

# MAT223 course definition

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- The definition package were divided into three compartments corresponding the syllabus.
- The terms are written in bold font. The important matters are colored with red. Blue often denotes to the personal comments from the authors.

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# 1 Test 1 Definition

## 1.1 Set

1. **Set equality:**  $A = B$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ .
2. **Empty set:**  $(\{\emptyset\})$  Set without any elements,  $\{0\}$  and  $\{\{\}\}$  are not empty sets.
3. **Set building notation:**  $X = \{a \in X : \text{some rules regarding } a\}$
4. **Union ( $\cup$ ):**  $X \cup Y = \{a : a \in X \text{ and } a \in Y\}$
5. **Intersection ( $\cap$ ):**  $X \cap Y = \{a : a \in X \text{ or } a \in Y\}$
6. **Set addition:**  $A + B = \{x : x = a + b \text{ for some } a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$

## 1.2 Vector

1. **Zero vector ( $\vec{0}$ ):** The vector with no magnitudes and undefined direction.
2. **Linear combination:** A linear combination of the vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  is a vector  $\vec{w} = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n$ .
3. **Coefficients:** Coefficients are scalars  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  stated above.
4. **Vector form of a line:** Let  $l$  be a line, and let  $\vec{d}$  and  $\vec{p}$  be vectors, the vector form of a line  $l$  is

$$l = \left\{ \vec{x} : \vec{x} = t\vec{d} + \vec{p}, \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \quad (1)$$

That is  $\vec{d}$  is the directional vector.

5. **Vector form of a plane:** Let  $P$  be a line, and let  $\vec{d}_1, \vec{d}_2$ , and  $\vec{p}$  be vectors

$$P = \left\{ \vec{x} : \vec{x} = s\vec{d}_1 + t\vec{d}_2 + \vec{p}, \text{ for some } s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \quad (2)$$

6. **Convex linear combination:**  $\vec{w} = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n$ ; where all of the **coefficients**  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \cdots, \alpha_n \geq 0$  and  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n = 1$
7. **Span:** The **text** of **a set of vectors**  $V$  is the set of **linear combinations** of elements of  $V$  ( $\text{span}\{V\} = \vec{0}$ ).

### 1.3 Linear dependence

1. **Linear dependence** The vectors,  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \cdots, \vec{v}_n$  is **linearly dependent** if one of the vector can be written as a **linear combination** of other vectors in the set, not including itself.

$$\vec{v}_i = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \cdots + \alpha_{i-1} \vec{v}_{i-1} + \alpha_{i+1} \vec{v}_{i+1} + \cdots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n \quad (3)$$

2. **Linear dependence (algebraic):** The vectors,  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \cdots, \vec{v}_n$  is **linearly dependent** if their homogeneous linear combination has infinitely many solutions.
3. **Trivial linear combination:** A solution to the homogeneous linear combination where all of the **coefficient**  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \cdots, \alpha_n = 0$ .
4. **Homogeneous system:** A system that takes the form:  $\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$ ; where all of the **coefficients**.

### 1.4 Product of vectors

1. **Dot product** the dot product of two vectors  $\vec{v}, \vec{u}$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} = v_1 u_1 + v_2 u_2 + \cdots + v_n u_n \quad (4)$$

2. **Free variable:** The column variable that does not have a pivot.

3. **Orthogonal:**  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  are orthogonal if  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$

4. **The norm (length) of a vector:**

$$\text{For } \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad ||\vec{u}|| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \cdots + a_n^2} \quad (5)$$

5. **Direction:**  $\vec{u}$  is in the direction of  $\vec{v}$  if  $\vec{u} = k\vec{v}$ .  $\vec{u}$  is in the positive direction of  $\vec{v}$  if  $k > 0$ .

6. **Normal vector:** A normal vector to a geometrical object (i.e, hyperplane, plane) is a vector which is orthogonal to every direction vector in the given geometrical object.

7. **Normal vector of a line:** For a line  $l$ , its normal form can be expressed as  $n \cdot (x - p) = 0$ .

