

## SECTION 2: LINEAR TRANSFORMATION

### Definitions:

1. A transformation (or function or mapping)  $T$  from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is a rule that assigns to each vector,  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , an image vector  $T(x) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . The set  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called the domain of  $T$ , and  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is called the codomain of  $T$ . For  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  the set of all images  $T(x)$  is called the range of  $T$ .
2. A transformation (or mapping),  $T$  is linear if
  - i)  $T(u + v) = T(u) + T(v)$  for all  $u, v \in \text{dom } T$  and
  - ii)  $T(cu) = cT(u)$  for all  $u \in \text{dom } T$  &  $c$  is a scalar.Eg  $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $L(x, y, z) = (x, y)$  is a linear transformation while  $T: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $T(x) = x + 1$  is not.

### Properties of Linear Transformations

Let  $T$  be a linear transformation, then

- a.  $T(0) = 0$
- b.  $T(cu + dv) = cT(u) + dT(v)$
- c.  $T(c_1v_1 + \dots + c_pv_p) = c_1T(v_1) + \dots + c_pT(v_p)$  for all vectors  $u, v \in \text{dom } T$  & scalars  $c, d$ .

e.g let  $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation for which

$L(1, 0, 0) = (2, -1)$ ;  $L(0, 1, 0) = (3, 1)$  &  $L(0, 0, 1) = (-1, 2)$ . Find  $L(-3, 4, 2)$

### Theorem:

Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation. Then there exists a unique matrix  $A$  such that  $T(x) = Ax$  for all  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In fact,  $A$  is the  $m \times n$  matrix whose  $j$ th column is the vector  $T(e_j)$ , where  $e_j$  is the  $j$ th column of the identity matrix of order  $n$ .

That is  $A = (T(e_1) \ T(e_2) \ \dots \ T(e_n))$  is called the standard matrix for the linear transformation  $T$ .

### Example

Find the standard matrix,  $A$ , for the linear transformations below

a.  $T(x) = 3x$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$       b.  $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $L \left( \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} x + y \\ y - z \\ x + z \end{pmatrix}$

### Definitions

Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation. Then

1. the kernel of  $T$  denoted by  $\ker T$ , is the set of all vectors in  $U$  that are mapped by  $T$  into the zero vector of  $V$ . in other words  $\ker T = \{X \in U: T(X) = 0\}$
2. the image of  $T$ , denoted  $\text{Im } T$ , is the set of all vectors in  $V$  that are images under  $T$  of vectors in  $U$ . that is  $\text{Im } T = \{Y \in V: Y = T(X) \text{ for some } X \in U\}$
3.  $T$  is called an epimorphism if  $\text{Im } T = V$ , that is, if  $T$  is surjective.
4.  $T$  is a monomorphism if it is injective
5.  $T$  is an isomorphism if it is both an epimorphism and a monomorphism – that is, if  $T$  is bijective.

6. If  $U$  is a finite dimensional vector space, the dimension of  $\ker T$  is called the nullity of  $T$  and the dimension of  $\operatorname{Im} T$  is called the rank of  $T$ .

### Theorem

Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation of  $U$  into  $V$ . then each of the following is true.

1.  $\ker T$  is a subspace of  $U$ .
2.  $T$  is a monomorphism if and only if  $\ker T = \{0\}$
3.  $\operatorname{Im} T$  is a subspace of  $V$  and  $T$  is an epimorphism if and only if  $\operatorname{Im} T = V$ .
4. If  $W$  is a subspace of  $U$ , then  $T(W)$  is a subspace of  $V$
5. If  $T$  is an isomorphism, then  $T^{-1}: V \rightarrow U$  is also an isomorphism.
6.  $\dim U = \text{rank of } T + \text{nullity of } T$
7. The  $T$ , linear transformation is completely determined by its effect upon a basis of  $U$ .

