

# Lecture 3: Linear Algebra Review

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# 1 Vector Spaces

A (real) vector space  $V$  is a set with two operations:

- Vector sum  $+$ :  $V + V \rightarrow V$
- Scalar multiplication  $\cdot$ :  $\mathbb{R} \times V \rightarrow V$

that has the following properties:

1. Commutativity:  $x + y = y + x, \forall x, y \in V$
2. Associativity:  $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z), \forall x, y, z \in V$
3. Zero element:  $\exists! 0 \in V$  such that  $0 + x = x, \forall x \in V$
4. Inverse:  $\forall x \in V, \exists(-x) \in V$  such that  $x + (-x) = 0$
5.  $(\alpha\beta)x = \alpha(\beta x), \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, x \in V$
6.  $\alpha(x + y) = \alpha x + \alpha y, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, x, y \in V$
7.  $(\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, x \in V$

Implication:  $1 \cdot x = x$  and  $0 \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{0}, \forall x \in V$

# 2 Example of Vector Spaces

1.  $\mathbb{R}^n$
2.  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$
3.  $P_n$ : the set of all polynomials in  $\lambda$  with degree up to  $n$
4.  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{I}; \mathbb{R}^n)$ : Set of all mappings from an index set  $\mathcal{I}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$
5. Set of all differentiable function  $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
6. Set of all square integrable function  $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
7. Set of all solutions to an autonomous LTI system

# 3 Subspaces and Product Spaces

Definition (Subspace):

$W$  is a subspace of vector space  $V$  if  $W \subset V$  and  $W$  itself is a vector space under the same vector sum and scalar multiplication operations

Definition (Product space):

Given two vector spaces  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , their direct product is the vector space  $V_1 \times V_2 := \{(v_1, v_2) | v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_2\}$

## 4 Bases and Dimension of Vector Spaces

$v_1, \dots, v_k$  in vector space  $V$  are linearly independent if for  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_k = 0$$

A set of vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is a basis of the vector space  $V$  if

- $v_1, \dots, v_k$  are linearly independent in  $V$
- $V = \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$

Or equivalently,

- each  $v \in V$  has a unique expression  $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k$
- $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$  is the coordinate of  $v$  in this basis

Definition (Dimension):

The dimension of a vector space  $V$  is the number of vectors in any of its basis, and is denoted  $\dim V$ .

## 5 Linear Maps

A map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  between two vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$  is linear if

$$f(\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2) = \alpha_1 f(v_1) + \alpha_2 f(v_2)$$

- A linear map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  must map  $0 \in V$  to  $0 \in W$
- The composition of two linear maps  $f : V \rightarrow W$  and  $g : W \rightarrow U$  is also linear:  $g \circ f : v \in V \mapsto g(f(v)) \in U$

## 6 Null Spaces and Images of Linear Maps

Definition (Null Space):

The null space of a linear map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is  $\mathcal{N}(f) := \{v \in V | f(v) = 0\}$

- $\mathcal{N}(f)$  is a subspace of  $V$

Definition (Image (Range)):

The image (or range) of a linear map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is

$$\mathcal{R}(f) := \{w \in W | w = f(v) \text{ for some } v \in V\}$$

- $\mathcal{R}(f)$  is a subspace of  $W$

## 7 Injective (One-To-One) Linear Maps

Definition (Injective Map):

A linear map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is injective (one-to-one) if for all  $v_1, v_2 \in V$ ,

$$f(v_1) = f(v_2) \Rightarrow v_1 = v_2$$

Equivalent definitions:

- $f$  maps different vectors to different vectors
- $f$  maps linearly independent vectors to linearly independent vectors
- $\mathcal{N}(f) = \{0\}$

## 8 One-To-One Matrices

Matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  considered as a linear map  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  has null space

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | Ax = 0\}$$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is one-to-one if and only if

- Columns of  $A$  are linearly independent
- Rows of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- $A$  has rank  $n$  (full column rank)
- $A$  has a left inverse:  $\exists B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  such that  $BA = I_n$
- $\det(A^T A) \neq 0$

## 9 Surjective (Onto) Linear Maps

Definition (Surjective Map):

A linear map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is surjective (onto) if  $\mathcal{R}(f) = W$

- Or equivalently, if for any  $w \in W, w = f(v)$  for some  $v \in V$

## 10 Surjective Matrices

Matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  considered as a linear map  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  has range space

$$\mathcal{R}(A) = \{Ax \in \mathbb{R}^m | x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is onto if and only if

- Rows of  $A$  are linearly independent
- Columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$
- Rank of  $A$  is  $m$  (full row rank)
- $A$  has a right inverse  $\exists B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  such that  $AB = I_m$

## 11 Bijective (Invertible) Linear Maps

Definition (Bijective Map):

