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# Chapter 1

## Matrices

### 1.0.1 Gaussian elimination

We can define three elementary operations that do not change the solution of the system.

**Definition (Elementary row operations):** Consider a matrix  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ , we define three elementary row operations on  $A$ :

1. multiplication of one row by a non-zero scalar  $c$ , denoted by  $e_r(c)$ .
2. replacement of  $r_{\text{th}}$  row of  $A$  by row  $r$  plus  $c$  times row  $s \neq r$  that is  $r_{\text{new}} = r + cs$  and it is denoted by  $e_{rs}(c)$
3. Interchange two rows  $e_{rs}$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *To each elementary row operation  $e$  there corresponds an elementary row operation  $e^{-1}$ , of the same type as  $e$ , such that  $e^{-1}(e(A)) = e(e^{-1}(A)) = A$  for any  $A$ . Furthermore, each elementary operation has a  $n \times n$  matrix representation.*

*Proof.* It is easily verified by hand that the inverses exist and are of the same kind. ■

At each step of Gaussian elimination, one takes an element to be the **pivot** and eliminate the element from the other equations. At the end, the system has been reduced to a **upper triangle** (maybe with permutation). For **Gauss-Jordan method** the pivot needs to be one and the element must be eliminate from all equations.

### 1.0.2 LU decomposition

With some assumption one can transform matrix  $A$  to an upper triangular matrix  $U$  via elementary row operations. That is, there exists an elementary matrix  $E$  such that  $EA = U$ . It can be verified that  $E$  is lower triangular matrix and hence  $L = E^{-1}$  is lower triangular and  $A = LU$ . The assumptions made can be simplified if we allow permutations. That is

**Theorem 1.2.** *There exists a permutation of a matrix  $A$  that has a LU decomposition. In other words, there exists a permutation matrix  $P$  such that*

$$PA = LU$$

**Theorem 1.3.** *If  $A$  is strongly invertible matrix that is, every submatrix  $A(1 : i, 1 : i)$  is invertible (leading minors are non-zero) then there exists a unique lower unitriangular matrix  $L$  and a unique upper triangular matrix  $U$  such that  $A = LU$ .*

**Theorem 1.4.** *If the decomposition  $A = LU$  exist where  $L$  is a lower unitriangular matrix, then the decomposition  $A = LDU$  exists where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix and  $L$  and  $U$  are lower and upper unitriangular matrices respectively. Furthermore, if such  $LDU$  decomposition exists and  $A = A^T$  then  $A = LDL^T$*

# Chapter 2

## Vector Spaces

A **vector space**, also called **linear space**, consist of the followings:

1. a field  $\mathbb{F}$  of scalars.
2. a set  $V$  of vectors.
3. a vector addition  $+$ , with the following properties:
  - (a)  $V$  is closed under addition.
  - (b) addition is commutative.
  - (c) addition is associative.
  - (d) addition has a unique identity element  $0$ .
  - (e) for each vector  $\alpha \in V$ ,  $\exists \beta \in V$  s.t.  $\alpha + \beta = 0$ .
4. a scalar multiplication with the following properties:
  - (a)  $V$  is closed under scalar multiplication.
  - (b)  $(c_1 c_2) \alpha = c_1 (c_2 \alpha)$ .
  - (c)  $c(\alpha + \beta) = c\alpha + c\beta$ .
  - (d)  $(c_1 + c_2) \alpha = c_1 \alpha + c_2 \alpha$
  - (e) scalar multiplication has a unique identity element  $1$ .

**Example 2.1.**  $V = \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$  is a vector space. Furthermore,  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  over  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$  is a vector space with the scalar multiplication  $c(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_n)$ .

**Example 2.2.**  $V = \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Z}$  is not a vector space as  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not a field.

