

# cheatsheet

## PART1: definition

### 1. Triangular matrix:

A matrix that only upper or lower triangular entry is non-zero.

A matrix is **upper triangular** if the  $(i, j)$ -entry is 0 whenever  $i > j$ .

A matrix is **lower triangular** if the  $(i, j)$ -entry is 0 whenever  $i < j$ .

### 2. Diagonal matrix:

A square matrix that both upper and lower triangular  
(i.e. Only diagonal entries is non-zero)

### 3. Standard vectors

A vector in whose only  $i$ -th entry is 1 is denoted by  $e_i$  :  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  are collectively known as the **standard vectors**  $e_i$

(also called **standard unit vectors** or **standard basis vectors**)

### 4. Identity Matrix I:

A matrix that only diagonal entries are 1, others are all 0.

### 5. Equicalent

The two systems are **equivalent** if they have the same solution set.

### 6. Augmented matrix:

We append RHS constants vector to coefficient matrix, written as the following form:  $[A \mid b]$

### 7. EROs: elementary row operations

(I) **Exchange** two rows

(II) **Multiply** a row by a nonzero constant

(III) **Add** a multiple of a row to another row

## 8. REF row echelon matrix:

(1) Zero rows must be at the bottom of the matrix (if any)

(2) The **leading entry** (i.e. first non-zero entry, also called **pivot**) of non-zero row must be on the right of the leading entries in the rows above (i.e. the entries below a leading entry must be 0)

We call it is in **row echelon form (REF)**

## 9. RREF reduced row echelon matrix:

(3) The column that each leading entry in only has one non-zero entry (i.e. pivot itself)

(4) Every leading entry of non-zero rows are 1

We call it is in **reduced row echelon form (RREF)**, or **row canonical form**

## Inconsistent:

If there is a linear system with no solution at all, it's **inconsistent**.

i.e. It's RREF has  $[0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ | \ 1]$

## 10. Rank and Nullity:

The **rank** of  $A$  (denoted by  $rank(A)$ ) is the number of **pivots** in the RREF of  $A$  (also the REF of  $A$ )

The **nullity** of  $A$  (denoted by  $nullity(A)$ ) is defined to be the number of **free variables** in the solutions of  $Ax = 0$

## 11. Span and Generation set:

Let  $S$  be a finite non-empty set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the **span** of  $S$  (denoted by  $span(S)$ ) is defined to be the set of all linear combinations of the vectors in  $S$

And  $S$  is called the **generation set** of  $span\{s\}$ ;

## 12. Elementary matrix

An **elementary matrix** is a matrix obtained from the identity matrix by performing a **single ERO**. Specifically:

- **Type I Elementary Matrix:**
  - Corresponds to **swapping** two different rows.

- e.g. swapping the first row with the second row in a 3x3 identity matrix.
- **Type II Elementary Matrix:**
  - Corresponds to **multiplying** a row by a non-zero scalar.
  - e.g. multiplying the second row of the identity matrix by a non-zero constant k.
- **Type III Elementary Matrix:**
  - Corresponds to **adding** a multiple of one row to another row.
  - e.g. in the identity matrix, adding k times the second row to the first row (where k is any constant).

## 13. LU Decomposition

LU decomposition of  $A$  is a factorization of the form  $A = LU$  in which  $L$  is a unit lower triangular (square) matrix (i.e. all entries on the diagonal are 1) and  $U$  is upper triangular (not necessarily square).

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = LU$$

$$\text{其中: } L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 14. PLU Decomposition

When a matrix **hasn't LU decomposition**, we can find an **invertible** permutation matrix  $P$ , so that  $P^{-1}A$  has LU decomposition.

$$P^{-1}A = LU$$

$$A = PLU$$

As addition, because permutation matrix is an **Orthogonal Matrix**, so we have:

$$P^{-1} = P^T$$

## 15. Matrix Transformation

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. The function:

$$T_A : R^n \rightarrow R^m$$

defined by  $T_A(x) = Ax$

is said to be the matrix transformation induced by  $A$  (such  $A$  is called the standard matrix of  $T$ ).

## 16. Linear Transformation

A function  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is said to be a linear transformation if

$$\begin{aligned} T(u + v) &= T(u) + T(v) \\ \text{and} \\ T(cu) &= cT(u) \end{aligned}$$

for any  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

i.e.  $T$  **preserves** addition and scalar multiplication.

