

# Notes on MAT224: Linear Algebra II

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# Chapter 1

## Vector Spaces

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## Section 1. Vector Spaces

**1.1. Definition:** A (real) **vector space** is a set  $V$  (whose elements are called **vectors**) together with

- (a) an operation called **vector addition**, which for each pair of vectors  $x, y \in V$  produces another vector in  $V$  denoted  $x + y$ , and
- (b) an operation called **multiplication by a scalar** (a real number), which for each vector  $x \in V$ , and each scalar  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  produces another vector in  $V$  denoted  $c \cdot x$ .

**1.2. Axiom:** *These two operations must satisfy the following axioms:*

- (1) **associativity:**  $\forall x, y, z \in V, (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$
- (2) **commutativity:**  $\forall x, y \in V, x + y = y + x$
- (3) **existence of  $\vec{0}$ :**  $\exists \vec{0} \in V$  s.t.  $\forall x \in V, \vec{0} + x = x + \vec{0} = x$
- (4) **inverse:**  $\forall x \in V, \exists -x \in V$  s.t.  $x + (-x) = \vec{0}$  ('-' just a symbol)
- (5) **distributivity:**  $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}, x, y \in V, c \cdot (x + y) = c \cdot x + c \cdot y$
- (6)  $\forall c, d \in \mathbb{R}, x \in V, (c + d) \cdot x = c \cdot x + d \cdot x$
- (7)  $\forall c, d \in \mathbb{R}, x \in V, (c \cdot d) \cdot x = c \cdot (d \cdot x)$
- (8)  $\forall x \in V, 1 \cdot x = x$

$$(1) \forall x, y, z \in V, (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$$

*Proof.* Let  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}, z = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (x + y) + z &= \left( \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) + \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (x_1 + y_1) + z_1 \\ (x_2 + y_2) + z_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} y_1 + z_1 \\ y_2 + z_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \left( \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= x + (y + z) \end{aligned}$$

□

$$(3) \exists \vec{0} \in V \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in V, \vec{0} + x = x + \vec{0} = x$$

*Proof.* Take  $\vec{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\vec{0} + x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 + x_1 \\ 0 + x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = x$$

□

$$(5) \forall c \in \mathbb{R}, x, y \in V, c \cdot (x + y) = c \cdot x + c \cdot y$$

*Proof.* Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}, x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} c \cdot (x + y) &= c \cdot \left( \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= c \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} c \cdot (x_1 + y_1) \\ c \cdot (x_2 + y_2) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} c \cdot x_1 + c \cdot y_1 \\ c \cdot x_2 + c \cdot y_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} c \cdot x_1 \\ c \cdot x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c \cdot y_1 \\ c \cdot y_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= c \cdot x + c \cdot y \end{aligned}$$

□

### 1.3. Example: $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^n$

### 1.4. Example: $Mat_{2 \times 2} := \{2 \times 2 \text{ matrix}\}$

Let  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in Mat_{2 \times 2}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a + a' & b + b' \\ c + c' & d + d' \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$r \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ra & rb \\ rc & rd \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(6) \forall c, d \in \mathbb{R}, x \in V, (c + d) \cdot x = c \cdot x + d \cdot x$$

*Proof.* Let  $r, \delta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (r + \delta) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} (r + \delta) \cdot a & (r + \delta) \cdot b \\ (r + \delta) \cdot c & (r + \delta) \cdot d \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} ra + \delta a & rb + \delta b \\ rc + \delta c & rd + \delta d \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} ra & rb \\ rc & rd \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \delta a & \delta b \\ \delta c & \delta d \end{pmatrix} \\ &= r \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} + \delta \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

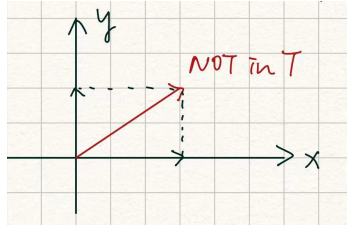
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**1.5. Example:**  $P_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 : a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_0 \in \mathbb{R}\}$   
Let  $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  where  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$(ax^2 + bx + c) + (a'x^2 + b'x + c') = (a + a')x^2 + (b + b')x + (c + c')$$

$$r(ax^2 + bx + c) = (ra)x^2 + (rb)x + rc$$

**1.6. Example (Counterexample):**  $T := x\text{-axis} \cup y\text{-axis} \in \mathbb{R}^2$   
Q: Is  $(T, +, \cdot)$  a vector space? A: No



**1.7. Remark:** In  $\mathbb{R}^n$  there is clearly only one additive identity—the zero vector  $(0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Moreover, each vector has only one additive inverse.

**1.8. Proposition:** Let  $V$  be a vector space. Then

- a) The zero vector  $\vec{0}$  is unique.
- b) For all  $x \in V$ ,  $0 \cdot x = \vec{0}$
- c) For each  $x \in V$ , the additive inverse  $-x$  is unique.
- d) For all  $x \in V$  and all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(-c) \cdot x = -(c \cdot x)$

(a) The zero vector  $\vec{0}$  is unique.

*Proof.* Suppose we had two vectors,  $\vec{0}$  and  $\vec{0}'$ , both of which satisfy *Axiom 3*.

Then,  $\vec{0} + \vec{0}' = \vec{0}$ , since  $\vec{0}'$  is an additive identity.

On the other hand,  $\vec{0} + \vec{0}' = \vec{0}' + \vec{0} = \vec{0}'$ , since addition is commutative and  $\vec{0}$  is an additive identity. Hence  $\vec{0} = \vec{0}'$ , or, in other words, there is only one additive identity in  $V$ .  $\square$

(b) For all  $x \in V$ ,  $0 \cdot x = \vec{0}$

*Proof.* We have  $0 \cdot x = (0 + 0) \cdot x = 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x$ , by *Axiom 6*.

Hence if we add the inverse of  $0 \cdot x$  to both sides, we obtain  $\vec{0} = 0 \cdot x$   $\square$

(c) For each  $x \in V$ , the additive inverse  $-x$  is unique.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in V$ , if  $-x$  and  $(-x)'$  are two inverses of  $x$ .

Then on one hand, by *Axioms 1, 4*, and *3*,

we have  $x + (-x) + (-x)' = (x + (-x)) + (-x)' = \vec{0} + (-x)' = (-x)'$ .

On the other hand, if we use *Axiom 2* first before associating,

we have  $x + (-x) + (-x)' = x + (-x)' + (-x) = (x + (-x)') + (-x) = \vec{0} + (-x) = -x$ .

Hence,  $-x = (-x)'$  and the additive inverse of  $x$  is unique.  $\square$

(d) For all  $x \in V$  and all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(-c) \cdot x = -(c \cdot x)$ .

*Proof.* We have  $c \cdot x + (-c) \cdot x = (c + (-c)) \cdot x = 0 \cdot x = \vec{0}$  by *Axiom 6* and part *b*.

Hence  $(-c) \cdot x$  also serves as an additive inverse for the vector  $c \cdot x$ .

By part *c*, therefore, we must have  $(-c) \cdot x = -(c \cdot x)$   $\square$

## Section 2. Subspace

**2.1. Example:** Denote the set  $V = \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is continuous}\}$  of functions by  $C(\mathbb{R})$ .

**2.2. Lemma:** Let  $f, g \in C(\mathbb{R})$ , and let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

a)  $f + g \in C(\mathbb{R})$

b)  $cf \in C(\mathbb{R})$

(a)  $f + g \in C(\mathbb{R})$

*Proof.* By the limit sum rule from calculus, for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f + g)(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) + g(x)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

Since  $f$  and  $G$  are continuous, this last expression is equal to  $f(a) + g(a) = (f + g)(a)$ .

Hence  $f + g$  is also continuous.  $\square$

(b)  $cf \in C(\mathbb{R})$



*Proof.* By the limit product rule, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (cf)(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} cf(x) = \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow a} c \right) \cdot \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right) = cf(a) = (cf)(a)$$

so  $cf$  is also continuous.  $\square$

**2.3. Definition:** Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $W \subseteq V$  be a subset. If  $(W, +, \cdot)$  itself is a vector space, then  $W$  is called **vector subspace** of  $V$ .

**2.4. Example:**  $W := x\text{-axis}$  is a subset of  $(\mathbb{R}^2, +, \cdot)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in W$$

$$c \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c \cdot x \\ c \cdot 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} cx \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in W$$

**2.5. Theorem:** Let  $V$  be a vector space, and let  $W$  be a nonempty subset of  $V$ . Then  $W$  is a vector subspace of  $V$  if and only if

$$\forall w_1, w_2 \in W, \forall c \in \mathbb{R}, c \cdot w_1 + w_2 \in W$$

**2.6. Remark:** By definition, a vector space must contain at least an additive identity element, hence the requirement that  $W$  be nonempty is certainly necessary.

*Proof.*  $\rightarrow$ : If  $W$  is subspace of  $V$ , because by the definition, a subspace  $W$  of  $V$  must be closed under vector sums and scalar multiples.

Then  $\forall x \in W$ , and  $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have  $c \cdot x \in W$ .

And hence  $\forall y \in W, c \cdot x + y \in W$  as well.

$\leftarrow$ : Let  $W$  be any subset of  $V$  satisfying the condition of the theorem.

First, note that since  $\forall x, y \in W, \forall c \in \mathbb{R}, c \cdot x + y \in W$ .

We may specialize to the case  $c = 1$ .

Then we see that  $1 \cdot x + y = x + y \in W$ , so that  $W$  is closed under sums.

Next, let  $x = y$  be any vector in  $W$  and  $c = -1$ .

Then  $(-1) \cdot x + x = (-1 + 1) \cdot x = 0 \cdot x = \vec{0} \in W$ .

Now let  $x$  be any vector in  $W$  and let  $y = 0$ .

Then  $c \cdot x + \vec{0} = c \cdot x \in W$ .

So  $W$  is closed under scalar multiplication.

To see that these observations imply that  $W$  is a vector space,

note that the *Axioms* 1, 2, 5 through 8 are satisfied automatically for vectors in  $W$ .

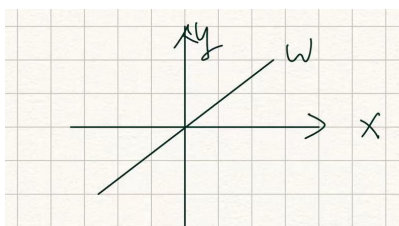
Since they hold for all vectors in  $V$ .

*Axiom* 3 is satisfied, since as we have seen  $\vec{0} \in W$ .

Finally, for each  $x \in W$ , by Proposition (1.8d)  $(-1) \cdot x = -x \in W$  as well.

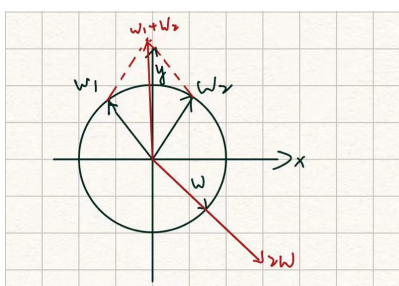
Hence  $W$  is a vector space.  $\square$

**2.7. Example:**  $W = \{(x, mx) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in \mathbb{R}, m \neq 0\}$  is a subset of  $(\mathbb{R}^2, +, \cdot)$



That is a vector subspace.

**2.8. Example:**  $W = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$



That is not a vector subspace.

**2.9. Example:**  $W := (x - axis) \cup (y - axis) = \{(0, 0)\}$  is a vector subspace.

**2.10. Theorem:** Let  $V$  be a vector space. Then the intersection of any collection of subspaces of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Let  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k$  be vector subspaces of  $V$ . Then

$$W_1 \cap W_2 \cap \dots \cap W_k$$

is a vector subspace of  $V$ .

*Proof.* Consider any collection of subspaces of  $V$ .

Note first that the intersection of the subspaces is nonempty.

Since it contains at least the zero vector from  $V$ .

Now, let  $x, y$  be any two vectors in the intersection of all the subspaces in the collection (*i.e.*  $x, y \in W$  for all  $W$  in the collection).

Since each  $W$  in the collection is a subspace of  $V$ ,  $c \cdot x + y \in W$ .

Since this is true for all the  $W$  in the collection,  $cx + y$  is in the intersection of all the subspaces in the collection.

Hence, the intersection is a subspace of  $V$  by Theorem (2.5).

□

**2.11. Example:** In  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  consider the subset

$$W = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mid 4x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 = 0 \text{ and } x_1 - x_3 = 0\}$$

Let  $x, y \in W$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then writing  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$ , we have that the components of the vector

$$c \cdot x + y = (cx_1 + y_1, cx_2 + y_2, cx_3 + y_3)$$

satisfy the defining equations of the set  $W$ :

$$4(cx_1 + y_1) + 3(cx_2 + y_2) - 2(cx_3 + y_3) = c(4x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3) + (4y_1 + 3y_2 - 2y_3) = c0 + 0 = 0$$

Similarly.

$$(cx_1 + y_1) - (cx_3 + y_3) = c(x_1 - x_3) + (y_1 - y_3) = c0 + 0 = 0$$

Hence  $c \cdot x + y \in W$ .  $W$  is nonempty since the zero vector  $(0, 0, 0)$  satisfies both equations.

**2.12. Example:** In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $V = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n = 0, \text{ where } a_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } i\}$ . Then  $V$  is a vector space, if we define the vector sum and scalar multiplication to be the same as the operations in the whole space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**2.13. Corollary:** Let  $a_{ij} (1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n)$  be any real numbers and let

$$W = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n = 0 \text{ for all } i, 1 \leq i \leq m\}.$$

Then  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

*Proof.* For each  $i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ , let  $W_i = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n = 0 \text{ for all } i, 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ . Then since  $W$  is precisely the set of solutions of the simultaneous system formed from the defining equations of all the  $W_i$ .

We have  $W = W_1 \cap W_2 \cap \dots \cap W_m$ .

Each  $W_i$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  [see *Example(2.12)*], so  $W$  is also a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $\square$

## Section 3. Linear Combination

**3.1. Definition:** Let  $V$  be a vector space. A **linear combination** of vectors in  $V$  is any sum

$$a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n$$

where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in V$

**3.2. Definition:** Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $S$  be a subset of  $V$ . Then **span**  $\text{Span}(S)$  of  $S$  in  $V$  is the set of all **linear combinations** of vectors in  $S$ .

$$\text{Span}(S) = \{a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n : x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in S, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

**3.3. Example:** Let  $V$  be any vector space and  $S = \{0\}$ .  
Then  $\text{Span}(S) = \{a \cdot 0 : a \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{0\}$ .

**3.4. Example:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .  
Then  $\text{Span}(S) = \left\{ a \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : a \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \text{x-axis}$ .