8. **Hyperplane:** The set  $X$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called a hyperplane if there exist a normal vector so that  $X$  is the set of solutions to the  $n \cdot (x - p) = 0$ .

## 2 Test 2 Definition

### 2.1 Projection and vector component

1. **Projection:** Let  $X$  be a set. The **projection** of the vector  $\vec{v}$  onto  $X$ , written  $\text{proj}_X \vec{v}$ , is the closest point in  $X$  to  $\vec{v}$ .
2. **Vector Components:** Let  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v} \neq 0$  be vectors. The **vector component of  $\vec{u}$  in the  $\vec{v}$  direction**, written  $\text{vcomp}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u}$ , is the vector in the direction of  $\vec{v}$  so that  $\vec{u} - \text{vcomp}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u}$  is orthogonal to  $\vec{v}$ .

### 2.2 Subspace and bases

1. **Subspace:** A non-empty subset  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is called a **Subspace** if for all  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$  and all scalars  $k$  we have
  - (a)  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V$
  - (b)  $k\vec{u} \in V$
2. **Trivial Subspace:** The subset  $\{\vec{0}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is called the **trivial subspace**.
3. **Basis:** A **basis** for a subspace  $V$  is a linearly independent set of vectors,  $B = \{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots\}$ , so that  $\text{span}\{B\} = V$ .
4. **Dimension:** The **dimension** of a subspace  $V$  is the **number of elements** in a basis for  $V$ .
5. **Standard Basis:** The **standard basis** for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the set  $\{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$  where

$$\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{e}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots \quad (6)$$

That is  $\vec{e}_i$  is the vector with a 1 in its  $i$ th coordinate and zeros elsewhere.

**Comment:** Standard basis often denotes to  $\varepsilon$ .

## 2.3 Matrix Representations

1. **Representation in a Basis:** Let  $\mathbf{B} = \{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$  be a basis for a subspace  $V$  and let  $\vec{v} \in V$ . The **representation of  $\vec{v}$  in the  $\mathbf{B}$  basis**, notated as  $[\vec{v}]_{\mathbf{B}}$ , is the column matrix

$$[\vec{v}]_{\mathbf{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

where  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  uniquely satisfy  $\vec{v} = \alpha_1 \vec{b}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{b}_n$ .

2. **Orientation of a Basis** The ordered basis  $\mathbf{B} = \{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$  is **right-handed** or **positively oriented** if it can be **continuously transformed to the standard basis** while remaining **linearly independent** throughout the transformation. Otherwise,  $\mathbf{B}$  is called **left-handed** or **negatively oriented**.

## 2.4 Linear Transformations

1. **Image of a set:** Let  $L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a transformation and let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a set. The image of the set  $X$  under  $L$ , denoted  $L(X)$ , is the set

$$L(X) = \{\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \vec{y} = L(\vec{x}) \text{ for some } \vec{x} \in X\} \quad (8)$$

2. **Linear transformation:** Let  $V$  and  $W$  be subspaces. A function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is called a **linear transformation** if

$$T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v}) \text{ and } T(\alpha \vec{v}) = \alpha T(\vec{v}) \quad (9)$$

for all vectors  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$  and all scalars  $\alpha$

3. **The composition of linear transformation:** Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$ . The **composition** of  $g$  and  $f$ , notated  $g \circ f$ , is the function  $h : A \rightarrow C$  defined by

$$h(x) = g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) \quad (10)$$

4. **Range:** The **range** (or image) of a linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is the set of vectors that T can output. That is,

$$range(T) = \{\vec{y} \in W : \vec{y} = T\vec{x} \text{ for some } \vec{x} \in V\} \quad (11)$$

5. **Rank:** For a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , the **rank** of T, denoted  $rank(T)$ , is the dimension of the range of T.