## 17. Injectivity and surjectivity

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a **linear transformation** with standard matrix  $A$ . Then:

(a)  $T$  is **injective** if and only if  $\text{rank} A = n$  (equivalently,  $T$  has null space  $\{0\}$ ).

(b)  $T$  is **surjective** if and only if  $\text{rank} A = m$ .

## 18. Null space of T (aka null space of A, kernel of T)

The **preimage**(原像) of  $\{0\}$

i.e. the set of all  $v$  such that  $T(v) = 0$  is called the **null space** of  $T$ .

## 19. cofactor

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix.

$A_{ij}$  is a submatrix of  $A$  that obtained by deleting the  $i$  -  $th$  row and  $j$  -  $th$  column.

$C_{ij}$  is  $(i, j)$ -cofactor, defined by

$$C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \times \det(A_{ij})$$

## 20. Determination

For an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$ , we define:

$$\det A = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} \cdot C_{ij} \text{ or } \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \cdot C_{ij}$$

where  $i, j \in \mathbb{R}$

Knowns as “The **cofactor expansion** along the **j-th column** or **i-th row**”

## 21. adjoint

The adjoint of  $A$ , denoted by  $\text{adj}(A)$ .

$$\text{adj}(A) = [C_{ij}]$$

## 22. Subspace

A subset  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be a **subspace** of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if it satisfies the following:

- $\vec{0} \in W$
- If  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in W$ , then  $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in W$  (i.e.  $W$  is closed under addition)
- If  $\vec{x} \in W$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $c\vec{x} \in W$  (i.e.  $W$  is closed under scalar multiplication)

**For each  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , we have:**

## 23. Row space

Notion:  $\text{Row } A$

Subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

**Span** of the rows of  $A$

## 24. Column space

Notion:  $\text{Col } A$

Subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$

**Span** of the columns of  $A$

## 25. Null space

Notion:  $\text{Null } A$

Subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

**Solution set** of  $A\vec{x} = 0$

## 26. Basis:

Let  $V$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . A linearly independent generating set for  $V$  is called a basis for  $V$ .

Remarks:

- The plural for basis is **bases**. (单词basis的复数形式是bases)
- A basis for  $V$  must be a subset of  $V$ .
- Every basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  consists of exactly  $n$  vectors.

## 27. Reduction Theorem (约简定理) and Extension Theorem (扩展定理):

Let  $V$  be a non-zero subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We have the following:

- (Reduction theorem) Every finite generating set of  $V$  contains a basis.
- (Extension theorem) Every linearly independent subset of  $V$  can be extended to a basis.  
(By convention we say that only basis of the zero subspace is the empty set.)

## 28. Dimension

Any two bases for  $V$  contain the **same number** of vectors. This number is said to be the **dimension of  $V$**  and is denoted by  $\dim(V)$ .

(By convention the **zero subspace** is defined to have **dimension 0**.)

## 28. Coordinate vector:

**lemma:**

Let  $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k\}$  be an **ordered basis** for a subspace  $V$ .

Then each  $v \in V$  can be written as a unique linear combination of the vectors in  $B$ .

In the forms as:

$$v = c_1 b_1 + c_2 b_2 + \dots + c_k b_k$$

**Hence we define :**

$$[v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ \vdots \\ c_k \end{bmatrix} = B^{-1}v$$

to be the **coordinate vector of  $v$  relative to  $B$**  (or  **$B$ -coordinate vector of  $v$** ).

## 29. Similarity of matrices

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be square matrices. We say  $A$  is **similar** to  $B$  if

$$B = P^{-1}AP$$

for some invertible matrix  $P$ .

Thus in some sense, **similar matrices** can be seen as **matrices representing the same linear transformation with respect to different bases**.

## 30. eigencalue, eigenvactor and eigenspace

Let  $A$  be a square matrix. If  $Ax = \lambda x$  for some non-zero vector  $x$  and scalar  $\lambda$

$\lambda$  is called to be an **eigenvalue** of  $A$  ;

$x$  is called an **eigenvector** of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , or in short, a of  $A$ .

and we call  $\text{Null}(A - \lambda I)$  as **eigenspace** of  $A$  corresponding of  $\lambda$ , or in shorter, the  $\lambda$ -eigenspace of  $A$

## 31. character equation and character polynomial

In the prograss of finding the eigenvalue, we define **character equation** is:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

and character polynomial is LHS:

$$\det(A - \lambda I)$$

## 32. Algebraic multiplicity and geometric multiplicity

**lemma:**

A degree  $n$  polynomial (where  $n > 1$ ) with coefficients in  $\mathbb{C}$  has exactly  $n$  zeros(零点) in  $\mathbb{C}$  (counting multiplicities, 重根).