Note:

1. The rank and nullity of a matrix  $A$  are the rank and nullity of the associated linear transformation respectively.

Example:

1. Find  $\ker T$  and  $\operatorname{Im} T$  for  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $T(a,b,c) = (a,b,0)$ .
2. Find the nullity and rank of  $T$
3. Find a basis of  $\operatorname{Im} T$  and  $\ker T$  where  $T(a,b,c) = (2a + b + 3c, 3a - b + c, -4a + 3b + c)$ .
4. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation such that  $T(1,0) = (1,3)$  and  $T(0,1) = (-2,0)$ . Find the rule for  $T$ , that is, find  $T(x,y)$  for any vector  $(x,y)$ .
5. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by  $T(x,y,z) = (2x-z, 7y+z)$ . Find  $A$ .

**Theorem 14.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $A$  is invertible.
- (2) The columns of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (3) For every  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , there is exactly one solution to the system  $Ax = b$ .
- (4) For every  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , there is at most one solution to the system  $Ax = b$ .
- (5) For every  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , there is at least one solution to the system  $Ax = b$ .
- (6) The only solution to  $Ax = 0$  is  $0$ .
- (7) The columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.
- (8) The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (9)  $\text{Nullity}(A) = 0$ .
- (10)  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ .
- (11)  $A$  is left-invertible.
- (12)  $A$  is right-invertible.
- (13)  $T_A$  is injective.
- (14)  $T_A$  is surjective.
- (15)  $A^T$  is invertible.

Proof. We have seen that  $(4) \Leftrightarrow (6) \Leftrightarrow (7) \Leftrightarrow (9) \Leftrightarrow (11) \Leftrightarrow (13)$  and

$(5) \Leftrightarrow (8) \Leftrightarrow (10) \Leftrightarrow (12) \Leftrightarrow (14)$  and  $(1) \Leftrightarrow (3) \Leftrightarrow (2)$  and clearly  $(2) \Rightarrow (7)$ ,  $(8) \Rightarrow (5)$ . The rank-nullity theorem fills in the gap by proving  $(9) \Leftrightarrow (10)$ ; for if  $\text{null}(A) = 0$ , then  $\text{rank}(A) = n - 0 = n$  by rank-nullity, similarly if  $\text{rank}(A) = n$  then  $\text{null}(A) = n - n = 0$ .

Finally, check out  $(1) \Leftrightarrow (15)$ .

**Example.** The following are all linear transformations.

- (1) The identity map  $\text{id} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  which takes  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  to itself.
- (2) The map which rotates a point  $x$  in the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  around the origin by a fixed angle  $\theta$ .
- (3) The map which takes a given  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  to  $Ax \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , where  $A$  is a fixed  $m \times n$  matrix.

It is an important fact that the last example is completely representative of all linear transformations.

**Theorem 2.** If  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear transformation, then there is some  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  such that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$T(x) = Ax$$

Moreover such an  $A$  is unique; that is there is exactly one  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  such that the above holds for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Proof.** We will make use of the following vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , which we know:

$$e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \dots \quad e_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

These are called the standard basis vectors for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . now let  $a_i = T(e_i)$  for each  $i \leq n$ . then each  $a_i$  is a column vector in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Let  $A$  be the  $m \times n$  matrix whose  $i$ th column (from left to right) is  $a_i$ . We llshow that this  $A$  works, ie,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$   $T(x) = Ax$

To see this, let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be given. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= x_1 e_1 + x_2 e_2 + \dots + x_n e_n \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Fact 4,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(x) &= T(x_1 e_1 + x_2 e_2 + \cdots + x_n e_n) = x_1 T(e_1) + x_2 T(e_2) + \cdots + x_n T(e_n) \\
 &= x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \cdots + x_n a_n = Ax
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  was given, this proves that there is a matrix  $A$  which implements  $T$ . To show uniqueness, ie that there is at most one such  $A$ , suppose both  $A$  and  $B$  are  $m \times n$  matrices which implement  $T$ . Then

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad Ax = T(x) = Bx$$

Now we look again at the standard basis vectors; we have  $Ae_i = T(e_i) = Be_i$  for each  $i \leq n$ . notice that  $Ae_i$  and  $Be_i$  are the  $i^{\text{th}}$  columns of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Hence the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $A$  is equal to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $B$  for each  $i \leq n$ ; it follows then that  $A = B$ .  $\square$

**Definition 5.** The standard matrix of a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is the unique  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  such that  $T(x) = Ax$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Then the following are equivalent:

(1) For any choice of constants  $b_1, \dots, b_m$ , the system of linear equations

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

has at least one solution.