6. **Null space:** The **null space** (or **kernel**) of a linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is the set of vectors that get mapped to the zero vector under T. That is,

$$null(T) = \{\vec{x} \in V : T\vec{x} = \vec{0}\} \quad (12)$$

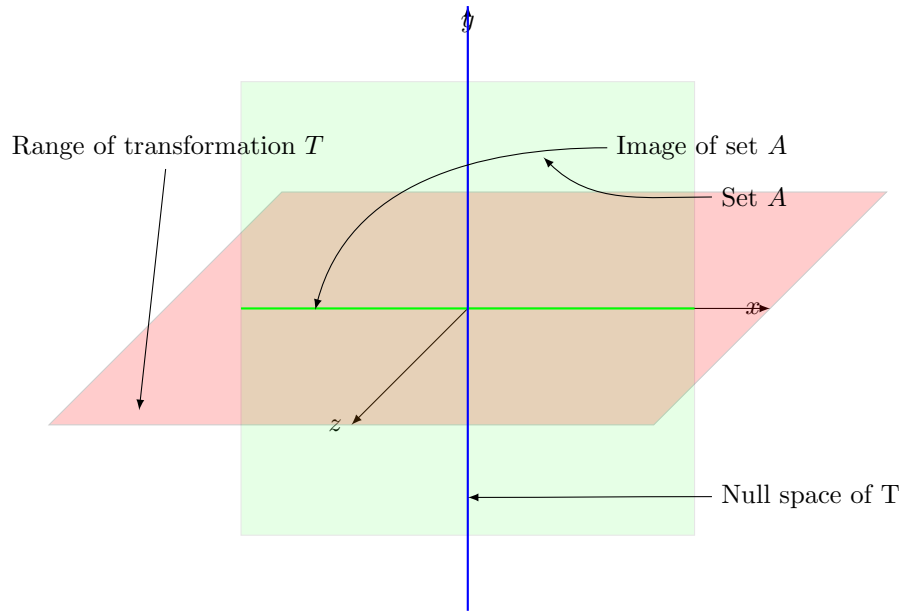
7. **Nullity** For a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , the **nullity** of T, denoted  $nullity(T)$ , is the dimension of the **null space** of T.

8. **Fundamental subspaces:** Associated with any matrix  $M$  are three **fundamental subspaces**: the **row space** of  $M$ , denoted  $row(M)$ , is the span of the rows of  $M$ ; the **column space** of  $M$ , denoted  $col(M)$ , is the span of the columns of  $M$ ; and the **null space** of  $M$ , denoted  $null(M)$ , is the set of solutions to  $M\vec{x} = \vec{0}$



9. **Rank Nullity theorem:** The rank-nullity theorem for a matrix A states:

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = \# \text{ of columns of } A \quad (13)$$



Let  $T$  be a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow V$  where  $V = xOz$ . We have,

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

For this transformation  $T = M$ , the **domain** of  $T$  is  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , its **range** is  $xOz$ , or

$\text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ , its **rank** is 2 (the plane is 2-dimensional), its **null space**

is  $\text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ , its **nullity** is 1 (the blue line is 1-dimensional). For the set  $A$ , its image is the thick green line on  $x$ -axis.

### 3 Final Definition

#### 3.1 Inverse function & inverse matrix

1. **Identity function:** Let  $X$  be a set. The **identity function** with domain and codomain  $X$ , notated  $\text{id} : X \rightarrow X$ , is the function satisfying

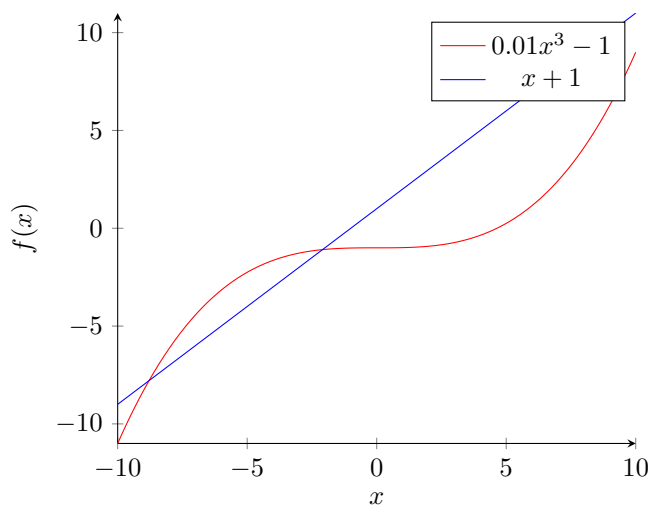
$$\text{id}(x) = x \quad (15)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

