# Advanced Engineering Mathematics Vectors, Matrices, and Vector Calculus by Dennis G. Zill Notes

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### 1 Vectors

### 1.1 Vectors in 2-Space

- The zero vector can be assigned any direction
- The vectors **i** and **j** are known as the **standard basis vectors** for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

### 1.2 Vectors in 3-Space

• In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  the octant in which all coordinates are positive is known as the **first** octant. There is no agreement for naming the other seven octants.

#### 1.3 Dot Product

- The dot product is also known as the inner product or the scalar product and is denoted a · b
- Two non-zero vectors are orthogonal iff their dot product is 0
- The zero vector is considered orthogonal to all vectors
- The angles  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  between a vector and the unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$ , and  $\mathbf{k}$ , respectively are called the **direction angles** of the vector
- The cosines of a vectors direction angles (the direction cosines) can be calculated as

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{i}}{||\mathbf{a}||||\mathbf{i}||}$$

$$= \frac{a_1}{||\mathbf{a}||}$$

$$\cos \beta = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{j}}{||\mathbf{a}||||\mathbf{j}||}$$

$$= \frac{a_2}{||\mathbf{a}||}$$

$$\cos \gamma = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{||\mathbf{a}||||\mathbf{k}||}$$

$$= \frac{a_3}{||\mathbf{a}||}$$

Equivalently, these can be calculated as the components of the unit vector  $\mathbf{a}/||\mathbf{a}||$ .

ullet To find the component of a vector  ${f a}$  in the direction of a vector  ${f b}$ 

$$comp_{\mathbf{b}}\mathbf{a} = ||\mathbf{a}||\cos\theta = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{||\mathbf{b}||}$$

• To project a vector **a** onto a vector **b** 

$$\operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{a} = (\operatorname{comp}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{a}) \frac{\mathbf{b}}{||\mathbf{b}||} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b}}\right) \mathbf{b}$$

#### 1.4 Cross Product

- The cross product is only defined in  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- The scalar triple product of vectors a, b, and c is defined as

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

- The area of a parallelogram with sides  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  is  $||\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}||$
- The area of a triangle with sides **a** and **b** is  $\frac{1}{2}||\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}||$
- The volume of a paralleleipied with sides  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$  is  $|\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})|$
- $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = 0$  iff  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$  are coplanar

#### 1.5 Lines and Planes in 3-Space

• There is a unique line between any two points  $\mathbf{r_1}$  and  $\mathbf{r_2}$  in 3-space. The equation for that line is

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r_1} + t(\mathbf{r_2} - \mathbf{r_1}) = \mathbf{r_1} + t\mathbf{a}$$

where t is called a **parameter**, the nonzero vector **a** is called a **direction** vector, and its components are called **direction numbers**.

• Equating the components of the equation above we find

$$x = r_1 + ta_1$$
$$y = r_2 + ta_2$$
$$z = r_3 + ta_3.$$

These are the **parametric equations** for the line through  $\mathbf{r_1}$  and  $\mathbf{r_2}$ .

• By solving the parametric equations for t and equating the results we find the **symmetric equations** for the line

$$t = \frac{x - r_1}{a_1} = \frac{y - r_2}{a_2} = \frac{z - r_3}{a_3}.$$

• Given a point  $P_1$  and a vector  $\mathbf{n}$ , there exists only one plane containing  $P_1$  with  $\mathbf{n}$  normal. The vector from  $P_1$  to another point P on that plane will be perpendicular to  $\mathbf{n}$ , so the equation for the plane is

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_1) = 0$$

where  $\mathbf{r} = \overrightarrow{OP}$  and  $\mathbf{r_1} = \overrightarrow{OP_1}$ . If

$$\mathbf{n} = a\hat{\mathbf{i}} + b\hat{\mathbf{j}} + c\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

the cartesian form of this equation is

$$a(x - x_1) + b(y - y_1) + c(z - z_1) = 0$$

and is called the **point-normal form**.

- The graph of any equation ax + by + cz + d = 0, where a,  $\hat{b}$ , and c are not all zero, is a plane with the normal vector  $\mathbf{n} = a\hat{\mathbf{i}} + b\hat{\mathbf{j}} + c\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ .
- Given three noncollinear points, a normal vector can be found by forming two vectors from two pairs of points and take their cross product.
- A line and a plane that aren't parellel intersect at a single point.
- Two planes that aren't parallel must intersect in a line.