A linear map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is bijective (invertible) if it is both one-to-one and onto. Its inverse is the unique map  $f^{-1} : W \rightarrow V$  such that  $f \circ f^{-1} = id_W$  and  $f^{-1} \circ f = id_V$

- $V$  and  $W$  must have the same dimension

A matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is invertible if  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is bijective

- $\Leftrightarrow$  Columns (or rows) of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- $\Leftrightarrow A$  has inverse  $A^{-1}$  with  $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_n$
- $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}(A) = \{0\}$
- $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}(A) = \mathbb{R}^n$
- $\Leftrightarrow \det A \neq 0$

## 12 Matrix Rank

The rank of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is its maximum number of linearly independent columns (or rows), or equivalently,  $\dim \mathcal{R}(A)$

- $\text{Rank}(A) \leq \min(m, n)$
- $\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(A^T)$
- $\text{Rank}(A) + \dim \mathcal{N}(A) = n$  (conservation of dimension)

**Full rank** matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} : \text{Rank}(A) = \min(m, n)$

- (for skinny matrices) independent column or injective maps
- (for fat matrices) independent rows or surjective maps
- (for square matrices) nonsingular or bijective maps

## 13 Matrix Transpose

When  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is considered as a linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , its transpose  $A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  is a linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^m$  back to  $\mathbb{R}^n$

The following are equivalent:

- $A$  is one-to-one
- $A^T$  is onto
- $\det A^T A \neq 0$
- $A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is bijective

The following are equivalent:

- $A$  is onto
- $A^T$  is one-to-one
- $\det AA^T \neq 0$
- $AA^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is bijective

More generally, for any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

- $\mathcal{R}(A^T) = \mathcal{N}(A)^\perp$
- $\mathcal{N}(A^T) = \mathcal{R}(A)^\perp$

## 14 Inner Product on Euclidean Space

For  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , their inner product is

$$\langle x, y \rangle := x^T y = x_1 y_1 + \cdots + x_n y_n$$

For  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

- $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$
- $\langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle$
- $\langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$
- $\langle x, x \rangle = \|x\|^2 \geq 0$ , where  $\|x\|$  is the Euclidean norm of  $x$ :

$$\|x\| := \sqrt{x^T x} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2}$$

Theorem (Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality):

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

## 15 Finite Dimensional Vector Space vs. $\mathbb{R}^n$

Theorem:

There is a bijection between any finite dimensional vector space  $V$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $n = \dim V$ .

Proof:

$\rho_V : v \in V \mapsto$  its coordinate in a basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  of  $V$ .

## 16 Matrix Representation of Linear Maps

Theorem:

Any linear map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  between two finite dimensional vector spaces can be represented as a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with  $n = \dim V, m = \dim W$ .

## 17 Examples

- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , the map  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto Ax \in \mathbb{R}^m$  viewed in standard basis

$$\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{A} \mathbb{R}^m$$

- $\frac{d}{d\lambda} : p(\lambda) \in \mathcal{P}_n \mapsto \frac{dp(\lambda)}{d\lambda} \in \mathcal{P}_{n-1}$

## 18 Determinant and Inverse of Square Matrices

For any square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , its **determinant** is defined recursively as

$$\det A := \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} c_{ij}$$

- $a_{ij}$  : entry of  $A$  on row  $i$  and column  $j$
- $c_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det M_{ij}$  : cofactor corresponding to  $a_{ij}$
- measures the volume amplification of linear map  $A$

For nonsingular matrices ( $\det A \neq 0$ ), the **inverse matrix** of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is the unique matrix  $A^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  satisfying  $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_n$ :

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj } A}{\det A} = \frac{[c_{ij}]^T}{\det A}$$

## 19 Spectrum of Square Matrices

The characteristic polynomial of a square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is

$$\chi_A(\lambda) := \det(\lambda I_n - A) \in \mathcal{P}_n$$

Definition (Spectrum of  $A$ ):

The  $n$  roots (counting multiplicity, possibly complex) of  $\chi_A(\lambda)$  are the eigenvalues of  $A$ . The **spectrum** of  $A$  is the set  $\sigma(A)$  of all its eigenvalues.