2. **Inverse function:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. We say  $f$  is **invertible** if there exists a function  $g : Y \rightarrow X$  so that  $f \circ g = \text{id}$  and  $g \circ f = \text{id}$ . In this case, we call  $g$  an **inverse** of  $f$  and write as:

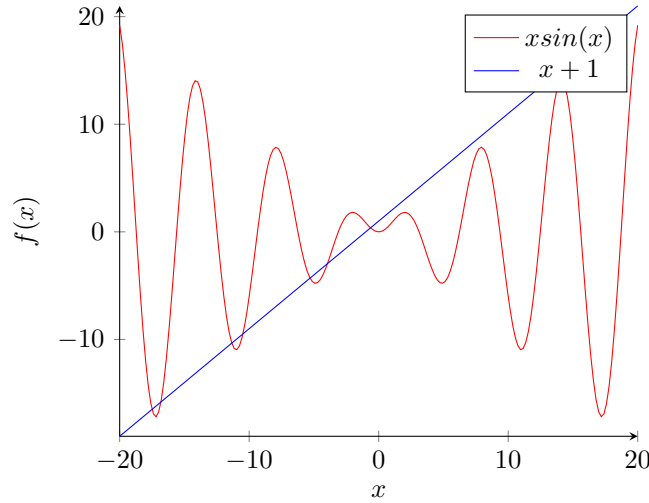
$$f^{-1} = g \quad (16)$$

3. **One-to-one:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. We say  $f$  is **one-to-one** (or **injective**) if distinct inputs to  $f$  produce distinct outputs. That is  $f(x) = f(y)$  implies  $x = y$ . Both function below are one-to-one.



4. **Onto:** Onto. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. We say  $f$  is **onto** (or **surjective**) if every point in the codomain of  $f$  gets mapped to. That is  $\text{range}(f) = Y$ .

The below functions are onto. The red function is onto but not one-to-one.



5. **Identity Matrix:** An identity matrix is a square matrix with ones on the diagonal and zeros everywhere else. The  $n \times n$  identity matrix is denoted  $I_{n \times n}$ , or just  $I$  when its size is implied.

$$I = \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}}^{n \times n} \quad (17)$$

6. **Matrix Inverse:** The **inverse** of a matrix  $A$  is a matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = I$  and  $BA = I$ . In this case,  $B$  is called the **inverse** of  $A$ , and is notated as:  $A^{-1}$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{5} & 0 & \frac{3}{10} \\ \frac{2}{5} & 0 & -\frac{1}{10} \\ \frac{2}{5} & 1 & -\frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

7. **Elementary matrix:** A matrix is called an **elementary matrix** if it is an **identity matrix** with a **single** elementary row operation applied.

$$E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (19)$$

8. **Invertible matrix:** A matrix  $M$  is **invertible** if and only if there are elementary matrices  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k$  so that

$$E_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_2 E_1 M = QM = I \quad (20)$$

Where, according to definition

$$Q = M^{-1} = E_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_2 E_1 \quad (21)$$

Thus, we may conclude that an  $n \times n$  matrix is invertible if and only if it is a change of basis matrix.

**Linear independent columns and invertible:** A matrix is invertible if and only if it is  $n \times n$  can be written as a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (all of its columns are linearly independent).

In the other word, it must have  $n$  pivots after row-reduction and thus its row space and column space are both equal to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Linear transformation and invertible:** The linear transformation induced by the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  must be one-to-one ( $A\vec{x} = 0$  has a unique solution).

**Nullity and invertible:** The null space of a  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  must be the equal to the trivial null space ( $\{\emptyset\}$ ).

### 3.2 Similar matrix & change of basis

1. **Change of basis matrix:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be bases for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The matrix  $M$  is called a **change of basis matrix** (which converts from  $A$  to  $B$ ) if for all  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$M[\vec{x}]_A = M[\vec{x}]_B \quad (22)$$

Notationally,  $[B \leftarrow A]$  stands for the **change of basis matrix** converting from  $A$  to  $B$ , and we may write  $M = [B \leftarrow A]$ .