### 1.6 Vector Spaces

- The length of a vector is called its **norm**
- The process of multipying a vector by the reciprocal of its norm is called **normalizing** the vector
- Two nonzero vectors **a** and **b** in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are said to be orthogonal if  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$

### **Definition 7.6.1 Vector Space**

Let *V* be a set of elements on which two operations called **vector addition** and **scalar multiplication** are defined. Then *V* is said to be a **vector space** if the following 10 properties are satisfied.

#### **Axioms for Vector Addition:**

- (i) If x and y are in V, then x + y is in V.
- (ii) For all x, y in V, x + y = y + x.
- ← commutative law
- (iii) For all  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{z}$  in V,  $\mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}) = (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{z}$ .
- ← associative law
- (iv) There is a unique vector  $\mathbf{0}$  in V such that
  - $0+\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{0}=\mathbf{x}.$

- ← zero vector
- (v) For each  $\mathbf{x}$  in V, there exists a vector  $-\mathbf{x}$  such that
  - x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0.
- $\leftarrow$  negative of a vector

### **Axioms for Scalar Multiplication:**

- (vi) If k is any scalar and x is in V, then kx is in V.
- (vii)  $k(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = k\mathbf{x} + k\mathbf{y}$
- $(viii) (k_1 + k_2)\mathbf{x} = k_1\mathbf{x} + k_2\mathbf{x}$

← distributive law ← distributive law

- $(ix) \quad k_1(k_2\mathbf{x}) = (k_1k_2)\mathbf{x}$
- $(x) 1\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$

- If a subset W of a vector space V is itself a vector space under the operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication defined on V, then W is called a **subspace** of V
- Every vector space has at least two subspaces: itself and the zero subspace  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$
- A set of vectors  $\{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$  is said to be **linearly independent** if the only constants satisfying the equation

$$k_1\mathbf{x_1} + k_2\mathbf{x_2} + \dots + k_n\mathbf{x_n} = \mathbf{0}$$

are  $k_1 = k_2 = \cdots = k_n = 0$ . If the set of vectors is not linearly independent it is said to be **linearly dependent**.

- If a set of vectors  $B = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  in a vector space V is linearly independent and every vector in V can be expressed as a linear combination of vectors in B then B is said to be a **basis** for V.
- The number of vectors in a basis B for a vector space V is said to be the **dimension** of the space.
- If the basis of a vector space contains a finite number of vectors, then the space is **finite dimensional**; otherwise it is **infinite dimensional**.
- If S denotes any set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  in a vector space V, then the set of all linear combinations of the vectors in S

$$c_1\mathbf{x}_1 + c_2\mathbf{x}_2 + \cdots + c_n\mathbf{x}_n$$

is called the **span** of the vectors and is denoted Span(S).

- Span(S) is a subspace of V and is said to be a subspace spanned by its vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$ .
- If V = Span(S) then S is said to be a spanning set for the vector space
   V or that S spans V.

### 1.7 Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization Process

- An orthonormal basis is a basis whose vectors are mutually orthogonal and are unit vectors.
- If  $B = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  then an arbitrary vector  $\mathbf{u}$  can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}_1)\mathbf{w}_1 + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}_2)\mathbf{w}_2 + \dots + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}_n)\mathbf{w}_n$$

- The Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization Process is a process for converting any basis of a vector space into an orthonormal basis. First the basis vectors are made orthogonal to each other, then they are normalized. More specifically, to convert a basis  $B = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$  into an orthogonal basis  $B' = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ 
  - 1. Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1$
  - 2. Let  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{u}_2 \operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{u}_2$
  - 3. ..
  - 4. Let  $\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{u}_n \operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{u}_n \operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{v}_2} \mathbf{u}_n \cdots \operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{v}_{n-1}} \mathbf{u}_n$

and to convert B' into an orthonormal basis  $B'' = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ , normalize each  $\mathbf{v}_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

### 2 Matrices

### 2.1 Matrix Algebra

- Vectors can be written as horizontal or vertical arrays of numbers
- A matrix is any rectangular array of numbers or functions

