

# MATH 22A: Vector Calculus and Linear Algebra

## Midterm 2 Study Guide

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**Remark.** Midterm 2 will only cover Chapters 2.1-2.3, 3.1-3.3 and 4.1-4.7. The only things included in the study guide are areas in each section I am unfamiliar/uncomfortable with.

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## §2 Matrix Algebra

### §2.1 Matrix Operations

**Definition 2.1.** If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, and if  $B$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix with columns  $b_1, \dots, b_p$ , then the product  $AB$  is the  $m \times p$  matrix whose columns are  $Ab_1, \dots, Ab_p$ .

- Each column of  $AB$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$  using weights from the corresponding column of  $B$ .

#### Theorem 2.2 (Facts About Matrix Multiplication)

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix, and let  $B$  and  $C$  have sizes for which the indicated sums and products are defined.

- $A(AB) = (AB)C$  – Associative Law of Multiplication
- $A(B + C) = AB + AC$  – Left Distributive Law
- $(B + C)A = BA + CA$  – Right Distributive Law
- $\forall r(r(AB) = (rA)B = A(rB))$
- $I_m A = A = A I_n$  – Identity for Matrix Multiplication

#### Theorem 2.3 (Facts About Transpose Matrices)

Let  $A$  and  $B$  denote matrices whose sizes are appropriate for the following sums and products.

- $(A^T)^T = A$
- $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- $\forall r((rA)^T = rA^T)$
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

- The transpose of a product of matrices is the product of their transposes in the **reverse** order.

### §2.2 The Inverse of a Matrix

**Definition 2.4.** An  $n \times n$  matrix is **invertible** if  $\exists$  an  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  s.t.

$$CA = I \quad \text{and} \quad AC = I$$

In this case,  $C$  is an **inverse** of  $A$ , denoted  $A^{-1}$ .  $C$  is **uniquely determined** by  $A$  because if  $\exists$  another matrix  $B$  that was an inverse of  $A$ , then  $B = BI = B(AC) = (BA)C = IC = C$ .

A matrix that is **not invertible** is called a **singular matrix** and an invertible matrix is called a **nonsingular matrix**.

**Theorem 2.5** (Inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  Matrix)

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $\det A \neq 0 \rightarrow A$  is invertible and

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $\det A = 0 \rightarrow A$  is not invertible.

**Theorem 2.6**

If  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\forall \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has the unique solution  $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ .

*Proof.*  $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$  is a solution, as if we substitute, we obtain  $A(A^{-1}\mathbf{b}) = I\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}$ . We show there is a unique solution by showing that, if  $\forall \mathbf{u}$ , if  $\mathbf{u}$  is a solution, then  $\mathbf{u} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ .  $A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$ . We take the left inverse.  $A^{-1}A\mathbf{u} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ , and thus  $\mathbf{u} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7** (Facts About Invertible Matrices) a. If  $A$  is an invertible matrix, then  $A^{-1}$  is invertible and

$$(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$$

b. If  $A \wedge B$  are  $n \times n$  invertible matrices, then so is  $AB$ , and the inverse of  $AB$  is the product of the inverse of  $A \wedge B$  in the reverse order:

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

c. If  $A$  is an invertible matrix, then so is  $A^T$  and the inverse of  $A^T$  is the transpose of  $A^{-1}$  :

$$(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$$

**Remark 2.8.** If an elementary row operation is performed on an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the resulting matrix can be written as  $EA$ , where the  $m \times m$  matrix  $E$  is created by performing the same row operation on  $I_m$ .

**Remark 2.9.** Each elementary matrix  $E$  is invertible. The inverse of  $E$  is the elementary matrix of the same type that transforms  $E$  back into  $I$ .

**Theorem 2.10**

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible  $\iff A$  is row equivalent to  $I_n$ , and in this case, any sequence of elementary row operations that reduces  $A$  to  $I_n$  also transforms  $I_n$  into  $A^{-1}$ .

**§2.3 Characterizations of Invertible Matrices**

**Theorem 2.11** (The Invertible Matrix Theorem)

Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following statements are equivalent. That is, for a given  $A$ , the statements are either all true or all false.