(2) For every  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , there is some  $s \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $As = b$

(3)  $T_A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is surjective.

(4)  $A$  is right-invertible.

Proof. The equivalence of (1), (2) and (3) is just a recapitulation of the definitions in play. The real work is in proving they're equivalent to (4).

Let's prove that (2) is equivalent to (4).

Firstly let's assume (2) and prove (4). Consider the standard basis vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$

$$e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \dots \quad e_m = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

By our assumption, there are vectors  $s_1, \dots, s_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $As_1 = e_1, \dots, As_m = e_m$ . Now let  $B$  be the matrix with columns  $s_1, \dots, s_m$ , in that order. Then  $B$  is  $n \times m$ , and for any  $i, j$ ,  $B_{ij} = (s_j)_i$ , the  $i$ th entry of column vector  $s_j$ . Then for all  $i, j \leq m$ , we have

$$(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} B_{kj} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} (s_j)_k = (As_j)_i = (e_j)_i = I_{ij}$$

So  $AB = I$ .

Now assume (4) and let  $B$  be a right inverse of  $A$ . let  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  be given. Then

$$A(Bb) = (AB)b = Ib = b$$

and so

there is some  $s \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $As = b$ , namely  $s = Bb$ .

So far, we've been working exclusively with real numbers. Soon we'll have to use complex numbers. Everything we have done up to now works for complex numbers too. Recall the following

Fact 10. Let  $z = a + bi$  be a nonzero complex number (so at least one of  $a$  and  $b$  is nonzero). Then

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|^2} = \frac{a - bi}{a^2 + b^2}$$

In particular, if  $z$  lies on the unit circle (so  $z = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$ ) then

$$\frac{1}{z} = \bar{z}$$

Example. Find the rank and nullity of the matrix  $A$  below. Find bases for  $\text{row}(A)$ ,  $\text{null}(A)$  and  $\text{col}(A)$ .  $A =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1+2i & -1 & 0 \\ 1-2i & i & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Example.**

- (1) Let  $p$  and  $q$  be points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (ie the plane). Show that  $\{p, q\}$  is linearly independent if and only if the points  $0, p$  and  $q$  are not colinear.
- (2) Let  $p, q, r \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Show that  $\{p, q, r\}$  is linearly independent if and only if the points  $0, p, q$ , and  $r$  are not coplanar.

**Definition.**  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  is the set of  $n \times n$  matrices with entries from  $\mathbb{C}$ . We will identify a matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  with its sequence of rows,  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

A multilinear map is a function  $T: M_n(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

- (1) For all  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\sigma \in \mathbb{C}$ ,
 
$$T(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_i + \sigma, \dots, \rho_n) = T(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_i, \dots, \rho_n) + T(\rho_1, \dots, \sigma, \dots, \rho_n)$$
- (2) For all  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ 

$$T(\rho_1, \dots, t\rho_i, \dots, \rho_n) = tT(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_i, \dots, \rho_n)$$

In other words,  $T$  is a linear map on its  $i^{\text{th}}$  argument when all others are fixed.

A multilinear map  $T$  is alternating if in addition we have

$$T(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_j, \dots, \rho_i, \dots, \rho_n) = -T(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_i, \dots, \rho_j, \dots, \rho_n)$$

whenever  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $i < j$ .

**Lemma 17.** Suppose  $T: M_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is an alternating multilinear map, and  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  is some matrix with two rows which are the same, or a row of all zeroes. Then  $T(A) = 0$ .

Proof. Suppose  $A$  has two rows which are the same, i.e.  $\rho_i = \rho_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . Then  $T(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_i, \dots, \rho_j, \dots, \rho_n) = -T(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_j, \dots, \rho_i, \dots, \rho_n) = -T(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_j, \dots, \rho_i, \dots, \rho_j, \dots, \rho_n)$ . The only real (or complex) number  $t$  satisfying  $t = -t$  is  $t = 0$ .

