

Linear Algebra

Math 314 Fall 2025

Today's poll code:
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Lecture 8

Office hours

Mondays 5–6 pm
Wednesdays 2–3 pm
in Avery 339 (Dr. Grifo)

Tuesdays 11–noon
Thursdays 1–2 pm
in Avery 337 (Kara)

To do list:

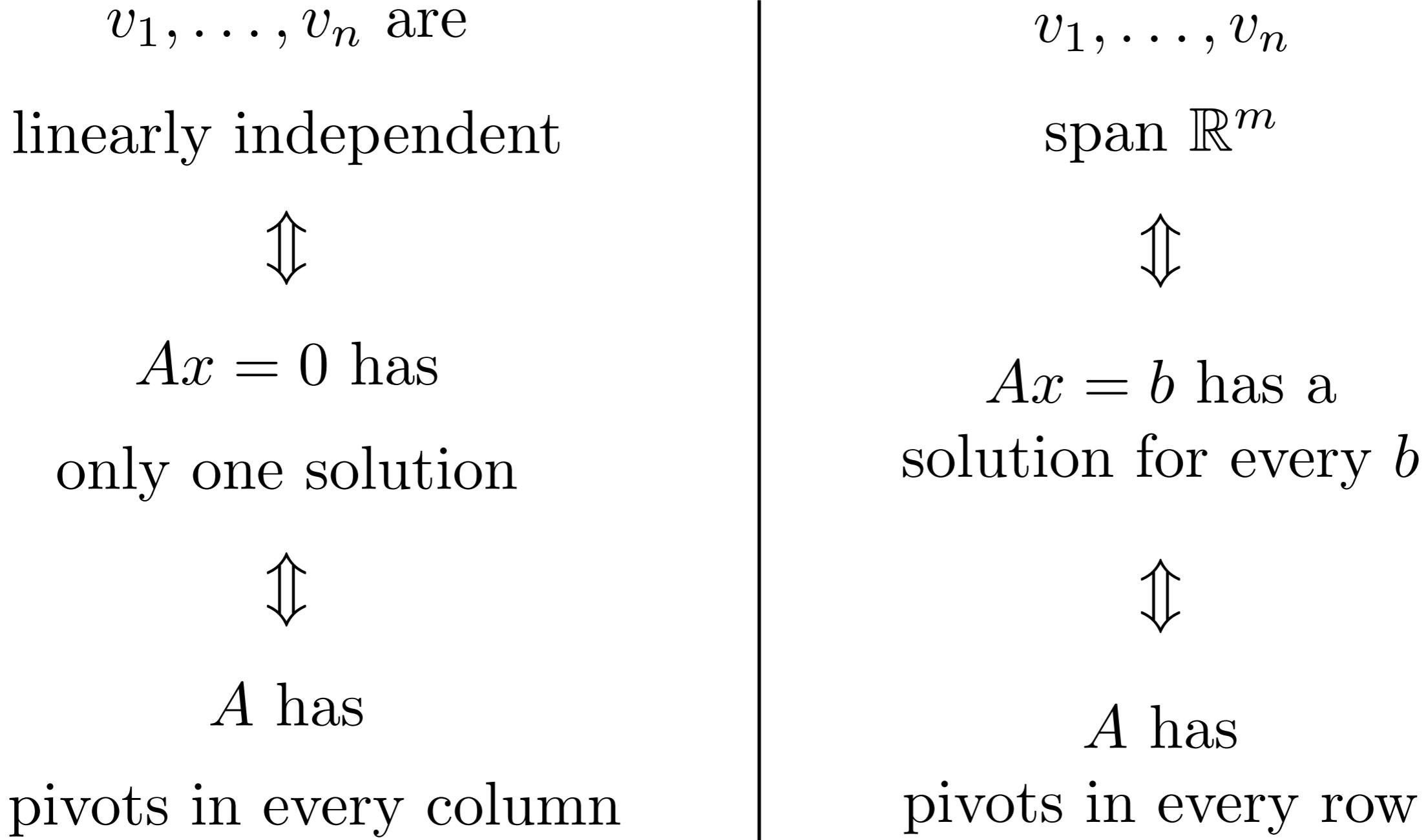
- Webwork 2.5 due tomorrow
- WebworK 2.6 due Friday