- a.  $A$  is an invertible matrix.
- b.  $A$  is row equivalent to the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.
- c.  $A$  has  $n$  pivot positions.
- d. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution.
- e. The columns of  $A$  form a linearly independent set.
- f. The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  is one-to-one.
- g. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution for each  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- h. The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- i. The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- j. There is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  s.t.  $CA = I$ .
- k. There is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $D$  s.t.  $AD = I$ .
- l.  $A^T$  is an invertible matrix.

**Definition 2.12.** A linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be **invertible** if  $\exists$  function  $S : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.

$$S(T(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{x} \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad (1)$$

$$T(S(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{x} \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad (2)$$

**Theorem 2.13**

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear transformation and let  $A$  be the standard matrix for  $T$ . Then  $T$  is invertible  $\iff A$  is an invertible matrix. In that case, the linear transformation  $S$  given by  $S(\mathbf{x}) = A^{-1}\mathbf{x}$  is the unique function satisfying equations (1) and (2).

## §3 Determinants

### §3.1 Introduction to Determinants

**Theorem 3.1 (Cofactor Expansion)**

The determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  can be computed by cofactor expansion across any row or down any column. The expansion across the  $i$ -th row using cofactors:

$$\det A = a_{i1}C_{i1} + a_{i2}C_{i2} + \cdots + a_{in}C_{in}$$

The cofactor expansion down the  $j$ -th columns is

$$\det A = a_{1j}C_{1j} + a_{2j}C_{2j} + \cdots + a_{nj}C_{nj}$$

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

**Theorem 3.2 (Determinant of Triangular Matrix)**

If  $A$  is a triangular matrix, then  $\det A$  is the product of the entries on the main diagonal of  $A$ .

**§3.2 Properties of Determinants****Theorem 3.3 (Row Operations)**

Let  $A$  be a square matrix.

- If a multiple of one row of  $A$  is added to another row to produce a matrix  $B$ , then  $\det B = \det A$
- If two rows of  $A$  are interchanged to produce  $B$ , then  $\det B = -\det A$ .
- If one row of  $A$  is multiplied by  $k$  to produce  $B$ , then  $\det B = k \cdot \det A$ .

**Remark 3.4.** As it is always possible to reduce to an echelon form  $U$ , the determinant of  $A$  is as follows:

$$\det A = \begin{cases} (-1)^r \cdot (\text{product of pivots in } U) & \text{when } A \text{ is invertible} \\ 0 & \text{when } A \text{ is not invertible} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.5**

A square matrix  $A$  is invertible  $\iff \det A \neq 0$ .

**Corollary 3.6**

$\det A = 0$  when the columns of  $A$  are linearly dependent. Also,  $\det A = 0$  when the **rows** of  $A$  are linearly dependent (Rows of  $A$  are columns of  $A^T$ , and linearly dependent columns of  $A^T$  make  $A^T$  singular. When  $A^T$  is singular, so is  $A$  by the Invertible Matrix Theorem.)

**Theorem 3.7**

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\det A^T = \det A$ .

*Proof Idea.* Cofactor expansion of  $\det A$  along the first **row** equals the cofactor expansion of  $\det A^T$  along the first **column**, and then use induction to prove this.  $\square$

**Remark 3.8.** It follows that we can perform operations on the columns of a matrix in a way that is analogous to the row operations we have considered and have the same effects on the determinants as row operations.

**Theorem 3.9 (Multiplicative Property)**

If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices, then  $\det AB = (\det A)(\det B)$ .

**§3.3 Cramer's Rule, Volume, and Linear Transformations****Theorem 3.10 (Cramer's Rule)**

Let  $A$  be an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix.  $\forall \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the unique solution  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has entries given by

$$x_i = \frac{\det A_i(\mathbf{b})}{\det A}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

where  $A_i(\mathbf{b})$  is the matrix obtained from  $A$  by replacing column  $i$  by the vector  $\mathbf{b}$ .