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

- The numbers or functions in the array are called the **elements** or **entries** of the matrix
- If a matrix has m rows and n columns we say that its **size** is m by n or  $m \times n$
- An  $n \times n$  matrix is called a **square** matrix of **order** n
- The entry in the *i*th row and the *j*th column of an  $m \times n$  matrix **A** is written  $a_{ij}$
- An  $m \times 1$  matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

is called a column vector

• A  $1 \times n$  matrix

$$(a_1 \quad a_2 \quad \cdots \quad a_n)$$

is called a row vector

#### **Definition 8.1.6 Matrix Multiplication**

Let **A** be a matrix having m rows and p columns, and let **B** be a matrix having p rows and *n* columns. The **product AB** is the  $m \times n$  matrix

$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1p} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2p} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mp} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ b_{p1} & b_{p2} & \cdots & b_{pn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} + \cdots + a_{1p}b_{p1} & \cdots & a_{11}b_{1n} + a_{12}b_{2n} + \cdots + a_{1p}b_{pn} \\ a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} + \cdots + a_{2p}b_{p1} & \cdots & a_{21}b_{1n} + a_{22}b_{2n} + \cdots + a_{2p}b_{pn} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{m1}b_{11} + a_{m2}b_{21} + \cdots + a_{mp}b_{p1} & \cdots & a_{m1}b_{1n} + a_{m2}b_{2n} + \cdots + a_{mp}b_{pn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p} a_{ik}b_{kj}\right)_{m \times n}.$$

- Matrix multiplication is associative, i.e. A(BC) = (AB)C
- Matrix multiplication is distributive, i.e. A(B + C) = AB + AC and  $(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}$
- The **transpose** of an  $m \times n$  matrix **A** is an  $n \times m$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}^T$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{m1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{m2} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

i.e. the matrix is flipped along the main diagonal

#### Theorem 8.1.2 **Properties of Transpose**

Suppose A and B are matrices and k a scalar. Then

- $(i) \quad (\mathbf{A}^T)^T = \mathbf{A}$
- ← transpose of a transpose
- $(ii) \ (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^T = \mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{B}^T$
- ← transpose of a sum

 $(iii) (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$ 

← transpose of a product

 $(iv) (k\mathbf{A})^T = k\mathbf{A}^T$ 

- ← transpose of a scalar multiple
- A matrix that consists of all zero entries is called a **zero matrix**
- A square matrix is said to be a **triangular matrix** if all of its entries above or below the main diagonal are zeroes. More specifically they are called lower triangular and upper triangular matrices, respectively.

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- A square matrix is called a **diagonal matrix** if all entries not on the main diagonal are 0.
- A square matrix whose entries on the main diagonal are all equal is called a scalar matrix
- A square matrix that has the property  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$  is called a **symmetric** matrix

### 2.2 Systems of Linear Algebraic Equations

• In a linear system

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_n$$

the values  $a_{ij}$  are called the **coefficients** and the values  $b_n$  are called the **constants** 

- If all the constants are zero the system is said to be **homogeneous**, otherwise it is **nonhomogeneous**
- A linear system is said to be **consistent** if it has at least one solution, otherwise it's **inconsistent**
- A linear system can be transformed into an equivalent system (i.e. one that has the same solutions) via three elementary operations:
  - 1. Multiply an equation by a nonzero constant
  - 2. Interchange the positions of equations in the system
  - 3. Add a multiple of one equation to any other equation
- A linear system can be represented by an augmented matrix, e.g.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & b_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- We say that two matrices are **row equivalent** if one can be obtained from the other via a series of elementary row operations
- Gaussian elimination is the process of applying elementary row operations to a matrix to put it into row-echelon form where:

- 1. The first nonzero entry in a row is a 1
- 2. In subsequent rows, the first 1 entry appears to the right of the 1 entry in earlier rows
- 3. Rows consisting of all zeroes are at the bottom of the matrix
- Gauss-Jordan elimination is the same as Gaussian elimination with an additional constraint that puts the matrix into **reduced row-echelon form** where a column containing a first entry 1 has zeroes everywhere else
- A homogeneous linear system always has a trivial solution where all variables are equal to zero and will have an infinite number of nontrivial solutions if the number of equations m is less than the number of variables n, i.e. m < n
- If  $X_1$  is a solution to AX = 0, then so is  $cX_1$  for any constant c
- If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are solutions of AX = 0, then so is  $X_1 + X_2$
- If a linear system contains more equations than variables it is said to be overdetermined; if it contains fewer equations than variables it is said to be underdetermined