**Definition:** A vector  $\beta \in V$  is said to be a **linear combination** of the vectors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  if there exists scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$  such that:

$$\beta = c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_n \alpha_n = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \alpha_i$$

## 2.1 Subspaces

Let  $V$  be a vector space over field  $\mathbb{F}$ . A subspace of  $V$  is a subset  $W$  of  $V$  which is itself a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  with the operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication on  $V$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *A non-empty subset  $W$  of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if for each pair of vectors  $\alpha, \beta \in W$  and each scalar  $c \in \mathbb{F}$  the vector  $c\alpha + \beta \in W$ .*

*Proof.* Necessity: Suppose  $W$  is a non-empty subset of  $V$  with the above property. Since  $W$  is not empty then there exists a vector  $\alpha \in W$  and therefore,  $(-1)\alpha + \alpha = 0 \in W$ . For each  $c \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $c\alpha + 0 = c\alpha \in W$ . Finally, if  $\beta \in W$  as well then  $1\alpha + \beta \in W$ . Therefore,  $W$  satisfies all the conditions and is a linear subspace of  $V$ .

Sufficiency: If  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in W$  with  $c \in \mathbb{F}$  then  $c\alpha + \beta \in W$ . ■

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ . The intersection of any collection subspaces of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ .*

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be two subspaces of  $V$  such that  $W_1 \cap W_2$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Then  $W_1 \subset W_2$  or  $W_2 \subset W_1$ .*

*Proof.* For the sake of contradiction assume neither  $W_1 \subset W_2$  nor  $W_2 \subset W_1$ . Then, there are vectors  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  such that  $\alpha_1 \in W_1$  but  $\alpha_2 \notin W_2$  and similarly  $\alpha_2 \in W_2$  but  $\alpha_2 \notin W_1$ . Since  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \in W_1 \cup W_2$ , then  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \in W_1$  or  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \in W_2$  which is a contradiction. ■

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $V$  be a vector space over the infinite field  $\mathbb{F}$ . If  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n$  are subspaces of  $V$  and  $V \subset \cup W_i$ , then there exists  $k$  such that  $V = W_k$ .*

*Proof.* too long, do it urself bitch. ■

## 2.2 Span

**Definition:** Let  $S$  be a set of vector in a vector space  $V$ . The subspace spanned by  $S$  is defined to be the intersection of all subspaces of  $V$  which contains  $S$  and is denoted by  $\text{span } S$ . That is,  $\text{span } S = \bigcap_{S \subset W} W$ . By Corollary 2.2,  $\text{span } S$  is a linear subspace. Obviously,  $\text{span } S$  is the smallest subspace containing  $S$  because if there were  $S \subset K \subset \text{span } S$  since by definition  $\text{span } S = \cap W \subset K$ , then  $K = \text{span } S$ .

**Example 2.3.** Let  $S = \{0\}$  then  $\text{span } S = \bigcap_{\{0\} \subset W} W = \{0\}$ . Moreover:

$$\text{span } \emptyset = \{0\} \qquad \text{span } V = V$$

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $V$  is a vector space and  $S \neq \emptyset$*

$$\text{span } S = \{c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_n\alpha_n \mid \alpha_i \in S, c_i \in \mathbb{F}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

*Proof.* Let  $L$  be the set describe above. Clearly,  $S \subset L$  and  $L$  is a subspace of  $V$  hence  $\text{span } S \subset L$ . Since  $S \subset \text{span } S$  and  $\text{span } S$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication then  $c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_n\alpha_n \in \text{span } S$  hence  $L \subset \text{span } S$ . ■

**Definition:** If  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k$  are subsets of a vector space  $V$ , the set of all sums

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_k$$

where  $\alpha_i \in S_i$  is called the **sum** of subsets  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k$  and is denoted by

$$S_1 + \dots + S_k = \{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \mid \alpha_i \in S_i\}$$