Quiz on Friday
on Lectures 8–9

Midterm 1
in 2 weeks

Quick Recap

$$A = [v_1 \quad \cdots \quad v_n]$$



Linear transformations

A function $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

is an assignment

each vector
in \mathbb{R}^n



a vector
in \mathbb{R}^m

Matrix transformations: Any $m \times n$ matrix A determines a function

$$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

as follows: for each vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$T(x) = Ax.$$

Such a function is called a *matrix transformation*.

$$\mathbb{R}^{\#\text{columns}} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\#\text{rows}}$$

Two properties of matrix products:

- $A(v + w) = Av + Aw$
- $A(cv) = cAv$

So, if $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a matrix transformation then

- $T(v + w) = T(v) + T(w)$
- $T(cv) = cT(v)$

Any function with these properties is called a **linear transformation**.

linear transformations = matrix transformations



$$T(v + w) = T(v) + T(w)$$

$$T(cv) = cT(v)$$

for all u, v

and all constants c



$$T(x) = Ax$$

for all x

Given a linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

its **standard matrix** is

$$A = [T(e_1) \quad \cdots \quad T(e_n)]$$

so

$$T(x) = Ax \text{ for all vectors } x$$

i th standard vector
in \mathbb{R}^n

$$\mathbf{e}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{position } i}$$

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$\Rightarrow T$ moves xy -plane into the yz plane without stretching it in any way.

We can also define a linear transformation like $T : \mathbb{R}^7 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ by specifying some 4×7 matrix A , such as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 5 & 2 & 0 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & \frac{3}{2} & 1 & 0 & 14 & -20 & \pi \\ 5 & e & 17 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 5 & 9 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Just don't ask me to visualize it!

Injective/surjective functions

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is an assignment

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A function $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ has

domain \mathbb{R}^n  inputs

and

codomain \mathbb{R}^m  where the
outputs live

domain



$$\mathbb{R}^n$$

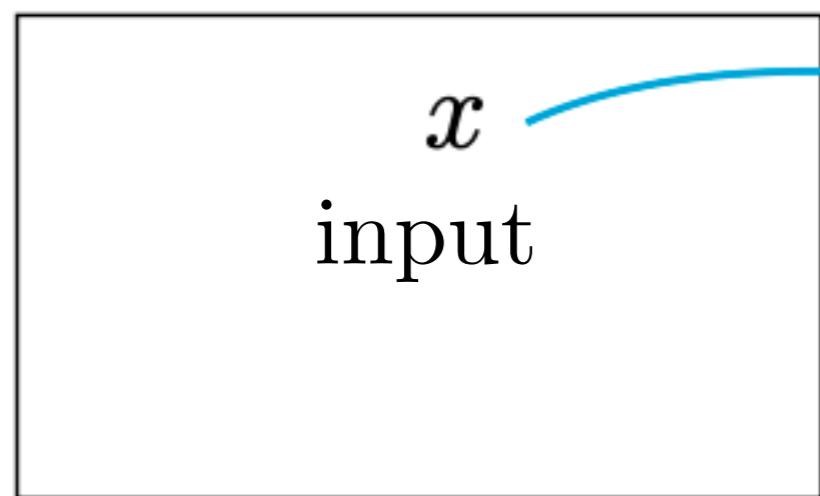
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codomain



