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- A linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is invertible i.f.f. its matrix $[T]$ is invertible.

(e.g.) $T(\vec{x}) = \text{"}\vec{x}\text{ rotated by } \theta\text{"}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

This is invertible and $T^{-1}(\vec{x}) = \text{"}\vec{x}\text{ rotated by } -\theta\text{"}$

$$[T]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(-\theta) & -\sin(-\theta) \\ \sin(-\theta) & \cos(-\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

(e.g.) $L \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ line through $\vec{0}$ and $\text{proj}_L: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

Not Invertible

Linear Algebra (so far)

- Equations of Interest: linear systems
- "Objects" of Interest: vectors in \mathbb{R}^n
- Operations of interest: vector addition, scalar multiplications
- Functions of interest: linear/matrix transformations. $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

Def - The span of vectors $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the set $\text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k)$ of all linear combos of $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$

$$\text{Span}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k) = \left\{ c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n \right.$$

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IDK abt this

E.g. $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ non $\vec{0}$

$\text{Span}(\vec{v}) = \text{line through } \vec{0} + \vec{v}$

• $\text{Span}(\vec{0}) = \{\vec{0}\} = \text{"trivial subspace of } \mathbb{R}^n\text{"}$

• $\text{Span}(\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n) = \mathbb{R}^n = \text{any vector } \in \mathbb{R}^n$

• $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ $\text{span}(\vec{v}, \vec{w}) = \text{"plane" through } \vec{0}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$

Non 0 and not multiples of each other

• Always get 0 in the span.

Def - Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation.

• The image (or range) of T is the set

$$\text{img}(T) = \{T(\vec{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^m : \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

• The kernel (or nullspace) of T is the set

$$\text{Ker } T = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}\}$$

$\text{Ker}(T)$ & $\text{image}(T)$ are spans (of what?)

• Let $A = [T]$ & write $A = [\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n]$ column-wise. Then $\vec{y} \in \text{image}(T)$

means $\exists \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$

Example

$$T: \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4 \text{ given by } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 12 & 1 & 5 & 5 \\ 2 & 8 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 20 & 2 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{x} \in \text{Kernel}(T)$ i.f.f. $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

Need to solve: $[A | \vec{0}]$

A row equivalent to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So: } \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So: } \text{Kernel}(T) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Also } \text{Image}(T) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{span of cols of } A$$

Possible Questions:

$$\text{is } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Kernel}(T) ? \text{ Ans: if } A\vec{x} \neq \vec{0} \text{ then no.}$$

$$\text{is } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 5 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Image}(T) ? \text{ Ans: solve } A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 5 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$