# MATH405: Linear Algebra

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Goals of this course are to discuss

- Vector spaces
- Linear transformations between vector spaces
- Other operations on vector spaces

# 1 Vector Space

#### 1.1 Definitions

**Definition - Field**: A set of numbers containing 0,1 that can be added, subtracted, multiplied, and divided (except cannot divide by 0) that satisfy the following **Field Axioms** 

- 1.  $a, b \in K \implies a + b, ab \in K$
- 2.  $+, \times$  are commutative so a + b = b + a and ab = ba
- 3. +,  $\times$  are associative so (a+b)+c=a+(b+c) and a(bc)=(ab)c
- 4. Distributive Law: a(b+c) = ab + ac
- 5. Additive Identity: a + 0 = 0 + a = a
- 6. Multiplicative Identity:  $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a$
- 7. Additive Inverse:  $\forall a \in K, \exists b \text{ such that } a+b=0, \text{ namely } b=-a \text{ which is unique}$
- 8. Multiplicative Inverse:  $\forall a \in K, \exists b \text{ such that } ab = 1, \text{ name } b = 1/a \text{ which is unique}$

**Example:** R, Q are fields. Z is not a field since there is no multiplicative inverse of 2

**Example:**  $C = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in R\}$ , where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , is a field under

- +: (a+bi) + (c+di) = (a+c) + (b+d)i
- $\times$ : (a+bi)(c+di) = (ac-bd) + (ad+bc)i

**Example**:  $F_2 = \{0, 1\}$  is a field under

- +: where
  - 0 + 0 = 0
  - 0+1=1+0=1
  - 1 + 1 = 0
- $\times$ : where
  - $0 \cdot 0 = 0$
  - $0 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$
  - $1 \cdot 1 = 1$

**Example:** For a prime p, let  $F_p = \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ . Then  $F_p$  is a field under

- $+: a+b \pmod{p}$
- $\times : ab \pmod{p}$

**Definition - Vector Space**: For an arbitrary field K, a K-vector space is a set V, with a distinguished element O, such that any 2 elements in V can be added and scalar multiplied by  $c \in K$ 

- $u, v \in V \implies u + v \in V$
- $c \in K, u \in V \implies cu \in V$

Satisfying the following properties

- 1. Commutative Addition: u + v = v + u
- 2. Associative Addition: (u+v)+w=u+(v+w)
- 3. Additive Identity: u + O = u
- 4. Additive Inverse:  $\forall u \in V, \exists v \in V$  such that u + v = O, namely v = -u which is unique
- 5. Distributive Laws:  $\forall a, b \in K, a(u+v) = au + av$  and (a+b)u = au + bu
- 6. Commutative Scalar Multiplication: (ab)u = a(bu)
- 7. Multiplicative Identity:  $1 \cdot u = u$

**Example:**  $R^3$  is an R-vector space defined by the operations

$$R^3 = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in R\}$$

- +: add componentwise so (a, b, c) + (d, e, f) = (a + d, b + e, c + f)
- $\times$ : for  $r \in R$ , r(a, b, c) = (ra, rb, rc)
- Additive Identity is O = (0, 0, 0)

**Example:** For any field  $K, K^2$  is a K-vector space defined by the operations

$$K^2 = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in K\}$$

- +: add componentwise so (a,b) + (c,d) = (a+c,b+d)
- Scalar  $\times$ : for  $k \in K$ , k(a,b) = (ka,kb)
- Additive Identity is O = (0,0)

**Example:** R is an R-vector space since clearly the necessary properties hold

**Example** R is a Q-vector space since clearly the necessary properties hold

• Notably, for  $q \in Q$  and  $r \in R$ , we have  $qr \in R$ . Thus scalar multiplication is closed

**Example:** For any field K, the set  $\{O\}$  is a K-vector space

**Example**: Let X be any non-empty set and let  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  be the set of all functions  $f: X \to R$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is an R-vector space under the operations

- +: for  $f, g \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ , define f + g := (f + g)(x)
- $\times$ : let  $r \in R$ , then define rf := r(f(x))
- Additive Identity is O = f(x) = 0, the function that takes any x to 0

**Example:** Take X = N and let  $F(X) = \{$  all functions  $f: N \to R \}$  is a vector space

• Note:  $f: N \to R$  is a sequence  $(a_0, \ldots, a_n)$  where  $a_n = f(n)$ 

**Lemma 1 - Cancellation:** For  $u, v, w \in V$  and if u + v = w + v, then u = w

*Proof*:  $v \in V$  has an additive inverse, namely -v. Thus we have

$$u + v - v = w + v - v \implies u = w$$

**Lemma 2 - Unique Additive Inverse**: For all  $v \in V$ , there is a unique additive inverse, namely -v

*Proof*: Suppose u, w are both additive inverses of v. Then we have

$$v + u = v + w \implies u = w$$

**Lemma 3 - 0 Times a Vector**: For all  $v \in V$ , 0v = O

*Proof*: 
$$v = 1v = (0+1)v = 0v + 1v = 0v + v \implies 0v = 0$$

**Lemma 4 - (-1)v** is the Additive Inverse: For all  $v \in v$ , (-1)v is the unique additive inverse of v

Proof: (-1)v + v = (-1+1)v = 0v = 0. Thus (-1)v is the additive inverse of v, which is unique by Lemma 2

**Definition - Subspace**: For a K-vector space V and a non-empty subset  $W \subseteq V$ , W is a subspace if it satisfies

- $w_1, w_2, \in W \implies w_1 + w_2 \in W$
- $\forall a \in K, w \in W \implies aw \in W$
- O ∈ W

**Theorem 1**: Every subspace of a K-vector space is a K-vector space

*Proof*: We need to show that  $W \subseteq V$  satisfies all the necessary properties of a vector space

1. Verify  $O \in W$ 

Since W is non-empty and closed under scalar multiplication, take  $0w = 0 \in W$  by Lemma 3

- 2.  $u, v \in W \implies u + v \in W$  and  $a \in K, v \in W \implies aw \in W$  by definition of subspace
- 3. Every  $w \in W$  has an additive inverse, namely -w

Since W is closed under scalar multiplication,  $(-1)w = -w \in W$  by Lemma 4

4. Other conditions (associative addition, commutative addition, etc.) hold because  $u, v, w \in W \implies u, v, w \in V$ 

For example, choose  $u, v \in W$ , then u + v = v + u, since  $u, v \in V$ . Thus commutative addition is satisfied

**Example:** Take  $(5,3,2) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Then let  $W = \{r(5,3,2) \mid r \in \mathbb{R}\}$ 

Then W is an R-vector space. We prove this by showing that W is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ 

• +: Choose 2 arbitrary elements of W, r(5,3,2) and s(5,3,2) for  $r,s\in R$ 

Then 
$$r(5,3,2) + s(5,3,2) = (r+s)(5,3,2) \in W$$

•  $\times$ : Choose  $r(5,3,2) \in W$  and take  $s \in R$ 

Then 
$$s(r(5,3,2)) = (sr)(5,3,2) \in W$$

**Example:** Let  $U = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid 2x + 3y = 0\}$ . We show that U is a vector space by showing it's a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ 

• +: Take  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2, z_2) \in U \implies 2x_1 + 3y_1 = 0$  and  $2x_2 + 3y_2 = 0$ 

Then  $2(x_1 + x_2) + 3(y_1 + y_2) = 0$ 

Thus  $(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2) \in U$ 

•  $\times$ : Let  $(x, y, z) \in U$  and  $r \in R$ 

Then  $2x + 3y = 0 \implies r(2x + 3y) = 2rx + 3ry = 0$ 

Thus  $r(x, y, z) \in U$ 

**Example:** Consider  $\sin(x)$ ,  $\cos(x) \in \mathcal{F}(R)$  and let  $W = \{a\sin(x) + b\cos(x) \mid a, b \in R\}$ . Then W is a subspace of  $\mathcal{F}(R)$ 

- +: Take  $a_1 \sin(x) + b_1 \cos(x)$  and  $a_2 \sin(x) + b_2 \cos(x) \in W$ . Then  $(a_1 + a_2) \sin(x) + (b_1 + b_2) \cos(x) \in W$
- $\times$ : Take  $r \in R$ . Then  $r(a\sin(x) + b\cos(x)) = (ra)\sin(x) + (rb)\cos(x) \in W$

#### 1.2 Basis

**Definition - Linear Combination**: For vectors  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\} \subseteq V$ , a linear combination of  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  is a vector of the form

$$a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n \qquad a_i \in K$$

**Definition - Span**: span( $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$ ) = { all linear combinations of  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$ }

**Proposition 1**:  $W = \text{span}(\{v_1, \dots, v_n\})$  is a subspace of V and thus is itself a K-Vector Space

*Proof*: We show that W satisfies the necessary criteria to be a subspace of V

• +: Let  $a = a_1v_1 + \cdots + a_nv_n \in W$  and  $b = b_1v_1 + \cdots + b_nv_n \in W$ 

Then  $a + b = (a_1 + b_1)v_1 + \dots + (a_n + b_n)v_n \in W$ 

Thus W is closed under addition

• Scalar  $\times$ : Let  $a = a_1v_1 + \cdots + a_nv_n \in W$  and let  $c \in K$ 

Then  $ca = (ca_1)v_1 + \cdots + (ca_n)v_n \in W$ 

Thus W is closed under scalar multiplication

**Example**: Take (5, 3, 1) and  $(4, 0, -2) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ 

 $\text{span}(\{(5,3,1),(4,0,-2)\})$  is a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  passing through (0,0,0)

**Example**: Take (5, 3, 1) and  $(10, 6, 2) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ 

 $\operatorname{span}(\{(5,3,1),(10,6,2)\})$  is a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  passing through (0,0,0)

• Note: (10,6,2) = 2(5,3,1). Thus span $(\{(5,3,1),(10,6,2)\}) = a_1(5,3,1) + a_2(10,6,2) = (a_1 + 2a_2)(5,3,1)$ 

**Definition - Linearly Independent**:  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is **linearly independent** if whenever  $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n = 0$ , then  $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$ 

• Otherwise  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  is linearly dependent

**Proposition 2**:  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  is linearly independent if and only if no  $v_i$  is a linearly combination of the other n-1 vectors

*Proof*:  $\Longrightarrow$  Assume  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  is linearly independent

BWOC, assume some  $v_i = a_1v_1 + \cdots + a_nv_n$  for some  $v_i \notin \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ 

Then we have

$$O = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n + (-1)v_i$$

Since  $v_i$  is a linear combination of  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$ , the above equation shows that  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  is linearly dependent. Contradiction

Thus  $v_i$  cannot be written as a linear combination of the other vectors

 $\leftarrow$  Assume by way of contraposition that  $\{v_1,\ldots,v_n\}$  is not linearly independent

Thus choose  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in K$ , not all 0 such that

$$a_1v_1 + \cdots + a_nv_n = O$$

WLOG, assume  $a_1 \neq 0$ . Then  $v_2 a_2 + \cdots + a_n v_n = a_1 v_n$ 

Since  $a_1 \neq 0$  and K is a field, we have

$$v_1 = \frac{a_2}{-a_1}v_2 + \dots + \frac{a_n}{-a_1}v_n$$

Thus we have shown that  $v_1$  is a linear combination of the other n-1 vectors

Corollary 3:  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  is linearly independent if and only if for each  $i, v_i \notin \text{span}(\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\} \setminus \{v_i\})$ 

*Proof*: This follows from the previous proposition

**Definition - Spans**: Let W be a K-Vector Space and  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\} \subseteq W$ . If  $\operatorname{span}(\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}) = W$ , then  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  spans W, so every  $w \in W$  is a linear combination of  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$ 

**Definition - Basis:**  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  is a **basis** of W if it spans W and is linearly independent

**Example:**  $\{(5,3,1),(4,0,-2)\}$  is a basis for span $(\{(5,3,1),(4,0,-2)\})$ 

Example:  $\{(5,3,1),(10,6,2)\}$  is not a basis for span $(\{(5,3,1),(10,6,2)\})$  since it is not linearly independent

**Proposition 4**: Let  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  be a basis for W and let  $w \in W$  be arbitrary. Then w can be written uniquely as

$$w = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n \qquad a_i \in K$$

*Proof*: Since  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  spans W, every  $w \in W$  is a linear combination of  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$ 

For uniqueness, suppose

$$w = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n = b_1v_1 + \dots + b_nv_n$$

Then we have

$$O = (b_1 - a_1)v_1 + \cdots (b_n - a_n)$$

Since  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  is linearly independent, we must have  $b_i - a_i = 0$ , and thus  $b_i = a_i$  for each i

Thus each  $w \in W$  can be written uniquely as a linear combination of  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$ 

**Example:** Let  $W = \text{span}(\{\sin(x), \cos(x)\} = \{a\sin(x) + b\cos(x) \mid a, b \in R\}$ 

We know that W is an R-Vector Space

 $\{\sin(x),\cos(x)\}\$  is linearly independent. Otherwise  $\sin(x)=r\cos(x)$  for all  $x\in X$  and some  $r\in R$ . However, this cannot hold for when  $x=\pi/2$  since  $\sin(\pi/2)=1\neq r\cos(\pi/2)=r0$ 

#### 1.3 Dimension

Let  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\} \subseteq V$  and let  $W = \operatorname{span}(\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\})$ 

Now let  $X = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\} \subseteq W$ . Then there are 2 desirable properties of X

- X is Big: X spans W if  $\operatorname{span}(X) = W$ , i.e. all  $w \in W$  is a linear combination of elements from X
- X is Small: X is linearly independent, i.e. no element in X is a linear combination of the remaining elements

**Note**: the empty set  $\emptyset$  is linearly independent since no element in  $\emptyset$  is a linear combination of the others. Notably,  $\emptyset$  is the basis for  $\{O\}$ 

**Shrinking Lemma**: Let  $X = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\} \subseteq W$  and spans W but X is not linearly independent. Then  $X \setminus \{w_i\}$  still spans W for some  $w_i \in X$ 

*Proof*: Since X is not linearly independent, we know that some  $w_i$  is a linear combination of elements in  $X \setminus \{w_i\}$ . Suppose

$$w_i = a_1 w_1 + \dots + a_m w_m$$
 without  $w_i$  occurring

Then take arbitrary  $u \in W$  where

$$u = b_1 w_1 + \cdots + b_m w_m$$

Replacing  $w_i$  above with the previous equation, we see that u is a linear combination of  $X \setminus \{w_i\}$ 

Thus  $X \setminus \{w_i\} = \operatorname{span}(W)$ 

**Shrinking Theorem**: Let  $X = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  span W. Then for some subset  $Y \subseteq X$  is a basis of W

Proof:

Case 0: If X is linearly independent, then X is a basis by definition

Otherwise, apply the shrinking lemma to get  $X_1 = X \setminus \{w_i\}$ , which spans W

Case 1: If  $X_1$  is linearly independent, then  $X_1$  is a basis

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Since X is finite (it has m elements), we will stop eventually. Either

- Some  $X_i$  is linearly independent. Thus  $X_i$  is a basis for W
- Otherwise if we hit case m:  $X_m = \emptyset$ , which is linearly independent, and thus  $X_m$  spans  $W = \{O\}$

Corollary: If  $W = \text{span}(\{v_1, \dots, v_n\})$ , then some subset of  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis

• Note: In particular, W has to have a basis

**Enlarging Lemma**: Suppose  $X = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\} \subseteq W$  and is linearly independent but doesn't span W. Then for any  $w \in W \setminus \text{span}(X), X \cup \{w\}$  is still linearly independent

*Proof*: Suppose  $a_1w_1 + \cdots + a_mw_m + bw = O$ . We show that  $a_1 = \cdots = a_m = b = 0$ 

Suppose BWOC,  $b \neq 0$ , then we can solve for w

$$w = \frac{-a_1}{h}w_1 + \dots + \frac{-a_m}{h}w_m$$

Which means that  $w \in \text{span}(X)$ . Contradiction

Thus b = 0. This gives

$$a_1w_1 + \cdots + a_mw_m + 0w = O$$

Since  $X = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  is linearly independent, we also have  $a_1 = \dots = a_m = 0$ 

Thus  $X \cup \{w\}$  is linearly independent

**Main Question**: Does the enlarging process above terminate? After some steps, do we get a set  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_m\}$  that spans W?