**3.5. Definition:** If  $S = \emptyset$ , we define  $\text{Span}(S) = \{0\}$ .

**3.6. Definition:** If  $W = \text{Span}(S)$ , then we say that  $S$  spans  $W$ .

**3.7. Example:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .  
Then  $\text{Span}(S) = \left\{ a_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^2$ .  
Therefore,  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**3.8. Theorem:** Let  $V$  be a vector space and let  $S$  be any subset of  $V$ . Then  $\text{Span}(S)$  is always a vector subspace of  $V$ .

*Proof.* We prove this by applying Theorem (2.5).  $\text{Span}(S)$  is non-empty by definition. Furthermore, let  $x, y \in \text{Span}(S)$ , and let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
Then we can write  $x = a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n$ , with  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x_i \in S$ .  
Similarly, we can write  $y = b_1x'_1 + \dots + b_mx'_m$ , with  $b_i \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x'_i \in S$ .  
Then for any scalar  $c$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} cx + y &= c(a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n) + b_1x'_1 + \dots + b_mx'_m \\ &= ca_1x_1 + \dots + ca_nx_n + b_1x'_1 + \dots + b_mx'_m \end{aligned}$$

Since this is also a linear combination of the vectors in the set  $S$ , we have that  $cx + y \in \text{Span}(S)$ .  
Hence  $\text{Span}(S)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .  $\square$

**3.9. Definition:** Let  $W_1, W_2$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . The **sum**  $W_1 + W_2$  is the set  
 $W_1 + W_2 = \{x \in V : x = x_1 + x_2 \text{ for some } x_1 \in W_1 \text{ and } x_2 \in W_2\} = \text{Span}(W_1 \cup W_2)$

**3.10. Proposition:** Let  $V$  be vector space and  $S_1, S_2$  be subsets of  $V$ . Let  $W_1 = \text{Span}(S_1)$  and  $W_2 = \text{Span}(S_2)$ . Then  $W_1 + W_2 = \text{Span}(S_1 \cup S_2)$ .

*Proof.* To see that  $W_1 + W_2 \subseteq \text{Span}(S_1 \cup S_2)$ . Let  $v \in W_1 + W_2$ .

Then  $v = v_1 + v_2$ , where  $v_1 \in W_1$  and  $v_2 \in W_2$ .

Since  $W_1 = \text{Span}(S_1)$ , we can write  $v_1 = a_1x_1 + \dots + a_mx_m$ , where each  $x_i \in S_1$  and each  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ . Similarly, we can write  $v_2 = b_1y_1 + \dots + b_ny_n$ , where each  $y_i \in S_2$  and each  $b_i \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Hence we have  $v = b_1y_1 + \dots + b_ny_n + a_1x_1 + \dots + a_mx_m$ .

This is a linear combination of vectors that are either in  $S_1$  or in  $S_2$ .

Hence  $v \in \text{Span}(S_1 \cup S_2)$ , and since this is true for all such  $v$ ,  $W_1 + W_2 \subseteq \text{Span}(S_1 \cup S_2)$ .

Conversely, to see that  $\text{Span}(S_1 \cup S_2) \subseteq W_1 + W_2$ , we note that if  $v \in \text{Span}(S_1 \cup S_2)$ .

Then  $v = c_1z_1 + \dots + c_lz_l$ , where each  $z_k \in S_1 \cup S_2$  and each  $c_k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Each  $z_k$  is in  $S_1$  or in  $S_2$ , so by renaming the vectors and regrouping the terms.

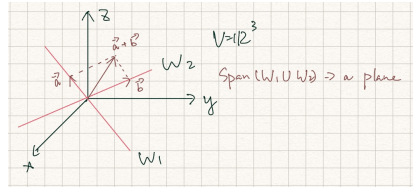
We have  $v = b_1y_1 + \dots + b_ny_n + a_1x_1 + \dots + a_mx_m$ , where each  $x_i \in S_1$  and  $y_i \in S_2$ .

Hence, by definition, we have written  $v$  as the sum of a vector in  $W_1$  and a vector in  $W_2$ .

So  $v \in W_1 + W_2$ .

Since this is true for all  $v \in \text{Span}(S_1 \cup S_2)$ , we have  $\text{Span}(S_1 \cup S_2) \subseteq W_1 + W_2$ .  $\square$

**3.11. Example:**  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is **NOT** a vector space but  $\text{Span}(W_1 \cup W_2)$  is.



**3.12. Theorem:** Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . Then  $W_1 + W_2$  is also a subspace of  $V$ .

*Proof.* It is clear that  $W_1 + W_2$  is nonempty, since  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are nonempty.

Let  $x, y$  be any two vectors in  $W_1 + W_2$  and let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Since  $x$  and  $y \in W_1 + W_2$ .

We can write  $x = x_1 + x_2, y = y_1 + y_2$ , where  $x_1, y_1 \in W_1$  and  $x_2, y_2 \in W_2$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} cx + y &= c(x_1 + x_2) + (y_1 + y_2) \\ &= (cx_1 + y_1) + (cx_2 + y_2) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces of  $V$ , we have  $cx_1 + y_1 \in W_1$  and  $cx_2 + y_2 \in W_2$ .

Hence by the definition,  $cx + y \in W_1 + W_2$ .

By Theorem (2.5),  $W_1 + W_2$  is a subspace of  $V$ .  $\square$

**3.13. Remark:** In general, if  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces of  $V$ , then  $W_1 \cup W_2$  will not be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  given in Example (3.11).

**3.14. Proposition:** Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$ , and let  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$  such that  $W_1 \cup W_2 \subseteq W$ . Then  $W_1 + W_2 \subseteq W$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v_1 \in W_1$  and  $v_2 \in W_2$  be any vectors.

Since  $v_1 \in W_1 \subset W_1 \cup W_2$ ,  $v_1 \in W$  as well.

Similarly,  $v_2 \in W$ .

Hence, since  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ ,  $v_1 + v_2 \in W$ .

But this shows that every vector in  $W_1 + W_2$  is contained in  $W$ .  $\square$

**3.15. Example:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $W = xy - \text{plane}$ ,  $W_1 = x - \text{axis}$ ,  $W_2 = y - \text{axis}$ .

$$W_1 + W_2 = \text{Span}(x - \text{axis} \cup y - \text{axis}) = xy - \text{plane} \subseteq W$$

**3.16. Example:** Let  $V = \text{Pol}_{\leq 5} = \{a_5x^5 + a_4x^4 + a_3x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0 : a_0, \dots, a_5 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  
 $W = \text{Pol}_{\leq 4} = \{a_4x^4 + a_3x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0 : a_0, \dots, a_4 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  
 $W_1 = \text{Pol}_{\leq 1} = \{a_1x + a_0 : a_0, a_1 \in \mathbb{R}\}$  and  $W_2 = \{a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0 : a_0 + a_1 + a_2 = 0\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 + W_2 &= \text{Span}(W_1 \cup W_2) \\ &= \{c_1(a_1x + a_0) + c_2(b_2x^2 + b_1x + b_0) : b_0 + b_1 + b_2 = 0\} \end{aligned}$$

Given an arbitrary polynomial:  $d_2x^2 + d_1x + d_0$  of degree  $\leq 2$ , we have

$$d_2x^2 + d_1x + d_0 = 1 \cdot ((d_1 + d_2)x + d_0) + 1 \cdot (d_2x^2 + (-d_2)x + 0)$$

Hence  $W_1 + W_2 = \text{Pol}_{\leq 2} \subset \text{Pol}_{\leq 4} = W$

## Section 4. Linear Independence

**4.1. Definition:** Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $S$  be a subset of  $V$ .

A **linear dependence** among elements of  $S$  is a relationship of the form

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = 0$$

where  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in S$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$  are not all zero.

We say  $S$  is **linearly dependent** if there exists a linear dependence among elements of  $S$ .

**4.2. Example:** Let  $V$  be any vector space and  $S = \{0\}$ .

For any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , we have  $a \cdot 0 = 0$  which is a linear dependence.

Therefore,  $S$  is linearly dependent.

**4.3. Example:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

Assume  $\exists a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad i.e. \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad i.e. \quad \begin{cases} a_1 = 0 \\ a_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence, there is no linear dependence.  
In other word,  $S$  is linearly independent.

**4.4. Example:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

We have

$$1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence,  $S$  is linearly dependent.

**4.5. Example:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

We need to solve

$$a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + a_3 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Equivalent need to solve

$$\begin{cases} a_1 - a_2 + 3a_3 = 0 \\ a_1 + 2a_2 + 2a_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Take  $a_1 = t \in \mathbb{R}$ , need to solve

$$\begin{cases} a_2 - 3a_3 = t \\ 2a_2 + 2a_3 = -t \end{cases} \quad i.e. \quad \begin{cases} a_2 = -\frac{1}{5}t \\ a_3 = -\frac{3}{5}t \end{cases}$$

Take  $t$  to be any non-zero real number, get a linear dependence.

#### 4.6. Proposition:

- (a) Let  $S$  be a linearly dependent subset of a vector space  $V$ , and let  $S'$  be another subset of  $V$  that contains  $S$ . Then  $S'$  is also linearly dependent.
- (b) Let  $S$  be a linearly independent subset of vector space  $V$  and let  $S'$  be another subset of  $V$  that is contained in  $S$ . Then  $S'$  is also linearly independent.

## Section 5. Bases and Dimension

**5.1. Definition:** A subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is called a **basis** of  $V$  if

- (1)  $V = \text{Span}(S)$  and
- (2)  $S$  is linearly independent.

**5.2. Example:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

Since  $\text{Span}(S) = \mathbb{R}^2$  [see Example (3.7)] and  $S$  is linearly independent [see Example (4.3)]. Thus  $S$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**5.3. Example:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Span}(S) &= \left\{ a_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} : a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_1 - a_2 \\ a_1 + a_2 \end{pmatrix} : a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^2 \end{aligned}$$

For all  $\begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$ , we want to solve  $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 - a_2 \\ a_1 + a_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{cases} a_1 - a_2 = c \\ a_1 + a_2 = d \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} a_1 = \frac{1}{3}(d + 2c) \\ a_2 = \frac{1}{3}(d - c) \end{cases}$$

Want to solve  $a_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

This is the special case where  $c = d = 0$ . So must have  $a_1 = a_2 = 0$ .

Therefore,  $S$  is linearly independent.

Thus  $S$  is a basis of  $V$ .

**5.4. Example:** Let  $V = \text{Pol}_{\leq 2}$ ,  $S = \{1, 1 + x, 1 + x + x^2\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Span}(S) &= \{a_1 \cdot 1 + a_2 \cdot (1 + x) + a_3 \cdot (1 + x + x^2) : a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= \{(a_1 + a_2 + a_3) + (a_2 + a_3)x + a_3x^2 : a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &\subseteq \text{Pol}_{\leq 2} \end{aligned}$$

For all  $b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 \in \text{Pol}_{\leq 2}$ , need to solve

$$b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 = (a_1 + a_2 + a_3) + (a_2 + a_3)x + a_3x^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = b_0 \\ a_2 + a_3 = b_1 \\ a_3 = b_2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a_1 = b_0 - b_1 \\ a_2 = b_1 - b_2 \\ a_3 = b_2 \end{cases}$$

Thus  $\text{Span}(S) \supseteq V \implies \text{Span}(S) = V$ .

Suppose  $a_1 \cdot 1 + a_2 \cdot (1 + x) + a_3 \cdot (1 + x + x^2) = 0$ .

(Note: " $=$ " means the equality of polynomials)

This is the special case where  $b_0 = b_1 = b_2 = 0$ .

Get  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0$ . Hence  $S$  is linearly independent.

Thus  $S$  is a basis of  $V$ .



**5.5. Theorem:** Let  $V$  be a vector space, and let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of  $V$ . Then  $S$  is a basis of  $V$  if and only if every vector  $x \in V$  may be written uniquely as a linear combination of the vectors in  $S$ .

**5.6. Theorem:** Let  $V$  be a vector space that has a finite spanning set, and let  $S$  be a linearly independent subset of  $V$ . Then there exists a basis  $S'$  of  $V$ , with  $S \subseteq S'$ .

**5.7. Remark:** The content of the theorem is usually summarized by saying that every linearly independent set may be **extended to a basis** (by adjoining further vectors).

**5.8. Lemma:** Let  $S$  be a linearly independent subset of  $V$  and let  $x \in V$ , but  $x \notin S$ . Then  $S \cup \{x\}$  is linearly independent if and only if  $x \notin \text{Span}(S)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $T = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$  be a finite set that spans  $V$ , and let  $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  be a linearly independent set in  $V$ .

We claim the following process will produce a basis of  $V$ .

First, by start by setting  $S' = S$ .

Then, for each  $y_1 \in T$  in turn do the following:

If  $S' \cup \{y_1\}$  is linearly independent, replace the current  $S'$  by  $S' \cup \{y_1\}$ .

Otherwise, leave  $S'$  unchanged. Then go on to the next  $y_i$ .

When the "loop" is completed,  $S'$  will be a basis of  $V$ .

To see why this works, note first that we are only including the  $y_i$  such that  $S' \cup \{y_i\}$  is linearly independent at each stage.

Hence the final set  $S'$  will also be a linearly independent set.

Second, note that every  $y_i \in T$  is in the span of the final set  $S'$ .

Since that set contains all the  $y_i$  that are adjoined to the original  $S$ .

On the other hand, by Lemma (5.8), each time the current  $S' \cup \{y_i\}$  is not linearly independent, that  $y_i \in \text{Span}(S')$  already.

Since  $T$  spans  $V$ , and every vector in  $T$  is in  $\text{Span}(S')$ , it follows that  $S'$  spans  $V$  as well.

Hence  $S'$  is a basis of  $V$ . □

**5.9. Example:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

$S$  is linearly independent, but not a basis.

Take  $S' = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

$S'$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Also,  $S \subseteq S'$ .

**5.10. Theorem:** Let  $V$  be a vector space and let  $S$  be a spanning set for  $V$ , which has  $m$  elements. Then no linearly independent set in  $V$  can have more than  $m$  element.

**5.11. Corollary:** *Let  $V$  be a vector space and let  $S$  and  $S'$  be two bases of  $V$ , with  $m$  and  $m'$  elements, respectively. Then  $m = m'$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $S$  spans  $V$  and  $S'$  is linearly independent, by Theorem (5.10) we have that  $m \geq m'$ . On the other hand, since  $S'$  spans  $V$  and  $S$  is linearly independent, by Theorem (5.10) again,  $m' \geq m$ . It follows that  $m = m'$ .  $\square$

**5.12. Definition:**

- (a) If  $V$  is a vector space with some finite basis (possibly empty), we say  $V$  is **finite-dimensional**.
- (b) Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space. The **dimension** of  $V$ , denoted  $\dim(V)$ , is the number of vectors in a (hence any) basis of  $V$ .
- (c) If  $V = \{0\}$ , we define  $\dim(V) = 0$ .