#### 2.3 Rank of a Matrix

- $\bullet$  The rank of a matrix A denoted  ${\rm rank}(A)$  is the number of linearly independent row vectors in A
- The row vectors of an  $m \times n$  matrix **A** span a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . This is called the **row space** of **A**. The set of linearly independent row vectors in **A** are a basis for that subspace

#### Theorem 8.3.1 Rank of a Matrix by Row Reduction

If a matrix A is row equivalent to a row-echelon form B, then

- (i) the row space of A = the row space of B,
- (ii) the nonzero rows of B form a basis for the row space of A, and
- (iii) rank(A) = the number of nonzero rows in B.
- A linear system of equations  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B}$  is consistent iff the rank of the coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is equal to the rank of the augmented matrix of the system  $(\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{B})$
- Suppose a linear system  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B}$  with m equations and n variables is consistent. If  $\operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = r$  then the solution of the system contains n r variables

#### 2.4 Determinants

• Suppose **A** is an  $n \times n$  matrix. Associated with **A** is a number called the **determinant of A** and is denoted by

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

- A determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix is called a **determinant of order** n
- The determinant of a  $1 \times 1$  matrix is the element of the matrix
- Each element in an  $n \times n$  matrix has an associated **cofactor** defined as

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

where  $M_{ij}$  is the determinant of the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix produced by deleting row i and column j from  $\mathbf{A}$ 

• The determinant of an arbitrary  $n \times n$  matrix **A** can be calculated by choosing an arbitrary row or column and summing the products of each element in that column/row with their cofactors, e.g. if we choose the first row of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix then

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}M_{11} + a_{12}M_{12} + a_{13}M_{13}$$

$$= a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a_{11}(a_{22}|a_{33}| - a_{23}|a_{32}|) - a_{12}(a_{21}|a_{33} - a_{23}|a_{31}|)$$

$$+ a_{13}(a_{21}|a_{32}| - a_{22}|a_{31}|)$$

#### 2.5 Properties of Determinants

- The determinant of a matrix and its transpose are the same
- If any two rows/columns of a matrix are the same its determinant is zero
- If all the entries in a row/column of a matrix are zero, then its determinant is zero
- Interchanging any two rows/columns of a matrix negates its determinant
- $\bullet$  Multiplying a row/column of a matrix by a nonzero real number k also multiplies the determinant by k

- If **A** and **B** are both  $n \times n$  matrices, then  $\det \mathbf{AB} = \det \mathbf{A} \cdot \det \mathbf{B}$
- Adding a multiply of one row/column to another doesn't change the determinant
- The determinant of a triangular matrix is the product of the entries along the main diagonal
- Sometimes it's faster to calculate a matrix's determinant by reducing it to row-echelon form and multiplying the elements along the main diagonal than performing cofactor expansion
- Multiplying the entries of a row/column with the cofactors of another row/colum and summing the results always equals zero

#### 2.6 Inverse of a Matrix

- Given an  $n \times n$  matrix **A**, if there exists another  $n \times n$  matrix **B** such that  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{I}$  then **A** is said to be **nonsingular** or **invertible** and **B** is said to be the unique **inverse** of **A**, i.e.  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$
- Some  $n \times n$  matrices don't have an inverse and are called **singular**
- The adjoint of an  $n \times n$  matrix **A** is the transpose of the matrix of cofactors corresponding to the entries of **A**

$$\operatorname{adj} \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \dots & C_{1n} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & \dots & C_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ C_{n1} & C_{n2} & \dots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix}^{T} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} & \dots & C_{n1} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & \dots & C_{n2} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ C_{1n} & C_{2n} & \dots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

• If **A** is an  $n \times n$  matrix and det  $\mathbf{A} \neq 0$  then

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}}\right) \operatorname{adj} \mathbf{A}$$

• From the above, the inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix **A** is

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}} \begin{pmatrix} a_{22} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & a_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

• An  $n \times n$  matrix **A** is nonsingular (has an inverse) if det  $\mathbf{A} \neq 0$ 

### **Theorem 8.6.4** Finding the Inverse

If an  $n \times n$  matrix **A** can be transformed into the  $n \times n$  identity **I** by a sequence of elementary row operations, then **A** is nonsingular. The same sequence of operations that transforms **A** into the identity **I** will also transform **I** into  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

ullet Inverse matrices can be used to solve linear systems. If  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible, then

$$A^{-1}AX = A^{-1}B \Rightarrow X = A^{-1}B$$

- When det  $\mathbf{A} \neq 0$  the solution of the system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}$  is unique
- A homogeneous system of linear equations  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution iff  $\mathbf{A}$  is nonsingular and an infinite number of solutions iff it is singular

