

Property :  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$  for any  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ . Consequently,  $A$  is invertible iff  $A^T$  is invertible.

Property : If  $A$  is a triangular matrix,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & \dots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}, \text{ then}$$

$$\det A = a_{11} \cdot a_{22} \cdot \dots \cdot a_{nn}$$

Property : If  $A$  is invertible, then

$$\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det A}.$$

Theorem : let  $A, B$  be  $2 \times n$  matrices. Then

$$\det(AB) = (\det A) \cdot (\det B)$$

Theorem :  $A$  is invertible iff  $\det A \neq 0$ .

## 2.2 Properties of the determinants

Row operation I : Interchange 2 rows of a matrix

ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

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After interchanging 2 rows of a matrix  $A$ , we have a new matrix  $B$ :

$$\det B = -\det A$$

\* Row operation II: Multiply a row of  $A$  by a constant  $\alpha \neq 0$

$$\text{ex: } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \cdot 2} B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det A = -1 \quad ; \quad \det B = 1 \cdot 2 - 2 \cdot 2 = -2$$

After multiplying a row of  $A$  by a constant  $\alpha \neq 0$ , we have the new matrix  $B$ :

$$\det B = \alpha \det A.$$

$$\det(\alpha A) \stackrel{?}{=} \underbrace{\alpha \cdot \alpha \cdots \alpha}_{n \text{ times}} \det A \quad (A \text{ is an } n \times n \text{ matrix})$$

$$= \alpha^n \det A$$

\* Row operation III:

$$\text{ex: } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det A = 1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 2 = -3 \quad ; \quad \det B = 1 \cdot (-3) - 0 \cdot 2 = -3$$

After adding a multiple of one row to another row of  $A$ , we have a new matrix  $B$ :

$$\det B = \det A.$$

$$\text{ex. } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1} B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1]{\text{Row operation III}} B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$

$R_2 \rightarrow 2R_2 - R_1 \leftarrow \text{not a row operation III}$

$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\det A = 1 \cdot 2 - 3 \cdot 3 = -7 \quad | \quad \det B = 1 \cdot (-7) - 0 \cdot 3 = -7$

$\det C = 1 \cdot 1 - 5 \cdot 3 = -14$

ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find  $\det A$ .

By using the technique of Gauss elimination methods / row operations

Sol:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_4 - 3R_1]{\begin{matrix} R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 - 2R_1 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Set  $x = \det A$

$\xrightarrow[R_4 + 2R_2]{R_3 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 \leftrightarrow R_4]{\text{Row operation I}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\det = x$

$\det = -x$

$= 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1$

So we have  $-x = 1$ , i.e.,  $x = -1$ .

Then  $\det(A) = -1$ .

## Chapter 3: Vector Spaces.

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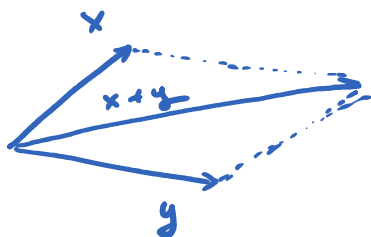
### 3.1 . Definition and examples.

$\mathbb{R}^3$  is called the three-dimensional vector space.

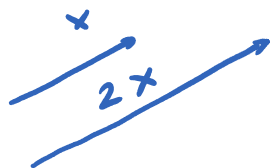
$\mathbb{R}^n$  is \_\_\_\_\_ the  $n$ -dimensional vector space.