**5.13. Theorem:** Let  $W$  be a subspace of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ . Then  $\dim(W) \leq \dim(V)$ . Furthermore,  $\dim(W) = \dim(V)$  if and only if  $W = V$ .

**5.14. Example:**

Let  $V = \text{Pol}_{\leq 3}$ ,  $W = \text{Pol}_{\leq 2}$ .  
 $\dim(V) = 4 \leq 3 = \dim(W)$ .

**5.15. Corollary:** *Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  defined by a system of homogeneous linear equations. Then  $\dim(W)$  is equal to the number of free variables in the corresponding echelon form system.*

**5.16. Theorem:** Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be finite-dimensional subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . Then

$$\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$$

**5.17. Example:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $W_1 = W_2 = x\text{-axis}$ .

$\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim(x\text{-axis}) = 1$   
 $\dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) = 1 + 1 = 2$   
 $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = 1$

## Chapter 2

# Linear Transformation

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## Section 1. Linear Transformations

**1.1. Definition:** A function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is called a **linear transformation** or a **linear mapping** if it satisfies

- (i)  $T(u + v) = T(u) + T(v)$  for all  $u$  and  $v \in V$
- (ii)  $T(av) = aT(v)$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $v \in V$ .

$V$  is called the **domain** of  $T$  and  $W$  is called the **target** of  $T$ .

**1.2. Example:** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 2a - b \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}\right) &= \begin{pmatrix} 2(a + c) - (b + d) \\ (b + d) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2a + 2c - b - d \\ b + d \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2a - b \\ b \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2c - d \\ d \end{pmatrix} \\ &= f\left(\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}\right) + f\left(\begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$f\left(c \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}\right) = f\left(\begin{pmatrix} ca \\ cb \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 2(ca) - (cb) \\ cb \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c(2a - b) \\ cb \end{pmatrix} = c \cdot f\left(\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

**1.3. Corollary:** If a function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation. We write  $0_v$  for the zero vector in  $V$  and  $0_w$  for the zero vector in  $W$ . Then,

$$T(0_v) = 0_w$$

**1.4. Proposition:** A function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation if and only if for all  $a$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  and all  $u$  and  $v \in V$

$$T(au + bv) = aT(u) + bT(v)$$

**1.5. Corollary:** A function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation if and only if for all  $a_1, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{R}$  and for all  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$ :

$$T\left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_i v_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i T(v_i)$$

**1.6. Remark:**

- (i) **identity transformation:**  $I : V \rightarrow V$
- (ii) **zero transformation:**  $T(v) = 0_w$

**1.7. Example:**

Let  $V$  be the vector space  $C^x(\mathbb{R})$  (of functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with derivatives of all orders.)  
 Let  $D : C^x(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C^x(\mathbb{R})$  be the mapping that takes each function  $F \in C^x(\mathbb{R})$  to its derivative function  $D(f) = f' \in C^x(\mathbb{R})$   
 $D$  is a linear transformation.

**1.8. Example:** Let  $V$  denote the vector space  $C[a, b]$  of continuous functions on the closed interval  $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $W = \mathbb{R}$ .

Define  $\text{Int} : V \rightarrow W$  by the rule  $\text{Int}(f) = \int_a^b f(x)dx \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$\text{Int}$  is a linear transformation.

**1.9. Definition:** Let  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . The **linear product** of  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$  is

$$\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle := x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2$$

**1.10. Definition:** If the line segment is a vector  $\vec{v}$ , its length is denoted  $\|\vec{v}\|$  such that

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2} = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$$

**1.11. Proposition:** If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are none-zero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , the angle  $\theta$  between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  satisfies

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\langle \vec{a}, \vec{b} \rangle}{\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\|}$$

*Proof.* Use Cosine Law,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 &= 2\|y\|\|x\|\cos\theta \\ \langle x, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle - \langle x - y, x - y \rangle &= 2\|y\|\|x\|\cos\theta \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x - y, x - y \rangle &= \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - y_1 \\ x_2 - y_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - y_1 \\ x_2 - y_2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \\ &= (x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 \\ &= x_1^2 - 2x_1 y_1 + y_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_2 y_2 + y_2^2 \\ &= \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 - 2\langle x, y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$R.H.S = 2 \langle x, y \rangle = 2\|x\|\|y\| \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\|\|y\|}$$

□

**1.12. Corollary:** If  $\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$  and  $\vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$  if and only if  $\langle \vec{a}, \vec{b} \rangle = 0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$  implies that  $\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} \Leftrightarrow \cos \theta = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\langle a, b \rangle}{\|a\|\|b\|} = 0$ .

Since  $\|a\|\|b\|$  is non-zero.

Thus  $\langle a, b \rangle = 0$ . □

**1.13. Example:** Rotation through an angle  $\theta$ . Let  $V = W = \mathbb{R}^2$ , and let  $\theta$  be a fixed real number that represents an angle in radians. Define a function  $R_\theta : V \rightarrow V$  by

$$R_\theta(v) = \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, x \mapsto \text{rotation of } x \text{ by } \varphi$$

(Note that a positive angle is measured in a counterclockwise manner, whereas a negative angle is measured in a clockwise manner.)

If  $w = R_\theta(v)$ , then the expression for  $w$  in terms of its length and the angle it makes with the first coordinate axis is

$$w = \|v\| \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\varphi + \theta) \\ \sin(\varphi + \theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\varphi$  is the angle  $v$  makes with the first coordinate axis.

Using the formulas for cosine and sine of a sum of angles, we obtain:

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\varphi) \cdot \cos(\theta) - \sin(\varphi) \cdot \sin(\theta) \\ \cos(\varphi) \cdot \sin(\theta) + \sin(\varphi) \cdot \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \cos(\theta) - v_2 \sin(\theta) \\ v_1 \sin(\theta) + v_2 \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

Using this algebraic expression for  $R_\theta(v)$  we can easily check that  $R_\theta$  is a linear transformation.

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $u = (u_1, u_2)$  and  $v = (v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} R_\theta(au + bv) &= R_\theta \left( \begin{pmatrix} au_1 + bv_1 \\ au_2 + bv_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (au_1 + bv_1) \cos(\theta) - (au_2 + bv_2) \sin(\theta) \\ (au_1 + bv_1) \sin(\theta) + (au_2 + bv_2) \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a(u_1 \cos(\theta) - u_2 \sin(\theta)) + b(v_1 \cos(\theta) - v_2 \sin(\theta)) \\ a(u_1 \sin(\theta) + u_2 \cos(\theta)) + b(v_1 \sin(\theta) + v_2 \cos(\theta)) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= a \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \cos(\theta) - u_2 \sin(\theta) \\ u_1 \sin(\theta) + u_2 \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \cos(\theta) - v_2 \sin(\theta) \\ v_1 \sin(\theta) + v_2 \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= aR_\theta(u) + bR_\theta(v) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $R_\theta$  is a linear transformation.

**1.14. Example:** Let  $v$  be a nonzero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $L$  be the line containing  $v$ . Define  $proj_L : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow L$ . Then,

$$\|proj_L(x)\| = \|x\| \cdot |\cos(\theta)| = \|x\| \cdot \frac{|\langle x, v \rangle|}{\|x\|\|v\|}$$

Suppose  $proj_L(x) = c \cdot v$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|proj_L(x)\| &= \|c \cdot v\| = \|c\|\|v\| \\ \|x\| \cdot \frac{|\langle x, v \rangle|}{\|x\|\|v\|} &= |c| \cdot \|v\| \\ |c| &= \frac{|\langle x, v \rangle|}{\|v\|^2} \\ c &= \pm \frac{|\langle x, v \rangle|}{\|v\|^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $proj_L(x) = \frac{|\langle x, v \rangle|}{\|v\|^2} \cdot v$ . Write  $v = (v_1, v_2)$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} proj_L\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) &= \frac{x_1 v_1 + x_2 v_2}{\|v\|^2} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x_1 v_1 + x_2 v_2}{\|v\|^2} v_1 \\ \frac{x_1 v_1 + x_2 v_2}{\|v\|^2} v_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{v_1^2}{\|v\|^2} x_1 + \frac{v_1 v_2}{\|v\|^2} x_2 \\ \frac{v_1 v_2}{\|v\|^2} x_1 + \frac{v_2^2}{\|v\|^2} x_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**1.15. Proposition:** If  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation and  $V$  is finite dimensional with basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ . Suppose that we know  $f(v_1), \dots, f(v_n)$ , then we know  $f$  if  $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$  where  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f(v) = a_1 f(v_1) + \dots + a_n f(v_n)$ .

**1.16. Example:** Let  $V = W = Pol_{\leq 2}$ .

A basis for  $V$  is given by the polynomials  $\{1, 1+x, 1+x+x^2\}$ .

Define  $T$  on this basis by  $T(1) = x, T(1+x) = x^2, T(1+x+x^2) = 1$ .

If we insist that  $T$  be linear, this defines a linear transformation.

If  $p(x) = a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$ , then the equation

$$p(x) = (a_0 - a_1)1 + (a_1 - a_2)(1+x) + a_2(1+x+x^2)$$

express  $p(x)$  in terms of the basis.

Therefore, we can get  $T(p(x)) = (a_1 - a_2)x^2 + (a_0 - a_1)x + a_2$ .

## Section 2. Linear Transformations Between Finite Dimensional Vector Spaces

**2.1. Proposition:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation between the finite dimensional vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$ . If  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is a basis for  $V$  and  $\{w_1, \dots, w_l\}$  is a basis for  $W$ , then  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is uniquely determined by the  $l \cdot k$  scalars used to express  $T(v_j), j = 1, \dots, k$ , in terms of  $w_1, \dots, w_l$ .

**2.2. Example:** Let  $V = W = \mathbb{R}^2$ . Choose the standard basis  $e_1 = (1, 0)$  and  $e_2 = (0, 1)$  for both  $V$  and  $W$ . Define  $T$  by  $T(e_1) = e_1 + e_2$  and  $T(e_2) = 2e_1 - 2e_2$ . The four scalars  $a_{11} = 1, a_{21} = 1, a_{12} = 2, a_{22} = -2$  determine  $T$ .

**2.3. Definition:** Let  $a_{ij}, 1 \leq i \leq l$  and  $1 \leq j \leq k$  be  $l \cdot k$  scalars. The matrix whose entries are the scalars  $a_{ij}$  is the rectangular array of  $l$  rows and  $k$  columns:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1k} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2k} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{l1} & a_{l2} & a_{l3} & \dots & a_{lk} \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the scalar  $a_{ij}$  is the entry in the  $i$ th row and the  $j$ th column of the array. A matrix with  $l$  rows and  $k$  columns will be called an  $l \times k$  matrix.

**2.4. Remark:** If we begin with a linear transformation between finite-dimensional vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$ , the transformation is determined by the choice of bases in  $V$  and  $W$  and a set of  $l \cdot k$  scalars, where  $k = \dim(V)$  and  $l = \dim(W)$ .

**2.5. Definition:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation between the finite dimensional vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$ .

Let  $\alpha = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  and  $\beta = \{w_1, \dots, w_l\}$ , respectively, be any bases for  $V$  and  $W$ .

Let  $a_{ij}, 1 \leq i \leq l$  and  $1 \leq j \leq k$  be the  $l \cdot k$  scalars that determine  $T$  with respect to the bases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

The matrix whose entries are the scalars  $a_{ij}, 1 \leq i \leq l$  and  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , is called the **matrix of the linear transformation  $T$  with respect to the bases  $\alpha$  for  $V$  and  $\beta$  for  $W$** .

This matrix is denoted by  $[T]_{\alpha}^{\beta}$ .

**2.6. Example:** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, x \mapsto x$ . Let  $\alpha = \{e_1, e_2\}$  be a basis of  $V$ .

We computed  $[f]_{\alpha}^{\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

The matrices of (ex 2.2) is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$



**2.7. Remark:**

If  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be the identity transformation of a finite-dimensional vector space to itself,  $T = I$ . When with respect to any choice of basis  $\alpha$  for  $V$ , the matrix  $I$  is the  $k \times k$  matrix with 1 in each diagonal position and 0 in each off-diagonal position.

**2.8. Example:** The matrix of a rotation. [See example (1.13)]

In this example  $V = W = \mathbb{R}^2$ . and we take both bases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  to be the standard basis:  $e_1(1, 0), e_2(0, 1)$ . Let  $T = R_\theta$  be rotation through an angle  $\theta$  in the plane. Then for an arbitrary vector  $V = (v_1, v_2)$

$$R_\theta(v) = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \cos(\theta) - v_2 \sin(\theta) \\ v_1 \sin(\theta) + v_2 \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, the matrix of  $R_\theta$  is

$$[R_\theta]_\alpha^\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

**2.9. Definition:** Let  $A$  be an  $l \times k$  matrix, and let  $X$  be a column vector with  $k$  entries, then the **product of the vector  $x$  by the matrix  $A$**  is defined to be the column vector with  $l$  entries:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1k}x_k \\ \vdots \\ a_{l1}x_1 + a_{l2}x_2 + \dots + a_{lk}x_k \end{bmatrix}$$

and is denoted by  $Ax$ . If we write out the entire matrix  $A$  and the vector  $x$ , this becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1k} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{l1} & a_{l2} & a_{l3} & \dots & a_{lk} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_k \end{bmatrix}$$

**2.10. Remark:** The  $i$ th entry of the product  $Ax, a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{ik}x_k$ , can be thought of as the product of the  $i$ th row  $A$ , considered as a  $1 \times k$  matrix, with the column vector  $x$ , using this same definition.

**2.11. Remark:** The product of a  $1 \times k$  matrix, which we can think of as a row vector, and a column vector generalizes the notion of the dot product in the plane.

If  $x$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\langle x, y \rangle = x_1y_1 + x_2y_2$ .

If we write  $x$  as a matrix  $[x_1, x_2]$ , then  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \langle x, y \rangle$

**2.12. Remark:** If the number of columns of the matrix  $A$  is not equal to the number of entries in the column vector  $X$ , matrix multiplication  $Ax$  is not defined.

**2.13. Proposition:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation between vector spaces  $V$  of dimension  $k$  and  $W$  of dimension  $l$ . Let  $\alpha = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  be a basis for  $V$  and  $\beta = \{w_1, \dots, w_l\}$  be a basis for  $W$ . Then for each  $v \in V$

$$[T(v)]_\beta = [T]_\alpha^\beta [v]_\alpha$$

*Proof.* Let  $v = x_1v_1 + \dots + x_kv_k \in V$ . Then if  $T(v_j) = a_{1j}w_1 + \dots + a_{lj}w_l$

$$\begin{aligned} T(v) &= \sum_{j=1}^k x_j T(v_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^k x_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^l a_{ij} w_i \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^l \left( \sum_{j=1}^k x_j a_{ij} \right) w_i \end{aligned}$$

Thus, The  $i$ th coefficient of  $T(v)$  in terms of  $\beta$  is  $\sum_{j=1}^k x_j a_{ij}$

$$T(v)_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^k x_j a_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^k x_j a_{lj} \end{bmatrix}$$

which is precisely  $[T]_\alpha^\beta [v]_\alpha$

□

**2.14. Remark:** If  $v_j$  is the  $j$ th member of the basis  $\alpha$  of  $V$

$$f(v_j) = a_{1j}w_1 + \dots + a_{lj}w_l$$

Thus,

$$[T(v_j)]_\alpha^\beta = [T]_\alpha^\beta [v_j]_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1j} & \dots & a_{1k} \\ & & \dots & & \\ a_{l1} & \dots & a_{lj} & \dots & a_{lk} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (jth row)} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{lj} \end{bmatrix}$$

which is the  $j$ th column of the matrix  $[T]_\alpha^\beta$ .