### 2.7 Cramer's Rule

• If **A** is the coefficient matrix of a linear system and det  $\mathbf{A} \neq 0$ , then the solution of the system is given by

$$x_1 = \frac{\det \mathbf{A}_1}{\det \mathbf{A}}$$
$$x_2 = \frac{\det \mathbf{A}_2}{\det \mathbf{A}}$$
$$\vdots$$
$$x_n = \frac{\det \mathbf{A}_n}{\det \mathbf{A}}$$

where  $\mathbf{A}_n$  is the matrix obtained by replacing column n of  $\mathbf{A}$  with the constants of the system.

#### 2.8 The Eigenvalue Problem

- If **A** is an  $n \times n$  matrix, a number  $\lambda$  is said to be an **eigenvalue** of **A** if there exists a nonzero solution vector **K** of the linear system  $\mathbf{AK} = \lambda \mathbf{K}$ . The solution vector **K** is said to be an **eigenvector** corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .
- Rearranging the equation above we find

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{0}$$

which only has nontrivial solutions if  $det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0$ .

- Calculating  $\det(\mathbf{A} \lambda \mathbf{I})$  results in an *n*-th degree polynomial in  $\lambda$  called the **characteristic equation** of **A**, the solutions to which are its eigenvalues.
- The eigenvector associated with a particular eigenvalue can be found by applying Gauss-Jordan elimination to the augmented matrix  $(\mathbf{A} \lambda \mathbf{I}|\mathbf{0})$ .
- A nonzero constant multiple of an eigenvector is another eigenvector.

- If λ is a complex eigenvalue of a matrix, then its conjugate λ\* is also an
  eigenvalue. If K is an eigenvector corresponding to λ then its conjugate
  K\* is an eigenvector corresponding to λ\*.
- $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of a matrix iff the matrix isn't invertible
- The determinant of a matrix is the product of its eigenvalues
- If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of a matrix **A** with eigenvector **K**, then  $1/\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  with the same eigenvector.
- The eigenvalues of a triangular matrix are the entries along the main diagonal.

#### 2.9 Powers of Matrices

- Any  $n \times n$  matrix **A** satisfies its own characteristic equation, i.e.  $\lambda$  can be replaced with **A** in the characteristic equation.
- This gives us an expression for  $\mathbf{A}^n$  as a linear combination

$$\mathbf{A}^n = c_0 \mathbf{I} + c_1 \mathbf{A} + c_2 \mathbf{A}^2 + \dots + c_{n-1} \mathbf{A}^{n-1}.$$

If we multiply this expression by  $\mathbf{A}$  we get an expression for  $\mathbf{A}^{n+1}$  and we can replace the  $\mathbf{A}^n$  term with the original expression. This can be repeated an arbitrary number of times to find expressions for any power of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

- The constants of the linear combination can be determined by substituting the matrix's eigenvalues into the characteristic equation, resulting in a linear system where the constants are the variables. Solving the system determines the constants.
- If **A** is a nonsingular matrix, the fact that it satisfies its own characteristic equation can be used to determine its inverse. This can be achieved by replacing  $\lambda$  with **A** in its characteristic equation, solving for **I**, and multiplying both sides by  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ . This results in an expression for  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  as a linear combination of powers of **A**.

#### 2.10 Orthogonal Matrices

- If A is a symmetric matrix with real entries, then the eigenvalues of A
  are real.
- If **A** is a symmetric matrix, then the eigenvectors corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal.
- An  $n \times n$  nonsingular matrix **A** is **orthogonal** if  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^T$ .
- An  $n \times n$  matrix **A** is orthogonal iff its columns form an orthonormal set.

• If an  $n \times n$  matrix **A** has n distinct eigenvalues, an orthogonal matrix can be formed by normalizing its eigenvectors and using them as column vectors in a new matrix.

### 2.11 Approximation of Eigenvalues

• Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_n$  denote the eigenvalues of an  $n \times n$  matrix **A**. The eigenvalue  $\lambda_k$  is said to be the **dominant eigenvalue** of **A** if

$$|\lambda_k| > |\lambda_i|, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, i \neq k.$$

An eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_k$  is called the **dominant eigenvector** of **A**.

