

# EECS 16A Midterm 1 Review Session

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# **Systems of Equations and Gaussian Elimination**

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# Vectors

Conceptually, a vector is a collection of numbers that each represent a variable. If there are  $n$  variables, then the vector is  $n$ -dimensional.

Example:

A point in 3D can be represented as  $(x, y, z)$  In vector form, this

would be represented as  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$

# Matrices

- Collection of **vectors**
- 2D table for **storing data**
  - ⊙ Systems of equations for imaging observations
- Notable/useful matrices
  - ⊙ Identity matrix
  - ⊙ Augmented matrices
  - ⊙ Rotation matrix
  - ⊙ Many others!

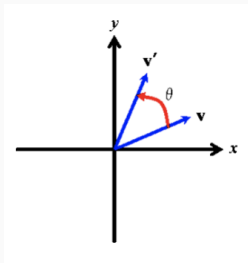
Augmented: 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ -3 & 2 & 3 & -2 \\ & & & 10 \end{array} \right]$$

Rotation: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

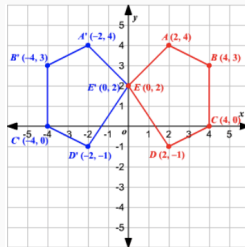
# Matrix Transformations

Matrices are often used to perform transformations, especially in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Two important transformations:



**Figure 1:** Rotation



**Figure 2:** Reflection

# Rotation Matrix

The rotation matrix rotates points by a specified angle, theta:

$$R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Use this matrix by plugging in desired rotation angle, then multiply with vector.

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# Reflection Matrix

The reflection matrix reflects vectors across a line (Notice that such matrix also preserves the length of a vector)

Notable reflection matrices:

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

Reflection across  $x$ -axis

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

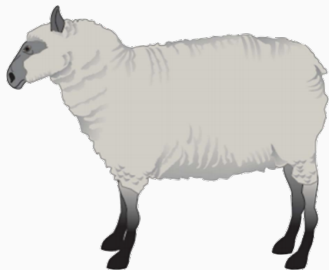
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reflection across  $y = x$

# Matrix Transformations

All linear transformations can be expressed as a matrix



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## Example 1

### Question

What is the resulting vector after the following (non-subsequent) transformations are applied to the vector  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

1. Rotate by  $45^\circ$
2. Reflect across  $y = x$

## Example 1

### Solution

What is the resulting vector after the following (non-subsequent) transformations are applied to the vector  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

1. Rotate by  $45^\circ$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos 45^\circ & -\sin 45^\circ \\ \sin 45^\circ & \cos 45^\circ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Reflect across  $y = x$

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

# Determinants

Determinant of a 2x2 matrix:

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = ad - bc$$

Also, an upper triangular matrix's determinant is the product of the diagonal:

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & * & * & \cdots \\ 0 & b & * & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & c & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \right) = abc \cdots$$

# Gaussian Elimination

**Ultimate goal:** Upper triangular form (**i.e** numbers below the diagonal are all 0)

**Reminder of Motivation:** Can work starting from the bottom row up in order to quickly calculate (from a computer's perspective) each variable's value.

For example, the last row has one variable and one value.

# Gaussian Elimination

**IDEA:** Augmented matrix represents a system of equations where each row is an equation.

What are you allowed to do with equations to solve them?

1. **Row exchange** (same equations, different order)
2. **Scaling** (multiplying an equation by a scalar)
3. **Replace a row with the a linear combination of itself and another row** (intuitively, must include itself because otherwise there is “loss of information”, like a deletion of one of the original rows)

**GOAL:**

Original Matrix  $\rightarrow$  Row Echelon Form  $\rightarrow$  Reduced Row Echelon Form



# Gaussian Elimination Example

## Problem

Use Gaussian Elimination to reduce the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 8 \\ 2x_1 - 4x_2 + 3x_3 = 9 \\ -x_1 + 5x_2 - 2x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

# Gaussian Elimination Example

## Solution

Use Gaussian Elimination to reduce the following system of equations:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 & 9 \\ -1 & 5 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{2R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 6 & -1 & 7 \\ -1 & 5 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 6 & -1 & 7 \\ 0 & 6 & -1 & 8 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 6 & -1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

The last row implies 0 of three variables add up to -1. Therefore, there exists no solution.