**2.15. Proposition:** Let  $A$  be an  $l \times k$  matrix and  $u$  and  $v$  be column vectors with  $k$  entries. Then for every pair of real numbers  $a$  and  $b$

$$A(au + bv) = aAu + bAv$$

**2.16. Proposition:** Let  $\alpha = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  be a basis for  $V$  and  $\beta = \{w_1, \dots, w_l\}$  be a basis for  $W$ , and let  $v = x_1v_1 + \dots + x_kv_k \in V$ .

(i) If  $A$  is an  $l \times k$  matrix, then the function

$$T(v) = w$$

where  $[w]_\beta = A[v]_\alpha$  is a linear transformation.

(ii) If  $A = [S]_\alpha^\beta$  is the matrix of a transformation  $S : V \rightarrow W$ , then the transformation  $T$  constructed from  $[S]_\alpha^\beta$  is equal to  $S$ .

(iii) If  $T$  is the transformation of (i) constructed from  $A$ , then

$$[T]_\alpha^\beta = A$$

**2.17. Proposition:** Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite-dimensional vector spaces. Let  $\alpha$  be a basis for  $V$  and  $\beta$  a basis for  $W$ . Then the assignment of a matrix to a linear transformation from  $V$  to  $W$  given by  $T$  goes to  $[T]_\alpha^\beta$  is **injective and surjective**.

### Section 3. Kernel and Image

**3.1. Definition:** The **kernel** of  $T$ , denoted  $\text{Ker}(T)$ , is the subset of  $V$  consisting of all vectors  $v \in V$  such that  $T(v) = 0$

**3.2. Proposition:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation.  $\text{ker}(T)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is linear, for all  $u$  and  $v \in \text{ker}(T)$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 $T(u + av) = T(u) + aT(v) = 0 + a0 = 0$ .  
 Therefore,  $u + av \in \text{Ker}(T)$ . □

**3.3. Example:** Let  $R_\theta : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore,  $\text{Ker}(R_\theta) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

**3.4. Example:** Let  $f : P_2 \rightarrow P_2$ ,

$$p(x) \mapsto xp'(x)$$

Therefore,  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{p(x) \in P_2 : xp'(x) = 0\} = \{p(x) \in P_2 : p'(x) = 0\} = \{\text{constant polynomial}\}$ .

**3.5. Proposition:** For all  $x \in V$ , we have  $x \in \text{Ker}(f) \Leftrightarrow [f]_\alpha^\beta [x]_\alpha = 0$

**3.6. Proposition:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation of finite-dimensional vector spaces, and let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be bases for  $V$  and  $W$ , respectively.

Then  $x \in \text{Ker}(T)$  if and only if the coordinate vector of  $x$ ,  $[x]_\alpha$ , satisfies the system of equations

$$a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1k}x_k = 0$$

...

$$a_{l1}x_1 + \dots + a_{lk}x_k = 0$$

where the coefficients  $a_{ij}$  are the entries of the matrix  $[T]_\alpha^\beta$ .

**3.7. Proposition:** Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space, and let  $\alpha = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  be a basis for  $V$ . Then the vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in V$  are linearly independent if and only if their corresponding coordinate vectors  $[x_1]_\alpha, \dots, [x_m]_\alpha$  are linearly independent.

*Proof.* Assume  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  are linearly independent and

$$x_i = a_{1i}v_1 + \dots + a_{ki}v_k$$

If  $b_1, \dots, b_m$  is any  $m$ -tuple of scalars with

$$b_1[x_1]\alpha + \dots + b_m[x_m]\alpha = b_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ a_{k1} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + b_m \begin{bmatrix} a_{1m} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ a_{km} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

then equating each of the components to zero, we have  $\sum_{i=1}^m b_i a_{ji} = 0$ , for all  $j, 1 \leq j \leq k$ . Thus

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^m b_i a_{1i}\right)v_1 + \dots + \left(\sum_{i=1}^m b_i a_{ki}\right)v_k = 0$$

Rearranging the yields

$$b_1\left(\sum_{j=1}^k a_{j1}v_j\right) + \dots + b_m\left(\sum_{j=1}^k a_{jm}v_j\right) = 0$$

or

$$b_1x_1 + \dots + b_mx_m = 0$$

Therefore,  $b_1 = b_2 = \dots = b_m = 0$  and the  $m$  coordinate vectors are also linearly independent.  $\square$

### 3.8. Example:

Let  $V$  be a vector space of dimension 4, and let  $W$  be a vector space of dimension 3.

Let  $\alpha = \{v_1, \dots, v_4\}$  be a basis for  $V$ ,  $\beta = \{w_1, \dots, w_3\}$  be a basis for  $W$ .

Let  $T$  be the linear transformation such that

$$[T]_{\alpha}^{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let us find the dimension of  $\text{Ker}(T)$ .

We must solve the system

$$x_1 + 0 \cdot x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 + 0 \cdot x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 + 5x_4 = 0$$

The free variables are  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ . Yields two solutions  $(-1, 2, 1, 0)$  and  $(-2, 3, 0, 1)$ .

Therefore,  $\dim(\text{Ker}(T)) = 2$  and a basis for  $\text{Ker}(T)$  is  $\{-v_1 + 2v_2 + v_3, -2v_1 + 3v_2 + v_4\}$ .

**3.9. Definition:** The subset of  $W$  consisting of all vectors  $w \in W$  for which there exists a  $v \in V$  such that  $T(v) = w$  is called the **image** of  $T$  and is denoted by  $\text{Im}(T)$ .

**3.10. Proposition:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. The image of  $T$  is a subspace of  $W$ .

*Proof.* Let  $w_1$  and  $w_2 \in \text{Im}(T)$ , and let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Since  $w_1, w_2 \in \text{Im}(T)$ , there exist vectors  $v_1$  and  $v_2 \in V$  with  $T(v_1) = w_1$  and  $T(v_2) = w_2$ .

Then we have  $aw_1 + w_2 = aT(v_1) + T(v_2)$ , since  $T$  is linear.

Therefore,  $aw_1 + w_2 \in \text{Im}(T)$  and  $\text{Im}(T)$  is a subspace of  $W$ .  $\square$

**3.11. Example:** Let  $f : P_2 \rightarrow P_2$ ,

$$p(x) \mapsto xp'(x)$$

$$f(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = x \cdot (a_1 + 2a_2x) = a_1x + 2a_2x^2$$

Therefore,

$$\text{Im}(f) = \{a_1x + 2a_2x^2 : a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{b_1x + b_2x^2 : b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{P_2 \text{ whose constant term is } 0\}$$

**3.12. Proposition:** If  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  is any set that spans  $V$ , then  $\{T(v_1), \dots, T(v_m)\}$  spans  $\text{Im}(T)$ .

**3.13. Remark:**  $[f(v_k)]_\beta = k\text{th column of } [f]_\alpha^\beta$

**3.14. Corollary:** If  $\alpha = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is a basis for  $V$  and  $\beta = \{w_1, \dots, w_l\}$  is a basis for  $W$ . Then the vectors in  $W$  whose coordinate vectors (in terms of  $\beta$ ) are the columns of  $[T]_\alpha^\beta$  span  $\text{Im}(T)$ .

**3.15. Remark:**

Q: How to find a basis for  $\text{Im}(f)$ ?

A: Choose any maximal linearly independent subset of  $\{f(v_1), \dots, f(v_k)\}$ .

**3.16. Example:** Let  $f : P_2 \rightarrow P_2$ ,

$$p(x) \mapsto xp'(x)$$

Let  $\alpha = \beta = \{1, x, x^2\} \implies f(1) = 0, f(x) = x, f(x^2) = x^2$ .

$\{x, 2x^2\}$  is a maximal linearly independent subset of  $\{f(1), f(x), f(x^2)\}$ .

Hence  $\{x, 2x^2\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Im}(f)$

**3.17. Theorem (Rank-Nullity):** If  $V$  is a finite-dimensional vector space and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation, then

$$\dim(\text{Ker}(T)) + \dim(\text{Im}(T)) = \dim(V)$$

**3.18. Remark:** Another answer of (3.15):

Suppose  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is a basis of  $V$  such that  $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\} (r \leq k)$  is a basis for  $\text{Ker}(f)$ .

Then  $\{f(v_{r+1}), \dots, f(v_k)\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Im}(f)$ .

## Section 4. Applications of the Dimension Theorem

**4.1. Proposition:** A linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is **injective** if and only if

$$\dim(\text{Ker}(T)) = 0.$$

*Proof. Only if:* Assume that  $f$  is injective.

Since we know that  $T(0) = 0$  for all linear mappings.

Thus,  $\forall x \in V$ , if  $f(x) = 0 \implies x = 0$ .

Thus,  $\text{Ker} = \{0\} \implies \dim(\text{Ker}(T)) = 0$ .

**If:** Assume  $\text{Ker}(f) = 0$ .

If  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , then  $f(x_1 - x_2) = 0$ .

i.e  $x_1 - x_2 \in \text{Ker}(f) = \{0\}$  i.e  $x_1 - x_2 = 0$  i.e  $x_1 = x_2$ .

Therefore,  $f$  is injective.  $\square$

**4.2. Corollary:** A linear mapping  $T : V \rightarrow W$  on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$  is **injective** if and only if

$$\dim(\text{Im}(T)) = \dim(V).$$

**4.3. Corollary:** If  $V$  and  $W$  are finite dimensional, then a linear mapping  $T : V \rightarrow W$  can be **injective** only if

$$\dim(W) \geq \dim(V)$$

*Explanation.*  $\text{Im}(f)$  is a vector subspace of  $W \implies \dim(\text{Im}(f)) \leq \dim(W)$ .

If  $\dim(V) > \dim(W)$ , then

$$\dim(\text{Ker}(f)) + \dim(\text{Im}(f)) = \dim(V) > \dim(W) \geq \dim(\text{Im}(f))$$

Therefore,  $\dim(\text{Ker}(f)) > 0 \implies f$  is not injective.  $\square$

**4.4. Proposition:** If  $W$  is finite-dimensional, then a linear mapping  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is **surjective** if and only if

$$\dim(\text{Im}(T)) = \dim(W)$$

**4.5. Corollary:** A linear mapping  $T : V \rightarrow W$  can be **surjective** only if  $\dim(V) \geq \dim(W)$ .

*Explanation.* Since  $\dim(\text{Im}(T)) \leq \dim(V)$ .

If  $\dim(V) < \dim(W)$ , then  $\dim(\text{Im}(T)) < \dim(W)$ , and hence,  $T$  is not surjective.  $\square$

**4.6. Proposition:** Let  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ . A linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is injective if and only if it is surjective.

*Proof.*

$f$  is injective  $\Leftrightarrow \dim(\text{Ker}(f)) = 0$ .

$f$  is surjective  $\Leftrightarrow \dim(\text{Im}(f)) = \dim(W) = \dim(V)$ .

By rank-nullity theorem,  $\dim(\text{Ker}(f)) + \dim(\text{Im}(f)) = \dim(V)$ .

$\Rightarrow \dim(\text{Ker}(f)) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \dim(\text{Im}(f)) = \dim(V)$ . □

**4.7. Proposition:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation, and let  $w \in \text{Im}(T)$ . Let  $v_1$  be any fixed vector with  $T(v_1) = w$ . Then every vector  $v_2 \in T^{-1}(\{w\})$  can be written uniquely as  $v_2 = v_1 + u$ , where  $u \in \text{Ker}(T)$ .

*Proof.* If  $T(v_2) = w$ , we let  $u = v_2 - v_1$ .

Then,  $T(u) = T(v_1 - v_2) = 0$ .

We claim that this choice of  $u$  is unique.

Suppose that  $u'$  is another vector in  $\text{Ker}(T)$  with  $v_2 = v_1 + u'$ .

Then we have  $v_1 + u = v_1 + u'$  which implies that  $u = u'$ . □

**4.8. Remark:** If a different  $v_1$  were used, the corresponding  $u'$  would change too.

**4.9. Proposition:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Let  $y \in \text{Im}(T)$  and  $x \in T^{-1}(y)$ . Then  $x' \in T^{-1}(y)$  if and only if  $x - x' \in \text{Ker}(f)$ .

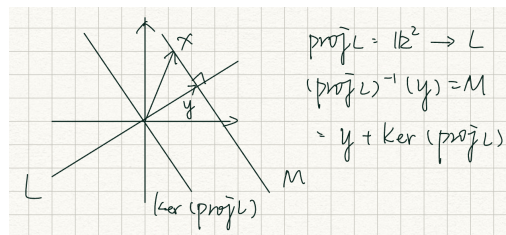
*Explanation.*

$x' \in T^{-1}(y) \Rightarrow f(x') = y \Rightarrow f(x') = f(x) \Rightarrow f(x' - x) = 0 \Rightarrow x' - x \in \text{Ker}(T)$  □

**4.10. Corollary:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation of finite-dimensional vector spaces. Let  $w \in W$ . Then there is a unique vector  $v \in V$  such that  $T(v) = w$  if and only if

- (i)  $w \in \text{Im}(T)$  and
- (ii)  $\dim(\text{Ker}(T)) = 0$

**4.11. Example:**





**4.12. Example:** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be linear transformation such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \mapsto x + 2y$$

By observation,  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in f^{-1}(2)$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in f^{-1}(2)$ .

$\text{Ker}(f) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x + 2y = 0 \right\}$ . Therefore,  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Ker}(f)$ .

**4.13. Proposition:**

- (i) The set of solutions of the system of linear equations  $Ax = b$  is the subset  $T^{-1}(\{b\})$  of  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (ii) The set of solutions of the system of linear equations  $Ax = b$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if the system is homogeneous, in which case the set of solutions is  $\text{Ker}(T)$ .

**4.14. Corollary:**

- (i) The number of free variables in the homogeneous system  $Ax = 0$  is equal to  $\dim(\text{Ker}(T))$ .
- (ii) The number of basic variables of the system is equal to  $\dim(\text{Im}(T))$

**4.15. Remark:** Take a  $k \times l$  matrix  $A$ .

Get a linear transformation  $f : \mathbb{R}^l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k, x \mapsto Ax$ .