For each eigenvalue  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}$  of  $A$ ,

- $v_i \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is called a (right) eigenvector if  $Av_i = \lambda_i v_i$
- $w_i \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is called a left eigenvector if  $w_i^T A = \lambda_i w_i^T$

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.6 \\ 0.7 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

## 20 Change of Basis in $\mathbb{R}^n$

A vector  $x = [x_1 \cdots x_n]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  in standard basis has the following coordinate in new basis  $\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$ :

$$\tilde{x} = T^{-1}x = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 & \cdots & t_n \end{bmatrix}^{-1} x$$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  as a linear map in standard basis when viewed in a different basis  $\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$  has matrix representation:

$$\tilde{A} = T^{-1}AT$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^n & \xrightarrow{A} & \mathbb{R}^n \\ \downarrow T^{-1} & & \downarrow T^{-1} \\ \mathbb{R}^n & \xrightarrow{\tilde{A}} & \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$



## 21 Similarity Transformations

Two matrices  $A, \tilde{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are **similar** if there exists a nonsingular matrix  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that

$$\tilde{A} = T^{-1}AT$$

- Representing the same linear map viewed in different bases
- Determinant is invariant:  $\det A = \det \tilde{A}$
- Spectrum is invariant:  $\sigma(A) = \sigma(\tilde{A})$

## 22 Diagonalizable Matrices

Definition (Diagonalizable Matrix):

Matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is called diagonalizable if there exists a nonsingular matrix  $T \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  such that  $T^{-1}AT = \Lambda \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is diagonal.

- Diagonal entries of  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  are the eigenvalues of  $A$
- Column of  $T = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix}$  are the right eigenvectors of  $A$
- Rows of  $T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 & \dots & w_n \end{bmatrix}^T$  are (the transpose of) the left eigenvectors of  $A$

## 23 Dyadic Expansion of Diagonalizable Matrices

Diagonalizable matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with  $T^{-1}AT = \Lambda$  can be decomposed as

$$A = \lambda_1 v_1 w_1^T + \lambda_2 v_2 w_2^T + \dots + \lambda_n v_n w_n^T$$

- Sum of  $n$  rank-one matrices

Example:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{13} & \frac{6}{13} \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{T^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.6 \\ 0.7 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{6}{13} \\ 1 & -\frac{7}{13} \end{bmatrix}}_T = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\Lambda}$$

## 24 Jordan Canonical Form

Theorem (Jordan Canonical Form):

For any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , there exists a nonsingular  $T \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  such that

$$T^{-1}AT = J = \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & J_q \end{bmatrix}, \quad J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_i \times n_i}$$

- Unique up to permutation of Jordan blocks

- Diagonalizable matrices are special cases with all  $n_i = 1$

Definition (Algebraic and Geometric Multiplicity): The **algebraic multiplicity** of an eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$  is the sum of the sizes of all Jordan blocks corresponding to it; its **geometric multiplicity** is the number of all such Jordan blocks.

## 25 Geometric Characterization of Jordan Block Sizes

Given  $A \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with an eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , construct a cascade of subspaces:

$$\mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I_n) \subset \mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I_n)^2 \subset \mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I_n)^3 \subset \dots$$

**Fact:** the geometric multiplicity ( # of Jordan blocks) of eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is

- $\dim \mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I_n)$
- The number of linearly independent eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda$

In general, # of Jordan blocks of  $\lambda$  with size at least  $k$  is

$$\dim \mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I_n)^k - \dim \mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I_n)^{k-1}$$

## 26 Example

Suppose that  $\lambda_1$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 10}$ , and that the dimensions of the null space of  $(A - \lambda_1 I)^k$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $5$  are: 3, 6, 8, 9 and 9, respectively.

- How many Jordan blocks are associated with  $\lambda_1$ ?
- What are the sizes of these Jordan blocks?
- Does  $A$  have other eigenvalues? If yes, what are their multiplicities?

## 27 Generalized Eigenvectors

Definition (Generalized Eigenvector):

Vector  $v$  is a generalized eigenvector of  $A$  of grade  $d$  if

$$v \in \mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I_n)^d \quad \text{and} \quad v \notin \mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I_n)^{d-1}$$

- When  $d = 1$ , this reduces to the definition of eigenvectors

Example ( $d = 3$ ): A chain of generalized eigenvectors of length 3:

$$\{v_3 := v, v_2 := (A - \lambda I_n)v, v_1 := (A - \lambda I_n)^2 v\}$$

which satisfies

$$Av_1 = \lambda v_1, Av_2 = v_1 + \lambda v_2, Av_3 = v_2 + \lambda v_3$$

$v_1, v_2, v_3$  are the columns of  $T$  corresponding to a Jordan block of size 3

## 28 Real Jordan Canonical Form

Theorem (Real Jordan Canonical Form): For any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , there exists a nonsingular  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that:

$$T^{-1}AT = J = \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & J_q \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}$  for real  $\lambda_i$  and  $J_i = \begin{bmatrix} C_i & I_2 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & I_2 \\ & & & C_i \end{bmatrix}$   
 with  $C_i = \begin{bmatrix} a_i & b_i \\ -b_i & a_i \end{bmatrix}$  for complex  $\lambda_i = a_i + b_i\sqrt{-1}$ .