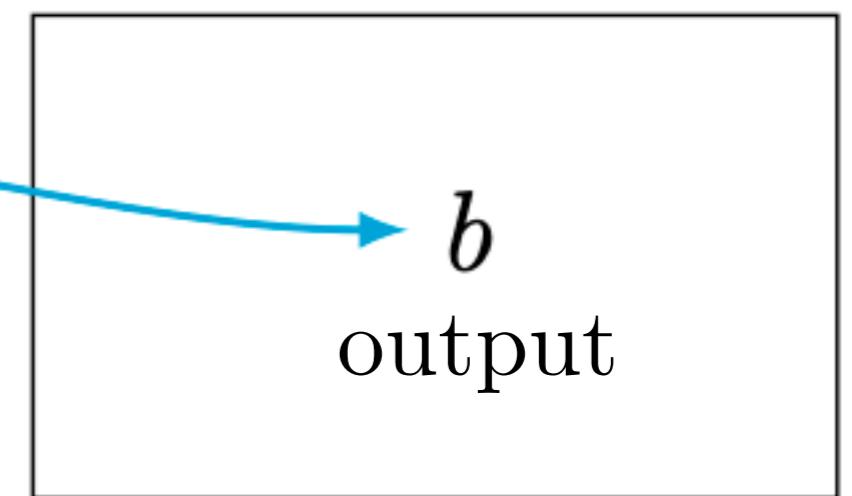
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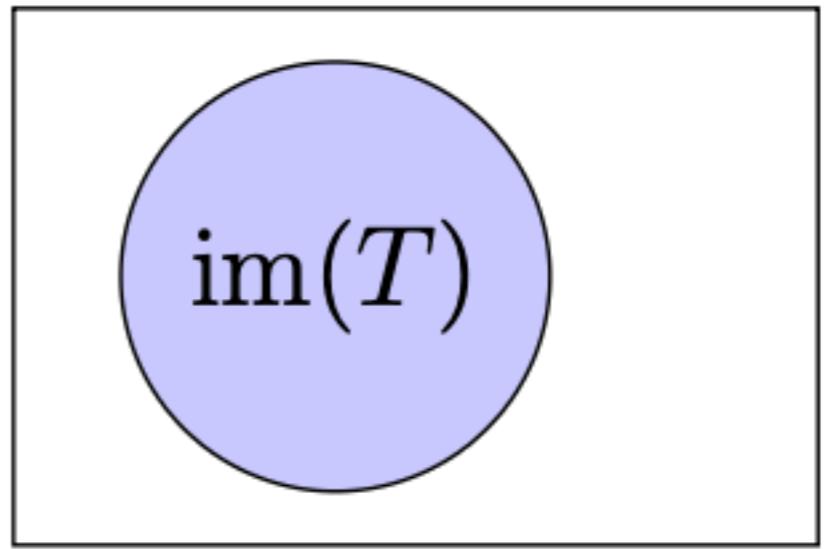
The **image** or **range** of a function $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is

$$\text{im}(T) := \{T(x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$$

Informally: the set of actual outputs



$$\xrightarrow{T}$$


$$\mathbb{R}^n$$
$$\mathbb{R}^m$$

T is **surjective** or **onto** if

for every $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ there exists *at least one* $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

such that

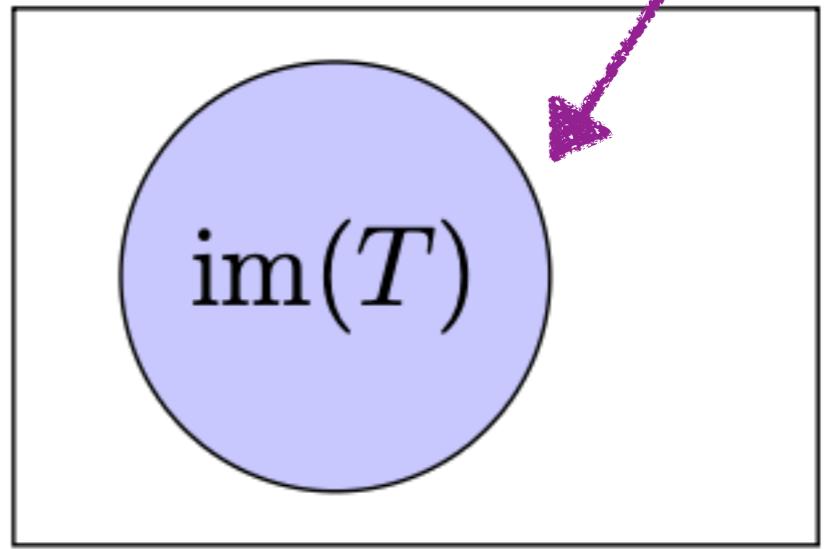
$$T(x) = b$$

Equivalently: $\text{im}(T) = \mathbb{R}^m$

Informally: everything in the codomain is an actual output.