Take  $b \in \text{Im}(f) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$ .

Then  $f^{-1}(b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^k : f(x) = b\} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^k : Ax = b\}$

**4.16. Definition:** Given an inhomogeneous system of equations.  $Ax = b$ , any single vector  $x$  satisfying the system (necessarily  $x \neq 0$ ) is called a **particular solution** of the system of equations.

In other words, a particular solution to  $Ax = b$  is a vector  $x_p \in \mathbb{R}^l$  s.t  $Ax_p = b$

**4.17. Proposition:** Let  $x_p$  be a particular solution of the system  $Ax = b$ .

Then every solution to  $Ax = b$  is of the form  $x = x_p + x_h$ , where  $x_h \in \mathbb{R}^l$  satisfies  $A(x_h) = 0$ . Furthermore, given  $x_p$  and  $x$ , there is a unique  $x_h$  such that  $x = x_p + x_h$ .

*Explanation.*

$$\begin{array}{c}
 f: V \rightarrow W \\
 \downarrow \text{Im } f \\
 x \mapsto y \\
 f^{-1}(y) = x + \text{Ker } f
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 f: \mathbb{R}^l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k, x \mapsto Ax \\
 \downarrow \text{Im } f \\
 x_p \mapsto b \\
 f^{-1}(y) = x_p + \text{Ker } f \\
 = x_p + \{x_h \in \mathbb{R}^l, Ax_h = 0\} \\
 \{ \text{All soln to } Ax=b \}
 \end{array}$$

**4.18. Corollary:** The system  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution if and only if  $b \in \text{Im}(T)$  and the  $\text{Ker}(f) = 0$ .

**4.19. Note:** Let  $S$  and  $T : U \rightarrow V$  be linear transformations.

- (i) If  $S$  and  $T$  are injective (surjective), then  $S + T$  is **not** necessarily injective (surjective)
- (ii) If  $S$  is injective (surjective) and  $a \neq 0$ , then  $aS$  must be injective (surjective).

## Section 5. Composition of Linear Transformation

**5.1. Proposition:** Let  $S : U \rightarrow V$  and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be linear transformations, then  $TS$  is a linear transformation.

*Proof.* Let  $a$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $u_1$  and  $u_2 \in U$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 TS(au_1 + bu_2) &= T(S(au_1 + bu_2)), \text{ by the definition of } TS \\
 &= T(aS(u_1) + bS(u_2)), \text{ by the linearity of } S \\
 &= aT(S(u_1)) + bT(S(u_2)), \text{ by the linearity of } T \\
 &= aTS(u_1) + bTS(u_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**5.2. Proposition:**

- (i) **Associativity:** Let  $R : U \rightarrow V$ ,  $S : V \rightarrow W$  and  $T : W \rightarrow X$  be linear transformation of the vector spaces  $U, V, W$  and  $X$  as indicated. Then

$$T(SR) = (TS)R$$

- (ii) **Distributivity:** Let  $R : U \rightarrow V$ ,  $S : U \rightarrow V$  and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be linear transformation of the vector spaces  $U, V$  and  $W$  as indicated. Then

$$T(R + S) = TR + TS$$

(iii) **Distributivity:** Let  $R : U \rightarrow V$ ,  $S : V \rightarrow W$  and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be linear transformation of the vector spaces  $U, V$  and  $W$  as indicated. Then

$$(T + S)R = TR + SR$$

**5.3. Proposition:** Let  $S : U \rightarrow V$  and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be linear transformations. Then

- (i)  $\text{Ker}(S) \subseteq \text{Ker}(TS)$
- (ii)  $\text{Im}(TS) \subseteq \text{Im}(T)$

**5.4. Remark:** These could be strict inclusions.

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $S : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{0\}$  be linear transformations, such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto x \mapsto 0$$

$$\text{Ker}(TS) = \mathbb{R}^2 \supset \text{Ker}(T) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix} : y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

**5.5. Corollary:** Let  $S : U \rightarrow V$  and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be linear transformations of finite-dimensional vector spaces. Then

- (i)  $\dim(\text{Ker}(S)) \leq \dim(\text{Ker}(TS))$
- (ii)  $\dim(\text{Im}(TS)) \leq \dim(\text{Im}(T))$

**5.6. Proposition:** If  $[S]_{\alpha}^{\beta}$  has entries  $a_{ij}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $j = 1, \dots, m$  and  $[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$  has entries  $b_{kl}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, p$  and  $l = 1, \dots, n$ , then the entries of  $[TS]_{\alpha}^{\gamma}$  are  $\sum_{l=1}^n b_{kl}a_{lj}$

**5.7. Definition:** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times m$  matrix and  $B$  a  $p \times n$  matrix, then the matrix product  $BA$  is defines to be the  $p \times m$  matrix whose entries are  $\sum_{l=1}^n b_{kl}a_{lj}$  for  $k = 1, \dots, p$  and  $j = 1, \dots, m$ .

**5.8. Proposition:** Let  $S : U \rightarrow V$  and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be linear transformations between finite-dimensional vector spaces. Let  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  be bases for  $U, V$ , and  $W$ , respectively. Then

$$[TS]_{\alpha}^{\gamma} = [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}[S]_{\alpha}^{\beta}$$

*Explanation.*

$r$ th column of  $[TS]_{\alpha}^{\gamma}$

$$\begin{aligned} TS(u_r) &= T(S(u_r)) = T(b_{1r}v_1 + \dots + b_{nr}v_n) \\ &= b_{1r}T(v_1) + \dots + b_{nr}T(v_n) \\ &= b_{1r}(a_{11}w_1 + \dots + a_{p1}w_p) + \dots + b_{nr}(a_{1n}w_1 + \dots + a_{pn}w_p) \\ &= (b_{1r}a_{11} + b_{2r}a_{12} + \dots + b_{nr}a_{1n})w_1 + \dots + (b_{1r}a_{p1} + b_{2r}a_{p2} + \dots + b_{nr}a_{pn})w_p \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $r$ th column of  $[TS]_{\alpha}^{\gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{1r}a_{11} + b_{2r}a_{12}\dots + b_{nr}a_{1n} \\ \dots \\ b_{1r}a_{p1} + b_{2r}a_{p2}\dots + b_{nr}a_{pn} \end{bmatrix}$

### 5.9. Proposition:

(i) **Associativity:** Let  $A, B$ , and  $C$  be  $m \times n$ ,  $n \times p$  and  $p \times r$  matrices. Then

$$(AB)C = A(BC)$$

(ii) **Distributivity:** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  and  $C$   $n \times p$  matrices. Then

$$A(B + C) = AB + AC$$

(iii) **Distributivity:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $C$   $n \times p$  matrices. Then

$$(A + B)C = AC + BC$$

**5.10. Remark:** Let  $A$  be a  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  be an  $n \times p$ .

But in general,  $BA$  does not make sense.

$BA$  only makes sense when  $m = p$ . But even in this case,  $BA \neq AB$ .

**5.11. Example:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = BA$$

## Section 6. The Inverse of a Linear Transformation

**6.1. Definition:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation that has an inverse transformation  $S : W \rightarrow V$ , we say that  $T$  is **invertible**, and we denote the inverse of  $T$  by  $T^{-1}$ .

**6.2. Proposition:** If  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is injective and surjective, then the inverse function  $S : W \rightarrow V$  is a linear transformation.

**6.3. Proposition:** A linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$  has an inverse linear transformation  $S$  if and only if  $T$  is injective and surjective.

**6.4. Definition:** If  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is an invertible linear transformation,  $T$  is called an **isomorphism**, and we say  $V$  and  $W$  are **isomorphic vector spaces**.

**6.5. Example:**

(a)  $Id_V : V \rightarrow V$

(b)  $R_\theta : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

(c)  $f : Mat_{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4, \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$

(d)  $f : P_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$

(e) **Nonex:**  $f : P_2 \rightarrow P_1, p \mapsto p'$  (since  $f$  is not surjective)

**6.6. Proposition:** Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite-dimensional vector spaces, then there is an isomorphism  $T : V \rightarrow W$  if and only if  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ .

**6.7. Remark (Setting):**

$V, W$  are finite dimensional vector spaces.

$\alpha : \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  basis for  $V$

$\beta : \{w_1, \dots, w_l\}$  basis for  $W$ .

$f : V \rightarrow W$  invertible linear transformation

**6.8. Remark:**  $f^{-1} : W \rightarrow V, f : V \rightarrow W$ .

$$[f \circ f^{-1}]_\beta^\beta = [f]_\alpha^\beta [f^{-1}]_\beta^\alpha.$$

$$\text{Observation: } [f \circ f^{-1}]_\beta^\beta = [I_w]_\beta^\beta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [f]_\alpha^\beta [f^{-1}]_\beta^\alpha.$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [f^{-1}]_\beta^\alpha [f]_\alpha^\beta.$$

**6.9. Definition:** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is called **invertible** if there exists an  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  so that  $AB = BA = I$ .  $B$  is called the **inverse** of  $A$  and is denoted by  $A^{-1}$ .

**6.10. Remark:** The inverse matrix may not exist. ex:  $A = (0)$ .

The inverse matrix, if exists, is **unique**.

Suppose  $B$  and  $C$  are inverse of  $A$ .

$$\text{Then } B = BI = B(AC) = (BA)C = IC = C$$

**6.11. Proposition:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be an isomorphism of finite-dimensional vector spaces. Then for any choice of bases  $\alpha$  for  $V$  and  $\beta$  for  $W$

$$[T^{-1}]_{\beta}^{\alpha} = ([T]_{\alpha}^{\beta})^{-1}$$

**6.12. Remark:**

Q: How to compute  $S^{-1}$ ?

Consider  $Ax = b$

Suppose  $A$  has an inverse. Then  $A^{-1}(Ax) = A^{-1}b$ .

i.e.  $(AA^{-1})x = A^{-1}b$  i.e.  $Ix = A^{-1}b \implies x = A^{-1}b$

## Section 7. Change of Basis

**7.1. Remark:**  $I : V \rightarrow V$  is an identity transformation from  $V$  to itself.

**7.2. Proposition:** Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space, and let  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  be bases for  $V$ . Let  $v \in V$ . Then the coordinate vector  $[v]_{\alpha'}$  if  $v$  in the basis  $\alpha'$  is related to the coordinate vector  $[v]_{\alpha}$  of  $v$  in the basis  $\alpha$  by

$$[I]_{\alpha}^{\alpha'} [v]_{\alpha} = [v]_{\alpha'}$$

**7.3. Definition:** Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space, and let  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  be bases for  $V$ . The matrix  $[I_V]_{\alpha}^{\alpha'}$  is called the **change of basis matrix** from  $\alpha$  to  $\alpha'$ .

**7.4. Remark:** If  $\dim(V) = n$ , then  $[I_V]_{\alpha}^{\alpha'}$  is of size  $n \times n$ .

**7.5. Remark:**  $I$  is an invertible linear mapping, and  $I^{-1} = I$ , so that  $[I^{-1}]_{\alpha}^{\alpha'} = [I]_{\alpha}^{\alpha'}$ . Hence,  $([I]_{\alpha'}^{\alpha})^{-1} = [I]_{\alpha}^{\alpha'}$

**7.6. Theorem:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation between finite-dimensional vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$ . Let  $I_V : V \rightarrow V$  and  $I_W : W \rightarrow W$  be the respective identity transformation of  $V$  and  $W$ . Let  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  be two bases for  $V$ , and let  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  be two bases for  $W$ . Then

$$[T]_{\alpha'}^{\beta'} = [I_W]_{\beta}^{\beta'} \cdot [T]_{\alpha}^{\beta} \cdot [I_V]_{\alpha'}^{\alpha}$$

**7.7. Remark (Specialize):**  $W = V, \beta = \alpha, \beta' = \alpha'$

$$[T]_{\alpha'}^{\alpha'} = ([I_V]_{\alpha'}^{\alpha})^{-1} \cdot [T]_{\alpha}^{\alpha} \cdot [I_V]_{\alpha'}^{\alpha}$$

**7.8. Definition:** Let  $A, B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices,  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be **similar** if there is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix  $Q$  such that

$$B = Q^{-1}AQ$$

## Chapter 3

# The Determinant Function

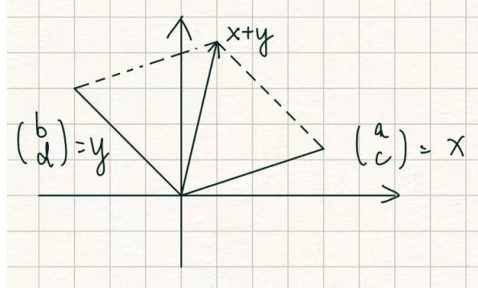
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## Section 1. The Determinant as Area

**1.1. Remark:** Let  $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation. Let  $\alpha = \{v_1, v_2\}$  be a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$[f]_{\alpha}^{\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$



Q: What is the area of this parallelogram?

A:  $\text{Area} = \|x\| \|y\| \sin \theta$ .

**Recall:**  $\langle x, y \rangle = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta$ ,  $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \|x\| \|y\| \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta} \text{ positive, since } \theta \in [0, \pi] \\ &= \sqrt{\|x\|^2 \|y\|^2 - \|x\|^2 \|y\|^2 \cos^2 \theta} \\ &= \sqrt{\|x\|^2 \|y\|^2 - \langle x, y \rangle^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(a^2 + c^2)(b^2 + d^2) - (ab + cd)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(ad - bc)^2} \\ &= \pm(ad - bc) \end{aligned}$$

**1.2. Proposition:** The area of the parallelogram generated by  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix}$  and 0 is  $\pm(ad - bc)$ .

The area is zero if and only if the  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix}$  are linear dependent if and only if  $ad - bc = 0$ .

**1.3. Corollary:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ .  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is an isomorphism if and only if the area of the parallelogram constructed previously is nonzero if and only if  $ad - bc \neq 0$ .

**1.4. Proposition:** The function  $\text{Area}(a_1, a_2)$  has the following properties for  $a_1, a_2, a'_1, a'_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

- (i)  $\text{Area}(ba_1 + ca'_1, a_2) = b \text{Area}(a_1, a_2) + c \text{Area}(a'_1, a_2)$  for  $b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (ii)  $\text{Area}(a_1, a_2) = -\text{Area}(a_2, a_1)$
- (iii)  $\text{Area}((1, 0), (0, 1)) = 1$

**1.5. Remark:**

If we fix the second argument in Area then we get a linear transformation  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Similarly for the other argument.

A function  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is linear in both arguments is called **multilinear**.

A function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x, y) = -f(y, x)$  for all  $a, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is called **alternating**.

**1.6. Proposition:** Let  $B : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a multilinear and alternating function such that  $B((1, 0), (0, 1)) = 1$ . Then  $B$  is equal to the area function.