**Exchanging Lemma**: Let  $X = \{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  be any basis for W. Choose any  $w \in W$  but  $w \notin \text{span}(\{v_k, \ldots, v_n\})$ . Then  $\exists v_i, i < k$ , such that  $Y = (X \setminus \{v_i\}) \cup \{w\}$  is still a basis

• Note: If k > n, then  $\{v_k, \ldots, v_n\} = \emptyset$ 

*Proof*: First we show that span(Y) = W. Since X spans W, we can write

$$w = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n \implies v_1 = \frac{1}{a_1} w + \frac{-a_2}{a_1} v_2 + \dots + \frac{-a_m}{a_1} v_m$$

Since  $w \notin \text{span}(\{v_k, \dots, v_n\})$ , we must have  $a_i \neq 0$  for some i < k

WLOG, let  $a_1 \neq 0$ . We show that Y spans W

Since X spans W, for arbitrary  $u \in W$ , we have

$$u = d_1 v_1 + \dots + d_n v_n$$

Replacing  $v_1$  above with the previous equation, we see that u is a linear combination of elements of Y and thus  $u \in \text{span}(Y)$ 

Thus  $\operatorname{span}(Y) = W$ 

Next we show that Y is linearly independent

Suppose we have

$$cw + b_2v_2 + b_nv_n = O$$

We show that  $c = b_2 = \cdots = b_n = 0$ 

- If  $c=0 \implies b_2=\cdots=b_n=0$  since  $\{b_2,\ldots,b_n\}$  is linearly independent
- Otherwise suppose  $c \neq 0$ , then we can solve for w

$$w = \frac{-b_2}{c}v_2 + \dots + \frac{-b_n}{c}v_n \implies v_1 = \frac{1}{a_1}(\frac{-b_2}{c}v_2 + \dots + \frac{-b_n}{c}v_n) + \frac{-a_1}{a_1}v_2 + \dots + \frac{-a_m}{a_1v_m}$$

Thus  $v_1$  is a linear combination of  $\{v_2, \ldots, v_n\}$ . Contradiction since we said X was linearly independent. Thus c=0

**Theorem**: Let  $X = \{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  be a basis for W, and let  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_m\} \subseteq W$  be linearly independent. Then  $m \leq n$  *Proof*: If m < n, we are done

Now assume  $m \geq n$ , we show that m = n

Since  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_m\}$  is linearly independent, we have that  $w_1 \neq O = \operatorname{span}(\emptyset)$ 

Now apply the Exchanging Lemma to the basis X, with k > n and  $w_1$  Then  $\exists v_i$  such that  $X_1 = (X \setminus \{v_i\}) \cup \{w_1\}$  is a basis

After reindexing, we see that  $X_1$  has n-1 vectors from X and 1 vector from  $w_1$ 

Now take k = n. Since  $\{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  is linearly independent,  $w_2 \notin \text{span}(\{w_1\})$ 

Thus applying the Exchanging Lemma again, there exists j < k = n such that  $X_2 = (X_1 \setminus \{v_j\}) \cup \{w_2\}$  is a basis

Reindexing again, we get that  $X_2 = \{v_1, \dots, v_{n-2}, w_1, w_2\}$  is a basis

After n steps,  $X_n$  has no elements from X and  $X_n = \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  is a basis

Furthermore, we see that  $w_m \in \text{span}(\{w_1, \dots, w_n\})$ , contradicting that  $\{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  is linearly independent

Thus m = n

Corollary: If W is any K-vector space and some basis of W has n elements, then every basis of W has n elements

**Definition - Finite Dimensional:** Let W be a K-vector space. Then W is finite dimensional if some basis for W is finite

**Definition - Dimension:** Number of elements in any basis for a vector space W

Corollary: Suppose  $\dim(W) = n$  and  $X = \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  are any *n*-vectors

- 1. If X spans W, then X is a basis for W
- 2. If X is linearly independent, then X is a basis for W

Proof:

1. By Shrinking Theorem, there exists a basis  $Y \subseteq X$ 

However, |Y| < n contradicts that  $\dim(W) = n$ 

Thus Y = X, i.e. X is a basis

2. By Enlarging Lemma, we can expand X to a basis Y

However, 
$$|Y| > n$$
 contradicts that  $\dim(W) = n$ 

Thus 
$$Y = X$$
, i.e. X is a basis

#### 1.3.1 Toolbox Corollaries and Results

The following are useful corollaries that can be used to prove additional interesting results

Let V be a K-Vector Space with  $\dim(V) = n$ , i.e. V has some basis with n elements

- 1. Every basis for V has n elements
- 2. If  $X \supseteq V$  and span(X) = V, then X has at least n elements and some subset  $Y \subseteq X$  is a basis for V
- 3. If  $Z \subseteq V$  is linearly independent, then Z has at most n elements and Z can be extended to a basis  $Y \supseteq Z$  for V

**Example:** Let  $V = R^3$ . Since  $\dim(V) = 3$ , V has a basis with 3 elements

• Consider the **Standard Basis**:  $B = \{(1,0,0), (0,1,0), (0,0,1)\}$ 

Suppose  $X = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\} \subseteq V$  for arbitrary vectors

- If  $\operatorname{span}(X) = V$  then X is a basis
- If X is linearly independent, since |X| = 3, X is a basis for V

**Example**: Describe all subspaces  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ 

**Note**: Since  $\dim(V) = 3$ , we must have  $\dim(W) \leq \dim(V) = 3$ 

- Case 0:  $\dim(W) = 0$ 
  - Clearly  $W = \{O\}$
- Case 1:  $\dim(W) = 1$

W is a line going through (0,0,0)

Thus a basis for W will be  $\{w\}$  for any nonzero  $w \in W$ 

• Case 2:  $\dim(W) = 2$ 

W is a plane containing (0,0,0)

Thus a basis for W will be any 2 element set  $\{w_1, w_2\} \subseteq W$  such that

- Neither element is O
- $-w_2$  is not a scalar multiple of  $w_1$
- Case 3:  $\dim(W) = 3$

Only possibility is  $W = V = R^3$ 

**Examples:** Consider subspaces of  $\mathcal{F}(R)$  and look at small subspaces

• 
$$W = \text{span}(\{e^x\}) = \{re^x \mid r \in R\}$$

This can be thought of as a 1-dimensional subpsace of  $\mathcal{F}(R)$ 

•  $V = \text{span}(\{\sin(x), \cos(x)\}) = \{a\sin(x) + b\cos(x) \mid a, b \in R\}$ 

Clearly 
$$\dim(V) = 2$$

Consider 
$$f(x) = \sin(x)$$
  $g(x) = \cos(x)$   $h(x) = 3\sin(x) - 2\cos(x)$ 

Since h = 3f + (-2)g,  $\{f, g, h\}$  is not linearly independent

Thus  $\operatorname{span}(\{f, g, h\}) = \operatorname{span}(\{f, g\})$ 

#### 1.4 Direct Sums

Let V be a K-Vector Space with  $\dim(V) = n$ . Let  $W \subseteq V$  be a subspace of V. Then  $\dim(W) \leq n$ 

Now choose another subspace  $U \subseteq V$ 

Note:  $W \cap U \neq \emptyset$  since both must contain O

Thus the smallest we can make  $W \cap U$  is  $\{O\}$ 

Furthermore, it can be shown that both  $U \cap W$  and U + W are both subspaces of V

**Definition - Direct Sum**:  $U \oplus W$  is called a **direct sum** if

- $U \oplus W = U + W$
- $U \cap W = \{O\}$

We often look at cases where  $V = U \oplus W$ 

**Example:** Consider  $R^3$  and let W be any plane containing (0,0,0)

If U is any line through (0,0,0) such that  $U \notin W$ , then  $R^3 = W \oplus U$ 

**Theorem**: Let V be a K-Vector Space with  $\dim(V) = n$ . Let  $W \subseteq V$  be any subspace of V. Then there exists a subspace  $U \subseteq V$  such that

$$V = U \oplus W$$

*Proof*: Choose any basis  $Z = \{w_1, \ldots, w_m\}$  of W (we know that  $m \leq n$ )

Now extend Z to  $Y = Z \cup \{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$ , which is a basis for V

Let  $U = \text{span}(\{u_1, \dots, u_r\})$ . Then U is a subspace of V and  $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$  is a basis for U

• Show that  $U \cap W = \{O\}$ 

Choose  $v \in U \cap W$ 

Then we have  $v = a_1u_1 + \cdots + a_ru_r = b_1w_1 + \cdots + b_mw_m$ 

Since Y is a basis for V, then  $\{u_1, \ldots, u_r, b_1, \ldots, b_m\}$  is linearly independent

Thus 
$$v - v = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_r u_r - b_1 w_1 - \dots - b_m w_m = 0 \implies a_1 = \dots = a_r = b_1 = \dots = b_m = 0$$

Thus v = O

• Show that V = U + W

Choose any  $v \in V$ 

Since Y is a basis for V

$$v = \underbrace{a_1u_1 + \dots + a_ru_r}_{u \in U} + \underbrace{b_1w_1 + \dots + b_mw_m}_{w \in W}$$

Thus  $v = u + w \implies V = U + W$ 

## 2 Matrices

**Definition - m**  $\times$  **n Matrix**: Entries  $\in K$  of the form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example:**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  is a  $2 \times 3$  matrix with entries  $\in Q$ 

Note: Any  $2 \times 3$  matrices can be added together componentwise or multiplied by a scalar, resulting in a  $2 \times 3$  matrix

- Here the additive identity is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- Here the additive inverse of A (from previous example) is  $-A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & -3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus  $\mathrm{Mat}_{2\times 3}(K)$ , the set of all  $2\times 3$  matrices with entries in K is a K-Vector Space

Here the basis is  $B = \{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \}$ 

- Clearly spans since any  $2 \times 3$  matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \end{bmatrix}$  can be written as a linear combination of elements in B
- Clearly B is linearly independent since the only way to write O is to take each scalar  $a_i = 0$

Thus  $\dim(\operatorname{Mat}_{2\times 3}(K)) = 6$ 

**Upshot**: We can generalize the discussion above to show that  $\mathrm{Mat}_{m\times n}(K)$  is a K-Vector Space of  $\dim = m\times n$ 

**Example**:  $\{\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}\}$ , **Symmetric 2** × **2 matrices**, is a subspace of  $\mathrm{Mat}_{2\times 2}(K)$ , has dimension 3

**Non-Example:** Mat(K) is NOT a Vector Space since addition between  $2 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 3$  matrices is not defined

**Notation**:  $A_i = (a_{i1}, \dots, a_{in})$ , the *i*th row vector, is a  $1 \times n$  matrix

**Notation**:  $A^{j} = (a_{1j}, \ldots, a_{mj})$ , the jth column vector, is an  $m \times 1$  matrix

**Definition - Transpose**: Given an  $m \times n$  matrix A, the **transpose**  $A^t$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix that swaps the rows and columns, and vice versa

• Note: If A is a square  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $A^t$  is also a square  $n \times n$  matrix

Example:  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^t = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ 

**Definition - Matrix Multiplication:** An  $m \times n$  matrix A can multiply with an  $n \times k$  matrix B where

$$C_{il} = \sum_{d=1}^{n} a_{ij} b_{d,l}$$

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• Note: If A, B are both  $n \times n$  matrices, then AB is an  $n \times n$  matrix

**Upshot**: Square matrices are closed under transposition and matrix multiplication

Example:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 22 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ 

# 2.1 Linear Equations

Consider the following system

$$5x_1 + 3x_2 - 6x_3 = 8$$
$$x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = 4$$

We can represent this using

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & -6 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \implies AX = B$$

# 3 Mappings

**Definition - Function**: Mapping between 2 sets D, R such that for each  $x \in D$ , there exists a unique  $y \in R$  such that f(x) = y

$$F:D\to R$$

• Note: D here is the domain of F and R is the range of F

**Definition - Image**:  $F(D) = \{F(x) \mid x \in D\} \subseteq R$ 

**Example**:  $F: R \to R$   $F(x) = x^2$ 

- Domain(F) = Range(F) = R
- Image of  $F = \{ y \in R \mid y \ge 0 \} = [0, \infty)$

**Example:**  $G[0,\infty) \to R$   $G(x) = \sqrt{x}$ 

• Image of  $G = [0, \infty)$ 

**Example**:  $\mathcal{F} = \text{all functions } F : \to R$ 

Let S be all "infinitely" differentiable functions

Let  $\frac{d}{dx}: S \to S$  where  $\frac{d}{dx}(f) = f'$ 

Thus  $\frac{d}{dx}$  is a function

Example:  $t: \operatorname{Mat}_{2\times 3}(K) \to \operatorname{Mat}_{3\times 2}(K)$ 