T



\mathbb{R}^n

\mathbb{R}^m

not surjective

not all of \mathbb{R}^m

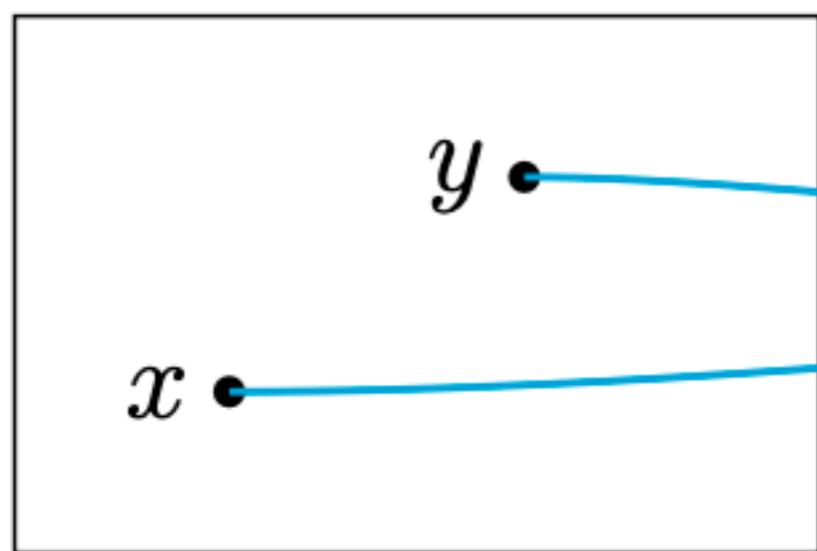
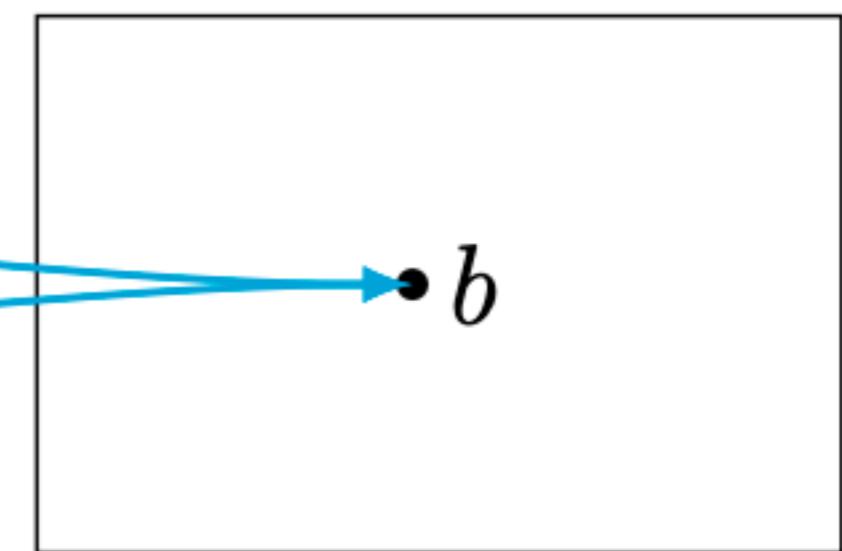
T is **injective** if

for each $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ there exists *at most one* $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

such that

$$T(x) = b$$

Equivalently: $T(x_1) = T(x_2) \implies x_1 = x_2.$


$$\mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\mathbb{R}^m$$

not injective

bijective = injective + surjective

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$$\text{im}(T) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\}$$

For functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

f is **surjective**

if and only if

every horizontal line crosses the graph of f at least once.