**1.7. Definition:** The **determinant** of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$ , denoted by  $\det(A)$  or  $\det(a_1, a_2)$ , is the unique function of the rows of  $A$  satisfying

$$(i) \det(ba_1 + ca'_1, a_2) = b \det(a_1, a_2) + c \det(a'_1, a_2) \text{ for } b, c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$(ii) \det(a_1, a_2) = -\det(a_2, a_1)$$

$$(iii) \det(e_1, e_2) = 1$$

When  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\det(A) = ad - bc$

**1.8. Proposition:**

(i) A  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .

(ii) If  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is a linear transformation of a two-dimensional vector space  $V$ , then  $T$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $\det[T]_\alpha^\alpha \neq 0$ .

**Section 2. The Determinant of An  $n \times n$  Matrix**

**2.1. Definition:** A function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of the rows of a matrix  $A$  is called **multilinear** if  $f$  is a linear function of each of its rows when the remaining rows are held fixed. That is,  $f$  is multilinear if for all  $b$  and  $b' \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f(a_1, \dots, ba_i + b'a'_i, \dots, a_n) = bf(a_1, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_n) + b'f(a_1, \dots, a'_i, \dots, a_n).$$

**2.2. Definition:** A function  $f$  of the rows of a matrix  $A$  is said to be **alternating** if whenever any two rows of  $A$  are interchanged  $f$  changes sign, That is, for all  $i \neq j, 1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , we have

$$f(a_1, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_j, \dots, a_n) = -f(a_1, \dots, a_j, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_n).$$

**2.3. Lemma:** If  $f$  is an alternating real-valued function of the rows of an  $n \times n$  matrix and two rows of the matrix  $A$  are identical, then  $f(A) = 0$

*Proof.* Assume  $a_i = a_j$ .

Then  $f(A) = f(a_1, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_j, \dots, a_n) = -f(a_1, \dots, a_j, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_n) = -f(A)$ .

Therefore,  $f(A) = 0$ . □

**2.4. Example:**  $n = 2$ . Take  $f = \det$ .

$$\det\begin{pmatrix} a & a \\ c & c \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

**2.5. Definition:** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with entries  $a_{ij}$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ . The  $ij$ th **minor** of  $A$  is defined to be the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix obtained by deleting the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column of  $A$ . The  $ij$ th minor is denoted by  $A_{ij}$ . Thus

$$A_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1,j-1} & a_{1,j+1} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & & & \vdots \\ a_{i-1,1} & \dots & a_{i-1,j-1} & a_{i-1,j+1} & \dots & a_{i-1,n} \\ a_{i+1,1} & \dots & a_{i+1,j-1} & a_{i+1,j+1} & \dots & a_{i+1,n} \\ \vdots & & & & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{n,j-1} & a_{n,j+1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

**2.6. Example:**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$A_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{bmatrix}, A_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{bmatrix}, A_{13} = \begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{bmatrix}$$

**2.7. Proposition:** Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, and let  $f$  be an alternating multilinear function. Then

$$f(A) = [a \det(A_{11}) - b \det(A_{12}) + c \det(A_{13})]f(I)$$

*Proof.* Expanding the first row of  $A$  in terms of the standard basis in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and using the multilinearity of  $f$ , we see that

$$f(A) = af(e_1, a_2, a_3) + bf(e_2, a_2, a_3) + cf(e_3, a_2, a_3)$$

Expanding  $a_2$  in the same way, we obtain

$$f(e_1, a_2, a_3) = df(e_1, e_1, a_3) + ef(e_1, e_2, a_3) + ff(e_1, e_3, a_3) = eef(e_1, e_2, a_3) + ff(e_1, e_3, a_3)$$

applying Lemma 2.3. Finally, expanding the third row yields

$$eif(e_1, e_2, e_3) + fhf(e_1, e_3, e_2)$$

The other terms are zero by Lemma 2.3. Since  $f$  is alternating, we have  $f(e_1, e_3, e_2) = -f(e_1, e_2, e_3)$ , so the preceding expression equals to

$$\det(A_{11})f(I).$$

Other two are similarly. □

**2.8. Corollary:** *There exists exactly one multilinear alternating function  $f$  of the rows of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that  $f(I) = 1$ .*

**2.9. Definition:** The determinant function of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix is the unique alternating multilinear function  $f$  with  $f(I) = 1$ . This function will be denoted by  $\det(A)$ .

$$\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} \det(A_{ij})$$

for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

**2.10. Example:**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$a \det(A_{11}) - b \det(A_{12}) = a \det[d] - b \det[c] = ad - bc = \det(A)$$

$$-c \det(A_{21}) + d \det(A_{22}) = -c \det[b] + d \det[a] = -cb + ad = \det(A)$$

**2.11. Remark:**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det A = aei + bfg + cdh - ceg - bdi - afh$$



**2.12. Remark:**

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\begin{pmatrix} a \\ d \\ g \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a' \\ d' \\ g' \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} b \\ e \\ h \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} c \\ f \\ i \end{pmatrix}\right) \\ &= (a + a') \det \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{bmatrix} - b \det\left(\begin{pmatrix} d \\ g \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} d' \\ g' \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} f \\ i \end{pmatrix}\right) + c \det\left(\begin{pmatrix} d \\ g \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} d' \\ g' \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} e \\ h \end{pmatrix}\right) \\ &= a \det \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{bmatrix} + a' \det \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{bmatrix} - b \begin{bmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{bmatrix} - b \begin{bmatrix} d' & f \\ g' & i \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} d' & e \\ g' & h \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= a \det \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{bmatrix} b \begin{bmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{bmatrix} c \begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} + a' \det \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{bmatrix} - b \begin{bmatrix} d' & f \\ g' & i \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} d' & e \\ g' & h \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} + \det \begin{bmatrix} a' & b & c \\ d' & e & f \\ g' & h & i \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

**2.13. Remark:**

$$\begin{aligned}
f\left(\begin{pmatrix} b \\ e \\ h \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a \\ d \\ g \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} c \\ f \\ i \end{pmatrix}\right) &= b \begin{bmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{bmatrix} - a \det \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} \\
&= b \det(A_{12}) - a \det(A_{11}) + c(-\det(A_{13})) \\
&= -(a \det(A_{11}) - b \det(A_{12}) + c \det(A_{13})) \\
&= -f(A)
\end{aligned}$$

**2.14. Proposition:** Let  $g : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a multilinear alternating function. Then

$$g(x_1, x_2, x_3) = f(x_1, x_2, x_3) g\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

**2.15. Remark:** There exists a unique multilinear alternating function  $g$  such that

$$g\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = 1 \text{ and } g = f \text{ (Cor2.8)}$$

**2.16. Proposition:**  $\det(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \det(a_1, \dots, a_i + ba_j, \dots, a_n)$  where  $a_i + ba_j$  is on the  $i$ th position.

**2.17. Proposition:** If an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is not invertible, then  $\det(A) = 0$ .

**2.18. Lemma:** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix, then  $\det(A) = a_{11}a_{22}\dots a_{nn}$ .

**2.19. Proposition:** If  $A$  is invertible, then  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .

**2.20. Theorem:** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix.  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .

## Section 3. Further Properties of The Determinant

**3.1. Definition:** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. The  $n \times n$  matrix  $A'$  whose  $(i, j)$ -entry is  $(-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ji})$  is called the  **$j$ th cofactor** of  $A$ .

**3.2. Proposition:**  $AA' = A'A = \det(A)I$

*Proof.* The  $(i, j)$ th entry of  $AA'$   
 $= \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \cdot (k, j)\text{th entry of } A'$   
 $= \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \cdot (-1)^{k+j} \cdot \det(A_{jk})$   
 $= \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+j} \cdot a_{ik} \cdot \det(A_{jk})$   
 $= \det(A)I$  □

**3.3. Corollary:** If  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $A^{-1}$  is the matrix whose  $ij$ th entry is  $(-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ji}) / \det(A)$

**3.4. Proposition:** For any fixed  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$

$$\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} \det(A_{ij})$$

**3.5. Proposition:** If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices, then

- (a)  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$
- (b) If  $A$  is invertible, then  $\det(A^{-1}) = (\det(A))^{-1}$

**3.6. Corollary:** If  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is a linear transformation,  $\dim(V) = n$ , then

$$\det([T]_{\alpha}^{\alpha}) = \det([T]_{\beta}^{\beta})$$

for all choices of bases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for  $V$ .

**3.7. Definition:** The **determinant** of a linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow V$  of a finite-dimensional vector space is the determinant of  $\det([T]_{\alpha}^{\alpha})$  for any choice of  $\alpha$ . We denote this by  $\det(T)$

**3.8. Proposition:** Let  $S : V \rightarrow V$  and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be linear transformations of a finite-dimensional vector space, then

- (a)  $\det(ST) = \det(S) \det(T)$  and
- (b) if  $T$  is isomorphism,  $\det(T^{-1}) = (\det(T))^{-1}$

**3.9. Proposition:** *The linear transformation  $f$  is invertible if and only if  $\det(f) \neq 0$ .*

**3.10. Proposition (Cramer's rule):** *Let  $A$  be an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix. The solution  $x$  to the system of equations  $Ax = b$  is the vector whose  $j$ th entry is the quotient*

$$\det(B_j) / \det(A)$$

*where  $B_j$  is the matrix obtained from  $A$  by replacing the  $j$ th column of  $A$  by the vector  $b$ .*

*Explanation.*

Since  $A$  is invertible, we have  $A^{-1}(Ax) = A^{-1}b$  i.e.,  $x = A^{-1}b = \frac{1}{\det A} \cdot A' \cdot b$ .

$j$ th entry of  $A'b = \sum_{k=1}^n (k, j)$ th entry of  $A' \cdot b_k = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{j+k} \det(A_{jk}) b_k$ .

Consider  $B_j := \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & b_1 & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & b_n & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$  where  $\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$  is the  $j$ th column.

Expand  $\det(B_j)$  along the  $j$ th column:

$\det(B_j) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+j} \cdot (k, j)$ th entry of  $B_j \cdot \det((k, j)$ th minor of  $B_j) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{j+k} \cdot b_k \det(A_{jk})$ .

Therefore, the  $j$ th entry of  $A'b$  is  $\det(B_j)$ .

Hence,  $x_j = j$ th entry of  $(\frac{1}{\det(A)} A'b) = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \cdot j$ th entry of  $(A'b) = \frac{\det(B_j)}{\det(A)}$

**3.11. Example:** Solve  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$\det(A) = 7, \det(B_1) = -1, \det(B_2) = 2$ .

Hence,  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{7} \\ \frac{2}{7} \end{pmatrix}$

## Chapter 4

# Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors, Diagonalization, and the Spectral Theorem in $\mathbb{R}^n$

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## Section 1. Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

**1.1. Definition:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping.

- (a) A vector  $x \in V$  is called an **eigenvector** of  $T$  if  $x \neq 0$  and there exists a scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $T(x) = \lambda x$ .
- (b) If  $x$  is an eigenvector of  $T$  and  $T(x) = \lambda x$ , the scalar  $\lambda$  is called the **eigenvalue** of  $T$  corresponding to  $x$ .

**1.2. Example:**  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $L$  : 1-dimensional subspace  $Proj_L : V \rightarrow V$ .

If  $0 \neq x \in L$ , then  $Proj_L(x) = x = 1 \cdot x$ .

If  $0 \neq x$  and  $x$  is perpendicular to  $L$ ,  $Proj_L(x) = \vec{0} = 0 \cdot x$ .

**1.3. Proposition:** A vector  $x$  is an eigenvector of  $T$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  if and only if

$$x \neq 0 \text{ and } x \in \text{Ker}(T - \lambda I).$$

**1.4. Definition:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping, and let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . The  $\lambda$ -**eigenspace** of  $T$ , denoted  $E_\lambda$ , is the set

$$E_\lambda = \{x \in V \mid T(x) = \lambda x\}$$

If  $\lambda$  is not an eigenvalue of  $T$ , then  $E_\lambda = \{0\}$ .

**1.5. Proposition:**  $E_\lambda$  is a subspace of  $V$  for all  $\lambda$ .

**1.6. Example:**  $Proj_L : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$E_1 = \text{Ker}(Proj_L - 1 \cdot I_{\mathbb{R}^2}) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : Proj_L(x) = x\} = L$$

$$E_0 = \text{Ker}(Proj_L - 0 \cdot I_{\mathbb{R}^2}) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : Proj_L(x) = 0\} = L^\perp$$

If  $\lambda \neq 0, 1$ ,  $E_\lambda = \{0\}$ .

**1.7. Proposition:**

Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ .

*Explanation.*  $\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow A - \lambda I_n$  is not invertible

$\Leftrightarrow \text{Ker}(A - \lambda I_n) \neq \{0\}$

$\Leftrightarrow E_\lambda \neq \{0\}$

$\Leftrightarrow \lambda$  is an eigenvalue

□

**1.8. Example:**  $\text{Proj}_L : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \det(A - \lambda I_2) = \det\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}\right) = \det\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}\right) \\ &= (1-\lambda)(-\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda-1) \\ &\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

**1.9. Definition:** Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ . The polynomial  $\det(A - \lambda I)$  is called the **characteristic polynomial** of  $A$ .

**1.10. Example:**  $n = 1, A = (a)$

$$\begin{aligned} P_A(\lambda) &= \det((a) - \lambda(1)) = a - \lambda \\ &\Rightarrow \text{degree 1 polynomial in } \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

$$n = 2, A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_A(\lambda) &= \det\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}\right) = (a-\lambda)(d-\lambda) - bc = \lambda^2 - (a+d)\lambda + (ad-bc) \\ &\Rightarrow \text{degree 2 polynomial in } \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

**1.11. Proposition:** *Similar matrices have equal characteristic polynomials.*

**1.12. Remark:** Let  $f : V \rightarrow V$  be linear transformation and  $\alpha, \beta$  be bases for  $V$ .

Since  $[f]_\alpha^\alpha$  and  $[f]_\beta^\beta$  are similar.

Thus,  $P_{[f]_\alpha^\alpha}(\lambda) = P_{[f]_\beta^\beta}(\lambda)$  which is the characteristic polynomial of  $f$ .

**1.13. Remark:** The coefficient of  $\lambda$  is called the **trace** of the matrix  $A$ , and denoted by  $\text{Tr}(A)$ .

In general, the trace is defined to be the sum of the diagonal entries.

For any  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the characteristic polynomial has the form

$$(-1)^n \lambda^n + (-1)^{n-1} \text{Tr}(A) \lambda^{n-1} + c_{n-2} \lambda^{n-2} + \dots + c_1 \lambda + \det(A)$$

**1.14. Corollary:** *Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $A$  has no more than  $n$  distinct eigenvalues. In addition, if  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  are the distinct eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $\lambda_i$  is an  $m_i$ -fold root of the characteristic polynomial, then  $m_1 + \dots + m_k \leq n$ .*

**1.15. Theorem:** Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ , and let  $p(t) = \det(A - tI)$  be its characteristic polynomial. Then  $p(A) = 0$  (the  $n \times n$  zero matrix)

## Section 2. Diagonalizability

**2.1. Definition:** Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space, and let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping.  $T$  is said to be **diagonalizable** if there exists a basis of  $V$ , all of whose vectors are eigenvectors of  $T$ .