Now suppose  $A$  has a zero row in the  $i$ th place. Then by linearity,  $T(\rho_1, \dots, 0_{1 \times n}, \dots, \rho_n) = 0$ .  $T(\rho_1, \dots, 0_{1 \times n}, \dots, \rho_n) = 0$ .

**Theorem 15.** Suppose  $T: M_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is an alternating multilinear map, and  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $B$  is the result of applying a single row operation to  $A$ . Then  $T(A)$  and  $T(B)$  are related in the following way depending on the row operation in question:

$$i \neq j \quad \rho_i \leftrightarrow \rho_j \quad T(B) = -T(A)$$

$$i \neq j \quad \rho_i \rightarrow \rho_i + \lambda \rho_j \quad T(B) = T(A)$$

$$\rho_i \rightarrow \lambda \rho_i \quad T(B) = \lambda T(A)$$

Proof. The swap and scaling cases are simply part of the definition of an alternating multilinear map. The row-combination case follows from the lemma above.

$$\begin{aligned} T(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_i + \lambda \rho_j, \dots, \rho_j, \dots, \rho_n) &= T(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_i, \dots, \rho_j, \dots, \rho_n) + \lambda T(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_j, \dots, \rho_j, \dots, \rho_n) \\ &= T(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_i, \dots, \rho_j, \dots, \rho_n) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 17:** If  $S, T: M_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are alternating multilinear maps, and  $S(I) = T(I)$ , then  $S = T$ .

Proof. We have already seen that if  $A$  is not invertible then  $S$  and  $T$  both send  $A$  to zero. If  $A$  is invertible, then it is row-reducible to  $I$ . Theorem 15 (along with a routine induction) shows that

$$T(I) = (-1)^k m_1 \dots m_t T(A) \quad S(I) = (-1)^k m_1 \dots m_t S(A)$$

where  $k$  is the number of swaps used,  $t$  is the number of scaling operations used, and  $m_1, \dots, m_t$  are the scaling factors. Hence if  $S(I) = T(I)$ , then

$$S(A) = (-1)^{km_1} \dots \frac{1}{m_t} S(I) = (-1)^{km_1} \dots \frac{1}{m_t} T(I) = T(A)$$

**Definition.** The determinant  $\det: M_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is the unique alternating multilinear map such that  $\det(I) = 1$ .

**Theorem 18.** Let  $A$  be a square matrix. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $A$  is invertible.
- (2)  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .

**Example.** Find the determinants of the following matrices.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & 1/3 \\ 1/2 & 1/3 & 1/4 \\ 1/3 & 1/4 & 1/5 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 & 10 \\ 6 & 11 & 17 \end{pmatrix}, D = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Theorem 19. Let } A, B$$

$\in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ . Then  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ .

**Definition.** A permutation matrix is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $P$  such that

- (1) every entry in  $P$  is either 0 or 1 and
- (2) there is exactly one 1 in each row and column of  $P$ .

If  $P$  is a permutation matrix then there is an associated permutation of  $[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$ :

$$\pi(i) = j \Leftrightarrow P_{ij} = 1$$

We write  $P = P_\pi$ . Note that  $\det(P) = \pm 1$  depending on the number of swaps needed to reduce  $P$  to  $I$ . (Which it turns out is the number of transpositions needed to produce  $\pi$ .)

For convenience, a row vector in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is used to describe a permutation  $\pi$  of  $[n]$ . specifically, in the  $i$ th entry of the row vector we write  $\pi(i)$ ; eg  $(312)$  denotes the permutation  $\pi$  such that  $\pi(1) = 3$ ,  $\pi(2) = 1$  and  $\pi(3) = 2$ .