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k$  be subspaces of vector space  $V$ . Then

$$W = W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_k$$

is a subspaces of  $V$ . Moreover,  $W = \text{span } \cup W_i$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha \in \text{span } \cup W_i$  and  $\beta \in W$ . By Theorem 2.5,  $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$  where  $\alpha_i \in \cup W_i$ . Define  $\alpha'_1 = \sum_{\alpha_i \in W_1} \alpha_i$ ,  $\alpha'_2 = \sum_{\alpha_i \in W_2 \setminus W_1} \alpha_i$  and so on. Clearly,  $\alpha = \alpha'_1 + \alpha'_2 + \dots + \alpha'_k$  thus  $\alpha \in W$  and  $\text{span } \cup W_i \subset W$ . By definition,  $\beta = \beta_1 + \dots + \beta_k$  where  $\beta_i \in W_i$  and therefore,  $\beta_i \in \cap W_i \subset \text{span } \cup W_i$ . Since  $\text{span } \cup W_i$  is a subspace of  $V$  then  $\beta \in \text{span } \cup W_i$  which implies  $W = \text{span } \cup W_i$ . ■

## 2.3 Basis and Dimension

**Definition (Linearly dependent):** A set  $S$  of vector space  $V$  is said to be **linearly dependent** if there are  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$  where at least one of the  $c_i$  is non-zero and  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  such that

$$c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_n\alpha_n = 0$$

Furthermore,  $S$  is **linearly independent** if it is not linearly dependent. That is, if  $c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_n\alpha_n = 0$  then  $c_i = 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Corollary 2.7.** If  $S$  is linearly dependent and  $S \subset S'$  then  $S'$  is linearly dependent as well. If  $S$  is linearly independent and  $S' \subset S$  then  $S'$  is linearly independent.

**Definition (Basis):** Let  $V$  be a vector space over field  $\mathbb{F}$ .  $S \subset V$  is a **basis** of  $V$  if it is linearly independent and spans  $V$ . Additionally,  $V$  is finite dimensional if  $V$  has a finite basis.

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $V$  be a vector space which is spanned by  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m$ . Then any independent subset of  $V$  contains at most  $m$  elements.

*Proof.* needs matrices maybe. ■

**Corollary 2.9.** If  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space then any two bases of  $V$  have the same finite number of elements.

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be two bases of  $V$ . By Theorem 2.8,  $|\alpha| \leq |\beta|$  and  $|\beta| \leq |\alpha|$  therefore they must have the same number of elements. Since, there exists a finite basis  $\gamma$  then  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  must be finite as well. ■

**Definition (Dimension):** **Dimension** of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ , denoted by  $\dim V$  is the number of elements of one of its basis.

**Example 2.4.**  $\dim\{0\} = 0$  since  $\text{span } \emptyset = \{0\}$  and therefore  $\dim\{0\} = |\emptyset| = 0$ .

**Corollary 2.10.** *Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and let  $n = \dim V$ . Then*

1. *any subset of  $V$  which has more than  $n$  elements is linearly dependent.*
2. *no subset of  $V$  which contains fewer than  $n$  vectors can span  $V$ .*

*Proof.* 1. It is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.8.

2. If there was a set  $\beta = \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m\}$  with  $m < n$  such that  $V = \text{span } \beta$  then there must be a basis  $\beta'$  such that  $|\beta'| \leq m$ . Which contradicts Corollary 2.9 ■

**Lemma 2.11.** *Let  $S$  be a linearly independent subset of vector space  $V$ . Suppose  $\beta$  is a vector in  $V$  not spanned by  $S$ . Then the set  $S \cup \{\beta\}$  is linearly independent.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$  are distinct vectors in  $S$  and that

$$c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_m\alpha_m + b\beta = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

then if  $b \neq 0$

$$\beta = -\frac{1}{b}(c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_m\alpha_m)$$

and thus  $\beta \in \text{span } S$  which is a contradiction. ■

**Theorem 2.12.** *If  $W$  is a subspace of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  then every linearly independent subset of  $W$  is finite and part of a basis of  $V$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly, since  $W \subset V$  then every linearly independent subset  $S$  of  $W$  must be finite and  $|S| \leq \dim V$ . Let  $S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_m\} \subset W$  be linearly independent. If  $\text{span } S = W$  we're done otherwise, there is  $\alpha_{m+1} \in W$  such that  $\alpha_{m+1} \notin \text{span } S$ . By Lemma 2.11,  $S_1 = S \cup \{\alpha_{m+1}\}$  is linearly independent. Now if  $\text{span } S_1 = W$  we are done. If not we continue in similar fashion. Since  $W$  is finite and any independent set can not have more than  $\dim W$  elements, then in  $\dim W - m$  steps the set  $S \cup \{\alpha_{m+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a basis for  $W$ . ■