It thus follows that a  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  has exactly  $n$  eigenvalues in  $\mathbb{C}$  (counting multiplicities)

- The **algebraic multiplicity** (or simply **multiplicity**) of an eigenvalue is the number of times it appears as a zero of the character polynomial.
- The **geometric multiplicity** of an eigenvalue is the dimension of its corresponding eigenspace.

### 33. Diagonalization(对角化)

#### diagonalizable:

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is **diagonalizable** IFF it has  $n$  **linear independent** eigenvectors.

- Eigenvectors of a matrix  $A$  that correspond to distinct eigenvalues are linearly independent.
- If a matrix  $A$  has an eigenvalue whose geometric multiplicity is less than the algebraic multiplicity, then  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

Thus, A matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if for each of its eigenvalues, the algebraic and geometric multiplicities are equal.

#### Process

If  $A$  is a diagonalizable  $n \times n$  matrix, it has  $n$  **eigenvalues**:  $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\}$  and  $n$  **corresponding linear independent eigenvectors**:  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$

$$(i.e. \forall i \in \mathbb{R} \quad Av_i = \lambda_i v_i)$$

Then we have:

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$

where  $P$  is **eigenvector matrix** and  $D$  is **diagonal matrix of eigenvalues**

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \cdots & v_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$



## PART2: property

**1. Given the system  $Ax = b$ , the following statements are equivalent.**

- (a) The system is consistent.
- (b) The vector  $b$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .
- (c) The reduced row echelon form of the augmented matrix of the system has no row of the form  $[0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \mid 1]$ .

更一般地，在解决具有无限多解的线性系统时，我们可以将增广矩阵转换为简化行最简形式。设定那些对应于非主元列的变量为自由变量(**free variables**)，而那些对应于主元列的变量为基础变量(**basic variables**)。需要注意的是，简化行最简形式使得基础变量很容易用自由变量表示出来。

**2. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. The following statements are equivalent.**

- (a)  $Ax = b$  is consistent for every  $b \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ .
- (b) The span of the columns of  $A$  is  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- (c) The RREF of  $A$  has no zero row.
- (c') The RREF of  $[A \mid b]$  has no row of the form  $[0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \mid 1]$  for every  $b \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$
- (d)  $\text{rank}(A) = m$

**3. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. The following statements are equivalent.**

- (a) The columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.
- (b)  $Ax = b$  has at most one solution for every  $b \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ .
- (c)  $\text{nullity}(A) = 0$
- (d)  $\text{rank}(A) = n$
- (e) The RREF of  $A$  is  $[e_1 \ e_2 \ \dots \ e_n]$
- (f) The system  $Ax = 0$  only has the **trivial solution**.

## 4. Equivalent conditions about invertibility:

The following statements are equivalent for an  $n \times n$  matrix

- (1)  $A$  is invertible
- (2) The RREF of  $A$  is  $I$ .
- (3) The span of the columns of  $A$  is  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- (4)  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ . (i.e.  $\text{nullity}(A) = 0$ )
- (5)  $Ax = b$  is consistent for every  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- (6) The columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.
- (7)  $Ax = 0$  only has the trivial solution.
- (8) There exists a matrix  $B$  such that  $BA = I$ .
- (9) There exists a matrix  $C$  such that  $AC = I$ .
- (10)  $A$  is a product of elementary matrices.
- (11)  $\det(A) \neq 0$

## 5. Common geometric transformation

### (1) Reflection on x/y - axis

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -y \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

just multiply following matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### (2) Translation upward by 1 unit

Not exist a linear transformation for it

### (3) Enlargement about the origin by a factor of $k$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} kx \\ ky \end{bmatrix}, k \in \mathbb{R}$$

just multiply following matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{bmatrix}$$

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6. A transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is **linear** if and only if it is a **matrix transformation**.