**2.2. Proposition:**  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is diagonalizable if and only if, for any basis  $\alpha$  of  $V$ , the matrix  $[T]_\alpha^\alpha$  is similar to a diagonal matrix.

*Proof.* Let  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear transformation.

$$\text{Then } [A]_\alpha^\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \beta = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\} \rightarrow A = [A]_\beta^\beta = [I]_\alpha^\beta [A]_\alpha^\alpha [I]_\beta^\alpha$$

$\rightsquigarrow A$  is similar to  $[A]_\alpha^\alpha$  □

**2.3. Example:** Let the mapping of  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is  $(2 - \lambda)^2(1 - \lambda) \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 2$ .

By calculating,  $E_1 = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$ ,  $E_2 = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$ .

If we form the change of basis matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

then it is easy to see that  $Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , which diagonalizes  $A$ .

**2.4. Example:** Let the mapping of  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is  $\lambda^2 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$ .

By calculating,  $E_0 = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$

$\rightsquigarrow \dim(E_0) = 1 < 2 = \dim(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightsquigarrow A$  is not diagonalizable

**2.5. Proposition:** Let  $x_i (1 \leq i \leq k)$  be eigenvectors of a linear mapping  $T : V \rightarrow V$  corresponding to distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$ . Then  $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$  is a linearly independent subset of  $V$ .

**2.6. Corollary:** For each  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ), let  $\{x_{i.1}, \dots, x_{i.n_i}\}$  be a linearly independent set of eigenvectors of  $T$  all with eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$  and suppose the  $\lambda_i$  are distinct. Then  $S = \{x_{1.1}, \dots, x_{1.n_1}\} \cup \dots \cup \{x_{k.1}, \dots, x_{k.n_k}\}$  is linearly independent.

**2.7. Corollary:** Let  $n$  be the dimension of  $V$ . Suppose that the linear transformation  $f : V \rightarrow V$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, then  $f$  is diagonalizable.

**2.8. Proposition:** Let  $\lambda$  be a root of the characteristic polynomial of  $f$  with multiplicity  $m$ , then

$$1 \leq \dim(E_\lambda) \leq m$$

**2.9. Theorem:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ , and let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  be its distinct eigenvalues. Let  $m_i$  be the multiplicity of  $\lambda_i$  as a root of the characteristic polynomial of  $T$ . Then  $T$  is diagonalizable if and only if

- (i)  $m_1 + \dots + m_k = n = \dim(V)$ , and
- (ii) for each  $i$ ,  $\dim(E_{\lambda_i}) = m_i$

**2.10. Corollary:** A linear mapping  $T : V \rightarrow V$  on a finite-dimensional space  $V$  is diagonalizable if and only if the sum of the multiplicities of the real eigenvalues is  $n = \dim(V)$  and either

- (i) We have  $\sum_{i=1}^k \dim(E_{\lambda_i}) = n$ , or
- (ii) We have  $\sum_{i=1}^k (n - \dim(\text{Im}(T - \lambda_i I))) = n$ ,

where the  $\lambda_i$  are the distinct eigenvalues of  $T$ .

### Section 3. Geometry In $\mathbb{R}^n$

**3.1. Definition:** The **standard inner product** (or dot product) on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the function  $\langle -, - \rangle : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by the following rule:

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n$$

if  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  in standard coordinates.

#### 3.2. Proposition:

- (a)  $\forall c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}, x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \langle c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2, y \rangle = c_1 \langle x_1, y \rangle + c_2 \langle x_2, y \rangle$
- (b)  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$
- (c)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$  and  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ .

**3.3. Definition:** Let  $V$  be a vector space. An **inner product** on  $V$  is a function  $\langle -, - \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which satisfies the properties above.

**3.4. Definition:**

- (a) The **length** (or **norm**) of  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the scalar

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$$

- (b)  $x$  is called a **unit vector** if  $\|x\| = 1$

**3.5. Remark:** If  $x \neq \vec{0}$ , then  $\frac{x}{\|x\|}$  will be a unit vector

**3.6. Proposition:**

- (a) **The triangle inequality:**  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$ .  
(b) **The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:**  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, |\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|$

**3.7. Definition:** The **angle**,  $\theta$ , between two nonzero vectors  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined to be

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \cdot \|y\|}\right)$$

**3.8. Definition:** Two vectors  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are said to be **orthogonal** (or perpendicular) if

$$\langle x, y \rangle = 0$$

**3.9. Definition:**

- (a) A set of vectors  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be **orthogonal** if for every pair of vectors  $x, y \in S$  with  $x \neq y$ , we have  $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ .  
(b) A set of vectors  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be **orthonormal** if  $S$  is orthogonal and, in addition, every vector in  $S$  is a unit vector.

**3.10. Proposition:** If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal, nonzero vectors, then  $\{x, y\}$  is linearly independent.

*Proof.* Suppose  $ax + by = 0$  for some scalars  $a, b$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle ax + by, x \rangle &= a\langle x, x \rangle + b\langle y, x \rangle \\ &= a\langle x, x \rangle \quad \text{since } \langle x, y \rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,  $ax + by = 0$ . So  $\langle ax + by, x \rangle = \langle 0, x \rangle = 0$ .

Since  $x \neq 0$ ,  $\langle x, x \rangle \neq 0$ , so we must have  $a = 0$ .

Similarly,  $b = 0$  as well. Hence,  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly independent.  $\square$

## Section 4. Orthogonal Projections And The Gram-Schmidt Process

**4.1. Definition:** The **orthogonal complement** of  $W$ , denoted  $W^\perp$ , is the set

$$W^\perp = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle v, w \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } w \in W\}$$

**4.2. Example:**

- (i)  $W = \{0\} \Rightarrow \{0\}^\perp = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, 0 \rangle = 0\} = \mathbb{R}^n$
- (ii)  $W = \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n)^\perp = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, y \rangle = 0\} \Rightarrow x = 0 \Rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n)^\perp = \{0\}$
- (iii)  $W = \text{plane} \Rightarrow W^\perp = \text{line}$
- (iv)  $W = \text{line} \Rightarrow W^\perp = \text{plane}$

**4.3. Proposition:**

- (a) For every subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $W^\perp$  is also a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (b)  $\dim(W) + \dim(W^\perp) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n$ .
- (c) For all subspaces  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $W \cap W^\perp = \{0\}$ .
- (d)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \exists x_1 \in W, x_2 \in W^\perp$  s.t.  $x_1 + x_2 = x \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n = W \oplus W^\perp$

**4.4. Definition:**

The map  $P_W : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, x \mapsto x_1$  is called the **orthogonal projection** of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $W$ .

**4.5. Proposition:**

- (a)  $P_W$  is a linear mapping.
- (b)  $\text{Im}(P_W) = W$  and if  $w \in W$ , then  $P_W(w) = w$
- (c)  $\text{Ker}(P_W) = W^\perp$

**4.6. Definition:** A basis  $\{w_1, \dots, w_k\}$  for  $W$  is **orthonormal** if

$$\langle w_i, w_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

**4.7. Proposition:** Let  $\{w_1, \dots, w_k\}$  be an orthonormal basis for the subspace  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- (a)  $\forall w \in W, w = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle w, w_i \rangle w_i$ .
- (b)  $\forall x \in V, P_W(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle x, w_i \rangle w_i$

**4.8. Note (Gram-Schmidt Process):**

$W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  : subspace,  $\{w_1, \dots, w_k\}$  : basis for  $W$ .

(1) Put  $w'_1 := \frac{1}{\|w_1\|} \cdot w_1$

(2) Put  $\widetilde{w}_2 := w_2 - P_{\text{span}(w_1)}(w_2) = w_2 - \frac{\langle w_1, w_2 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} \cdot w_1$

$w'_2 := \frac{1}{\|w_2\|} \cdot \widetilde{w}_2$

$\vdots$

(k) Put  $\widetilde{w}_k := w_k - \frac{\langle w_1, w_k \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} \cdot w_1 - \frac{\langle \widetilde{w}_2, w_k \rangle}{\langle \widetilde{w}_2, \widetilde{w}_2 \rangle} \cdot \widetilde{w}_2 - \dots - \frac{\langle \widetilde{w}_{k-1}, w_k \rangle}{\langle \widetilde{w}_{k-1}, \widetilde{w}_{k-1} \rangle} \cdot \widetilde{w}_{k-1}$

$w'_k := \frac{1}{\|w_k\|} \cdot \widetilde{w}_k$

**4.9. Theorem:** Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then there exists an orthonormal basis of  $W$ .

**4.10. Note:**  $\{w'_1, w'_2, \dots, w'_k\}$  is the orthonormal basis of  $W$ .

## Section 5. Symmetric Matrices

**5.1. Definition:** A square matrix  $A$  is said to be **symmetric** if  $A = A^T$ , where  $A^T$  denotes the transpose of  $A$  produced by swapping the rows and columns of  $A$ .

**5.2. Remark:** By the definition of the transpose of a matrix,  $A$  is symmetric if and only if  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  for all pairs  $i, j$ .

**5.3. Proposition:** Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ .

(i) For all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\langle Ax, y \rangle = \langle x, A^T y \rangle$

(ii)  $A$  is symmetric if and only if  $\langle Ax, y \rangle = \langle x, Ay \rangle$

**5.4. Corollary:** Let  $V$  be any subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be any linear mapping, and let  $\alpha = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$  be any orthonormal basis of  $V$ . Then  $[T]_\alpha^\alpha$  is a symmetric matrix if and only if  $\langle T(x), y \rangle = \langle x, T(y) \rangle$  for all vectors  $x, y \in V$ .

**5.5. Definition:** Let  $V$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . A linear mapping  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is said to be **symmetric** if  $\langle T(x), y \rangle = \langle x, T(y) \rangle$  for all vectors  $x, y \in V$ .

**5.6. Theorem:** Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  be a symmetric matrix. Then all the roots of the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  are real. In other words, the characteristic polynomial has  $n$  roots in  $\mathbb{R}$  (counted with multiplicities).

**5.7. Theorem:** Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  be a symmetric matrix, let  $x_1$  be an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ , and let  $x_2$  be an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_2$ , where  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ . Then  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are orthogonal vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Section 6. The Spectral Theorem

**6.1. Theorem:** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a symmetric linear mapping. Then there is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$ . In particular,  $T$  is diagonalizable.

**6.2. Example:** The mapping  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  whose matrix with respect to the standard basis is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $A' = A$  and the standard basis is orthonormal,  $T$  is a symmetric mapping. Computing, we find

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = -\lambda(\lambda - 2)^2$$

The eigenvalues of  $T$  are  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\lambda = 2$ .

For  $\lambda = 0$ , we have  $E_0 = \text{Span}\{(-1, 1, 0)\}$ , whereas for  $\lambda = 2$ ,  $E_2 = \text{Span}\{(1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$ .

Since  $\{(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0)\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $E_0$ .

And  $\{(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $E_2$ .

Hence,  $\alpha = \{(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0), (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

With respect to this basis,  $[T]_\alpha^\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is a diagonal matrix.

**6.3. Theorem:** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by a symmetric linear mapping, and let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  be the distinct eigenvalues of  $T$ . Let  $P_i$  be the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto the eigenspace  $E_{\lambda_i}$ . Then

(a)  $T = \lambda_1 P_1 + \dots + \lambda_k P_k$ , and

(b)  $I = P_1 + \dots + P_k$

**6.4. Remark:** The quadratic terms can be interpreted as a matrix product

$$Ax_1^2 + 2Bx_1x_2 + Cx_2^2 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Chapter 5

# Complex Numbers and Complex Vector Spaces

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## Section 1. Complex Numbers

**1.1. Definition:** The set of **complex numbers**, denoted  $\mathbb{C}$ , is the set of ordered pairs of real numbers  $(a, b)$  with the operations of addition and multiplication defined by

- (i) For all  $(a, b)$  and  $(c, d) \in \mathbb{C}$ , the **sum** of  $(a, b)$  and  $(c, d)$  is the complex number defined by

$$(a, b) + (c, d) = (a + c, b + d)$$

- (ii) and the **product** of  $(a, b)$  and  $(c, d)$  is the complex number defined by

$$(a, b)(c, d) = (ac - bd, ad + cb)$$

**1.2. Remark:** The subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  consisting of those elements with second coordinate zero,  $\{(a, 0) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , will be identified with the real numbers in the obvious way

$$a \in \mathbb{R} = (a, 0) \in \mathbb{C}$$

**1.3. Definition:** Let  $z = a + bi \in \mathbb{C}$ . The **real part of  $z$** , denoted  $\Re(z)$ , is the real number  $a$ . The **imaginary part of  $z$** , denoted  $\Im(z)$ , is the real number  $b$ .  $z$  is called a **real number** if  $\Im(z) = 0$  and **purely imaginary** if  $\Re(z) = 0$ .

**1.4. Remark:**

$$(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i$$

$$(a + bi)(c + di) = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$$

**1.5. Definition:** A **field** is a set  $F$  with two operations, defined on ordered pairs of elements of  $F$ , called addition and multiplication. Addition assigns to the pair  $x$  and  $y \in F$  their **sum** and multiplication assigns to the pair  $x$  and  $y \in F$  their **product**. These two operations must satisfy the following properties for all  $x, y$ , and  $z \in F$ .