- Power iteration is a method for approximating the dominant eigenvector of an  $n \times n$  matrix **A**.
  - 1. Choose an arbitrary starting vector  $\mathbf{X}_0$
  - 2. An approximation of the dominant eigenvector is  $\mathbf{X}_m = \mathbf{A}^m \mathbf{X}_0$
  - 3. An approximation of the dominant eigenvalue is

$$\lambda pprox rac{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}_m \cdot \mathbf{X}_m}{\mathbf{X}_m \cdot \mathbf{X}_m}$$

- If  $\mathbf{X}_m$  is computed via repeated multiplications of  $\mathbf{A}$  rather than computing  $\mathbf{A}^m$  in advance the entries of the intermediary vectors can become quite large and pose problems for computers. This can be avoided by normalising or scaling down the vectors after each iteration.
- The **method of deflation** is a way to find nondominant eigenvalues of an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix **A** that has eigenvalues  $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| > |\lambda_3| \ge \cdots \ge |\lambda_n|$ .
  - 1. Compute the dominant eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$  and normalised eigenvector  $\mathbf{K}_1$  of the matrix using power iteration.
  - 2. Compute the matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} \lambda_1 \mathbf{K}_1 \mathbf{K}_1^T$  which has eigenvalues  $0, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n$
  - 3. Apply power iteration to find  $\lambda_2$  and  $\mathbf{K}_2$
  - 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to compute subsequent eigenvalues
- The **inverse power method** is a way to find the eigenvalue with smallest absolute value. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is nonsingular then the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  are the reciprocals of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ . This means the eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  with smallest absolute value is the dominant eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  and can be found via power iteration.

### 2.12 Diagonalization

- If an  $n \times n$  nonsingular matrix **P** can be found so that  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{AP} = \mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix, then we say that the  $n \times n$  matrix **A** can be **diagonalised**, or is **diagonalisable**, and that **P diagonalises A**.
- An  $n \times n$  matrix **A** is diagonalisable iff **A** has n linearly independent eigenvectors  $\mathbf{K}_1, \mathbf{K}_2, \dots, \mathbf{K}_n$ . If we let  $\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{K}_1 \ \mathbf{K}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{K}_n)$  then

$$\mathbf{AP} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{AK_1} & \mathbf{AK_2} & \cdots & \mathbf{AK_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \mathbf{K_1} & \lambda_2 \mathbf{K_2} & \cdots & \lambda_n \mathbf{K_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{K_1} & \mathbf{K_2} & \cdots & \mathbf{K_n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{PD}$$

- If an  $n \times n$  matrix **A** has n distinct eigenvalues, it is diagonalisable. If it has fewer than n distinct eigenvalues it may still be diagonalisable.
- Symmetric matrices with real entries are always diagonalisable.

#### 2.13 LU-Factorisation

- If an  $n \times n$  matrix **A** can be written as a product  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}$  where **L** and **U** are lower and upper triangular matrices, respectively, then we say that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}$  is an  $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}$ -factorisation of **A**.
- An  $n \times n$  matrix **A** can have several LU-factorisations
- Doolittle's method is a method of performing LU-factorisation.
  - 1. Assume the diagonal entries of **L** are 1, i.e.  $l_{ii} = 1, i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$
  - 2. Multiply **L** and **U** (with placeholder entries)
  - 3. Equate the resulting entries with those of the original matrix this gives  $n^2$  equations, but each equation only uses variables determined in previous equations allowing the system to be solved
- An alternative algorithm for Doolittle's method is
  - 1. Perform elementary row operations on  ${\bf A}$  until you have an upper triangular matrix  ${\bf U}$
  - 2. Each time you add a c times row i to row j, record the -c in the j-th row and i-th column of an identity matrix

- 3. The matrix from step 2 is L
- Given a linear system  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B}$ , if  $\mathbf{A}$  has an LU-factorisation the system can be solved as follows:
  - 1. Rewrite the system  $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{X} = B$
  - 2. Let  $\mathbf{UX} = \mathbf{Y}$  where