**Definition.**  $\text{perm}(n) = \{\pi: [n] \rightarrow [n] \mid \pi \text{ is a bijection}\}$ .

Fact 11. If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then

$$\det(A) = \sum_{\pi \in \text{perm}(n)} \det(P_\pi) \prod_{i=1}^n A_{i\pi(i)}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$$

example. Say  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix

The  $3! = 6$  permutations of  $[3]$  are listed below, along with the determinant of the associated permutation matrix:

$(1 \ 2 \ 3)$	1
$(1 \ 3 \ 2)$	-1
$(2 \ 1 \ 3)$	1
$(2 \ 3 \ 1)$	-1
$(3 \ 1 \ 2)$	-1
$(3 \ 2 \ 1)$	1

**Definition:**

The inverse  $T^{-1}$  of a linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow V$  is a mapping satisfying:  $TT^{-1} = T^{-1}T = I$ , where  $I$  is the identity linear transformation.  $T^{-1}$  is also a linear transformation.

**Theorem**

If  $A$  is the matrix of the linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  relative to the ordered basis consisting of the unit vectors, then  $A$  has an inverse if and only if  $T$  has an inverse. Moreover, if  $A^{-1}$  exists, then  $A^{-1}$  is the matrix of  $T^{-1}$  relative to the ordered bases of unit vectors. Hence to compute  $T^{-1}(X)$ , we need only compute  $A^{-1}X$ .

e.g. find the inverse of the linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $T(a + 2c, 2a + b + 2c, c)$ . Find  $T^{-1}$ .

Hint: Look for the matrix of  $T$  to have  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and then find  $B^{-1}$  as  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  then compute

the product  $B^{-1}X = \begin{pmatrix} x - 2z \\ -2x + y + 2z \\ z \end{pmatrix}$  where  $X = (x, y, z)^T$  and the transpose of this product gives  $T^{-1}$ .

$$T^{-1}(a, b, c) = (a - 2c, -2a + b + 2c, c).$$

## EIGENVALUES & EIGENVECTORS

**Definition:** A fixed point of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is a vector  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $Ax = x$ .

Note that every square matrix has atleast one fixed point, namely  $x = 0$ . We call this the trivial fixed point of  $A$ , viz

$Ax = x \Rightarrow Ax = Ix \Rightarrow (I - A)x = 0$ . Solutions of  $(I - A)x = 0$  are the fixed points of  $A$ .

Theorem

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then the following statements are equivalent:

- a.  $A$  has nontrivial fixed points
- b.  $I - A$  is singular
- c.  $\det(I - A) = 0$ .

**Definition:** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then a scalar  $\lambda$  is called an eigenvalue of  $A$  if there is a nonzero vector  $x$  such that  $Ax = \lambda x$ . If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then every nonzero vector  $s$  such that  $Ax = \lambda x$  is called an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

Eg  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $u = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$  &  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Are  $u$  and  $v$  eigenvectors of  $A$ ? Show that 7 is an eigenvalue of  $A$

and find its corresponding eigenvectors.

**Definition:** The set of all solutions of  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$  is just the null space of the matrix  $A - \lambda I$ . So this set is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and is called the eigenspace of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

That is the eigenspace of  $\lambda$  consists of the zero vector and all the eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

**Example**



$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find a basis for the corresponding eigenspace where eigenvalue of A is 2 given that  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$

### Theorem

1. If A is a triangular matrix, then the eigenvalues of A are the entries on the main diagonal of A.
2. If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of a matrix A and x is a corresponding eigenvector, and if k is any positive integer, then  $\lambda^k$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^k$  and x is a corresponding eigenvector.

### Definition

The characteristic equation or characteristic polynomial of a matrix A is defined as  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  or  $\det(A - \lambda I)$  respectively, where  $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue and I is the identity matrix.

Note: solving  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$  is equivalent to finding all  $\lambda$  such that  $A - \lambda I$  is not invertible. That is when its determinant is zero. Thus the eigenvalues of A are the solutions of the characteristic polynomials of A.