f is **injective**

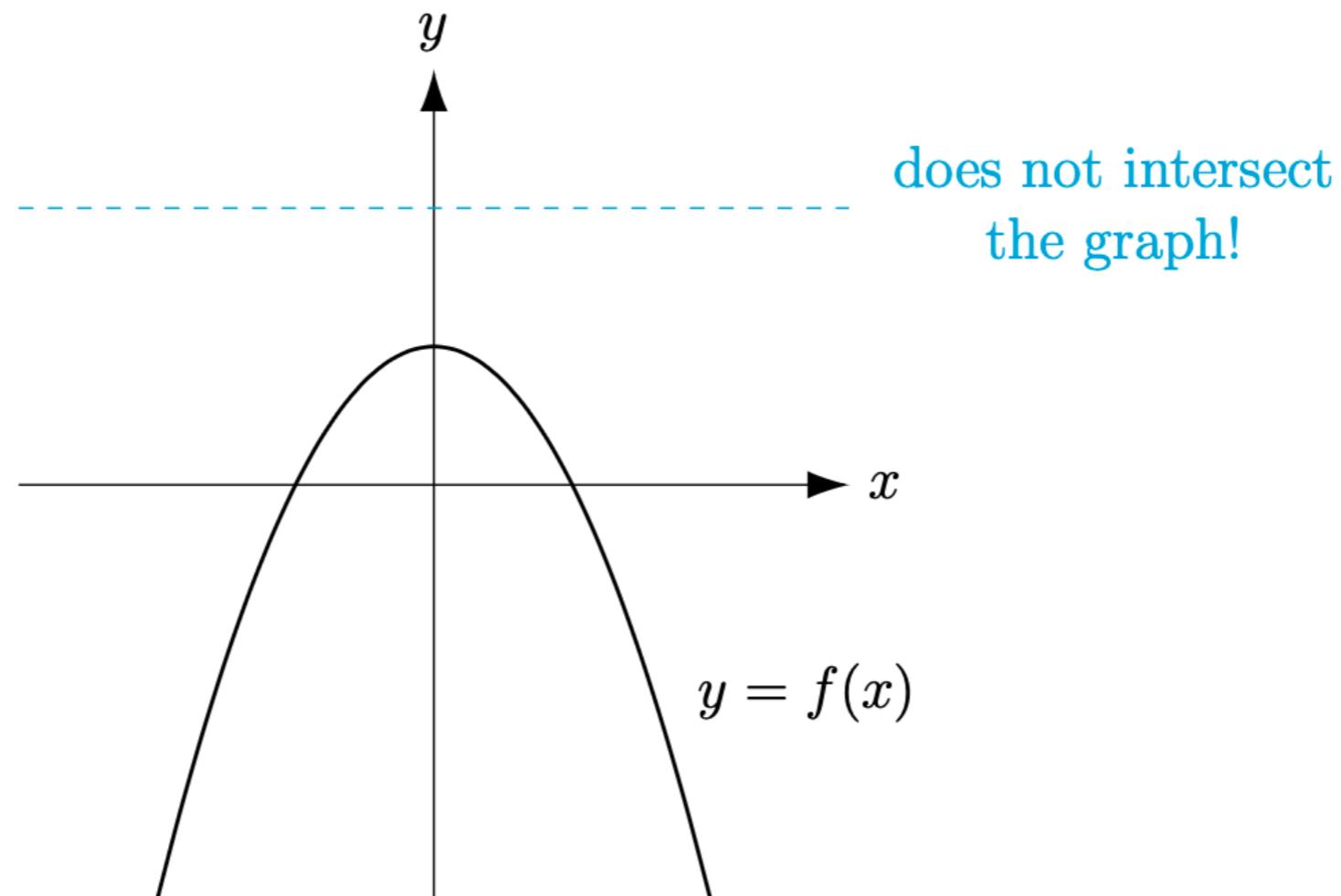
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Surjective: f is surjective