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

- 3. Solve  $\mathbf{LY} = \mathbf{B}$  via forward substitution, i.e. find  $y_1$ , use that to find  $y_2$ , etc.
- 4. Substitute the values of  $y_n$  into  $\mathbf{UX} = \mathbf{Y}$  and solve via back substitution, i.e. find  $x_n$ , use that to find  $x_{n-1}$ , etc.
- If a matrix  $\bf A$  has an LU-factorisation  $\bf A = \bf L U$  then the determinant of  $\bf A$  can be calculated as  $\det \bf A = \det \bf L \cdot \det \bf L$  which is simply the product of the diagonal entries of  $\bf L$  and  $\bf U$
- ullet If row interchanges are required to arrive at  ${f U}$  then an LU-factorisation doesn't exist

### 2.14 Cryptography

• If you define a mapping between a set of characters allowed in messages and a list of integers, messages can be represented as an  $n \times m$  matrix, a nonsingular  $n \times n$  matrix **A** can be used as an encryption key, and its inverse  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  can be used as a decryption key.

### 3 Vector Calculus

#### 3.1 Vector Functions

- A curve C in the xy-plane is a set of ordered pairs (x, y). We say C is a **parametric curve** if the x- and y-coordinates of a point on the curve are defined by a pair of functions x = f(t) and y = g(t) that are continuous on some interval  $a \le t \le b$ .
- If  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$ , then  $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle f'(t), g'(t), h'(t) \rangle$ .
- If **r** is a differentiable vector function and s = u(t) is a differentiable scalar function, then the derivative of **r**(s) with respect to t is

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds}\frac{ds}{dt} = \mathbf{r}'(s)u'(t).$$

#### **Theorem 9.1.4** Rules of Differentiation

Let  $\mathbf{r}_1$  and  $\mathbf{r}_2$  be differentiable vector functions and u(t) a differentiable scalar function.

(i) 
$$\frac{d}{dt} [\mathbf{r}_1(t) + \mathbf{r}_2(t)] = \mathbf{r}'_1(t) + \mathbf{r}'_2(t)$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{d}{dt} [u(t)\mathbf{r}_1(t)] = u(t)\mathbf{r}_1'(t) + u'(t)\mathbf{r}_1(t)$$

$$(iii) \frac{d}{dt} [\mathbf{r}_1(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}_2(t)] = \mathbf{r}_1(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}_2'(t) + \mathbf{r}_1'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}_2(t)$$

(iv) 
$$\frac{d}{dt} [\mathbf{r}_1(t) \times \mathbf{r}_2(t)] = \mathbf{r}_1(t) \times \mathbf{r}_2'(t) + \mathbf{r}_1'(t) \times \mathbf{r}_2(t)$$
.

- Because the cross product of two vectors isn't commutative, the order in which  $\mathbf{r}_1$  and  $\mathbf{r}_2$  appear above is important.
- The indefinite integral of a vector function is defined as

$$\int \mathbf{r}(t) dt = \langle \int f(t) dt, \int g(t) dt, \int h(t) dt \rangle = \mathbf{R}(t) + \mathbf{c}$$

• The definite integral of a vector function is defined as

$$\int_{a}^{b} \mathbf{r}(t) dt = \langle \int_{a}^{b} f(t) dt, \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt, \int_{a}^{b} h(t) dt \rangle = \mathbf{R}$$

• The length of the curve traced out by a vector function from t=a to t=b

$$s = \int_{a}^{b} \sqrt{f'(t)^{2} + g'(t)^{2} + h'(t)^{2}} dt = \int_{a}^{b} ||\mathbf{r}'(t)|| dt$$

### 3.3 Curvature and Components of Acceleration

• As  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$  is always tangential to the curve a unit tangent vector is given by

$$\mathbf{T}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{||\mathbf{r}'(t)||}$$

• The curvature of a point on a curve is given by

$$\kappa = \left| \left| \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{ds} \right| \right|$$

where s is the arc length parameter or

$$\kappa = \frac{||\mathbf{T}'(t)||}{||\mathbf{r}'(t)||}$$

• By differentiating

$$\mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{T} = 1$$

$$\mathbf{T} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{dt} \cdot \mathbf{T} = 0$$

$$2\mathbf{T} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{dt} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{T} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{dt} = 0$$

we find that  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\frac{d\mathbf{T}}{dt}$  are orthogonal.

• If  $\left| \left| \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{dt} \right| \right| \neq 0$  the vector

$$\mathbf{N} = \frac{d\mathbf{T}/dt}{||d\mathbf{T}/dt||}$$

is a unit normal to the curve and is called the **principal normal**.

