrix of A obtained by deleting the i -th row and j -th column.

Example.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 3_{32} & 0 & 4_{34} \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= 3(-1)^{3+2} \cdot \det M_{32} + 4(-1)^{3+4} \cdot \det M_{34} \\ &= (-3) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + (-4) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-3)[1(8) + 5(-1)(11) + 4(10)] + (-4)[1(-6) + 2(10)(-1) + 5(7)] \\ &= -15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \det A = \det A^T$$

so we can also expand along columns. i.e.

$$\det A = a_{1j}A_{1j} + a_{2j}A_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj}A_{nj}$$

4.4 Applications of Determinants

(A) The computation of A^{-1}

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & \dots & A_{n1} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{1n} & A_{2n} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \det(A)I_n$$

$$a_{11}A_{21} + a_{12}A_{22} + \dots + a_{1n}A_{2n} = \det(B)$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Proposition 4.4.1 (4C).

$$A \cdot \text{adj}(A) = \det(A)I_n$$

If $\det(A) \neq 0$, then

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

If $\det(A) = 0$, then A is not invertible.

(B) The solution of system of linear equations

Theorem 4.4.1 (4D - Cramer's Rule). If A is an invertible $n \times n$ matrix, then the unique solution of the system of equations $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ and

$$x_j = \frac{\det(A_j)}{\det(A)}, \text{ where } B_j = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1,j-1} & \mathbf{b_1} & a_{1,j+1} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2,j-1} & \mathbf{b_2} & a_{2,j+1} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{n,j-1} & \mathbf{b_n} & a_{n,j+1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{b_n}$
j-th column

Proof. Let

$$\det B_j = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i A_{ij}$$

Since A is invertible, by Proposition 4C, we have

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

Thus,

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & \dots & A_{n1} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{1n} & A_{2n} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{pmatrix} \det B_1 \\ \det B_2 \\ \vdots \\ \det B_n \end{pmatrix}$$

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(C) Volume of parallelepipeds

$$AA^T = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a_1} & - \\ -\mathbf{a_2} & - \\ \vdots & \\ -\mathbf{a_n} & - \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{a_1} & \mathbf{a_2} & \dots & \mathbf{a_n} \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \ell_1^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ell_2^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \ell_n^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \ell_i : \text{length of } \mathbf{a_i}$$

$$\det(AA^T) = (\det A)^2 = \ell_1^2 \ell_2^2 \dots \ell_n^2$$

\therefore If rows of A are mutually perpendicular, $|\det A| = \ell_1 \ell_2 \dots \ell_n$

(D) A formula for pivots

Proposition 4.4.2 (4E). If A is factored into LDU , then upper left corners satisfy

$$A_k = L_k D_k U_k$$

For every k , the submatrix A_k is going through a Gaussian elimination of its own.

$$\begin{pmatrix} L_k & 0 \\ B & C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D_k & 0 \\ 0 & E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_k & F \\ 0 & G \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} L_k D_k U_k & L_k D_k F \\ B D_k U_k & B D_k F + C E G \end{pmatrix} = A$$

The pivot entries are all nonzero whenever the numbers of $\det A_k$'s are all nonzero.

Note.

$$\det A_k = (\det L_k) \cdot (\det D_k) \cdot (\det U_k) = \det(D_k) = \det D_k = d_{11} d_{22} \dots d_{kk}$$

Notation.

$$d_k = \frac{\det A_k}{\det A_{k-1}} \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (\det A_0 := 1)$$

Gaussian Elimination can be carried out without row exchanges if and only if leading submatrices A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are all nonzero.

$$d_1 d_2 \dots d_k = \frac{\det A_1}{\det A_0} \cdot \frac{\det A_2}{\det A_1} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{\det A_n}{\det A_{n-1}} = \det A_n = \det A$$

Chapter 5

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

5.1 Introduction

Question. What are the eigenvalues of a matrix and how useful are they?

Consider a matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$, then A can be treated as a linear transformation on \mathbb{R}^2 that maps each vector \mathbf{v} to $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{u}$. i.e.

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{T} T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{u} = A\mathbf{v}$$

and we can get

$$A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$$

Definition 5.1.1. Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. If there exists a nonzero vector \mathbf{v} s.t.

$$A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$$

for some scalar λ , then λ is called an **eigenvalue** of A and \mathbf{v} is called an **eigenvector** of A corresponding to λ .

Theorem 5.1.1 (5A).

$$A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v} \Leftrightarrow \det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

and for each eigenvalue λ exists at least one (nonzero) eigenvector \mathbf{x} associated with it.

Proof. We separately prove the two directions.

\Rightarrow By definition, \exists nonzero vector \mathbf{x} s.t. $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$. This means,

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

has nonzero solution, so $A - \lambda I$ must be singular. i.e.

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

\Leftarrow If $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$, then $A - \lambda I$ has nontrivial solution(s) \mathbf{v} . Hence,

$$A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$$

implies that λ is an eigenvalue of A with eigenvector \mathbf{v} .

Proof complete. ■

Remark. Eigenvectors are (by definition) nonzero vectors and for each eigenvalue, its corresponding eigenvectors are **NEVER** unique. e.g.

$$A(\alpha\mathbf{v}) = \alpha A\mathbf{v} = \alpha\lambda\mathbf{v} = \lambda(\alpha\mathbf{v}) \quad \forall \alpha \neq 0$$

Note. An $n \times n$ matrix A can have at most n distinct (real or complex) eigenvalues.