# Possible Outcomes from Gaussian Elimination

Possible Results	Row Picture	Column Picture	Properties of Matrix $\mathbf{A}$
Unique solution	Equations intersect at exactly one point	$\mathbf{b}$ can be uniquely represented by the linear combination of the columns of $\mathbf{A}$	$\mathbf{A}$ is invertible
Infinite solutions	Equations intersect along an infinite space (eg. the intersection is a line or a plane)	There are multiple ways of representing $\mathbf{b}$ in terms of the linear combination of the columns of $\mathbf{A}$	$\mathbf{A}$ has linearly dependent columns
No solutions	Equations do not intersect	$\mathbf{b}$ is not in the span of the columns of $\mathbf{A}$ ; $\mathbf{b}$ is not in the column space of $\mathbf{A}$	Column space of $\mathbf{A}$ does not contain (span) the vector $\mathbf{b}$

# Linear (In)dependence & Invertibility

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# Linear Combination

Core: Addition and Scaling

In context of vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ :

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n$$

where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are scalars

## Taking a Step Back

Hopefully by now you have been able to recognize that the core of all linear algebra is linear combinations.

Think back to how one of the rules of row operations allows to a linear combination of rows as long as the original row being replaced is included!

## Column Space

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the columns of matrix  $V$ . The linear combination of the vectors is the **Column Space** of  $V$ .

This is also known as the **Range** of  $V$ , because when a matrix multiplies a vector or another matrix (which is just multiple vectors!), the result is a linear combination of all the columns.

Hence, the linear combination of the columns is like the reach, or **Range** of the matrix.

## Linear Dependence: Two Definitions

- (i) A set of vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is linearly dependent if there exist scalars  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  such that  $a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n = 0$  and not all  $a_i$ 's are 0.
- (ii) A set of vectors is linearly dependent if one of the vectors could be written as a linear combination of the rest of the vectors.  $v_i = \sum_{j \neq i} a_j v_j$ .



# Linear Independence

Strictly speaking, a matrix is linearly independent if it is **not** linearly dependent.

In other words, for a set of linearly independent vectors,

$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \cdots + a_n v_n = 0$  implies that all

$a_1 = 0, a_2 = 0, \cdots, a_n = 0$  (useful when doing proofs).

## Linear (In)dependence

Conceptually, if you have 2 equations and 3 unknowns, you cannot solve it. Imagine if you have 3 equations but one equation was actually a linear combination of the first two. You still have the same “information” of 2 equations as your “basis”. Many important implications.

# Span

The **span** of a set of vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is the set of all linear combinations of  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ .

In other words, if one vectors  $v_i$  in a set of  $n$  vectors lied in the span of the other vectors, then that set is considered linearly dependent.

# Rank

The **rank** of a matrix  $A$  is the dimension of the column space of  $A$ . This is the same as the number of linearly independent column vectors.

This is also the same as the number of linearly independent row vectors.

## Relating it Back To Linear (In)dependence

Colloquially, a matrix  $A$  can be said to **span**  $n$  dimensions.

This means that matrix  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent rows and  $n$  linearly independent columns.

This also means that matrix  $A$  is of **rank**  $n$ .

## Span & Rank & (In)dependence

To figure out the **span** of a set of vectors, think of them as the column vectors of a matrix and Gaussian eliminate that matrix to RREF.

The number of non-zero rows is the **dimension** the vectors span. If those vectors were actually the columns of a matrix, the dimension is also the **rank** of that matrix.

If the dimension is the same as the total number of vectors, then those vectors are **independent**.

## Example of figuring out Span & Rank

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## SOL: Example of figuring out Span & Rank

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_1 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

There are 3 linearly independent rows!