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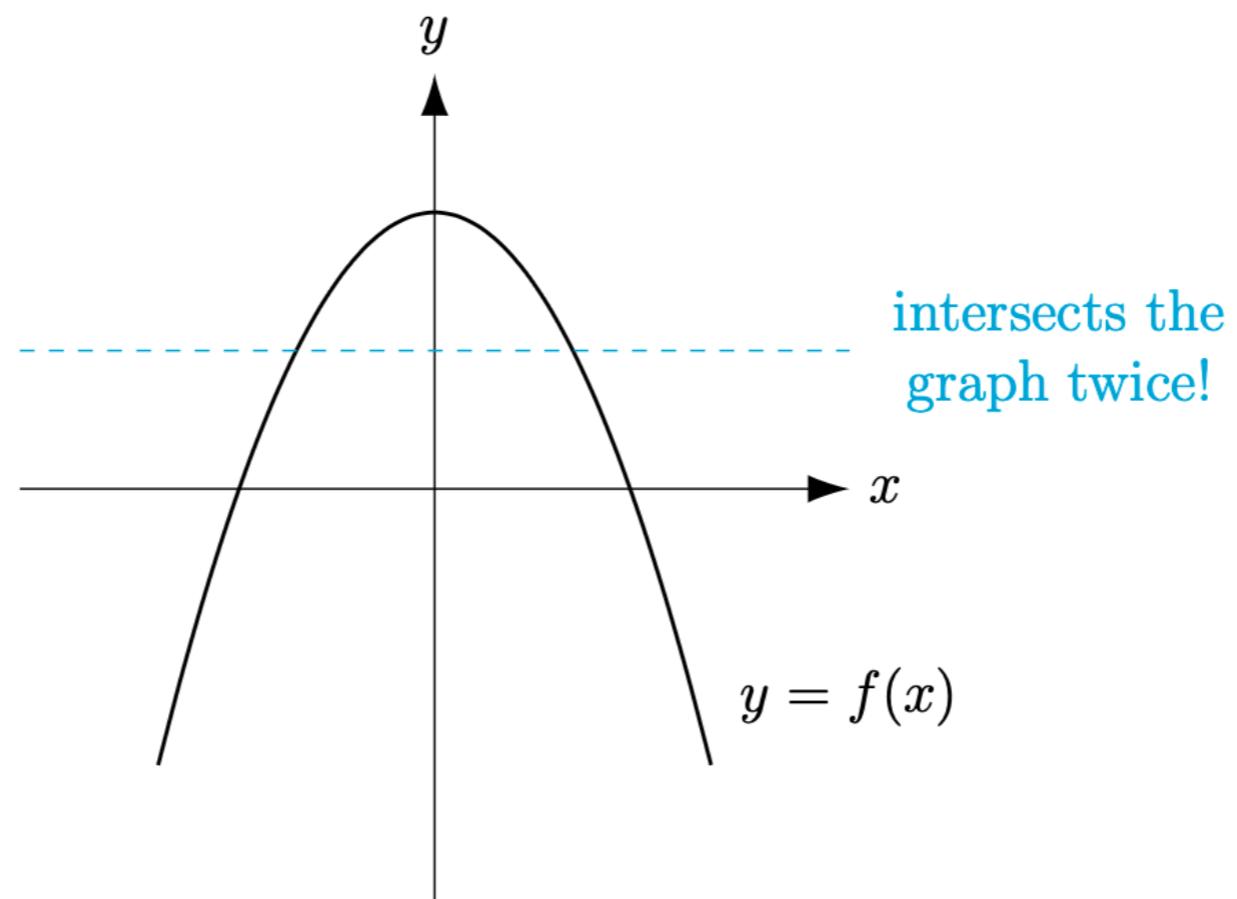