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \left\{ x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \mid x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \text{ are real numbers} \right\}$$

\* Addition : For any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  :

$$x + y = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n + y_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$


\* Scalar Multiplication : For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\alpha x = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha x_1 \\ \alpha x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha x_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$


\*  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is the space of all  $m \times n$  matrices.

$$\mathbb{R}^{m \times n} = \left\{ A \mid A \text{ is an } m \times n \text{ matrix} \right\}$$

• Addition : For any  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$$A + B := (a_{ij} + b_{ij})_{i,j=1}^m \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$A + B := (a_{ij} + b_{ij})_{1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

( $A + B$  is still an  $m \times n$  matrix)

- Scalar multiplication: For any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 $\alpha A := (\alpha a_{ij})$

\*  $P_n$  the space of polynomial of degree less than  $n$ .

$$P_3 = \{ ax^2 + bx + c \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

- Addition: For any  $p, q \in P_n$   

$$+ \begin{cases} p(x) = a_0 x^{n-1} + a_1 x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1} \\ q(x) = b_0 x^{n-1} + b_1 x^{n-2} + \dots + b_{n-1} \end{cases}$$

$$(p+q)(x) = (a_0 + b_0) x^{n-1} + (a_1 + b_1) x^{n-2} + \dots + (a_{n-1} + b_{n-1})$$

So  $p + q \in P_n$

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$$p(x) = a_0 x^{n-1} + a_1 x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}$$

$$(\alpha p)(x) = (\alpha a_0) x^{n-1} + (\alpha a_1) x^{n-2} + \dots + (\alpha a_{n-1})$$

$$\alpha p \in P_n$$

\* Vector spaces:

Def: Let  $V$  be a set on which the operations of addition and scalar multiplications are well-defined, i.e.,

- addition:  $\forall x, y \in V: x + y \in V$   
 (for any)
- scalar multiplication:  $\forall x \in V, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}: \alpha x \in V$ .

Moreover, the addition and scalar multiplication above must satisfy the following conditions:

$$(C1) : x + y = y + x \quad \text{for any } x, y \in V$$

$$(C2) : (x+y)+z = x+(y+z) \quad \text{for any } x, y, z \in V$$

$$(C3) : \text{There exists an element } 0 \text{ s.t. } x + 0 = x \text{ for any } x \in V. \\ \text{(vector zero)}$$

$$(C4) : \text{For any } x \in V, \text{ there exists an element } (-x) \text{ s.t. } x + (-x) = 0 \text{ (vector zero).}$$

$$(C5) : \alpha(x+y) = \alpha x + \alpha y, \quad \text{for any } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, x, y \in V.$$

$$(C6) : (\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x, \quad \text{for any } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, x \in V$$

$$(C7) : (\alpha\beta)x = \alpha(\beta x)$$

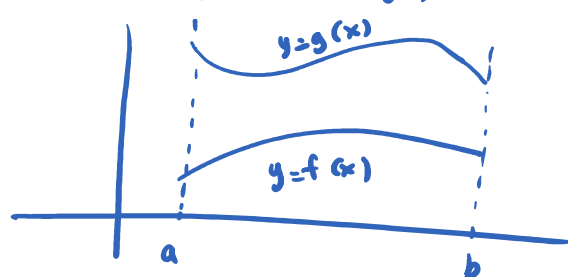
$$(C8) : \underbrace{1}_{\text{number 1}} x = x \quad \text{for any } x \in V.$$

ex:  $C[a, b]$  = the set of continuous function in  $[a, b]$

Addition: For any  $f, g \in C[a, b]$

$$(f+g)(x) := f(x) + g(x).$$

$$\text{So } f+g \in C[a, b]$$

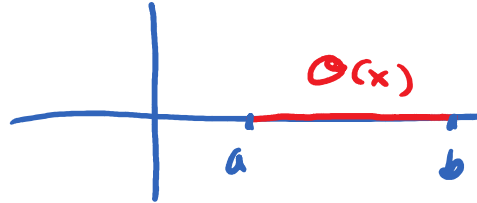


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 $(\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x)$

And  $\alpha f \in C[a, b]$

Vector zero of  $C[a, b]$  :  $0(x) \equiv 0$  for any  $x \in [a, b]$



$$(-f)(x) = -f(x) .$$

$C[a, b]$  is a vector space ,