- (i) **Commutativity of addition:**  $x + y = y + x$ .
- (ii) **Associativity of addition:**  $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$
- (iii) **Existence of an additive identity:**  $\exists 0 \in F$ , such that  $x + 0 = x$ .
- (iv) **Existence of additive inverse:**  $\forall x, \exists -x \in F$  such that  $x + (-x) = 0$
- (v) **Commutativity of multiplication:**  $xy = yx$
- (vi) **Associativity of multiplication:**  $(xy)z = x(yz)$
- (vii) **Distributivity:**  $(x + y)z = xz + yz$  and  $x(y + z) = xy + xz$
- (viii) **Existence of a multiplicative identity:**  $\exists 1 \in F$ , such that  $x \cdot 1 = x$ .
- (ix) **Existence of multiplicative inverses:** If  $x \neq 0$ , then there is an element  $x^{-1} \in F$  such that  $xx^{-1} = 1$

**1.6. Proposition:** *The set of complex numbers is a field with the operations of addition and scalar multiplication as defined previously.*

**1.7. Proposition:**

- (i) *The additive identity in a field is unique.*
- (ii) *The additive inverse of an element of a field is unique.*
- (iii) *The multiplicative identity of a field is unique.*
- (iv) *The multiplicative inverse of a nonzero element of a field is unique.*

**1.8. Definition:** The **absolute value** of the complex number  $z = a + bi$  is the nonnegative real number  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  and is denoted by  $|z|$  or  $r = |z|$ . The **argument** of the complex number  $z$  is the angle  $\theta$  of the polar coordinate representation of  $z$ .

$$z = |z|(\cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta))$$

**1.9. Remark:**

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 (\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2))$$

$$z^n = r^n (\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta))$$

where  $r^n = r_0$  and  $b\theta = \theta_0 + 2\pi k$  for  $k$  an integer

**1.10. Remark:** The  $n$   $n$ th roots of the complex number  $z_0 \neq 0$  are

$$r_0^{1/n} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\theta_0}{n} + \frac{2\pi k}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\theta_0}{n} + \frac{2\pi k}{n}\right) \right)$$

for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$

**1.11. Example:** Solve  $z^4 - 1 = 0$ .  
Suppose  $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ ,  $r > 0$ .  
Then  $z^4 - 1 = 0$  is equivalent to

$$r^4 (\cos(4\theta) + i \sin(4\theta)) = 1 = 1(\cos(2k\pi) + i \sin(2k\pi))$$

Equivalently,

$$\begin{cases} r^4 = 1 \\ 4\theta = 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{cases} r = 1 \\ \theta = \frac{k}{2}\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $z = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

$$k = 0 \rightarrow z = 1, k = 1 \rightarrow z = i, k = 2 \rightarrow z = -1, k = 3 \rightarrow z = -i$$

**1.12. Definition:** A field  $F$  is called **algebraically closed** if every polynomial  $p(z) = a_n z^n + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$  with  $a_i \in F$  and  $a_n \neq 0$  has  $n$  roots counted with multiplicity in  $F$ .

**1.13. Theorem:**  $\mathbb{C}$  is algebraically closed and  $\mathbb{C}$  is the smallest algebraically closed field containing  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**1.14. Example (non-example):**

$\mathbb{Q}$  is not algebraically closed.

Since  $\pm\sqrt{2}$  are not rational. But  $x^2 - 2$  is a polynomial with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

$\mathbb{R}$  is not algebraically closed.

The polynomial  $x^2 + 1$  is a polynomial with coefficient in  $\mathbb{R}$ . But it does not have real roots.

## Section 2. Vector Spaces Over A Field

**2.1. Definition:** A **vector space** over a field  $F$  is a set  $V$  (whose elements are called **vectors**) together with

- (a) an operation called **vector addition**, which for each pair of vectors  $x, y \in V$  produces a vector denoted  $x + y \in V$ , and
- (b) an operation called **multiplication** by a **scalar** (a field element), which for each vector  $x \in V$ , and each scalar  $c \in F$  produces a vector denoted  $cx \in V$ .

**2.2. Axiom:** *These two operations must satisfy the following axioms:*

- (1) **associativity:**  $\forall x, y, z \in V, (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$
- (2) **commutativity:**  $\forall x, y \in V, x + y = y + x$
- (3) **existence of  $\vec{0}$ :**  $\exists \vec{0} \in V$  s.t.  $\forall x \in V, \vec{0} + x = x + \vec{0} = x$
- (4) **inverse:**  $\forall x \in V, \exists -x \in V$  s.t.  $x + (-x) = \vec{0}$  ('-' just a symbol)
- (5) **distributivity:**  $\forall c \in F, x, y \in V, c \cdot (x + y) = c \cdot x + c \cdot y$
- (6)  $\forall c, d \in F, x \in V, (c + d) \cdot x = c \cdot x + d \cdot x$
- (7)  $\forall c, d \in F, x \in V, (c \cdot d) \cdot x = c \cdot (d \cdot x)$
- (8)  $\forall x \in V, 1 \cdot x = x$

**2.3. Example:** We will find a solution to the following system of equations over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(1 + i)x_1 + (3 + i)x_3 &= 0 \\ x_1 - ix_2 + (2 + i)x_3 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

We add  $-(1+i)^{-1}$  times the first equations to the second.

$$\begin{aligned}(1+i)x_1 + (3+i)x_3 &= 0 \\ -ix_2 + (2i)x_3 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Multiply through to make the leading coefficients 1:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + (2-i)x_3 &= 0 \\ x_2 - 2x_3 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$x_3$  is the only free variable, so that setting  $x_3 = 1$ , we obtain the solution  $(-2+i, 2, 1)$ .

**2.4. Definition:** Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over a field  $F$ . A linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a function from  $V$  to  $W$ , which satisfies

$$T(au + bv) = aT(u) + bT(v)$$

for  $u$  and  $v \in V$  and  $a$  and  $b \in F$ .

**2.5. Definition:** A subset  $W$  of  $V$  is a **subspace** if  $(W, +, \cdot)$  is itself a vector space over  $F$ .

**2.6. Theorem:** A subset  $W$  of  $V$  is a subspace iff for all  $x, y \in W$  and  $c \in F$

$$c \cdot x + y \in W$$

### Section 3. Geometry In A Complex Vector Space

**3.1. Example:**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$P_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_2) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 1.$$

No real eigenvalues.  $A$  is not diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Over  $\mathbb{C}$ , the root of  $P_A(\lambda)$  are  $\pm i$ .

Hence, the complex matrix  $A$  has two distinct eigenvalues.

Therefore,  $A$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

$$E_i = \text{Ker}(A - iI_2) = \text{Ker} \begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 \\ -1 & -i \end{bmatrix} = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{C}} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$E_{-i} = \text{Ker}(A + iI_2) = \text{Ker} \begin{bmatrix} i & 1 \\ -1 & i \end{bmatrix} = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{C}} \left( \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -i & i \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} A \begin{bmatrix} -i & i \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$$

**3.2. Definition:** Let  $V$  be a complex vector space. A **Hermitian inner product** on  $V$  is a complex valued function on pairs of vectors in  $V$ , denoted by  $\langle u, v \rangle \in \mathbb{C}$  for  $u, v \in V$ , which satisfies the following properties:

- (a) For all  $u, b, w \in V$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\langle au + bv, w \rangle = a\langle u, w \rangle + b\langle v, w \rangle$ .
- (b) For all  $u, v \in V$ ,  $\langle u, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle}$ , and
- (c) For all  $v \in V$ ,  $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$  and  $\langle v, v \rangle = 0$  implies  $v = 0$ .

**3.3. Remark:** If  $a + ib \in \mathbb{C}$ , then  $\overline{a + ib} := a - ib$ .

**3.4. Example:**  $V = \mathbb{C}^n$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle &= x_1 \overline{y_1} + \dots + x_n \overline{y_n} \\
 \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle &= y_1 \overline{x_1} + \dots + y_n \overline{x_n} \\
 &= \overline{\overline{y_1} \overline{x_1} + \dots + \overline{y_n} \overline{x_n}} \\
 &= \overline{\overline{y_1} x_1 + \dots + \overline{y_n} x_n} \\
 &= \overline{\overline{y_1} x_1 + \dots + \overline{y_n} x_n} \\
 &= \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

**3.5. Remark:** Let  $V$  is a complex vector space and  $\langle -, - \rangle$  a Hermitian inner product on  $V$ . Can define perpendicularity, length/norm of vector, orthogonal projection, Gram-Schmidt process.

**3.6. Definition:** Let  $V$  be a complex vector space with a Hermitian inner product. The **norm** or **length** of a vector  $v \in V$  is  $\|v\| = \langle v, v \rangle^{1/2}$ . A set of nonzero vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$  is called **orthogonal** if  $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . If in addition  $\langle v_i, v_i \rangle = 1$  for all  $i$ , the vectors are called **orthonormal**.

**3.7. Definition:** Let  $A \in \text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{C})$ . The **Hermitian transpose**  $A^*$  of  $A$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix whose  $(i, j)$ -th entry is  $\overline{a_{ji}}$

**3.8. Example:**  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}^* = (\overline{x_1}, \dots, \overline{x_n}).$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = (\overline{y_1}, \dots, \overline{y_n}) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = x_1 \overline{y_1} + \dots + x_n \overline{y_n} = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

**3.9. Definition:**  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is called **Hermitian** or **self-adjoint** if  $T = T^*$ .  
An  $n \times n$  complex matrix is called **Hermitian** or **self-adjoint** if  $A = A^*$ .

**3.10. Theorem:** If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the self-adjoint linear transformation  $T$ , then  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**3.11. Proposition:** If  $u$  and  $v$  are eigenvectors, respectively, for the distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  of  $T : V \rightarrow V$ , then  $u$  and  $v$  are **orthogonal**.

**3.12. Theorem:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a self-adjoint transformation of a complex vector space  $V$  with Hermitian inner product. Then there is an orthonormal basis of  $V$  consisting of eigenvectors for  $T$  and  $T$  is diagonalizable.

**3.13. Theorem:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a self-adjoint transformation of a complex vector space  $V$  with Hermitian inner product. Let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{R}$  be the distinct eigenvalues of  $T$ , and let  $P_i$  be the orthogonal projections of  $V$  onto the eigenspaces  $E_{\lambda_i}$ , then

- (a)  $T = \lambda_1 P_1 + \dots + \lambda_k P_k$
- (b)  $I = P_1 + \dots + P_k$

## Chapter 6

# Jordan Canonical Form

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## Section 1. Triangular Form

**1.1. Definition:** Let  $f : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation. A subspace  $W$  of  $V$  is **invariant** or **stable** under  $f$  if

$$f(W) \subseteq W$$

### 1.2. Example:

- (a)  $\{0\}$  and  $V$  itself are invariant under all linear mappings  $T : V \rightarrow V$ .
- (b)  $\text{Ker}(T)$  and  $\text{Im}(T)$  are invariant subspaces as well.
- (c) If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ , then the eigenspace  $E_\lambda$  is invariant under  $T$  as well.  
Since  $\forall v \in E_\lambda, T(v) = \lambda v \in E_\lambda$ .

**1.3. Proposition:** Let  $\beta = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$ . Then  $[f]_\beta^\beta$  is upper triangular if and only if each of the subspaces  $W_i = \text{Span}(x_1, \dots, x_i)$  is invariant under  $T$ .

**1.4. Remark:**  $\{0\} \subset W_1 \subset W_2 \subset \dots \subset W_n = V$

**1.5. Definition:** A linear mapping  $T : V \rightarrow V$  on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$  is **triangularizable** if there exists a basis  $\beta$  such that  $[T]_\beta^\beta$  is upper-triangular.

**1.6. Corollary:**  $\{\text{eigenvalues of } f \mid w \subseteq \text{eigenvalues of } f\}$

**1.7. Theorem:** Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over a field  $F$ , and let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping. Then  $T$  is triangularizable if and only if the  $P_f(\lambda)$  has  $\dim(V)$  roots (counted with multiplicities) in the field  $F$ .

**1.8. Corollary:** If  $F = \mathbb{C}$ , then  $f$  is triangularizable.

*Proof.* Let  $n = \dim(V)$ .

By the theorem, enough to show that  $P_f(\lambda)$  has  $n$  roots (counting multiplicity) in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Recall that  $P_f(\lambda)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

By the fundamental theorem of algebra,  $P_f(\lambda)$  has  $n$  roots in  $\mathbb{C}$ . □

**1.9. Lemma:** Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be as in the theorem, and assume that  $P_T(\lambda)$  has  $n = \dim(V)$  roots in  $F$ . If  $W \subsetneq V$  is an invariant subspace under  $T$ , then there exists a vector  $x \neq 0$  in  $V$  such that  $x \notin W$  and  $W + \text{Span}(\{x\})$  is also invariant under  $T$ .

**1.10. Corollary:** If  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is triangularizable, with eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  with respective multiplicities  $m_i$ , then there exists a basis  $\beta$  for  $V$  such that  $[T]_\beta^\beta$  is upper-triangular, and the diagonal entries of  $[T]_\beta^\beta$  are  $m_1\lambda_1$ 's, followed by  $m_2\lambda_2$ 's, and so on.

**1.11. Theorem (Cayley-Hamilton):** Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ , and let  $p(t) = \det(T - tI)$  be its characteristic polynomial. Assume that  $p(t)$  has  $\dim(V)$  roots in the field  $F$  over which  $V$  is defined. Then  $p(T) = 0$ .

**1.12. Remark:** If

$$P_A(A) = (-1)^n A^n + \dots + a_1 A + \det(A)I = 0$$

then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{-1}{\det(A)}((-1)^n A^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 I)$$

**1.13. Example:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

We have  $p(t) = -t^3 + 3t^2 + 6t - 16$ .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1} &= \frac{1}{16}(-A^2 + 3A + 6I) \\ &= \frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & -2 \\ 6 & -3 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## Section 2. A Canonical Form For Nilpotent Mappings

**2.1. Definition:**  $f : V \rightarrow V$  is **nilpotent** if  $f \circ \dots \circ f = 0$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . A matrix  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  is said to be **nilpotent** if  $A^k = 0$  for some integer  $k \geq 1$ .

**2.2. Definition:** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  nilpotent matrix and  $x$  be a nonzero vector in  $F^n$ .

- (a)  $k :=$  minimal natural number such that  $A^k x = 0$ .
- (b) The set  $\{x, Ax, \dots, A^{k-1}x\}$  is called the **cycle** generated by  $x$ .
- (c) The set  $\text{Span}(\{x, Ax, \dots, A^{k-1}x\})$  is called the **cycle subspace** generated by  $x$  and denoted  $C(x)$ .
- (d)  $k$  is called the **length** of the cycle.
- (e)  $x$  is called the **initial vector** of the cycle

**2.3. Example:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

We noticed that  $A^4 = 0$  and  $A^3 \neq 0$ .

Thus,  $Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A^2x = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A^3x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Hence,  $\{A^2x, Ax, x\}$  is a cycle of length 3.

**2.4. Remark:** Different vectors may generate cycles of different lengths.

**2.5. Proposition:**

- (a)  $N^{k-1}(x)$  is an eigenvector of  $N$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$ .
- (b)  $C(x)$  is an invariant subspace of  $V$  under  $N$ .
- (c) The cycle generated by  $x \neq 0$  is a linearly independent set. Hence  $\dim(C(x)) = k$ , the length of the cycle.

**2.6. Proposition:** Let  $\alpha_i = \{N^{k_i-1}(x_i), \dots, x_i\}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ) be cycles of length  $k_i$ , respectively. If the set of eigenvectors  $\{N^{k_1-1}(x_1), \dots, N^{k_r-1}(x_r)\}$  is linearly independent, then  $\alpha_1 \cup \dots \cup \alpha_r$  is linearly independent.

**2.7. Definition:** We say that the cycles  $\alpha_i = \{N^{k_i-1}(x_i), \dots, x_i\}$  are **non-overlapping** cycles if  $\alpha_1 \cup \dots \cup \alpha_r$  is linearly independent.