Definition 5.1.2.

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

is called the **characteristic equation** of A and the polynomial

$$p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$$

is called the **characteristic polynomial** of A . For each eigenvalue λ , the **eigenspace** corresponding to λ is defined as

$$E_\lambda = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}\}$$

which is the null space of $A - \lambda I$.

Example.

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

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ -2 & 4-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow |A - \lambda I| = (1-\lambda)(4-\lambda) - (-2)(1) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = 0$$

Example.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 3, 2$$

Example. Projection matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(P - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 0.5-\lambda & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 1)\lambda = 0$$

$$1^\circ \lambda_1 = 1, P - \lambda_1 I = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 - 1 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 - 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} -0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 \end{pmatrix} x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix} x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

$$2^\circ \lambda_2 = 0, P - \lambda_2 I = P$$

Example. A is triangular

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} - \lambda & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \prod_{i=1}^n (a_{ii} - \lambda) = 0$$

Therefore, the eigenvalues of a triangular matrix are the entries on its main diagonal.

Theorem 5.1.2 (5B). The sum of the n eigenvalues equals the sum of the n diagonal entries:

$$\operatorname{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

Furthermore, the product of the n eigenvalues equals the product of the n diagonal entries:

$$\det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii} = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

Proof. We separately prove the two parts.

$$(1) p_A(x) = (\lambda_1 - x)(\lambda_2 - x) \dots (\lambda_n - x) = (-x)^n + (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n)(-x)^{n-1} + \dots$$

The coefficient of $(-x)^{n-1}$ in $p_A(x)$ is $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n$.

$$(2) \text{ Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_A(x) = \det(A - xI) = \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} - x & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - x & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} - x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (a_{11} - x) \times C_{11} + a_{12} \times C_{12} + \dots + a_{1n} \times C_{1n}, \text{ where } C_{1j} \text{ is the cofactor of } a_{1j}.$$

For $C_{1j}, \forall j = 2, 3, \dots, n$, the highest power of $(-x)$ is $n - 2$.

For example, $C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} - x & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n3} & \cdots & a_{nn} - x \end{pmatrix}.$

So $C_{1j}, \forall j = 2, 3, \dots, n$ can't generate the $(-x)^{n-1}$ term.

The coefficient of $(-x)^{n-1}$ in $p_A(x)$ is equal to the coefficient of $(-x)^{n-1}$ in

$$(a_{11} - x) \times \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{22} - x & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} - x & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \cdots & a_{nn} - x \end{pmatrix}.$$

Similarly,

the coefficient of $(-x)^{n-1}$ in $(a_{11} - x) \times \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{22} - x & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} - x & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \cdots & a_{nn} - x \end{pmatrix}$

is equal to the coefficient of $(-x)^{n-1}$ in

$$(a_{11} - x)(a_{22} - x) \times \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{33} - x & a_{34} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ a_{43} & a_{44} - x & \cdots & a_{4n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n3} & a_{n4} & \cdots & a_{nn} - x \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore, the coefficient of $(-x)^{n-1}$ in $p_A(x)$ will be equal to the coefficient of $(-x)^{n-1}$ in $(a_{11} - x)(a_{22} - x) \dots (a_{nn} - x).$

i.e. the coefficient of $(-x)^{n-1}$ in $p_A(x)$ is $a_{11} + a_{22} + \cdots + a_{nn} = \text{tr}(A).$

By (1) (2), we have $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n = \text{tr}(A).$

Next, we prove the product part.

$$\begin{aligned} p_A(x) &= \det(A - xI) = (\lambda_1 - x)(\lambda_2 - x) \dots (\lambda_n - x). \\ \Rightarrow p_A(0) &= \det(A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n \end{aligned}$$

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Let us summarize some properties of eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

- (1) To each eigenvalue, there is an eigenvector corresponding to it, and to each eigenvector, there is an eigenvalue corresponding to it.
- (2) An eigenvalue **can be** zero. However, an eigenvector can **never** be the zero vector.
- (3) If $Ax = \lambda x$, then $A(\alpha x) = \lambda(\alpha x)$

i.e. any scalar multiple of an eigenvector is **still** an eigenvector corresponding to **the same** eigenvalue. However, there **can be** independent eigenvectors associated with the same eigenvalue.

Theorem 5.1.3. The following statements are equivalent:

- (a) λ is an eigenvalue of A .
- (b) $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.
- (c) $A - \lambda I$ is not **singular**.

- (5) The eigenvalue of A are the roots of its characteristic polynomial $p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.
- (6) If λ is an eigenvalue of A , then the corresponding eigenvectors is the solution(s) of the linear system $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$.
- (7) If λ is an eigenvalue of A , then the nullspace of $(A - \lambda I)$ is called the eigenspace corresponding to λ .
- (8) λ may be a repeated root of the characteristic polynomial. Thus multiplicity of repetition is called the **algebraic multiplicity** of the eigenvalue. The dimension of the eigenspace corresponding to λ is called the **geometric multiplicity** of the eigenvalue.
- (9) If A is a matrix over \mathbb{R} , A may have no eigenvalues in \mathbb{R} . e.g.

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

However, if we allow complex eigenvalues and eigenvectors, then every real matrix has at least one eigenvalue in \mathbb{C} .