**Example 3.11**

Use Cramer's rule to solve the system

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 - 2x_2 &= 6 \\ -5x_1 + 4x_2 &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

*Solution.* View the system as  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Then:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_1(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_2(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ -5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $\det A = 2$ , the system has a unique solution. By Cramer's rule,

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{\det A_1(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{24 + 16}{2} = 20 \\ x_2 &= \frac{\det A_2(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{24 + 30}{2} = 27 \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Theorem 3.12 (Inverse Formula)**

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

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \operatorname{adj} A$$

*Proof.* This is derived from Cramer's rule, as the  $j$ -th column of  $A^{-1}$  is a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  that satisfies  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{e}_j$ , where  $\mathbf{e}_j$  is the  $j$ -th column of the identity matrix, and the  $i$ -th entry of  $\mathbf{x}$  is the  $(i, j)$ -entry of  $A^{-1}$ . By Cramer's rule:

$$\{(i, j) - \text{entry of } A^{-1}\} = x_i = \frac{\det A_i(\mathbf{e}_j)}{\det A}$$

A cofactor expansion down column  $i$  of  $A_i(\mathbf{e}_j)$  shows that

$$\det A_i(\mathbf{e}_j) = (-1)^{i+j} \det A_{ji} = C_{ji}$$

Thus

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} & \dots & C_{n1} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & \dots & C_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ C_{1n} & C_{2n} & \dots & C_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix of the cofactors on the right side is called the **adjugate** of  $A$ . □

**Remark 3.13.** The adjugate matrix is the **transpose** of the matrix of cofactors.

**Theorem 3.14 (Geometric Interpretation of Determinants)**

If  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, the area of the parallelogram determined by the columns of  $A$  is  $|\det A|$ . If  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the columns of  $A$  is  $|\det A|$ .

**Theorem 3.15**

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation determined by a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$ . If  $S$  is a parallelogram in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then

$$\{\text{area of } T(S)\} = |\det A| \cdot \{\text{area of } S\}$$

If  $T$  is determined by a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ , and if  $S$  is a parallelepiped in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then

$$\{\text{volume of } T(S)\} = |\det A| \cdot \{\text{volume of } S\}$$

## §4 Vector Spaces

### §4.1 Vector Spaces and Subspaces

**Definition 4.1.** To show a space is a **vector space**, must show that:

- $\forall a, b \in V (a + b \in V)$ . (Closed under vector addition)
- $\forall c, \forall a \in V (ca \in V)$ . (Closed under scalar multiplication)
- $\exists 0 \in V$ .

**Definition 4.2.** A **subspace** of a vector  $V$  is a subset  $H$  of  $V$  that has three properties:

- Zero vector of  $V$  is in  $H$
- $H$  is closed under vector addition.
- $H$  is closed under scalar multiplication.

#### Theorem 4.3

$v_1, \dots, v_p \subseteq V \rightarrow \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

**Remark 4.4.** We call  $\text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  **the subspace spanned** (or **generated**) by  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ . Given any subspace  $H$  of  $V$ , a **spanning** (or **generating**) **set** for  $H$  is a set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  in  $H$  such that  $H = \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ .

## §4.2 Null Spaces, Column Spaces, and Linear Transformations

**Definition 4.5.** The **null space** of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , written as  $\text{Nul}A$ , is the set of all solutions of the homogeneous equation  $Ax = 0$ . In set notation:

$$\text{Nul}A = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^n \wedge Ax = 0\}$$

**Remark 4.6.** A better description of  $\text{Nul}A$  is the set of all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  that are mapped into the zero vector of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  via the linear transformation  $x \mapsto Ax$ .

#### Theorem 4.7

The null space of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Equivalently, the set of all solutions to a system  $Ax = 0$  of  $m$  homogeneous linear equations in  $n$  unknowns is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Definition 4.8.** The **column space** of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , written as  $\text{Col}A$ , is the set of all linear combinations of the columns of  $A$ . If  $A = [a_1 \ \cdots \ a_n]$ , then

$$\text{Col}A = \text{Span}\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$$

We can write this as

$$\text{Col}A = \{b \mid \exists x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid b = Ax\}$$

#### Theorem 4.9

The column space of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .



*Proof.* Since  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  by Theorem 4.3 (the column vectors of  $A$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ), it follows that  $\text{Col}A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .  $\square$

**Remark 4.10.** The column space of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is all of  $\mathbb{R}^m \iff$  The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution  $\forall \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

**Definition 4.11.** The **kernel** (or **null space**) of a **linear transformation**  $T$  from a vector space  $V$  into a vector space  $W$  is the set of all  $\mathbf{u} \in V$  s.t.  $T(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$  (the zero vector in  $W$ ). The **range** of  $T$  is the set of all vectors in  $W$  of the form  $T(\mathbf{x})$  for some  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ .

**Remark 4.12.** If  $T$  is a matrix transformation  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ , then the kernel and the range of  $T$  is just the null space and the column space of  $A$ .

### §4.3 Linearly Independent Sets; Bases

#### Theorem 4.13

An indexed set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  of two or more vectors, with  $\mathbf{v}_1 \neq \mathbf{0}$ , is linearly dependent if and only if some  $\mathbf{v}_j$  (with  $j > 1$ ) is a linear combination of the preceding vectors,  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{j-1}$ .

**Definition 4.14.** Let  $H$  be a subspace of a vector space  $V$ . An indexed set of vectors  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$  in  $V$  is a **basis** for  $H$  if

- (i)  $\mathcal{B}$  is a linearly independent set, and
- (ii) the subspace spanned by  $\mathcal{B}$  coincides with  $H$ :

$$H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$$

#### Theorem 4.15 (The Spanning Set Theorem)

Let  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  be a set in  $V$ , and let  $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ .

- a. If one of the vectors in  $S$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_k$ , is a linear combination of the remaining vectors in  $S$ , then the set formed from  $S$  by removing  $\mathbf{v}_k$  still spans  $H$ .
- b. If  $H \neq \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , some subset of  $S$  is a basis for  $H$ .

#### Theorem 4.16

The pivot columns of a matrix  $A$  form a basis for  $\text{Col}A$ .

**Remark 4.17.** Be careful to use the pivot columns of  $A$  itself for the basis of  $\text{Col}A$ !

- We can view basis as a spanning set that is as small as possible, or
- a linearly independent set that is as large as possible

## §4.4 Coordinate Systems

### Theorem 4.18 (The Unique Representation Theorem)

Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  be a basis for a vector space  $V$ . Then  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in V \exists$  a unique set of scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  s.t.

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n$$

**Definition 4.19.** Suppose  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ . The **coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$  relative to the basis  $\mathcal{B}$**  (or the  **$\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$** ) are the weights  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  s.t.  $\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n$ .

- If  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are the  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$ , then the vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

is the **coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{x}$  (relative to  $\mathcal{B}$ )**, or the  **$\mathcal{B}$ -coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{x}$** . The mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  is the **coordinate mapping (determined by  $\mathcal{B}$ )**.

**Remark 4.20.** Let  $P_{\mathcal{B}} = [\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{b}_n]$ . The vector equation  $\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n$  is equivalent to

$$\mathbf{x} = P_{\mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$P_{\mathcal{B}}$  is the **change-of-coordinates matrix** from  $\mathcal{B}$  to the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Left-multiplication by  $P_{\mathcal{B}}$  transforms the coordinate vector  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  into  $\mathbf{x}$ .

Since the columns of  $P_{\mathcal{B}}$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $P_{\mathcal{B}}$  is invertible (by the Invertible Matrix Theorem). We can thus multiply by  $P_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}$  on the left to convert  $\mathbf{x}$  into its  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinate vector:

$$P_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

The correspondence  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ , produced here by  $P_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}$ , is the coordinate mapping mentioned earlier. Since  $P_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}$  is an invertible matrix, the coordinate mapping is a one-to-one linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , by the Invertible Matrix Theorem.

### Theorem 4.21

Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  be a basis for a vector space  $V$ . Then the coordinate mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  is a one-to-one transformation from  $V$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

## §4.5 Dimension of a Vector Space

### Theorem 4.22

If a vector space  $V$  has a basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ , then any set in  $V$  containing more than  $n$  vectors must be linearly dependent.

**Theorem 4.23**

If a vector space  $V$  has a basis of  $n$  vectors, then every basis of  $V$  must consist of exactly  $n$  vectors.

**Definition 4.24.** If  $V$  is spanned by a finite set, then  $V$  is said to be **finite-dimensional**, and the **dimension** of  $V$ , written as  $\dim V$ , is the number of vectors in a basis for  $V$ . The dimension of the zero vector space  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$  is defined to be zero. If  $V$  is not spanned by a finite set, then  $V$  is said to be **infinite-dimensional**.