### Examples

Find the eigen values and corresponding eigenvectors of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  &  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 & 16 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 \\ -4 & -4 & -11 \end{pmatrix}$

### Theorem 4:

1. The characteristic roots of a linear transformation T of V are precisely the characteristic roots of the matrix of T relative to the ordered basis of unit vectors. (Note that if  $\dim V = n$ , it cannot have more than n characteristic roots)
2. Suppose that a linear transformation T of a vector space V of dimension n has n distinct characteristic roots  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  in K. If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are characteristic vectors corresponding respectively to these characteristic roots, then  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$  is a linearly independent set.

### Remark 1:

Since  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$  in Thm4 is a linearly independent set of n vectors and  $\dim V = n$ , it is a basis of V. the matrix of T relative to the ordered basis  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  of V is determined from the following equations

$$T(X_1) = \lambda_1 X_1$$

$$T(X_2) = \lambda_2 X_2$$

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$$T(X_n) = \lambda_n X_n$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus the matrix of T relative to this basis is  $A =$

**Definition:** Let A & B be two nxn matrices. A is said to be similar to B if there exists an invertible matrix P such that  $P^{-1}AP = B$ .

### Theorem

If  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  &  $B$  are similar, then they have the same characteristic polynomial and hence the same eigenvalues.

**Recal:** an  $n \times n$  matrix  $D = (d_{ij})$  is called a diagonal matrix if  $d_{ij} = 0$  whenever  $i \neq j$

**Definition:** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if there exists an  $n \times n$  matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix. When such a  $P$  exists, we say that  $P$  diagonalizes  $A$ .

### Theorem(Condition for diagonalizability).

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ . Let  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$  be eigenvectors, with  $V_j$  associated with  $\lambda_j$ . Suppose that these eigenvectors are linearly independent and let  $P$  be the  $n \times n$  matrix having  $V_j$  as its

$j$ th column. Then  $P$  is nonsingular and  $P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$  the diagonal matrix having the eigenvalues of  $A$  along its main diagonal, in the same order as the eigenvectors are listed as columns of  $P$ .

### Examples

1.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$   $\lambda = -1, 1$ ;  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  &  $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Therefore  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  &  $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  if we

take  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , the  $S^{-1}AS = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

2.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}$

3.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 & 4 \\ 12 & -11 & 12 \\ 4 & -4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ , observe that  $\lambda = 1, 1, -3$  & we can take 2 vectors for  $\lambda = 1$  since the eigenspace for

it has dimension 2, hence  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

**Theorem:** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  diagonalizable matrix. Then  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent vectors. Further, if  $Q^{-1}AQ$  is a diagonal matrix, then the diagonal elements are the eigenvalues of  $A$  and the columns of  $Q$  are corresponding eigenvectors.

e.g  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is not diagonalizable. Its eigenvectors are not linearly independent.  $P^{-1}$  does not exist.

**Corollary:** An  $n \times n$  matrix with  $n$  distinct eigenvalues is diagonalizable.

## ORTHOGONAL AND SYMMETRIC MATRICES

### Definition:

Let  $F, G \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . the dot product of  $F$  and  $G$  denoted  $F \cdot G$  is a real number obtained by adding the products of the respective components of these vectors.

Theorem (properties of dot products):

Let  $F, G, H$  be vectors and let  $t$  be a scalar. Then

- $F \cdot G = G \cdot F$
- $(F + G) \cdot H = (F \cdot H) + (G \cdot H)$
- $t(F \cdot G) = (tF) \cdot G = F \cdot (tG)$
- $F \cdot F = \|F\|^2$
- $F \cdot F = 0$  if and only if  $F = 0$ .

### Definitions:

- Two vectors are said to be orthogonal if and only if their dot product is zero.
- Two vectors  $U$  and  $V$  are orthonormal if they are orthogonal and each vector is a unit vector ie  $U \cdot V = 0$  and  $\|V\|^2 = 1$  and  $\|U\|^2 = 1$
- $A$  is an orthogonal matrix if and only if  $AA^T = A^T A = I_n$

Note

- If  $A$  is orthogonal, then  $A^{-1} = A^T$
- $A$  is orthogonal if and only if  $A^T$  is orthogonal
- If  $A$  is orthogonal, then  $|A| = 1$  or  $-1$ .
- A real square matrix of order  $n$  is orthogonal if and only if the row vectors of  $A$  are orthonormal in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Show that  $S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  is an orthonormal set.

$$\text{Where } u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}, u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$u_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real matrix. Then  $A$  is orthogonal if and only if the column vectors of  $A$  are orthonormal in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

### Definition

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is symmetric if and only if  $A = A^T$ .