2. **Linear transformation on a basis:** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear transformation and let  $B$  be a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The matrix for  $T$  with respect to  $B$ , notated  $[T]_B$ , is the  $n \times n$  matrix satisfying:

$$[T\vec{x}]_B = [T]_B[\vec{x}]_B \quad (23)$$

In this case, we say the matrix  $[T]_B$  is the representation of  $T$  in the  $B$  basis.

3. **Similar matrices:** The matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are called **similar matrices**, denoted  $A \sim B$ , if  $A$  and  $B$  represent the same linear transformation but in possibly different bases. Equivalently,  $A \sim B$  if there is an **invertible matrix  $X$**  so that

$$A = XBX^{-1} \quad (24)$$

### 3.3 Determinants

1. **Unit n-cube:** The **unit n-cube** is the  $n$ -dimensional cube with sides given by the standard basis vectors and lower-left corner located at the origin.

That is

$$C_n = \left\{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \vec{e}_i \text{ for some } \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in [0, 1] \right\} = [0, 1]^n \quad (25)$$

2. **Determinant:** The **determinant** of a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , denoted  $\det(T)$  or  $|T|$ , is the oriented volume of the image of the **unit n-cube**. The **determinant** a **square matrix** is the **determinant** of its induced transformation.

**Invertible and determinant:** If the determinant of a square matrix is not zero, then it must be invertible.

3. **Orientation preserving linear transformation:** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear transformation. We say  $T$  is **orientation preserving** if the ordered basis  $\{T(\vec{e}_1), \dots, T(\vec{e})\}$  is positively oriented and we say  $T$  is **orientation reversing** if the ordered basis  $\{T(\vec{e}_1), \dots, T(\vec{e})\}$  is negatively oriented. If  $\{T(\vec{e}_1), \dots, T(\vec{e})\}$  is not a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $T$  is **neither orientation preserving nor orientation reversing**.

### 3.4 Eigenvalues & eigenvectors

1. **Eigenvector & eigenvalue:** Let  $X$  be a linear transformation or a matrix. An **eigenvector** for  $X$  is a non-zero vector that doesn't change directions when  $X$  is applied. That is,  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$  is an **eigenvector** for  $X$  if

$$X\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \quad (26)$$

for some scalar  $\lambda$ . We call  $\lambda$  the **eigenvalue** of  $X$  corresponding to the **eigenvector**  $\vec{v}$ .

If  $A$  is a square matrix, then  $A$  always has an **eigenvalue** provided complex

eigenvalues are permitted.

2. **Characteristic polynomial:** For a matrix  $A$ , the **characteristic polynomial** of  $A$  is

$$\text{char}(A) = \det(A - \lambda I) \quad (27)$$

### 3.5 Diagonalization

1. **Diagonalizable:** A matrix is **diagonalizable** if it is similar to a **diagonal matrix**.  $A$  is similar to a diagonal matrix  $D$  if there is some invertible change-of-basis matrix  $P$  so

$$A = PDP^{-1} \quad (28)$$

A matrix that similar to a diagonalizable matrix is also a diagonalizable matrix.

2. **Eigenspace:** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ . The **eigenspace** of  $A$  corresponding to the **eigenspace**  $\lambda_i$  is the null space of  $A - \lambda_i I$ . That is, it is the space spanned by all **eigenvectors** that have the eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ .

There is a easier way to comprehend this theorem. It is obvious that if  $X\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ , then we must have  $X(\alpha\vec{v}) = \lambda\alpha\vec{v}$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then, we may think the the set of all the eigenvectors that are on this line is the **eigenspace**, or the line spanned by a **eigenvector**.

3. **Geometric multiplicity & Algebraic multiplicity:** The **geometric multiplicity** of an eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$  is the dimension of the corresponding **eigenspace**. The **algebraic multiplicity** of  $\lambda_i$  is the number of times  $\lambda_i$  occurs as a root of the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  (i.e., the number of times  $x - \lambda_i$  occurs as a factor).