Then  $t(A) = A^t$  is a function

**Definition - Onto:** A function  $F: D \to R$  is **onto** if Image of F = R

**Definition - 1-1:** A function  $F: D \to R$  is **1-1** if different elements from D get mapped to different elements of R

$$F(d) = F(e) \implies d = e$$

**Definition - Bijection**: A function that is both onto and 1-1

**Definition - Inverse Function**: If  $F: D \to R$  is a bijection, there exists an inverse function  $F^{-1}: R \to D$  such that

$$\forall r, \in R, F(F^{-1}(r)) = r$$
$$\forall d, \in D, F^{-1}(F(d)) = d$$

**Definition - Linear Transformation**: For fixed K-Vector Spaces V, W, a linear transformation  $T: V \to W$  is a function satisfying

- 1.  $\forall v_1, v_2 \in W, T(v_1 + v_2) = T(v_1) + T(v_2)$
- 2.  $\forall c \in K, v \in W, T(cv) = cT(v)$

### Examples

- 1.  $F: R \to R, F(x) = x^2$ 
  - Not onto since  $x^2$  cannot be negative
  - Not 1-1 since  $1^2 = (-1)^2 = 1$
  - Not a linear transformation since  $(1+2)^2 = 9 \neq 1^2 + 2^2$
- 2.  $F: [0, \infty) \to R, F(x) = \sqrt{x}$ 
  - Not onto since  $x^2$  cannot be negative
  - 1-1 since  $\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{y} \implies x = y$
  - Not a linear transformation since  $[0, \infty)$  isn't a Vector Space
- 3. Let S be the set of all infinite differentiable functions. Consider  $\frac{d}{dx}: S \to S$  where  $\frac{d}{dx}(f) = f'$ 
  - Onto by the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
  - Not 1-1 since f and f + 5 share the same derivative
  - Is a linear transformation by addition and scalar multiplication properties of derivatives
- 4. Let C be the set of continuous functions on [0,1]. Consider  $I: C \to R, I(f) = \int_0^1 f(t) dt$ 
  - Onto since we can generate any value of R by taking the integral of the constant function
  - Not 1-1 since the definite integral of 2 functions could yield the same result
  - Is a linear transformation by additional and scalar multiplication properties of integrals
- 5.  $I^*: G \to C, I^*(f) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$ 
  - Not onto since not all functions of f(0) = 0
  - 1-1 since indefinite integral yields a unique function
  - Is a linear transformation by additional and scalar multiplication properties of integrals
- 6. Fix (4,0,2) and consider  $T_{(4,0,2)}: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3, T_{(4,0,2)}((x,y,z)) = (x+4,y,z+2)$ 
  - · Clearly onto
  - Clearly 1-1
  - $\bullet \ \ \text{Not a linear transformation since} \ T_{(4,0,2)}((0,0,0)+(1,1,1)) = (5,0,3) \neq T_{(4,0,2)}((0,0,0)) + T_{(4,0,2)}((1,1,1)) = (5,0,3) \neq T_{(4,0,2)}((0,0,0)) + T_{(4,0,2)}((0,0$
- 7.  $E_{\pi}: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3, E_{\pi}((x,y,z)) = (\pi x, \pi y, \pi z)$ 
  - · Clearly onto
  - Clearly 1-1
  - Is a linear transformation since  $E_{\pi}((a,b,c)+(d,e,f))=(\pi(a+d),\pi(b+e),\pi(c+f))=E_{\pi}((a,b,c))+E_{\pi}((d,e,f))$

# 3.1 Consequences of Properties of Linear Transformations

**Proposition**: For any linear transformation  $T: V \to W$ , we have that

$$T(O_V) = O_W$$

Proof: Let  $w = T(O_V)$ 

Since  $O_V = 0 * O_V$ , we have that

$$T(O_V) = T(0 * O_V) = 0 * T(O_V) = 0 * w = O_W$$

**Proposition**:  $T(a_1v_1 + \cdots + a_nv_n) = a_1T(v_1) + \cdots + a_nT(v_n)$ 

*Proof*: Follows from linearly properties of linear transformations

• Note: If  $x = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for V and if  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  are arbitrary vectors in W, then there is a unique linear transformation  $T: V \to W$  such that

$$T(v_1) = w_1, \dots, T(v_n) = w_n$$

**Lemma**: Im(T) is a subspace of W

*Proof*: We show the necessary conditions for a subspace

- $+: w_1, w_2 \in \text{Im}(T) \implies \exists v_1, v_2 \in V \text{ such that } T(v_1) = w_1 \text{ and } T(v_2) = w_2$ Then  $w_1 + w_2 = T(v_1) + T(v_2) = T(\underbrace{v_1 + v_2}_{CV}) \in \text{Im}(T)$
- $\times: w \in \text{Im}(T) \implies \exists v \in V \text{ such that } T(v) = w$ Then for  $c \in K$ , we have  $cw = c(Tv) = T(\underbrace{cv}_{\in V}) \in \text{Im}(T)$

**Definition - Pull Back**: Suppose  $Y = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\} \subseteq \operatorname{Im}(T)$ . Then a **pull-back** is any set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\} \subseteq V$  such that

$$T(v_1) = w_1, \dots, T(v_m) = w_m$$

**Lemma**: If  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_m\}$  is linearly independent in Im(T) (or in W), then any pull back  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_m\} \subseteq V$  is linearly independent in V

Proof: Let  $a_1v_1 + \cdots + a_mv_m = O_V$ 

Thus  $T(a_1, v_1 + \cdots + a_m v_m = O_V) = a_1 w_1 + \cdots + a_m w_m = O_W$ 

Since  $\{w_1,\ldots,w_m\}$  is linearly independent, we have  $a_1=\cdots=a_m=0$  as desired

**Pull Back Property**: Suppose  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_m\}$  is a basis for Im(T), and let  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_m\} \subseteq V$  be any pull back. Furthermore, let  $S = \text{span}(\{v_1, \ldots, v_m\}) \subseteq V$  be a subspace. Then  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_m\}$  is a basis for S

*Proof*: By the previous lemma,  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_m\}$  is linearly independent

Furthermore,  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_m\}$  spans S by definition

Corollary: If  $T: V \to W$  is any linear transformation and if  $\dim(V) = n$ , then  $\dim(\operatorname{Im}(T)) \leq n$ 

*Proof*: BWOC, suppose  $\dim(\operatorname{Im}(T)) > n$ , thus we can create a set of n+1 linearly independent elements in  $\operatorname{Im}(T)$ .

By the Pull Back Property, this pulls back to n+1 linearly independent elements in V. Contradiction since  $n+1 > n = \dim(V)$ 

Note:  $T: V \to W$ , where  $T(v) = \{O_W\}$ , is a linear transformation with  $\dim(\operatorname{Im}(T)) = 0$ , regardless of the value of  $\dim(V)$ 

#### 3.2 Kernel

**Definition - Kernel:** For  $T: V \to W$ , the **kernel**  $Ker(T) = \{v \in V \mid T(v) = O_W\}$ 

**Proposition**: Ker(T) is a subspace of V

Proof: Clearly  $O_V \in \text{Ker}(T)$ 

- +: For  $v_1, v_2 \in \text{Ker}(T)$ , we see that  $T(v_1 + v_2) = T(v_1) + T(v_2) = O_W + O_W = O_W$ . Thus  $v_1 + v_2 \in \text{Ker}(T)$
- $\times$ : For  $c \in K$  and  $v \in \text{Ker}(T)$ , we see that  $T(cv) = cT(v) = O_W$ . Thus  $cv \in \text{Ker}(V)$

**Proposition**: Let  $T: V \to W$  be any linear transformation. For any basis  $B = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\} \subseteq \text{Im}(T)$  and for any pullback  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\} \subseteq V$ , we have

$$V = \operatorname{Ker}(T) \oplus S$$
  $S = \operatorname{span}(\{v_1, \dots, v_m\})$ 

*Proof*: We need to show V = Ker(T) + S and  $\text{Ker}(T) \cap S = \{O_V\}$ 

• Take arbitrary  $v \in V \implies T(v) \in \operatorname{Im}(T) = a_1 w_1 + \cdots + a_m w_m$ 

Let  $s = a_1 v_1 + \cdots + a_m v_m \in S$ .

Then 
$$T(s) = T(v) \implies T(v - s) = T(v) - T(s) = O_W \implies v - s \in \text{Ker}(T)$$

Let  $u = v - s \in Ker(T)$ 

Thus clearly v = u + s for  $u \in \text{Ker}(T)$  and  $s \in S$ 

• Clearly  $O_V \in \text{Ker}(T) \cap S$  since both are subspaces of V

Take any arbitrary  $v \in \text{Ker}(T) \cap S$ 

$$v \in S \implies v = b_1 v_1 + \cdots + b_m v_m \implies T(v) = b_1 w_1 + \cdots + b_m w_m$$

Since  $v \in \text{Ker}(T)$ , we have that  $T(v) = O_W \implies b_1 = \cdots = b_m = 0$  since  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_m\}$  is linearly independent

Thus we have  $v = 0v_1 + \cdots + 0v_m = O_V \implies \operatorname{Ker}(T) \cap S = \{O_V\}$ 

Thus we have shown the necessary properties for  $V = \operatorname{Ker}(T) \oplus S$ 

**Theorem**:  $\dim(V) = \dim(\operatorname{Ker}(T)) + \dim(\operatorname{Im}(T))$ 

*Proof*: Choose a basis  $B = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  for Im(T) and a pullback  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$ 

Let  $S = \operatorname{span}(\{v_1, \dots, v_m\})$ 

Since  $V = \operatorname{Ker}(T) \oplus S$ , we have  $\dim(\operatorname{Ker}(T)) + \dim(S) = \dim(\operatorname{Ker}(T)) + \dim(\operatorname{Im}(T)) = \dim(V)$ 

#### 3.2.1 Consequences of Kernel

Corollary 1: For linear  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ , T is NOT onto

*Proof*:  $\dim(\operatorname{Im}(T)) \leq \dim(R^3) = 3 < 4 \implies \operatorname{Im}(T) \neq R^4 \implies T$  is NOT onto

Corollary 2: For linear  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ , T is NOT 1-1

$$Proof: \dim(\operatorname{Ker}(T)) + \underbrace{\dim(\operatorname{Im}(T))}_{\leq 3} = \dim(R^4) = 4 \implies \dim(\operatorname{Ker}(T)) \geq 1$$

Thus Ker(T) has something non-zero mapped to  $O_W \implies T$  is NOT 1-1

**Definition - Isomorphism**:  $T:V\to W$  such that T is linear transformation and a bijection

Corollary 3:  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$  and  $T: V \to W$  is a linear transformation and 1-1  $\implies T$  is an isomorphism (i.e. T is onto)

 $Proof: \dim(\operatorname{Ker}(T)) + \dim(\operatorname{Im}(T)) = \dim(V)$ 

But we know that  $\dim(\operatorname{Ker}(T)) = 0 \implies \dim(\operatorname{Im}(T)) = \dim(V) = \dim(W)$ 

Furthermore  $\operatorname{Im}(T)$  is a subspace of W and  $\operatorname{dim}(\operatorname{Im}(T)) = \operatorname{dim}(W) \implies T$  is onto

Corollary 4:  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$  and  $T: V \to W$  is a linear transformation and onto  $\implies T$  is an isomorphism (i.e. T is 1-1)

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

But we know that  $\dim(\operatorname{Im}(T)) = \dim(V) \implies \dim(\operatorname{Ker}(T)) = 0$ 

# 3.3 Compositions and Inverse Linear Mappings

Consider Vector Spaces U, V, W and linear transformations  $T: U \to V$  and  $S: V \to W$ 

**Proposition**:  $S \circ T : V \to W$  is a linear transformation

Proof:

• +: For  $u_1, u_2 \in U$  we have that

$$S \circ T(u_1 + u_2) = S(T(u_1 + u_2))$$

$$= S(T(u_1) + T(u_2))$$

$$= S(T(u_1)) + S(T(u_2))$$

$$= S \circ T(u_1) + S \circ T(u_2)$$

•  $\times$ : For  $u \in U$  and  $c \in K$ 

$$S \circ T(cu) = S(T(cu))$$

$$= S(cT(u))$$

$$= cS(T(u))$$

$$= cS \circ T(u)$$

Thus  $S \circ T : V \to W$  is a linear transformation

**Definition - Inverse Mapping:**  $T^{-1}: W \to V$  where  $T^{-1}(w) =$  the unique  $v \in V$  such that T(v) = w

**Proposition**:  $T^{-1}: W \to V$  is a linear transformation (and thus an isomorphism)

**Proof**:

• +: Take  $w_1, w_2 \in W$  such that  $T(v_1) = w_1$  and  $T(v_2) = w_2$  for  $v_1, v_2 \in V$ . Then we see that

$$T(v_1 + v_2) = T(v_1) + T(v_2) = w_1 + w_2$$

However, by definition of inverse mapping,  $v_1 + v_2$  is the unique element such that  $T(v_1 + v_2) = w_1 + w_2$ Thus by definition of  $T^{-1}$ , we have that  $T^{-1}(w_1 + w_2) = v_1 + v_2 = T^{-1}(w_1) + T^{-1}(w_2)$ 

•  $\times$  : Similar

# 4 Linear Maps and Matrices

**Definition - L<sub>A</sub>**: For a  $m \times n$  matrix  $A, L_A$  determines a linear transformation from  $R^n \to R^m$ 

**Example**: Consider 
$$L_A: R^3 \to R^2$$
 where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Then we see that 
$$A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x + 3y + z \\ 4y + 2z \end{bmatrix}$$

It can be clearly shown that  $L_A$  is a linear transformation (follows from logic of dot products)

# 4.1 Bases, Matrices, and Linear Maps

For a given transformation  $T: V \to W$ , the matrix of T with respect to the standard basis is given by

$$A = (T(E_1), \dots, T(E_n))$$

**Example:** 
$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$$
  $T(x,y) = (5x + y, x - y, x)$ 

$$T(E_1) = (5, 1, 1)$$
  $T(E_2) = (1, -1, 0)$ 

Thus we see that 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

• 
$$T(^{t}(3,2)) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1\\ 1 & -1\\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3\\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = ^{t} (17,1,3)$$

**Example:**  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  where we stretch the x-coordinate by 2

$$T(^{t}(1,0)) = ^{t}(2,0)$$
  $T(^{t}(0,1)) = ^{t}(0,1)$ 

Thus we see that 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example:**  $S \circ T : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  where we first stretch by x by 3 then stretch y by 3

$$T(^{t}(1,0)) = ^{t}(2,0)$$
  $T(^{t}(0,1)) = ^{t}(0,3)$ 

Thus we see that 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Upshot**: Applying functions just corresponds to matrix multiplication  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