Theorems

1. The eigenvalue of a real symmetric matrix are real
2. Let A be a real symmetric matrix, then the eigenvectors associated with distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal.
3. Let A be an nxn real symmetric matrix, then there exists an orthogonal matrix that diagonalizes A.

Find orthogonal matrix that diagonalizes  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Eigen values of A are 2, 2, -1 and get  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  which diagonalizes A but not

orthogonal because the vectors don't have 1 as their norm. Make them to have a norm of 1.

One advantage of using an orthogonal matrix is that the inverse is easily computed as the transpose.

## UNITARY, HERMITIAN AND SKEWHERMITIAN MATRICES

### Fact:

Let A be an nxn matrix of complex numbers(some or all of which may be real). Let  $\lambda$  be an eigen value with corresponding eigenvector Z =

### Lemma:

If U is a nonsingular nxn complex matrix, then  $\overline{U}^{-1} = U^{-1}$

### Definition:

1. An nxn complex matrix U is unitary if and only if  $\overline{U}^{-1} = U^t$ . E.g show that  $U = \begin{pmatrix} i/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -i/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$  is unitary.
2. Complex n-vectors  $F_1, \dots, F_r$  form a unitary system if  $F_i \cdot F_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $F_i \cdot F_i = 1$ . If all the components of each  $F_j$  are real, then a unitary system is an orthonormal system.
3. An nxn complex matrix H is Hermitian if and only if  $\overline{H}^t = H$ .

4. An nxn complex matrix S is skew hermitian if and only if  $\overline{S}^t = -S$ . e.g.  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 8i & 2i \\ 8i & 0 & 4i \\ 2i & 4i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

### Theorem:

1. Let U be an nxn complex matrix. Then U is unitary if and only if its row vectors form a unitary system.

$$\begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Let  $Z = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{pmatrix}$  be a matrix of complex numbers. Then

a.  $\bar{Z}^t H Z$  is real if  $H$  is hermitian

b.  $\bar{Z}^t H Z$  is zero or purely imaginary if  $H$  is skewhermitian.

3. The eigen values of a unitary matrix have absolute value 1.

4. The eigenvalues of a hermitian matrix are real.

5. The eigenvalues of a skew hermitian matrix are zero or purely imaginary.

## ORTHOGONAL BASIS, GRAM-SCHMIDT PROCESS, ORTHONORMAL BASIS

Theorem:

Given a basis  $\{x_1, \dots, x_p\}$  for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Define

$$v_1 = x_1$$

$$v_2 = x_2 - \frac{x_2 \cdot v_1}{v_1 \cdot v_1} v_1$$

$$v_3 = x_3 - \frac{x_3 \cdot v_1}{v_1 \cdot v_1} v_1 - \frac{x_3 \cdot v_2}{v_2 \cdot v_2} v_2$$

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$$v_p = x_p - \frac{x_p \cdot v_1}{v_1 \cdot v_1} v_1 - \frac{x_p \cdot v_2}{v_2 \cdot v_2} v_2 - \dots - \frac{x_p \cdot v_{p-1}}{v_{p-1} \cdot v_{p-1}} v_{p-1}$$

Then  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $W$ .

In addition,  $\text{Span} \{v_1, \dots, v_p\} = \text{Span} \{x_1, \dots, x_p\}$ . this process is called the Gram-Schmidt process.

Eg

1. the following vectors are linearly independent, construct an orthogonal basis for  $W$  by Gram-Schmidt process.

$$x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Find an orthogonal basis for the column space of the following matrix by Gram-Schmidt process.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 6 & 6 \\ 3 & -8 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Find an orthonormal basis of the subspace spanned by the following vectors.  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$