• Since  $\kappa = \frac{||d\mathbf{T}/dt||}{v}, d\mathbf{T}/dt = \kappa v \mathbf{N}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{v}(t) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} v \mathbf{T} \\ &= v \frac{d \mathbf{T}}{dt} + \frac{dv}{dt} \mathbf{T} \\ &= \kappa v^2 \mathbf{N} + \frac{dv}{dt} \mathbf{T} \\ &= a_N \mathbf{N} + a_T \mathbf{T} \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_N$  and  $a_T$  are the normal and tangential components of acceleration, respectively.

• The unit vector defined by

$$\mathbf{B}(t) = \mathbf{T}(t) \times \mathbf{N}(t)$$

is called the binormal.

- The three unit vectors **T**, **N**, and **B** form a right-handed set of mutually orthogonal vectors called the **moving trihedral**. When used as a coordinate system they're called the **TNB-frame**.
- The plane of **T** and **N** is called the **osculating plane**.
- $\bullet$  The plane of **N** and **B** is called the **normal plane**.
- The plane of **T** and **B** is called the **rectifying plane**.

• Explicit formulas for the tangential and normal components of acceleration are given by

$$a_T = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)}{||\mathbf{r}'(t)||}$$
$$a_N = \frac{||\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)||}{||\mathbf{r}'(t)||}$$

and since  $a_N = \kappa v^2$ 

$$\kappa = \frac{||\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)||}{||\mathbf{r}'(t)||^3}$$

• The reciprocal of curvature  $\rho = \frac{1}{\kappa}$  is called the **radius of curvature** and represents the radius of the circle that best "fits" the curve there.

### 3.4 Partial Derivatives

- The **level curves** of a function of two variables z = f(x, y) are the curves resulting from the equation c = f(x, y) for any real value of c.
- The **level surfaces** of a function of three variables w = f(x, y, z) are the surfaces resulting from the equation c = f(x, y, z) for any real value of c.
- The partial derivative of a function  $f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$  with respect to a variable  $x_i$  is the derivative of that function with respect to  $x_i$  while holding all other variables constant.
- The partial derivative of f with respect to x can be denoted  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  or  $f_x$ .
- Because partial derivatives are themselves multivariable functions you can take subsequent partial derivatives, including in other variables, e.g.

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \text{ or } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right).$$

- When multiple derivates are taken in different variables it's called a **mixed** partial derivative.
- The order in which a mixed partial derivative is computed doesn't matter, i.e.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y \partial x}.$$

#### Theorem 9.4.1 Chain Rule

If z = f(u, v) is differentiable and u = g(x, y) and v = h(x, y) have continuous first partial derivatives, then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \qquad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}.$$
 (5)

### 3.5 Directional Derivative

• In n dimensions the vector differential operator is defined as

$$\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_n.$$

- When the vector differential operator is applied to a scalar function the result is called the **gradient** of the function. The gradient of a function points in the direction in which the function increases most rapidly.
- The directional derivative of a function  $f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$  in the direction of the unit vector **u** is given by

$$D_{\mathbf{u}}f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \nabla f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \cdot \mathbf{u}.$$

### 3.6 Tangent Planes and Normal Lines

- If f(x,y) is a two-dimensional function,  $\nabla f$  is always orthogonal to the level curves of f(x,y).
- If f(x, y, z) is a three-dimensional function,  $\nabla f$  is always normal to the level surfaces of f(x, y, z).

#### **Theorem 9.6.1** Equation of Tangent Plane

Let  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  be a point on the graph of F(x, y, z) = c, where  $\nabla F$  is not **0**. Then an equation of the tangent plane at P is

$$F_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x - x_0) + F_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y - y_0) + F_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z - z_0) = 0.$$
 (5)

### 3.7 Curl and Divergence

• The **curl** of a vector field  $\mathbf{F}(x,y,z) = \langle P(x,y,z), Q(x,y,z), R(x,y,z) \rangle$  is defined as

$$\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ P & Q & R \end{vmatrix} = \langle \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \rangle.$$

• The **divergence** of the same vector field is defined as

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z}.$$

• If f is a scalar function with continuous second partial derivatives then

$$\nabla \times (\nabla f) = \mathbf{0}.$$

• If **F** is a vector function with continuous second partial derivatives then

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) = 0.$$