**Example**: Fix  $\theta \in R$ , then rotate by  $\theta$ 

$$R_{\theta}(^{t}(1,0)) = ^{t}(\cos(\theta),\sin(\theta)) \qquad R_{\theta}(^{t}(0,1)) = ^{t}(-\sin(\theta),\cos(\theta))$$

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

Thus given any 
$$t(x,y) \in R^2$$
, we see that  $T_{\theta}(t(x,y)) = \begin{bmatrix} x\cos(\theta) - y\sin(\theta) \\ x\sin(\theta) + y\cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$ 

**Example:** Stretch x by 2, rotate by  $\pi/4$ , and stretch y by 3

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note**: Given  $T: K^n \to K^m$ , the matrix A for T depends on our choosing of bases for  $K^n$  and  $K^m$ 

**Example**: 
$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$$
  $T(x, y) = (5x + y, x - y, x)$ 

Let 
$$B = \{\underbrace{(1,4)}_{v_1},\underbrace{(3,0)}_{v_2}\}$$
 be a basis for  $R^2$  and  $B' = \{\underbrace{(3,0,0)}_{w_1},\underbrace{(0,5,0)}_{w_2},\underbrace{(0,0,1)}_{w_3}\}$  be a basis for  $R^3$ 

We can define a matrix of T with respect to B and B'

$$M_{B'}^B(T) = (\underbrace{T(v_1) \qquad T(v_2)}_{\text{in terms of } w_1, w_2, w_3})$$

$$T(v_1) = T(1,4) = (9,-3,1) = 3w_1 - \frac{3}{5}w_2 + w_3$$

$$T(v_2) = T(3,0) = (15,3,3) = 5w_1 + \frac{3}{5}w_2 + 3w_3$$

Thus we see that 
$$M_{B'}^{B}(T) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ -3/5 & 3/5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Upshot**: Any vector, written in B coordinates, when multiplied by this matrix, yields an answer in B' coordinates. Thus for  $v = av_1 + bv_2$ , we have

$$T(v) = (3a + 5b)w_1 + (-3/5a + 3/5b)w_2 + (a + 3b)w_3$$

- As a sanity check, for  $v = (5, 8) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ 
  - Normal Transformation: T(v) = (33, -3, 5)
  - Linear Map: writing v in terms of  $v_1, v_2$ , we get  $(5, 8) = a(1, 4) + b(3, 0) \implies (5, 8) = 2(1, 4) + 2(3, 0)$ Thus we have

$$M_{B'}^B(T) \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ -3/5 & 3/5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -3/5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \implies 11(3,0,0) - 3/5(0,5,0) + 5(0,0,1) = (33,-3,5)$$

**Example:** Consider  $P_n = \{a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \mid a_i \in R\}$ 

It's easily verifiable that  $P_n$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{F}(R)$ . Furthermore, the basis for  $P_n$  is  $\{1, x, \dots, x^n\} \implies \dim(P_n) = n+1$ Let  $D: P_2 \to P_2$  be the derivative

$$D(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 = a_1 + 2a_2x)$$

Easily verifiable that D is a linear transformation. Consider what is the matrix of D with respect to  $B = \{1, x, x^2\}$ ?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} D(1) & D(x) & D(x^2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus we see that for  $p(x) = 5 + 3x + 4x^2$ ,

$$D(p(x)) = 3 + 8x = 5(0,0,0) + 3(0,1,0) + 4(0,2,0)$$

**Upshot**: For a linear transformation  $T: V \to W$ , with  $\dim(V) = n$  and  $\dim(W) = m$ , if  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $B' = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  are bases for V, W, then

$$M_{B'}^B(T) = \begin{bmatrix} T(v_1) & T(v_2) & \cdots & T(V_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

is a  $m \times n$  matrix with column vectors containing coefficients of  $T(v_1)$  WRT B'

Furthermore, for any  $v \in V, v = x_1v_1 + \cdots + x_nv_n$ , we have

$$M_{B'}^B(T) \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \cdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \cdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus  $T(v) = y_1 w_1 + \cdots + y_m w_m$  (Note coordinate is WRT to B')

**Definition - Change of Basis**: Let  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $B' = \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  be basis for the same vector space V, and let  $T: V \to V$  be the identity mapping. Then

$$M_{B'}^{B}(\mathrm{id}) = \underbrace{\left[\mathrm{id}(v_1) \quad \mathrm{id}(v_2) \quad \cdots \quad \mathrm{id}(v_n)\right]}_{\mathrm{WRT } B'}$$

is the Change of Basis matrix for V

**Example**: Let  $V = P_1 = \{a_0 + a_1x \mid a_i \in R\}$  and let  $B = \{1, x\}$  and  $B' = \{3 + x, 5 + 2x\}$ , which are both bases for V

$$1 = a(3+x) + b(5+2x) \implies a = 2, b = -1 \implies 1 = 2(3+x) - (5+2x)$$

$$x = c(3+x) + d(5+2x) \implies c = -5, d = 3 \implies x = -5(3+x) + 3(5+2x)$$

$$M_{B'}^B(\mathrm{id}) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathrm{WRT} \ B'}$$

Furthermore, consider

$$M_B^{B'}(\mathrm{id}) = \underbrace{\left[\mathrm{id}(w_1) \quad \mathrm{id}(w_2)\right]}_{\mathrm{WRT}\ B} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5\\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally, we see that  $M_B^{B'}(M_{B'}^B(\mathrm{id})) = \mathrm{id}$ 

Thus the inverse of  ${\cal M}_{B'}^B$  is  ${\cal M}_{B'}^{B'}$ 

#### 5 Scalar Products and Orthogonality

#### **Scalar Products** 5.1

**Definition - Scalar Product**: For a Vector Space V, we define  $\langle , \rangle : V \times V \to K$ 

• Example: Think of dot products in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ 

# **Properties of Scalar Products**

- 1.  $\langle v, w \rangle = \langle w, v \rangle$
- 2.  $\langle v, w_1 + w_2 \rangle = \langle v, w_1 \rangle + \langle v, w_2 \rangle$ 3.  $\langle v, cw \rangle = c \langle v, w \rangle$   $\langle cv, w \rangle = c \langle v, w \rangle$

### Consequences of Properties

•  $\forall v_1, v_2, w \in V, \langle v_1 + v_2, w \rangle = \langle v_1, w \rangle + \langle v_2, w \rangle$ 

*Proof*: Follows from applying properties 1 and 2

•  $\forall v \in V, \langle v, O_V \rangle = 0 = \langle O_V, v \rangle$ 

*Proof*: For any  $w \in V$ , we have  $\langle v, O_V \rangle = \langle v, 0w \rangle = 0 \langle v, w \rangle$ 

**Definition - Non-Degenerate**: Scalar product that satisfies  $\forall v \neq 0, \exists w \in V \text{ such that } \langle v, w \rangle \neq 0$ 

**Example:**  $\mathcal{F}([0,1])$ , all functions  $f:[0,1]\to R$ 

Let C([0,1]) be the set of all continuous functions  $f:[0,1]\to R$ , which is clearly an R subspace

Now define  $\langle f,g\rangle=\int_0^1 f(x)g(x)\,dx.$  We claim that this is a scalar product

Proof:

- $\int_0^1 f(x)g(x) dx = \int_0^1 g(x)f(x) dx$  so property 1 holds
- $\int_0^1 f(x)(g_1(x)+g_2(x)) dx = \int_0^1 f(x)g_1(x) dx + \int_0^1 f(x)g_2(x) dx$  so property 2 holds
- $\int_0^1 f(x)cg(x) dx = c \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)$  so property 3 holds

We also claim that  $\langle f,g\rangle$  is non-degenerate since for  $f\neq 0$ , we have  $\langle f,f\rangle=\int_0^1f(x)^2$ , which is always >0 and is continuous

**Example**: f(x) = 2x + 3  $g(x) = x^2$ 

$$\langle 2x+3, x^2 \rangle = \int_0^1 (2x+3)x^2 dx = 3/2$$

**Defintion - Orthogonal**: Elements  $v, w \in V$  are **orthogonal**, denoted  $v \perp w$ , if  $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$ 

**Definition - Orthogonal Complement**: Suppose  $W \subseteq V$  is a subspace, then the **orthogonal complement** of W is

$$W^{\perp} = \{ v \in V \mid \forall w \in W, v \perp w \}$$

• Note:  $W^{\perp} \subseteq V$  is a subspace

**Definition - Positive Definite**: Scalar product that satisfies  $\forall v \neq O, \langle v, v \rangle > 0$ . Otherwise  $\langle v, v \rangle = 0 \implies v = O$ 

**Definition - Length**:  $||v|| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$ 

- Length between v and w: ||v w||
- ||cv|| = |c|||v||
- $\|v+w\|^2 = \langle v+w, v+w \rangle = \langle v, v \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle + \langle w, v \rangle + \langle w, w \rangle = \|v\|^2 + 2\langle v, w \rangle + \|w\|^2$   $v \perp w \implies \langle v, w \rangle = 0 \implies \|v+w\|^2 = \|v-w\|^2 = \|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2$

Pythagoras Theorem: For  $v \perp w$ ,

$$||v + w||^2 = ||v||^2 + ||w||^2$$

*Proof*:

$$||v + w||^2 = \langle v + w, v + w \rangle$$
$$= \langle v, v \rangle + 2\langle v, w \rangle + \langle w, w \rangle$$
$$= ||v||^2 + ||w||^2$$

**Parallelogram Law**: For any  $v, w \in V$ , we have

$$||v + w||^2 + ||v - w||^2 = 2||v||^2 + 2||w||^2$$

*Proof*: Follows from the definition/properties of length

**Definition - Unit Vector**:  $v \in V$  such that ||v|| = 1

• If  $v \neq O$ , then  $(\frac{1}{\|v\|})v$  is a unit vector

Let  $w \in V$ . For any  $v \in V$  there exists  $c \in K$  such that  $v - cw \perp w$ . That is  $\langle v - cw, w \rangle = 0$ 

**Definition - Projection**:  $\operatorname{proj}_w v$  represents v as a scalar multiple of w where  $\operatorname{proj}_w v = (\frac{\langle v, w \rangle}{\langle w, w \rangle}) w$ 

- Definition comes from creating a right triangle where  $v cw \perp w \implies \langle v cw, w \rangle = 0$ Thus we have  $\langle v, w \rangle - \langle cw, w \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle - c \langle w, w \rangle \implies c = \frac{\langle v, w \rangle}{\langle w, w \rangle}$
- Special case where  $\langle w, w \rangle = 1 \implies \operatorname{proj}_w v = \langle v, w \rangle w$

**Schwartz Inequality**: For any  $v, w \in V$  we have

$$|\langle v, w \rangle| \le ||v|| ||w||$$

*Proof*: If w = O, then  $|\langle v, w \rangle| = 0 \le ||v|| ||w|| = 0$ 

Otherwise, assume that w is a unit vector. Using the definition of projection, we have  $cw \perp v - cw$ . Thus we see

$$||v||^2 = ||v - cw||^2 + ||cw||^2$$

$$= ||v - cw||^2 + c^2$$

$$\geq c^2$$

$$\implies ||v|| \geq c = \frac{\langle v, w \rangle}{\langle w, w \rangle}$$

$$\implies \langle v, w \rangle \leq ||v|| ||w||$$

**Triangle Inequality**: For  $v, w \in V$ , we have

$$\|v+w\|\leq \|v\|+\|w\|$$

Proof:

$$||v + w||^2 = \langle v + w, v + w \rangle$$

$$= ||v||^2 + 2\langle v, w \rangle + ||w||^2$$

$$\leq ||v||^2 + \underbrace{2||v|| ||w||}_{\text{by Schwartz}} + ||w||^2$$

$$\leq (||v|| + ||w||)^2$$

$$\implies ||v + w|| \leq ||v|| + ||w||$$

**Proposition**: Suppose  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_r\} \subseteq V$  is pairwise orthogonal and assume that each  $w_i \neq O$ . Then  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_r\}$  is linearly independent

*Proof*: Let  $a_1w_1 + \cdots + a_rw_r = O_V$ . Then we have

$$\langle w_i, a_1 w_1 + \dots + a_r w_r \rangle = \langle w_i, a_1 w_1 \rangle + \dots + \langle w_i, a_n w_n \rangle = 0$$
 since each w is pairwise orthogonal

Thus  $\langle w_i, a_i w_i \rangle = 0 \implies a \langle w_i, w_i \rangle = 0 \implies a_i = 0$  since  $\langle w_i, w_i \rangle > 0$  since positive definite

Let  $W = \operatorname{span}(\{w_1, \dots, w_r\}) \subseteq V$ . Then clearly  $\dim(W) = r$ 

Now take  $v \in V$  and define  $\underset{W}{\text{proj}} v = \sum_{i=1}^{r} c_i w_i$  where  $c_i w_i = \underset{W}{\text{proj}}_{w_i} v$ 

Clearly  $\operatorname{proj}_W v \in W$ 

**Proposition**: 
$$\left(v - \sum_{j=1}^{r} c_j w_j\right) \perp \text{ each } w_i$$

Proof: Fix i, then

$$\sum_{j=1}^{r} c_j w_j = c_i w_i + \sum_{j \neq i} c_j w_j$$

Now take

$$v - \sum_{j=1}^{r} c_j w_j = (v - c_i w_i) - \sum_{j \neq i} c_j w_j$$

and take the inner product with  $w_i$ 

$$\underbrace{\langle w_i, v - c_i w_i \rangle}_{\text{0 b/c of projection}} - \langle w_i, \sum_{j \neq i} c_j w_j \rangle$$

Thus we have  $w_i \perp v - \sum_{j=1}^r c_j w_j$ 

Corollary:  $(v - \sum_{j=1}^{r} c_j w_j) \perp \text{ every } w \in W$ 

*Proof*: Since each  $w_i$  in the basis is orthogonal to  $v - \sum_{j=1}^r c_j w_j$ , we must have

$$\langle w, v - \sum_{j=1}^{r} c_j w_j \rangle = 0$$

Corollary:  $(v - \sum_{j=1}^{r} c_j w_j) \in W^{\perp}$ 

*Proof*: Follows from the previous corollary

**Geometric Interpretation**: For any  $v \in V$ ,  $\operatorname{proj}_W v$  is the closest point to v in W

$$\|v - \mathop{\mathrm{proj}}_W v\| \le \|v - w\| \qquad \text{for any arbitrary } w \in W$$