**Corollary 2.13.** *A proper subspace  $W$  of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  is finite dimensional and  $\dim W < \dim V$ .*

*Proof.* Any basis  $W$  is linearly independent subset of  $V$  and therefore it is finite. Suppose  $W$  has basis  $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m\}$  with  $m \leq \dim V$ . Since  $\text{span } \beta = W \subsetneq V$  then there is  $\alpha \in V$  that is not in  $W$  therefore,  $\beta \cup \{\alpha\}$  is a linearly independent subset of  $V$  by Lemma 2.11. Simply

$$|\beta| = |\beta \cup \{\alpha\}| + 1 \leq n$$

and thus  $\dim W < \dim V$ . ■

**Theorem 2.14.** *If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are finite dimensional subspaces of  $V$  (not necessarily finite dimensional), then  $W_1 + W_2$  is finite dimensional and*

$$\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim W_1 + \dim W_2 - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$$



*Proof.*  $W_1 \cap W_2$  is a finite subspace of  $V$  and thus there are  $\alpha = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_a\}$  which form a basis for  $W_1 \cap W_2$ . Furthermore, since  $W_1 \cap W_2 \subset W_1, W_2$  then there are vectors  $\beta = \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_b\}$  and  $\gamma = \{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_c\}$  such that  $\alpha \cup \beta$  is a basis for  $W_1$  and  $\alpha \cup \gamma$  is a basis for  $W_2$ . We claim that  $\alpha \cup \beta \cup \gamma$  is a basis for  $W_1 + W_2$ . For all  $\xi_1 \in W_1$  and  $\xi_2 \in W_2$ ,  $\xi_1 + \xi_2 \in W_1 + W_2$ . Writing  $\xi_1 = x_1\alpha_1 + \dots + x_a\alpha_a + y_1\beta_1 + \dots + y_b\beta_b$  and  $\xi_2 = x'_1\alpha_1 + \dots + x'_a\alpha_a + z_1\gamma_1 + \dots + z_c\gamma_c$  we get

$$\xi_1 + \xi_2 = \sum_{i=1}^a (x_i + x'_i)\alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^b y_i\beta_i + \sum_{i=1}^c z_i\gamma_i \in \text{span}(\alpha \cup \beta \cup \gamma)$$

and thus  $W_1 + W_2 \subset \text{span}(\alpha \cup \beta \cup \gamma)$ . Clearly  $\text{span}(\alpha \cup \beta \cup \gamma) \subset W_1 + W_2$  and thus  $W_1 + W_2 = \text{span}(\alpha \cup \beta \cup \gamma)$ . Now we need to show that  $\alpha \cup \beta \cup \gamma$  is independent. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^a x_i\alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^b y_i\beta_i + \sum_{i=1}^c z_i\gamma_i &= 0 \\ \implies \sum_{i=1}^a x_i\alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^b y_i\beta_i &= \sum_{i=1}^c z_i\gamma_i \end{aligned}$$

and thus  $\sum_{i=1}^c z_i\gamma_i \in W_1$  and as a result  $\sum_{i=1}^c z_i\gamma_i \in W_1 \cap W_2$  therefore, writing  $\sum_{i=1}^c z_i\gamma_i = \sum_{i=1}^a x'_i\alpha_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^a x_i\alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^b y_i\beta_i &= - \sum_{i=1}^a x'_i\alpha_i \\ \implies \sum_{i=1}^a (x_i + x'_i)\alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^b y_i\beta_i &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and since  $\alpha \cup \beta$  is a basis for  $W_1$  then  $y_i = 0$ . hence

$$\sum_{i=1}^a x_i\alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^c z_i\gamma_i = 0$$

which implies  $\alpha_i = 0, \gamma_i = 0$  as  $\alpha \cup \gamma$  is a basis for  $W_2$ . ■