Example: f not surjective

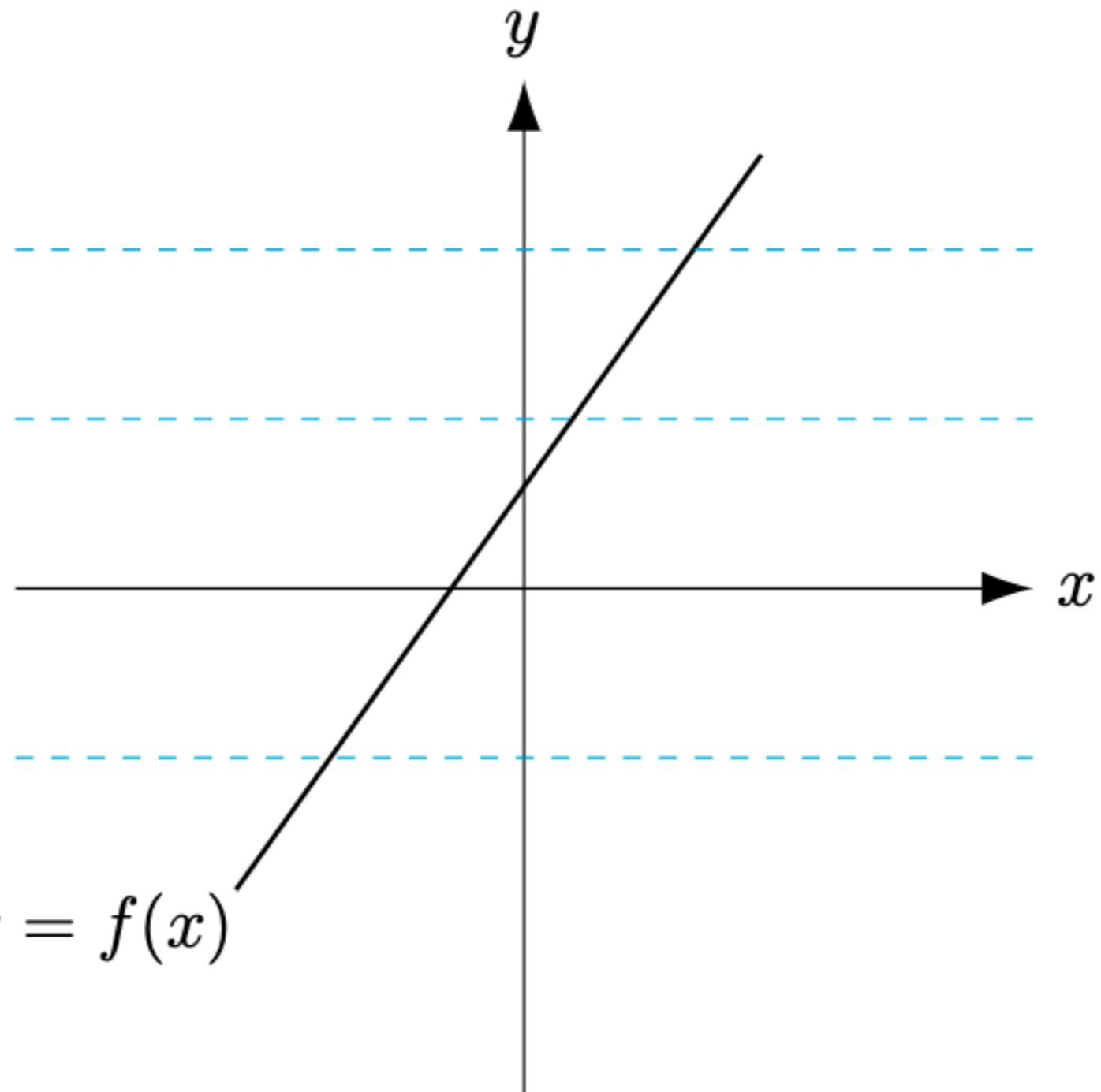
Injective: f is injective

if and only if

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Example: f not injective



Example: f bijective

The **kernel** of a linear transformation

$$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

is the set

$$\ker(T) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid T(x) = 0\}.$$

Note: we always have $0 \in \ker(T)$

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

T is injective if and only if the equation

$$T(x) = 0$$

has only the trivial solution $x = 0$.

Equivalently, T is injective if and only if $\ker(T) = \{0\}$.

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

T is surjective \iff the columns of A span \mathbb{R}^m

T is injective \iff the columns of A are linearly independent

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$$T \text{ is surjective} \iff A \text{ has a pivot in every row}$$

$$T \text{ is injective} \iff A \text{ has a pivot in every column}$$

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T is injective: $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}\right) \implies \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$

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T is not surjective: for example, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin \text{im}(T)$.