*Proof*: Choose any  $w \in W = \text{span}(\{w_1, \dots, w_r\})$ , then  $w = \sum_{i=1}^r a_i w_i$ . Then we have

$$||v - w||^2 = ||v - \sum_{i=1}^r a_i w_i||^2$$

$$= ||v - \sum_{i=1}^r c_i w_i| + \sum_{i=1}^r (c_i a_i) w_i||^2$$

$$= ||v - \sum_{i=1}^r c_i w_i||^2 + ||\sum_{i=1}^r (c_i - a_i) w_i||^2 \quad \text{by Pythagoras}$$

Thus 
$$||v - w||^2 \ge ||v - \sum_{i=1}^r c_i w_i||^2 \implies ||v - w|| \ge ||v - \sum_{i=1}^r c_i w_i||$$

Corollary: Suppose  $w \in W$ , then  $\operatorname{proj}_W w$  is the element of W closest to w

But we have 
$$w = \sum_{i=1}^{r} c_i w_i \implies c_i = \frac{\langle w, w_i \rangle}{\|w_i\|^2}$$

#### 5.2 Orthonormal Basis

**Definition - Orthonormal Basis:**  $\{w_1, \dots, w_r\} \subseteq W$  is an **orthonormal basis** if

- 1.  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_r\}$  are pairwise orthogonal and none are zero
- 2.  $||w_i|| = 1$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$

Corollary: If  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_r\}$  is orthonormal, then  $\forall w \in W, w = \sum_{i=1}^r \langle w, w_i \rangle w_i$ 

**Gram-Schmidt Process**: Turn any basis  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  into an orthonormal basis  $B' = \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$ 

- 1. Given  $v_1$ , let  $u_1 = \frac{1}{\|v_1\|}v_1$ . Then we have  $\operatorname{span}(\{u_1\}) = \operatorname{span}(\{v_1\})$
- 2. Let  $p_2 = v_2 \text{proj}_{u_1} v_2 = v_2 \langle v_2, u_1 \rangle u_1$ Now let  $u_2 = \frac{1}{\|p_2\|} p_2$ . Then  $\text{span}(\{u_1, u_2\}) = \text{span}(\{v_1, v_2\})$
- 3. Let  $p_3 = v_3 \text{proj}_{\text{span}(\{u_1, u_2\})} v_3 = v_3 \langle v_3, u_1 \rangle u_1 \langle v_3, u_2 \rangle u_2$ Now let  $u_3 = \frac{1}{\|p_3\|} p_3$ . Then  $\text{span}(\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}) = \text{span}(\{v_1, v_2, v_3\})$
- 4. Repeat

**Upshot**: Any finite R-Vector Space V with a positive definite inner product has an orthonormal basis

**Theorem:** Let V be a finite dimension R Vector Space with a positive definite scalar product. Then for any subspace  $W \subseteq V$ 

$$V=W\oplus W^\perp$$

Proof:

• Show that  $V = W + W^{\perp}$ 

Choose  $v \in V$  and let  $w^* = \operatorname{proj}_W v \in W$ . Then  $v - w^* \in W^{\perp}$ 

Thus 
$$v = \underbrace{w^*}_{\in W} + \underbrace{(v - w^*)}_{\in W^{\perp}}$$

• Show that  $W \cap W^{\perp} = \{O\}$ 

Choose  $w \in W \cap W^{\perp}$ 

Since  $w \in W^{\perp}$ , w is orthogonal to all vectors in W

In particular,  $w \perp w \implies \langle w, w \rangle = 0 \implies w = O$  since the scalar product is positive definite

Corollary: If  $W \subseteq V$  is a subspace, then

$$\dim(V) = \dim(W) + \dim(W^{\perp})$$

### 5.3 Application to Linear Equations: Rank

Let A be an  $m \times n$  matrix with entries in R

- Let  $C_A \subseteq R^m$  be the span of column vectors of A
- Let  $R_A \subseteq R^n$  be the span of row vectors of A
- Let  $Null(A) = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Av = O\}$

Recall that any  $m \times n$  matrix A describes a linear transformation  $L_A: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  where  $L_A(v) = Av \in \mathbb{R}^m$ 

Thus  $Im(L_A) = C_A$ 

Furthermore,  $Ker(L_A) = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Av = O\} = Null(A)$ 

Thus we have

$$\dim(R^n) = \dim(\operatorname{Im}(L_A)) + \dim(\operatorname{Ker}(L_A))$$
$$= \dim(C_A) + \dim(\operatorname{Null}(A))$$

Now consider using scalar products

Take  $v \in \text{Null}(A)$ . Thus Av = O

Thus 
$$A_i \cdot v = 0 \iff A_i \perp v \iff v \perp \text{all } u \in R_A \implies v \in (R_A)^{\perp}$$

Thus  $Null(A) = Ker(A) = (R_A)^{\perp}$ 

Thus  $R_A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Thus we have

$$\dim(R^n) = \dim(R_A) + \dim((R_A)^{\perp})$$
$$n = \dim(R_A) + \dim(\text{Null}(A))$$

Thus we have  $\dim(R_A) = \dim(C_A)$ 

**Definition - Rank**: The rank of a matrix A is  $\dim(R_A) = \dim(C_A)$ 

# 5.4 Scalar Products Under Complex Numbers

We want a positive definite scalar product for C

Take the complex conjugate

$$(a+bi)(a-bi) = a^2 + b^2$$

Then we see that

$$||z|| = \sqrt{\langle z, \bar{z} \rangle} \in R$$

**Definition - Hermitian Inner Product**: For  $(y_1, \ldots, y_n)$  and  $(z_1, \ldots, z_n) \in C^n$ , define

$$\langle y, z \rangle = y_1 \overline{z_1} + \dots + y_n \overline{z_n}$$

• Note: This is NOT a scalar product since  $\langle y, z \rangle \neq \langle z, y \rangle$ 

Now we list the properties of the Hermitian Inner Product

- $\langle w, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, w \rangle}$
- $\langle v, w_1 + w_2 \rangle = \langle v, w_1 \rangle + \langle v, w_2 \rangle$
- $\langle cv, w \rangle = c \langle v, w \rangle$  AND  $\langle v, cw \rangle = \overline{c} \langle v, w \rangle$

**Proposition**: The Hermitian Inner Product is positive definite

Proof: We look at

$$\langle v, v \rangle = x_1 \overline{x_1} + \dots + x_n \overline{x_n} = ||x_1||^2 + \dots + ||x_n||^n \in R$$

We see that  $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$ . If it happens that  $\langle v, v \rangle = 0 \implies x_1 = \cdots = x_n = 0$ 

# 5.5 General Orthogonal Bases

### 5.5.1 Properties and Types of Scalar Products

Repeating a lot of what was stated above for clarity

A scalar product satisfies

- 1. Symmetry:  $\langle v, w \rangle = \langle w, v \rangle$
- 2. Linear:  $\langle v, w_1 + w_2 \rangle = \langle v, w_1 \rangle + \langle v, w_2 \rangle$
- 3. Scalar  $\langle cv, w \rangle = c \langle v, w \rangle = \langle v, cw \rangle$

Types of scalar products (each progressively weaker):

- Positive Definite:  $\forall v \in V, \langle v, v \rangle \geq 0 \text{ AND } \langle v, v \rangle = 0 \implies v = O$
- Non-Degenerate: For  $v \neq O, \exists w \in V \text{ such that } \langle v, w \rangle \neq 0$
- Non-Trivial:  $\exists v, w \in V \text{ such that } \langle v, w \rangle \neq 0$

 $\mathbf{Upshot}$ : positive definite  $\implies$  non-degenerate  $\implies$  non-trivial

We also consider **Trivial Scalar Products** where  $\forall v, w \in V$ , we have  $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$ 

For a positive definite  $\langle , \rangle$ , we proved that

- 1. Every finite dimentional Vector Space V has an orthonormal basis (Gram Schmidt Process)
- 2. For any subspace  $W \subseteq V$ , we have  $V = W \oplus W^{\perp}$  (**Projection**)

**Observation**: If  $\langle , \rangle$  is trivial, then any basis of V is orthogonal

**Lemma**: Suppose  $\langle v, v \rangle = 0$  for all  $v \in V$ , then  $\langle , \rangle$  is trivial

*Proof*: Choose any  $v, w \in V$ . Then we see

$$\langle v + w, v + w \rangle = \langle v, v \rangle + 2 \langle v, w \rangle + \langle w, w \rangle$$

Thus we have

$$\langle v, w \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (\langle v + w, v + w \rangle - \langle v, v \rangle - \langle w, w \rangle) = 0$$

Corollary: If  $\langle v, v \rangle = 0$  for all  $v \in V$ , then any basis of V is orthogonal

*Proof*: Since  $\langle , \rangle$  is trivial (shown from the Lemma), by the observation above, any basis of V is orthogonal

**Theorem 1**: If  $\langle , \rangle$  is any scalar product on V, then V has an orthogonal basis

*Proof*: By Induction on  $n = \dim(V)$ 

Claim: If  $\langle , \rangle$  is any scalar product on any finite dimensional Vector Space V with  $\dim(V) \leq n$ , then V has an orthogonal basis

Base Case: n = 0:  $\dim(V) \implies B = \{\}$  is a basis and is an orthogonal basis

Base Case:  $n=1:\dim(V)=1 \implies \{v_1\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $v_1 \in V, v_1 \neq 0$ 

IH: Assume the claim holds for  $\dim(V) = n - 1$ 

IS: Suppose  $\dim(V) = n$ 

- Case 1:  $\forall v \in V, \langle v, v \rangle = 0$ . Then by the preceding Lemma,  $\langle , \rangle$  is trivial and any basis for V is an orthogonal basis
- Case 2:  $\exists v_1 \in V \text{ such that } \langle v_1, v_1 \rangle \neq 0$

Let  $V_1 = \operatorname{span}(\{v_1\}) \subseteq V$  be a subspace. We show that  $V = V_1 \oplus V_1^{\perp}$ 

- Show that  $V = V_1 + V_1^{\perp}$ 

Choose  $v \in V$ . Since  $\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle \neq 0$  we can use projection:  $\operatorname{proj}_{v_1} v = \frac{\langle v, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1 \in V_1$ 

Thus  $(v - \operatorname{proj}_{v_1} v) \perp v_1 \implies (v - \operatorname{proj}_{v_1} v) \in V_1^{\perp}$ 

Thus  $v = \underbrace{(\operatorname{proj} v)}_{v_1} + \underbrace{(v - \operatorname{proj} v)}_{v_1} \underbrace{}_{\in V_1^{\perp}}$ 

- Show  $V_1 \cap V_1^{\perp} = \{O\}$ 

Choose  $v \in V_1 \cap V_1^{\perp}$ 

 $v \in V_1^{\perp}$  and  $v \in V_1 \implies v \perp v \implies \langle v, v \rangle = 0$ 

However,  $v \in V_1 \implies v = dv_1 \implies 0 = \langle v, v \rangle = \langle dv_1, dv_1 \rangle = d^2 \underbrace{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle}_{\neq 0}$ 

Thus we see that  $d = 0 \implies v = O$ 

Now we have  $\dim(V) = \dim(V_1) + \dim(V_1^{\perp}) \implies \dim(V_1^{\perp}) = n-1$  which by IH has an orthogonal basis  $\{v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ Finally, since  $v_1 \perp v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we see that  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a orthogonal basis for V

**Definition - Dual Space**: K-Vector Space  $V^* = \mathcal{L}(V, K)$  where each element of  $V^*$  is a linear transformation  $\phi: V \to K$ 

• Note: For any  $w_1, \ldots, w_n \in W$ , there is exactly one Linear Transformation  $T: V \to W$  such that  $T(v_i) = w_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ 

**Example:** Let  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be a basis for V and take

$$\phi_1: V \to K$$
  $\phi_1(v) = \phi_1(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n) = a_1$   
 $\phi_2: V \to K$   $\phi_2(v) = \phi_2(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n) = a_2$ 

Thus we see that  $\phi_i(v_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$ 

Let  $B' = {\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n}$ . Then we see that B' is a basis for  $V^*$ 

• Show linear independence: Take  $a_i \in K$  such that  $\underbrace{O}_{O \text{ mapping}} = \underbrace{a_1 \phi_1 + \dots + a_n \phi_n}_{\text{mapping}}$ 

This equality means that  $\forall w \in V$ , we have  $(a_1\phi_1 + \cdots + a_n\phi_n)(w) = O(w)$ 

Now applying the transformation to  $v_1$ , we see that  $a_1\phi_1(v_1) = O(v_1) = 0 \implies a_1 = 0$ 

Similar logic shows that  $a_i = 0$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ 

• Show B' spans  $\mathcal{L}(V,K)$ 

Choose any  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, K)$ . Then we see

$$T(v_1) = b_1 \in K, \dots, T(v_n) = b_n \in K$$

Now let  $\phi^* = b_1 \phi_1 + \cdots + b_n \phi_n$ . Clearly  $\phi^* \in \text{span}(B')$ 

We show that  $\phi^* = T$  (they need to agree on all input)

It suffices so show that  $\phi^*(v_i) = T(v_i)$  for  $v_i \in B$  since B is a basis of V

Simple calculations show that  $\phi^*(v_j) = (b_1\phi_1 + \cdots + b_n\phi_n)(v_j) = b_j = T(v_j)$ 

Thus  $T' \in \text{span}(B)$ 

Corollary:  $\dim(V^*) = \dim(V) = n$  (so same size as basis)

Corollary: V is isomorphic to  $V^*$ . Namely, there exists a 1-1, onto linear transformation  $F: V \to V^*$  where

$$F(v_1) = \phi_1, \dots, F(v_n) = \phi_n$$

These  $\phi_i$  uniquely describe F

Consider a subspace  $W \subseteq V$ 

**Definition - Annihilator**: Ann $(W) = \{\phi \in V^* \mid \forall w \in W, \phi(w) = 0\}$ , so the set of linear transformations  $\phi$  in  $V^*$  such that  $W \subseteq \text{Ker}(\phi)$ 

**Annihilator Theorem**: For any  $W \subseteq V$ 

$$\dim(W) + \dim(\operatorname{Ann}(W)) = \dim(V) = n$$

*Proof*: Choose a basis for W,  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_r\}$ 

Now extend it to a basis for  $V, B = \{w_1, \dots, w_r, w_{r+1}, \dots, w_n\}$ 

Let  $B' = \{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n\}$  be the dual basis of  $V^*$  corresponding to B

We claim that  $\{\phi_{r+1}, \dots, \phi_n\}$  is a basis for Ann(W)