## 7. Simplification of evaluating the determinant

- Find the row/column that with more zero.
- The determinant of the triangular matrix, is equal to the product of the non-zero matrix.

$$\circ \det \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & A_{22} & \dots & * \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \prod_{i=1}^n A_{ii}$$

- Generalized, if each  $A_{ii}$  is a block matrix, then we have:

$$\blacksquare \det \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & A_{22} & \dots & * \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \prod_{i=1}^n \det(A_{ii})$$

- ERO's effect on determinant:
  - Type 1 EROs—Exchange two rows
    - $\det(E_1 A) = (-1) \times \det(A)$
  - Type 2 EROs—Multiply one row by a constant k:
    - $\det(E_2 A) = k \times \det(A)$
  - Type 3 EROs—Add a row to another row:
    - $\det(E_3 A) = \det(A)$
  - Essentially, that is because:
    - $\det(EA) = \det(E) \times \det(A)$

## 8. Properties of determinants

Let A be a square matrix. Then

- A is invertible if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$
- $\det(AB) = \det(A) \times \det(B)$  (if they have the same size)
- $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$
- $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$
- Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be an invertible linear transformation with standard matrix  $A$ . Then for any “**sufficiently nice region**”  $S \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (Usually refers to the region that can calculate the volume), **the n-dimensional volume of T(S) is equal to  $|\det(A)|$  times the n-dimensional volume of S.**

## 9. Use determinant to solve the inverse matrix.

we have:

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \times \text{adj}(A)$$

## 10. Cramer's rule:

We have  $Ax = b$

$$\text{so } \vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \times \det(\text{adj}(A)) \times \vec{b}$$

Let  $A_i$  denote the  $i$  -  $th$  column of  $A$

then we have:

$$x_i = \frac{\det([\vec{A}_1 \dots \vec{A}_{i-1} \vec{b} \vec{A}_{i+1} \dots \vec{A}_n])}{\det(A)}$$

## 11. How to find a basis for each of the row space, column space and the null space of a matrix $A$ :

If  $R$  is the RREF of  $A$

1. The set of non-zero rows of  $R$  will form a basis for  $Row A$ .  
i.e.  $\dim(Row A)$  is equal to the numbers of non-zero rows of  $R$
2. The set of leading columns will form a basis for  $Col A$ .
3. The set of **special solution vectors corresponding to the free variables in  $R$**  will form a basis for  $Null A$ .

## 12. If $V$ and $W$ are subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$ such that $V \subseteq W$ , then $\dim(V) \leq \dim(W)$ . Equality holds if and only if $V = W$ .

## 13. For a linear transformation $T_A$ , we have:

$$[T(v)]_B = [T]_B[v]_B$$

$$[T]_B = [[T(b_1)]_B \ [T(b_2)]_B \ \dots \ [T(b_k)]_B]$$

## 14. Finding eigenvalues

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix.

The equation  $\det(A - tI) = 0$  is called the **characteristic equation** of  $A$ .

The LHS of the characteristic equation, is said to be the **characteristic polynomial** of  $A$ .

Eigenvalues of  $A$  are thus roots of its characteristic equation, or zeros of its characteristic polynomial.

It can be proved by induction on  $n$  that the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is indeed a polynomial (with degree  $n$ ).

P.S. Some authors prefer to use  $\det(tI - A)$  instead of  $\det(A - tI)$ .

## 15. The algebraic multiplicity of an eigenvalue is always greater than or equal to its geometric multiplicity.

## PART3: glossary

1. Triangular matrix: 三角矩阵
2. upper triangular matrix: 上三角矩阵
3. lower triangular matrix: 下三角矩阵
4. Diagonal matrix: 对角线矩阵
5. EROs: elementary row operations
6. REF: row echelon form
7. RREF: reduced row echelon form
8. Inconsistent: 不一致的
9. rank: 秩
10. nullity: 零度
11. Span: 张量空间
12. Generation set: 生成集
13. Elementary matrix: 初等矩阵
14. factorization: 因子分解
15. Orthogonal Matrix: 正交矩阵
16. Matrix Transformation: 矩阵变换
17. Linear Transformation: 线性变换
18. Injectivity: 单射性
19. Surjectivity: 满射性
20. Null space: 零空间
21. Kernel: 核

- 22. preimage: 原像
- 23. cofactor: 余子式
- 24. Determination: 特征值
- 25. cofactor expansion: 代数余子式展开
- 26. block matrix: 分块矩阵
- 27. adjoint: 伴随矩阵
- 28. Subspace: 子空间
- 29. Row space: 行空间
- 30. Column space: 列空间
- 31. Basis: 基, 复数为bases
- 32. Reduction Theorem: 约简定理
- 33. Extension Theorem: 扩展定理
- 34. Dimension: 维度
- 35. zero subspace: 零子空间
- 36. Coordinate vector: 坐标向量
- 37.