T is injective:

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}\right) \implies \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ x + y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ u + v \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{cases} x = u \\ y = v \end{cases}$$

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T is surjective: pivot in every row

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Example:

The linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ with standard matrix

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↓
 T is not surjective

no pivot on this column $\implies T$ is not injective

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Chapter 3

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multiplying a matrix by a scalar: $cA = [ca_{ij}]$

$$3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ -3 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

always defined

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The sum $A + B$ is defined if

A and B have the same size $\begin{pmatrix} \# \text{ rows of } A = \# \text{ rows of } B \\ \# \text{ columns of } A = \# \text{ columns of } B \end{pmatrix}$

sum of matrices:

$$A + B := [a_{ij} + b_{ij}]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -11 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3+1 & -1+3 \\ 2+4 & -11+5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 6 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

product of matrices: The product AB is defined if

$$\# \text{ of columns of } A = \# \text{ of rows of } B$$

$$\# \text{ of rows of } AB = \# \text{ of rows of } A$$

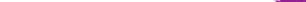
$$\# \text{ of columns of } AB = \# \text{ of columns of } B$$

In AB :

$$(i, j)\text{th entry} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \cdots + a_{in}b_{nj}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{row } i \\ \hline \end{array} \right] \cdot \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \vdots \\ \text{column } j \\ \vdots \\ \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} \dots \\ \text{row } i \\ \hline \end{array} \right]$$

A m × n matrix

 AB $m \times p$ matrix

B $n \times p$ matrix

Informally: $(m \times n) (n \times p) = m \times p$

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column j

A $m \times n$ matrix

B $n \times p$ matrix

\longrightarrow AB $m \times p$ matrix

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The diagram illustrates the computation of the (i, j) th entry of the product matrix AB . It shows a row vector from matrix A (labeled "row i ") multiplied by a column vector from matrix B (labeled "column j "). The result is a scalar value represented by a pink circle with a cross inside, located at the intersection of the i th row and j th column of the resulting matrix.

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$$AB = [Ab_1 \quad Ab_2 \quad \cdots \quad Ab_p]$$

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i th row of A and j th column of B

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$$(1, 1)\text{th entry} = a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} + \cdots + a_{1n}b_{n1}$$

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$$(m, 2)\text{th entry} = a_{m1}b_{12} + a_{m2}b_{22} + \cdots + a_{mn}b_{n2}$$

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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The diagram shows two matrices. The first matrix has three columns, and the second matrix has two columns. Cyan circles highlight the first two columns of the first matrix and the first column of the second matrix. Two purple arrows point downwards from the bottom of these circled columns towards the text below.

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Theorem. Let A, B, C be matrices,

Assume that the products AB and BC make sense.

1. Associativity: $(AB)C = A(BC)$.
2. Left distributivity: $A(B + C) = AB + AC$.
3. Right distributivity: $(B + C)A = BA + CA$.
4. For any scalar α , $\alpha(AB) = (\alpha A)B = A(\alpha B)$.
5. Let I_m denote the $m \times m$ identity matrix.

Then $I_mA = A = AI_n$.

Warning: the order of the matrices in a product matters!

For example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 4 & 5 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 3 \\ (-1) \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 4 & (-1) \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 3 \\ 10 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

\neq

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 5 + 0 \cdot (-1) & 2 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 3 \\ 4 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot (-1) & 4 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 2 \\ 17 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

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the $m \times n$ matrix whose entries are all 0.

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq 0 \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$$

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$$AB = [2 \times 2 + 1 \times 0] = [2] = [1 \times 1 + 1 \times 1] = AC$$

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To do list:

- Webwork 2.5 due tomorrow
- WebworK 2.6 due Friday

**Midterm 1
in 2 weeks**

On Friday:

Quiz 4

**at the beginning
of the recitation
on Lectures 8—9**

Office hours

**Mondays 5–6 pm and Wednesdays 2–3 pm
in Avery 339 (Dr Grifo)**

**Tuesdays 11–noon and Thursdays 1–2 pm
in Avery 337 (Kara)**