- For any  $w \in W$ ,  $w = a_1 w_1 + \dots + a_r w_r$ , and  $j \ge r+1$ , we have that  $w_j = O \implies \phi_j(w) = 0 \implies \{\phi_{r+1}, \dots, \phi_n\} \subseteq \operatorname{Ann}(W)$
- $\{\phi_{r+1},\ldots,\phi_n\}$  is linearly independent since B' is linearly independent
- To show that span( $\{\phi_{r+1},\ldots,\phi_n\}$ ) = Ann(W)

Take  $T \in \text{Ann}(W) \implies T: V \to K$  is a linear transformation

Furthermore, we have  $T(w_1) = 0, \ldots, T(w_r) = 0$ 

Since  $T \in B'$  (since B' is a basis for  $V^*$ ), we have that  $T = a_1\phi_1 + \cdots + a_r\phi_r + \cdots + a_n\phi_n$ 

Now we see  $T(w_1) = (a_1\phi_1 + \cdots + a_n\phi_n)(w_1) = a_1 = 0$ 

Similarly, we see  $a_i = 0$  for  $1 \le i \le r$ 

Thus  $T = a_{r+1}\phi_{r+1} + \dots + a_n\phi_n \in \text{span}(\{\phi_{r+1}, \dots, \phi_n\})$ 

**Theorem 2**: If  $\langle , \rangle$  is non-degenerate, then for every subspace  $W \subseteq V$ , we have

$$V = W \oplus W^{\perp}$$

Now consider a  $\langle , \rangle$  non-degenerate

**Claim**:  $\forall v \in V$ , given a linear transformation  $L_v : V \to K$ , let  $L_v(w) = \langle v, w \rangle \in K$ , then  $F : V \to V^*$  where  $F(v) = L_v$  is an isomorphism

#### 5.6 Quadratic Forms

**Definition - Symmetric Bilinear Form:** Another way of calling scalar products on a vector space V

- Symmetric comes from  $\langle v, w \rangle = \langle w, v \rangle$
- Bilinear comes from  $\langle v, w_1 + w_2 \rangle = \langle v, w_1 \rangle + \langle v, w_2 \rangle$  and  $\langle v, cw \rangle = c \langle v, w \rangle = \langle cv, w \rangle$
- Form comes from the mapping  $(v, w) \to \langle v, w \rangle$ , often denoted as a function

$$g: V \times V \to K$$
  $g(v, w) = \langle v, w \rangle$ 

**Definition - Quadratic Form:** Given a scalar product  $g = \langle , \rangle$ , the quadratic form determined by g is a function

$$f: V \to K$$
  $f(v) = g(v, v) = \langle v, v \rangle$ 

**Example**: If  $V = K^n$  then  $f(X) = X \cdot X = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2$  is the quadratic form determined by regular dot product

In general, if  $V = K^n$  and C is a symmetric matrix, then the quadratic form is given by

$$F(X) = {}^{t}XCX = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} c_{ij}x_{i}x_{j}$$

For a diagonal matrix C, this simplifies to

$$F(X) = c_1 x_1^2 + \dots + c_n x_n^2$$

# 5.7 Sylvester's Theorem

Let  $V=\mathbb{R}^2$  and let the form be represented by the symmetric matrix

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the vectors

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

form an orthogonal basis using  $f(X) = \langle X, X \rangle = {}^t X C X$ . Indeed

$$\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle = -1 \qquad \langle v_2, v_2 \rangle = 0$$

Now we generalize the situation above to arbitrary dimensions

Let  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  be an orthogonal basis of V and let

$$c_i = \langle v_i, v_i \rangle$$

After some renumbering of elements in our basis, we can assume that

$$c_1, \dots, c_r > 0$$

$$c_{r+1}, \dots, c_s < 0$$

$$c_{s+1}, \dots, c_n = 0$$

We are interested in looking at the number of positive, negative, and zero terms among  $c_i = \langle v_i, v_i \rangle$  i.e. the numbers r and s

Let X be the coordinate vector of an element of V with respect to our basis and let f be the quadratic form associated with our scalar product. Then

$$F(X) = c_1 x_1^2 + \dots + c_r x_r^2 + \dots + c_s x_s^2$$

Here we see r positive terms, s-r negative terms, and that n-s of the terms have disappeared

We can see this more clearly by normalizing the basis

**Definition - Orthonormal**: A basis  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  is **orthonormal** if for each i we have

$$\langle v_i, v_i \rangle = 1$$
 or  $\langle v_i, v_i \rangle = -1$  or  $\langle v_i, v_i \rangle = 0$ 

If  $\{v_1,\ldots,v_n\}$  is a orthogonal basis, we can always obtain an orthonormal basis by taking

• 
$$c_i = 0 \implies v'_i = v_i$$

• 
$$c_i > 0 \implies v_i' = \frac{v_i}{\sqrt{c_i}}$$

• 
$$c_i < 0 \implies v_i' = \frac{v_i}{\sqrt{-c_i}}$$

Then  $\{v'_1, \ldots, v'_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis

Now suppose that X is the coordinate vector of an element of V. In terms of the orthonormal basis, we have

$$f(X) = x_1^2 + \dots + x_r^2 - x_{r+1}^2 - \dots - x_s^2$$

Thus we can clearly see the number of positive and negative terms

We now show that number of positive, negative, and zero terms don't depend on the orthonormal basis

**Theorem 8.1**: Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over R with a scalar product. Take the subspace  $V_0 \subseteq V$ ,  $V_0 = \{v \in V \mid \forall w \in V, \langle v, w \rangle = 0\}$ . Then the number of integers i such that  $\langle v_i, v_i \rangle = 0$  is equal to the dimension of  $V_0$ 

*Proof*: Suppose  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  is ordered such that

$$\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle \neq 0, \dots, \langle v_s, v_s \rangle \neq 0$$
 but  $\langle v_i, v_i \rangle = 0$  for  $i > s$ 

Since  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  is orthogonal, clearly  $v_{s+1}, \ldots, v_n \in V_0$ 

Now we take  $v \in V_0$ 

$$v = x_1v_1 + \cdots + x_sv_s + \cdots + x_nv_n$$

Taking the scalar product with any  $v_j$  for  $j \leq s$ , we get

$$0\langle v, v_j \rangle = x_j \langle v_j, v_j \rangle \implies x_j = 0 \implies v \in \text{span}(\{v_{s+1}, \dots, v_n\})$$

Furthermore, since  $\{v_{s+1}, \dots, v_n\}$  is linearly independent, we have that  $\{v_{s+1}, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for  $V_0$ 

**Definition - Index of Nullity:** From the proof above, we call  $V_0$  the index of nullity of the form

• Note: Here form is non-degenerate if and only if the index of nullity = 0

**Sylvester's Theorem**: Let V be a finite dimensional vector space of R. Then there exists  $r \geq 0$  such that if  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  is a basis, then there are precisely r integers such that

$$\langle v_i, v_i \rangle > 0$$

*Proof* Let  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  and  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_n\}$  be orthogonal bases for V. Arrange them such that

$$\langle v_i, v_i \rangle > 0 \qquad 1 \le i \le r$$

$$\langle v_i, v_i \rangle < 0 \qquad r+1 \le i \le s$$

$$\langle v_i, v_i \rangle = 0 \qquad s+1 \le i \le n$$

$$\langle w_i, w_i \rangle > 0 \qquad 1 \le i \le r'$$

$$\langle w_i, w_i \rangle < 0 \qquad r'+1 \le i \le s'$$

$$\langle w_i, w_i \rangle = 0 \qquad s'+1 \le i \le n$$

We show that  $v_1, \ldots, v_r, w_{r'+1}, \ldots, w_n$  is linearly independent

Suppose that we have

$$x_1v_1 + \dots + x_rv_r + y_{r'+1}w_{r'+1} + \dots + y_nw_n = 0 \implies x_1v_1 + \dots + x_rv_r = -(y_{r'+1}w_{r'+1} + \dots + y_nw_n)$$

Let  $c_i = \langle v_i, v_i \rangle$  and  $d_i = \langle w_i, w_i \rangle$ 

Taking the scalar product of both sides with itself, we see that

$$c_1 x_1^2 + \dots + c_r x_r^2 = d_{r'+1} y_{r'+1}^2 + \dots + d_{s'} y_{s'}^2$$

Clearly the LHS  $\geq 0$  and the RHS  $\leq 0 \implies$  both sides are 0

Thus  $x_1 = \cdots = x_r = 0 \implies y_{r'+1} = \cdots = y_n = 0$  by linear independence

Finally, since  $\dim(V) = n$ , we see that  $r + n - r' \le n \implies r \le r'$ 

However, by symmetric we also get that  $r' \leq r$ 

Thus we must have that r = r'

**Definition - Index of Positivity:** From Sylvester's Theorem, the integer r is called the **index of positivity** 

# 5.8 Riesz Representation

Recall that  $P_2(R) = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \mid a_i \in R\}$ 

Also recall that if  $\langle , \rangle$  is non-degenerate, then  $L^*: V \to V^*$  is an isomorphism where

$$L^*(v) = L_v : V \to K$$
  $L_v(w) = \langle v, w \rangle$ 

**Riesz Representation Theorem**: For any finite dimensional vector space V with a non-degenerate  $\langle , \rangle$ , for any linear function  $\phi: V \to K \in V^*$ , there exists a unique  $u \in V$  such that  $\phi = L_u$ 

*Proof*: Since  $L^*: V \to V^*$  is an isomorphism, we let  $u = (L^*)^{-1}(\phi)$ 

**Proposition**: There is a polynomial  $u(x) \in P_2(R)$  such that for all  $p(x) \in P_2(R)$ 

$$\int_{0}^{1} p(x)u(x) \, dx = \int_{\pi}^{\pi} p(x) \cos(x) \, dx$$

*Proof*: Clearly  $V = P_2(R)$  is finite dimensional and  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 fg$  is non-degenerate

Let

$$\phi: P_2(R) \to R$$
  $\phi(p) = \int_{\pi}^{\pi} p(x) \cos(x) dx$ 

Now we use Riesz Representation Theorem to get u such that

$$\int_0^1 p(x)u(x) dx = \langle u, p \rangle = \int_{\pi}^{\pi} p(x) \cos(x) dx$$

**Proposition**: There is a  $u(x) \in P_2(R)$  such that for all  $p(x) \in P_2(R)$  we have

$$\int_0^1 p(x)u(x) \, dx = P(0) = a_0$$

Proof: Let

$$\psi: P_2(R) \to R$$
  $\psi(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = a_0$ 

Then apply Riesz Representation Theorem

# 6 Operators

**Definition - Operators**: Linear transformations  $T: V \to V$ 

**Definition**  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{V})$ : Set of all linear transformations  $T: V \to V$ 

• Note:  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{V})$  is a Vector Space

For the remainder of the course, we look at **operators** of V

For every linear transformation  $T: V \to V$ , we have an  $n \times n$  matrix A

However, there are many different  $n \times n$  matrices associated to the same transformation T

In fact, for any basis  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ , we get a matrix  $M_{n \times n}(T)_B^B$ 

In particular, we study properties of  $n \times n$  matrices A that don't depend on the change of basis

#### 6.1 Multilinear k-form

**Defininition - Multilinear k-form**: A function  $\omega : \underbrace{V \times \cdots \times V}_{k \text{ factors}} \to K \text{ such that for all } 1 \leq i \leq n, \text{ for all } v_1, \dots, v_i, w_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k,$  and  $a, b \in K$  we have

$$\omega(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, (av_i + bw_i), v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k) = a\omega(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k) + b\omega(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, w_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k)$$

Upshot: It's linear on each coordinate, provided that the other coordinates stay fixed

Let  $\mathrm{ML}_k(V)$  be the set of all multilinear k-forms  $\omega: V^k \to K$ 

• Note:  $\mathrm{ML}_k(V)$  is a K-Vector Space

Consider: What is a multilinear 1-form

 $\omega:V\to K$  is a linear transformation. Thus  $\{\omega:V\to K\}=V^*=$  dual space

Consider: What is a multilinear 2-form (bilinear form)

 $\omega: V \times V \to K$  is linear in each coordinate

 $\mathrm{ML}_2(V)$  is the set of all bilinear forms on V

• Note: Scalar Products  $\subseteq ML_2$ 

**Definition - Alternating**: A multilinear k-form  $\omega: V^k \to K$  is alternating if some  $v_i = v_j$  for  $i \neq j$  then

$$\omega(v_1,\ldots,v_k)=0$$

Example: 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**Definition -**  $\Lambda(\mathbf{V})$ : All alternating multilinear k-forms

- Note:  $\Lambda(V)$  is a subspace of  $\mathrm{ML}_k(V)$ 
  - In particular  $0 \in \Lambda(V) \subseteq \mathrm{ML}_k(V)$ . This is the 0 mapping

Consider: For a fixed V with dimension n, what is  $\Lambda(V)$ ?