**Theorem 4.25**

Let  $H$  be a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ . Any linearly independent set in  $H$  can be expanded, if necessary, to a basis for  $H$ . Also,  $H$  is finite-dimensional and

$$\dim H \leq \dim V$$

**Theorem 4.26 (The Basis Theorem)**

Let  $V$  be a  $p$ -dimensional vector space,  $p \geq 1$ . Any linear independent set of exactly  $p$  elements in  $V$  is automatically a basis for  $V$ . Any set of exactly  $p$  elements that spans  $V$  is automatically a basis for  $V$ .

**Remark 4.27.** The dimension of  $\text{Nul}A$  is the number of free variables in the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , and the dimension of  $\text{Col}A$  is the number of pivot columns in  $A$ . Thus,  $\dim \text{Nul}A + \dim \text{Col}A = \# \text{ of free variables} + \# \text{ of pivot columns} = \# \text{ of columns}$ .

**§4.6 Rank**

**Definition 4.28.** If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, each row of  $A$  has  $n$  entries and thus can be identified with a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The set of all linear combinations of the row vectors is called the **row space** of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\text{Row}A$ . Each row has  $n$  entries, so  $\text{Row}A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Since the rows of  $A$  are identified with the columns of  $A^T$ , we could also write that  $\text{Col}A^T = \text{Row}A$ .

**Theorem 4.29**

If two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are row equivalent, then their row spaces are the same. If  $B$  is in echelon form, the nonzero rows of  $B$  form a basis for the row space of  $A$  as well as for that of  $B$ .

**Definition 4.30.** The **rank** of  $A$  is the dimension of the column space of  $A$ .

**Theorem 4.31** (The Rank Theorem)

The dimensions of the column space and the row space of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  are equal. This common dimension, the rank of  $A$ , equals the number of pivot positions in  $A$  and satisfies the equation

$$\text{rank } A + \dim \text{Nul} A = n$$

**Theorem 4.32** (The Invertible Matrix Theorem (continued))

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following statements are each equivalent to the statement that  $A$  is an invertible matrix.

- m. The columns of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- n.  $\text{Col} A = \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- o.  $\dim \text{Col} A = n$ .
- p.  $\text{rank } A = n$
- q.  $\text{Nul} A = \{\mathbf{0}\}$
- r.  $\dim \text{Nul} A = 0$

**§4.7 Change of Basis****Theorem 4.33**

Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n\}$  be bases of a vector space  $V$ . Then there is a unique  $n \times n$  matrix  ${}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} P$  such that

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = {}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} P [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

The columns of  ${}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} P [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  are the  $\mathcal{C}$ -coordinate vectors of the vectors in the basis  $\mathcal{B}$ . That is,

$${}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} P [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} [\mathbf{b}_1]_{\mathcal{C}} & [\mathbf{b}_2]_{\mathcal{C}} & \cdots & [\mathbf{b}_n]_{\mathcal{C}} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Definition 4.34.**  ${}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} P$  is called the **change-of-coordinates matrix from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$** . Multiplication by this matrix converts  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates to  $\mathcal{C}$ -coordinates.

**Remark 4.35.** The columns of the change-of-coordinates matrix are linearly independent because they are coordinate vectors of the linearly independent set  $\mathcal{B}$ . As the change-of-coordinates matrix is square, it follows that it must be invertible, by the Invertible Matrix Theorem. Left-multiplying both sides of the equation by the inverse yields

$$({}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} P)^{-1} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

Thus,  $(\begin{smallmatrix} P \\ \mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B} \end{smallmatrix})^{-1}$  is the matrix that converts  $\mathcal{C}$ -coordinates into  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates. That is,

$$(\begin{smallmatrix} P \\ \mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B} \end{smallmatrix})^{-1} = \begin{smallmatrix} P \\ \mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C} \end{smallmatrix}$$

We obtain the change-of-coordinate matrix by the following:

$$[\mathbf{c}_1 \quad \mathbf{c}_2 \mid \mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2] \sim \left[ I \mid \begin{smallmatrix} P \\ \mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B} \end{smallmatrix} \right]$$