**Definition - Permutation**: 1-1, onto mapping  $\sigma:[n] \to [n]$ 

**Example:** For n = 4,  $(1, 2, 3, 4) \rightarrow (2, 4, 1, 3)$  corresponds to  $\sigma(1) = 2$ ,  $\sigma(2) = 4$ ,  $\sigma(3) = 1$ ,  $\sigma(4) = 3$ 

We can also compose permutations

Let  $\tau(1) = 1, \tau(2) = 3, \tau(3) = 3, \tau(4) = 4$ . Then

- $\tau \circ \sigma(1) = 3$
- $\tau \circ \sigma(2) = 4$
- $\tau \circ \sigma(3) = 1$
- $\tau \circ \sigma(4) = 2$

Furthermore, every permutation  $\sigma:[n]\to[n]$  has an inverse function  $\sigma^{-1}$ , satisfying  $\sigma^{-1}\sigma=\mathrm{id}$ 

- $\sigma^{-1}(1) = 3$
- $\sigma^{-1}(2) = 1$
- $\sigma^{-1}(3) = 4$
- $\sigma^{-1}(4) = 2$

**Definition - Transposition:** A permutation  $\tau$  that swaps two entries and fixes everything else

• Note For a transposition  $\tau$ , we have that  $\tau^{-1} = \tau \implies \tau^2 = \mathrm{id}$ 

Let  $S_n$  be the set of all permutations of [n]

Claim:  $S_n$  has n! elements

*Proof*: on the homework

Claim: For all  $n \geq 1$ , every  $\sigma \in S_n$  can be written as a (possibly empty) product of transpositions

$$\sigma = \tau_r \circ \cdots \circ \tau_1$$

Proof by Induction:

Base Case: For n = 1, we have  $S_1 \implies S_1 = \{id\}$  where id is the product of no transpositions

Base Case: For n=2, we have  $S_2 \implies S_2 = \{id, \tau_{1,2}\}$  where  $\tau_{1,2}$  swaps 1, 2

IH: Suppose for an arbitrary n, every  $\sigma \in S_n$  can be written as a (possibly empty) product of transpositions

IS: Choose an arbitrary  $\sigma \in S_{n+1}$ 

- Case 1: Suppose  $\sigma(n+1) = n+1$ . Then we can look at the remaining elements [n], which by IH, any  $\sigma \in S_n$  can be written as a product of transpositions
- Case 2: Suppose  $\sigma(n+1) = j$  for some  $j \le n$ . Then let  $\tau$  be the transposition swapping j, n+1. Then  $\tau \in S_{n+1}$  and  $\tau \sigma(n+1) = n+1$

By using Case 1, we can write

$$\tau \sigma = \tau_r \circ \cdots \circ \tau_1 \implies \tau \tau \sigma = \sigma = \tau (\tau_r \circ \cdots \circ \tau_1)$$

**Definition -**  $\epsilon$ : Is a function  $\epsilon: S_k \to \{-1, +1\}$ 

$$\epsilon(\sigma) = \begin{cases} +1 & \sigma \text{ is even} \\ -1 & \sigma \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

• Note: Any  $\sigma \in S_k$  permutes  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_k\} \to \{x_{\sigma(1)}, \ldots, x_{\sigma(k)}\}$ 

**Notation**: For each  $\omega \in \Lambda_k(V)$  and each  $\sigma \in S_k$ , we let

$$(\sigma_{\omega})(x_1,\ldots,x_k) = \omega(x_{\sigma(1)},\ldots,x_{\sigma(k)})$$

**Example:** For k = 3, suppose  $\sigma(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_3, x_1, x_2)$ 

Then for any  $(v_1, v_2, v_3) \in V^3$ , we have

$$(\sigma_{\omega})(v_1, v_2, v_3) = \omega(v_3, v_1, v_2)$$

**Theorem**: If  $\omega \in \Lambda(V)$  and  $\sigma \in S_k$ , then

$$(\sigma_{\omega}) = \epsilon(\sigma)\omega$$

Meaning that for all  $(v_1, \ldots, v_k) \in V^k$ , we have

$$(\sigma_{\omega})(v_1,\ldots,v_k) = \omega(v_{\sigma(1)},\ldots,v_{\sigma(k)}) = \epsilon(\sigma)\omega(v_1,\ldots,v_k)$$

*Proof*: Since  $\sigma$  is a product of transpositions, it suffices to prove that when  $\sigma$  is a transposition  $\tau$  swapping i, j

• Note:  $\epsilon(\tau) = -1$ 

We need to show that for all  $(v_1, \ldots, v_k) \in V^k$ , we have

$$\omega(v_{\tau(1)},\ldots,v_{\tau(k)}) = -\omega(v_1,\ldots,v_k)$$

Notationwise, let  $\overline{\omega}(x,y)$  denote

$$\omega(v_1,\ldots,v_{i-1},x,v_{i+1},\ldots,v_{i-1},y,v_{i+1},v_k)$$

Note that  $\overline{\omega}(x+y,x+y)=0$  since  $\omega$  is alternating

Thus we see that

$$\overline{\omega}(x+y,x+y) = \overline{\omega}(x,x) + \overline{\omega}(x,y) + \overline{\omega}(y,x) + \overline{\omega}(y,y) = 0$$

This shows that

$$\overline{\omega}(x,y) = \overline{\omega}(y,x) \implies \overline{\omega}(v_i,v_i) = -\overline{\omega}(v_i,v_i)$$

**Theorem:** Suppose  $\{v_1,\ldots,v_k\}\subseteq V$  is linearly dependent. Then for all  $\omega\in\Lambda_k(V)$ , we have

$$\omega(v_1,\ldots,v_k)=0$$

*Proof*: Suppose that  $v_i$  is a linear combination of the other vectors in the basis

$$v_i = \sum_{j \neq i} a_j v_j$$

Then we see that

$$\omega(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, (\sum_{j \neq i} a_j v_j), v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k) = \underbrace{\sum_{j \neq i} a_j \omega(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_j, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k)}_{\text{by multilinearlity}} = 0$$

This last part follows since there are 2  $v_j$  and  $\omega$  is alternating

Upshot: Alternating multilinear k-forms preserve linear dependence

The Big Count: Suppose  $\dim(V) = n$  and V has a basis  $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$ . Take any  $\omega \in \Lambda_k(V)$ . Then for any  $(v_1, \dots, v_n) \in V^n$ 

$$\omega(v_1,\ldots,v_n) = (\sum_j a_{1j}b_j,\ldots,\sum_j a_{1n}b_j) = \underbrace{\sum_{1 \le j_1,\ldots,j_n \le n} a_{1j_1},\ldots,a_{nj_n}\omega(b_{j1},\ldots,b_{jn})}_{n^n \text{ terms}}$$

• Note: This follows from  $v_i = \sum_j a_{1j}b_j$ 

However, the terms in the summation above are non-zero only when  $j_1, \ldots, j_n$  are distinct

Thus the terms in the summation can be viewed as permutations  $\sigma: \{1, \dots, n\} \to \{j_1, \dots, j_n\}$ 

Thus the summation actually only involves n! terms

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)} \underbrace{\omega(b_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, b_{\sigma(n)})}_{(\sigma_{\omega})(b_1, \dots b_n)}$$

Finally, we see that this is equal to

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)} \epsilon(\sigma) \omega(b_1, \dots, b_n) = \omega(b_1, \dots, b_n) \underbrace{\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)} \epsilon(\sigma)}_{\in K}$$

## 6.1.1 Consequences of the Big Count

Let  $\{b_1, \ldots, b_n\}$  be a basis of V

- 1. If  $\omega(b_1,\ldots,b_n)=0 \implies \omega=0$ , the 0 mapping
- 2. If  $\omega(b_1,\ldots,b_n)\neq 0$  for some basis, then  $\omega(c_1,\ldots,c_n)\neq 0$  for any other basis of  $V,\{c_1,\ldots,c_n\}$
- 3. If  $w, w' \neq 0$  are 2 different elements in  $\Lambda_n(V)$ , then they are linearly dependent
  - This means that w' = cw for some  $c \in K \implies \dim(\Lambda_n(V)) \le 1$

**Theorem**: If  $\dim(V) = n \ge 1$ , then  $\dim(\Lambda_n(V)) = 1$ 

• This means that there is some non-zero  $\omega \in \Lambda_n(V)$ 

Proof by Induction on  $k \leq n$ 

We will show that there is some non-zero  $\omega \in \Lambda_n(V)$ 

Base case k=1. Recall that  $\mathrm{ML}_1(V)=V^*$ , which has dimension  $\geq 1$ 

IH: Assume there exists a non-zero  $\omega \in \Lambda_k(V)$  with k < n

IS: Show that there is a  $\hat{\omega} \in \Lambda_{k+1}(V)$  where  $\hat{\omega} \neq 0$ 

## TODO FINISH THIS PROOF

Now take a linear transformation  $T: V \to V$  that induces another linear transformation  $T^*: \Lambda_n(V) \to \Lambda_n(V)$  defined by

$$T^*(\omega): V^n \to K$$
  $T^*(\omega)(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \omega(T(u_1), \dots, T(u_n))$ 

Clearly,  $T^*: \Lambda_n(V) \to \Lambda_n(V)$  is just scalar multiplication, meaning that there is some  $d \in K$  such that

$$\forall \omega \in \Lambda_n(V), T^*(\omega) = d\omega$$

**Definition - Determinant:** The **determinate** of T is exactly the d above. That is  $det(T) = d \in K$ 

## Properties of det(T):

1. Suppose  $T: V \to V$  is multiplication by a. That is T(v) = av

Then 
$$T^*: \Lambda_n(V) \to \Lambda_n(V)$$
  $T^*(\omega)(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \omega(T(u_1), \dots, T(u_n)) = \omega(au_1, \dots, au_n) = a^n \omega(u_1, \dots, u_n)$ 

Thus  $T^*(\omega) = a^n \omega$  for  $\omega \in \Lambda_n(V)$ 

Here  $det(T) = a^n$ 

#### **Special Cases:**

- $id: V \to V$   $\forall v \in V, id(v) = v \implies det(id) = 1$
- zero:  $V \to V$   $\forall v \in V, \text{zero}(v) = 0 \implies \det(\text{zero}) = 0$
- 2. Take two linear transformations  $S, T: V \to V$

Then the composition  $S \circ T : V \to V$  is also a linear transformation

We claim that  $det(S \circ T) = det(S) det(T)$ 

For any  $\omega \in \Lambda_n(V)$ , we have that

$$(S \circ T)^*(\omega)(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \omega(S \circ T(u_1), \dots, S \circ T(u_n))$$

$$= \det(S)\omega(T(u_1), \dots, T(u_n))$$

$$= \det(S)\det(T)\omega(u_1, \dots, u_n)$$

$$\implies (S \circ T)^*(\omega) = \det(T)\det(S)\omega$$

### **Special Cases:**

• Suppose that  $T: V \to v$  is invertible, then clearly  $T^{-1} \circ T = \operatorname{id} \implies \det(T^{-1} \circ T) = \det(\operatorname{id}) = 1$ Thus  $\det(T^{-1}) \det(T) = 1 \implies \det(T^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(T)}$ 

Thus T is invertible if and only if  $det(T) \neq 0$ 

### TFAE Theorem:

- 1. T is an isomorphism
- 2. T is invertible
- 3. rank(T) = n
- 4.  $det(T) \neq 0$

*Proof*:  $1 \iff 2 \iff 3$  is shown by the previous proof

To show that 4 must hold, by the special case before, if any of 1, 2, 3 hold, then  $\det(T) \neq 0$ 

Now we show that if 1, 2, 3 fail, then det(T) = 0

Since 3 fails, we must have that rank(T) = dim(Im(T)) < dim(V) = n

Now choose any  $\omega \in \Lambda_n(V)$  and choose any  $(u_1, \ldots, u_n) \in V^n$ 

We see that

$$(T^*)(\omega)(u_1,\ldots,u_n) = \omega(T(u_1),\ldots,T(u_n))$$

Since  $\{T(u_1,\ldots,T(u_n))\}$  are n vectors in  $\Im(T)$ , they must be linearly dependent

Thus since  $\omega$  respect linearly dependency, we see that

$$\omega(T(u_1),\ldots,T(u_n))=0$$

Thus for any  $\omega \in \Lambda_n(V)$ , we must have

$$T^*(\omega) = 0 \implies \det(T) = 0$$

### 6.1.2 Matrix Representation

Now take  $A \in M_{n \times n}(K)$ 

We know that A encodes a linear transformation, namely  $T_A:K^n\to K^n$ 

Thus  $det(A) = det(T_A)$ 

### Consequences:

- 1.  $\det(I_n) = 1$  since  $T_{I_n} = \mathrm{id}: K^n \to K^n$  and  $\det(\mathrm{id}) = 1$
- 2. det(O) = 0 since  $T_{zero} = zero : K^n \to K^n$  and det(zero) = 0

3. For  $A, B \in M_{n \times n}(K)$ ,  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$ 

The linear transformation  $T_{AB}$  is described by the composition  $T_A \circ T_B \implies \det(T_{AB}) = \det(T_A) \det(T_B) = \det(A) \det(B)$ 

**TFAE Theorem**: For  $A \in M_{n \times n}(K)$ , the following are equivalent

- 1.  $T_A$  is an isomorphism
- 2. A is invertible
- 3. rank(A) = n
- 4.  $\det(A) \neq 0$

Now we can compute det(A) for  $A \in M_{n \times n}(K)$  by applying The Count Theorem

$$\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \epsilon(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)}$$

**Example**: For n = 2 we have  $S_2 = \{id, \tau\}$  where  $\epsilon(id) = 1$  and  $\epsilon(\tau) = -1$ 

$$\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \epsilon(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)} = \epsilon(\mathrm{id}) a_{11} a_{22} - \epsilon(\tau) a_{12} a_{21} = a_{11} a_{22} - a_{12} a_{21}$$

**Note**: Since any linear transformation can be represented as a matrix A, we have that

$$\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)} = \det({}^t A)$$

# 7 Determinants

Determinants only make sense for square  $n \times n$  matrices. We define the **determinate** as

- $1 \times 1 \implies \det(a) = a$
- $2 \times 2 \implies \det: M_{2 \times 2}(K) \to K \text{ where } \det(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}) = ad bc$
- $\bullet \ \ 3 \times 3 \implies \det: M_{3 \times 3}(K) \to K \ \text{where } \det \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$

**Example**:  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1t \\ 3 & 5t \end{vmatrix} = 2(5t) - 3(t) = 10t - 3t = t \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$ 

**Example**:  $\begin{vmatrix} a+a' & b \\ c+c' & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a' & b \\ c' & d \end{vmatrix}$ 

• Upshot: Freezing a column gives us linearity with the other column

Example:  $\begin{vmatrix} b & a \\ d & c \end{vmatrix} = bc - ad = -1 \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$ 

• Upshot: Switching columns changes the sign of the determinant

Example:  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$ 

**Example:** 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 11 - 25 = -14 = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

### 7.1 Row Determinants

We look at what exactly are row reductions and their impact on determinants Suppose  $A^1, \ldots, A^n$  are columns of A. Let B have the same columns, except two swapped columns From the rules of determinants, we have that

$$\det(B) = -\det(A)$$

Now consider replacing a column by itself plus some scalar multiple of another column

That is  $B = [A^1 + cA^2, A^2, \ldots]$ . Then we see that

$$\det(B) = \det(A^1, A^2, \dots) + c \det(A^2, A^2, A^3, \dots) = \det(A)$$

Finally, since  $det(^tA) = det(A)$ , these equalities work under row operations as well

# 8 Symmetric, Hermitian, Unitary Operators

**Definition - Operator**: A linear transformation  $T: V \to V$ 

Consider when V is a K-Vector Space and  $\langle , \rangle$  is a positive definite scalar product

Recall that

- $||v|| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$
- $\bullet$  Gram-Schmidt process takes a basis B and produces an orthonormal basis
- $V^*$  is the set of linear transformation  $\phi: V \to R$  and that  $V \approx V^*$  under

$$L^*: V \to V^*$$
  $L^*(w): V \to R$   $L^*(w)(v) = \langle v, w \rangle \forall v \in V$ 

#### Fundamental Fact

For any operator  $A: V \to V$ , there exists a unique operator  $B: V \to V$  such that for all  $v, w \in V$ 

$$\langle Av, w \rangle = \langle v, Bw \rangle$$

Here B is called the **transpose** of A, namely  $B = {}^{t} A$ 

Now given A, how do we find B?

Take  $w \in V$  and let  $L_w^A: V \to R$  be defined by  $L_w^A(v) = \langle Av, w \rangle$ 

• It can be shown that  $L_w^A$  is a linear transformation. Thus  $L_w^A \in L^*$ 

Furthermore, since  $L^*: V \to V^*$  is an isomorphism, there exists a unique  $w' \in V$  such that

$$L^*(w') = L_w^A$$

• Importantly,  $L^*(w')$  is the same function as  $L_w^A$ 

But then we have that

$$\forall v \in V$$
  $L_w^A(v) = L^*(w')(v) \implies \langle Av, w \rangle = \langle v, w' \rangle$ 

Now we define  $B: V \to V$  such that B(w) = w'. Thus we have

• Note: It can be shown that B is a linear transformation

$$\langle Av, w \rangle = \langle v, Bw \rangle$$

Furthermore we have that

$$\langle Av, w \rangle = \langle v, {}^t Aw \rangle$$

**Definition - Symmetric**: An operator  $A: V \to V$  is **symmetric** if and only if any  $n \times n$  matrix representing A is a symmetric matrix

$$^tA = A$$

**Definition - Unitary**: An operator  $A: V \to V$  is unitary if

$$\forall v, w \in V \qquad \langle Av, Aw \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle$$

• Note: We say A is norm-preserving if for all  $v \in V$ ,  $\langle Av \rangle = \langle v \rangle$ 

**Proposition**: A Is unitary if and only if A is norm-preserving

*Proof*:  $\Longrightarrow$  Assume that A is unitary and choose  $v \in V$ . Clearly

$$||Av||^2 = \langle Av, Av \rangle = \langle v, v \rangle = ||v||^2$$

 $\iff$  Assume A is norm-preserving and chooose  $v, w \in V$ . Then

$$\langle v + w, v + w \rangle - \langle v - w, v - w \rangle = 4 \langle v, w \rangle$$

Similarly, we have that

$$\langle A(v+w), A(v+w) \rangle - \langle A(v-w), A(v-w) \rangle = 4 \langle Av, Aw \rangle$$

Thus we have that  $||v+w||^2 - ||v-w||^2 = ||A(v+w)||^2 - ||A(v-w)||^2 \implies \langle v,w \rangle = \langle Av,Aw \rangle$ 

# 8.1 Symmetric Operators

Here we look at any vector space  $K^n$  and non-degenerate scalar products

**Lemma**: For  $A: V \to V$ , there exists a unique  $B: V \to V$  such that for all  $u, w \in V$ 

$$\langle Av, w \rangle = \langle v, Bw \rangle$$

*Proof*: For  $w \in V$ , we define  $L: V \to K$  as  $L(v) = \langle Av, w \rangle$ 

• Clearly L is linear and thus  $L \in V^*$ 

• Furthermore, we know that there exists a unique  $w' \in V$  such that for all  $v \in V$ ,

$$L(v) = \langle Av, w \rangle = \langle v, w' \rangle = \langle v, Bw \rangle$$

Now define  $B: V \to V$  as B(w) = Bw = w'

Now we show that B is linear

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$$\langle v, B(w_1 + w_2) \rangle = \langle Av, w_1 + w_2 \rangle$$

$$= \langle Av, w_1 \rangle + \langle Av, w_2 \rangle$$

$$= \langle v, Bw_1 \rangle + \langle v, Bw_2 \rangle$$

$$= \langle v, Bw_1 + Bw_2 \rangle$$

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$$\langle v, B(cw) \rangle = \langle Av, cw \rangle$$
  
=  $c \langle Av, w \rangle$   
=  $c \langle v, Bw \rangle$   
=  $\langle v, cBw \rangle$ 

Here  $B = A^t$  is called the **transpose** of A

**Definition - Symmetric**: An operator A is symmetric if  $A^t = A$ 

• Thus for any operator of V

$$\langle Av, w \rangle = \langle v, A^t w \rangle$$

**Upshot**: A is symmetric if and only if  $\langle Av, w \rangle = \langle v, Aw \rangle$  for all  $v, w \in V$ 

**Example**: Consider the typical dot product in  $V = K^n$  and consider a matrix A and column vectors X, Y

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = X^t Y \implies \langle AX, Y \rangle = (AX)^t Y = X^t A^t Y = \langle X, A^t Y \rangle$$

**Theorem**: For any operators, we have that

1. 
$$(A+B)^t = A^t + B^t$$

$$2. (AB)^t = B^t A^t$$

3. 
$$(cA)^t = cA^t$$

4. 
$$A^{tt} = A$$

Proof of 2:

$$\langle ABv, w \rangle = \langle Bv, A^t w \rangle = \langle v, B^t A^t w \rangle \implies (AB)^t = B^t A^t$$

# 8.2 Hermitian Operators

Here we consider a vector space over C and a Hermitian inner product

Recall that a Hermitian inner product is one such that

$$\langle X,Y\rangle = X^t\overline{Y}$$

**Theorem:** For any vector space V over C with a Hermitian inner product, given a function L, there exists a unique  $w' \in V$  such that

$$L(v) = \langle v, w' \rangle \qquad \forall v \in V$$

Now we denote the mapping  $w \to w'$  by  $A^*$ 

**Lemma**: For  $A: V \to V$  there exists a unique operator  $A^*: V \to V$  such that

$$\langle Av, w \rangle = \langle v, A^*w \rangle \qquad \forall v, w \in V$$

**Definition - Adjoint**: Here  $A^*$  is called the **adjoint** of A

Example: Consider

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = X^t \overline{Y} \implies \langle AX, Y \rangle = (AX)^t \overline{Y} = X^t A^t \overline{Y} = X^t \overline{(A^t Y)}$$
  
 $\langle X, A^* Y \rangle = X^t \overline{(A^* Y)}$ 

Thus we see that  $A^* = \overline{A^t}$ 

**Definition - Hermitian**: An operator is **Hermitian** if  $A^* = \overline{A^t} = A$ , or  $A^t = \overline{A}$ 

Theorem:

1. 
$$(A+B)^* = A^* + B^*$$

2. 
$$(AB)^* = B^*A^*$$

3. 
$$(\alpha A)^* = \overline{\alpha} A^*$$

4. 
$$A^{**} = A$$

Proof 3:

$$\langle \alpha A, w \rangle = \alpha \langle Av, w \rangle = \alpha \langle v, A^*w \rangle = \langle v, \overline{\alpha} A^*w \rangle = \langle v, (\alpha A)^*w \rangle$$

Thus  $(\alpha A)^* = \overline{\alpha} A^*$ 

# 8.3 7.3 Unitary Operators

Consider a vector space over R and a positive definite scalar product

**Definition - Real Unitary**: An operator A is **real unitary** if

$$\langle Av, Aw \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle$$

**Theorem:** For a vector space V over R and an operator  $A: V \to V$ , the following are equivalent

- 1. A is unitary
- 2. A preserves the norm ||Av|| = ||v||
- 3. For every unit vector  $v \in V$ , Av is also a unit vector

Proof  $1 \to 2$ : Since  $\langle Av, Av \rangle = \langle v, v \rangle$ , which means that their norms are also equivalent

Proof  $2 \to 1$ : We see that

$$\langle A(v+w), A(v+w) \rangle - \langle A(v-w), A(v-w) \rangle = 4 \langle Av, Aw \rangle = 4 \langle v, w \rangle = \langle v+w, v+w \rangle - \langle v-w, v-w \rangle$$

Proof  $2 \leftrightarrow 3$ : Follows since ||Av|| = ||v||

Upshot: Unitary mappings map unit vectors to unit vectors

Also preserves perpendicularity

$$\langle Uv, Uw \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle = 0$$

**Theorem**: For a vector space over R with a positive definite sclar product, a linear map  $A: V \to V$  is unitary if and only if

$$A^tA = I$$

*Proof*: An operator A is unitary if and only if

$$\langle Av, Aw \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle \implies \langle A^t Av, w \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle$$

Thus this equivalency holds when  $A^t A = I$ 

**Note**: A unitary matrix is invertible since  $Av = O \implies v = O$  since A preserve the norm

Under  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  and the usual dot product, a real matrix is **real unitary** if

$$A^t A = I_n \iff A^t = A^{-1}$$

**Example:** The only unitary maps on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to itself are rotations

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

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Under  $V = \mathbb{C}^n$  and the usual Hermitian product, A is **complex unitary** if

$$\langle Av, Aw \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle$$

This holds if and only if

$$A^*A = I \iff \overline{A^t}A = I \iff \overline{A^t} = A^{-1}$$

**Theorem**: Let V be a vector space either over R with a positive definite scalar product, or over C with a positive definite hermitian product. For a linear map  $A: V \to V$  and an orthonormal basis  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$ , we have that

- A is unitary  $\implies \{Av_1, \dots, Av_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis
- If  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_n\}$  is another orthonormal basis such that  $Av_i = w_i$ , then A is unitary

# 9 Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

For the rest of the course, we consider a Finite Dimensional Vector Space V over R or C with a positive definite  $\langle , \rangle$  that is

- Scalar if we are dealing with R
- Hermitian if we are dealing with C

We study operators  $A: V \to V$ 

Some operators are easy to understand. For example consider  $A: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$   $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Then we have  $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Thus A stretches x by 5 and streches y by 3  $\implies$   $A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5x \\ 3y \end{bmatrix}$ 

However, some operators are more difficult to understand. For example, consider  $B: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$   $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Then we have  $B\begin{bmatrix}1\\0\end{bmatrix}=\begin{bmatrix}3\\1\end{bmatrix}$  and  $B\begin{bmatrix}0\\1\end{bmatrix}=\begin{bmatrix}1\\3\end{bmatrix}$ 

Clearly using the standard basis, it's difficult to describe the operator

However, if we instead use the basis  $B=\{\begin{bmatrix}1\\1\end{bmatrix},\begin{bmatrix}1\\-1\end{bmatrix}\},$  we get

$$B\begin{bmatrix}1\\1\end{bmatrix} = 4\begin{bmatrix}1\\1\end{bmatrix} \qquad B\begin{bmatrix}1\\-1\end{bmatrix} = 2\begin{bmatrix}1\\-1\end{bmatrix}$$

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Which is much easier to describe the operator

**Definition - Eigenvector**: Nonzero  $v \in V$  such that  $Av = \lambda v$  for some  $\lambda \in K$ 

**Definition - Eigenvalue:** Some  $\lambda \in K$  such that  $Av = \lambda v$  for some nonzero  $v \in V$ 

So for the examples above

- Eigenvalues for A are  $\lambda \in \{5,3\}$  corresponding to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Eigenvalues for B are  $\lambda \in \{4,2\}$  corresponding to  $\begin{bmatrix}1\\1\end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix}1\\-1\end{bmatrix}$

### **Definition - Eigenspace**: For any $\lambda$ , the **eigenspace** is

$$W_{\lambda} = \{ v \in V \mid Av = \lambda v \}$$

• Note:  $W_{\lambda}$  is a subspace of V

**Theorem:** Every non-zero element of  $W_{\lambda}$  is an eigenvector of A having  $\lambda$  as its eigenvalue

*Proof*: Let  $v_1, v_2 \in V$  such that  $Av_1 = \lambda v_1$  and  $Av_2 = \lambda v_2$ . Then

$$A(v_1 + v_2) = Av_1 + Av_2 = \lambda v_1 + \lambda v_2 = \lambda (v_1 + v_2)$$

If  $c \in K$  then

$$A(cv_1) = cAv_1 = c\lambda v_1 = \lambda cv_1$$

Thus any linear combination of elements of  $W_{\lambda}$  has the same eigenvalue

**Example**: Rotations. Fix an angle  $\theta$ 

Define the operator  $R_{\theta} = R^2 \to R^2$  (rotation counter-clockwise) by

$$R_{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

- Note: There are no eigenvalues in R and thus no eigenvectors
- Note: However, for  $v \in C^2$ ,  $R_{\theta}(v) = e^{i\theta}v$

**Theorem**: Let  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$  be eigenvectors of A with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_m$ . Also assume that these eigenvalues are distinct, then  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$  are linearly independent

Proof by Induction:

Base Case: m=1 then clearly  $v_1 \in V$  is linearly independent

IH: Assume statement holds for m-1

IS: Show for m. Suppose we have the relation

$$c_1v_1 + \cdots + c_mv_m = O$$

Then we multiply the equation above by  $\lambda_1$  and by A to get

$$c_1\lambda_1v_1 + \dots + c_m\lambda_1v_m = O$$
  
$$c_1\lambda_1v_1 + \dots + c_m\lambda_mv_m = O$$

Combining the equations, we get

$$c_2(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)v_2 + \dots + c_m(\lambda_m - \lambda_1)v_m = O$$

Since  $\lambda_i, \lambda_j$  are distinct, we conclude (by IH) that

$$c_2 = \cdots = c_m = 0$$

Finally looking back at the original equation, we get  $c_1v_1 = 0 \implies c_1 = 0$ 

**Definition - Diagonalization**: Suppose we have a linear map  $L: V \to V$  and a basis of  $V \{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$ . We say this basis diagonalizes L if each  $v_i$  is an eigenvector of L such that  $Lv_i = c_i v_i$ 

Then the matrix representing L with respect to this basis is a diagonal matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

We say that a linear map L can be **diagonalized** if there exists a basis of V consisting of eigenvectors

# 9.1 Characteristic Polynomial

Now show how to determine if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue

By definition,  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue if and only if there is some nonzero  $v \in V$  such that  $Av = \lambda v$ 

But this means that  $(\lambda I - A)v = O$ 

Which means that  $v \in \text{Ker}(\lambda I - A)$ 

Which means that  $Ker(\lambda I - A) \neq \{O\}$ 

Which means that  $det(\lambda I - A) = 0$ 

**Definition - Characteristic Polynomial:** For an operator A, we define the **characteristic polynomial** 

$$P_A(t) = \det(tI - A)$$

• Note:  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of A if and only if  $P_A(\lambda) = 0$ 

**Example**: Consider  $A: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$   $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Determine the eigenvalues of A

We look at

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 - 8 = 0 \implies t \in \{5, -1\}$$

Thus eigenvalues of A are  $\{5, -1\}$ 

**Note**: By the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra, every non-constant monic polynomial has a root in C. Thus every  $A: V \to V$  has an eigenvalue (hence eigenvector) in C

# 9.2 Diagonalization of Symmetric Linear Maps

In this section, we let V be a vector space over R with a positive definite scalar product

Recall that A is symmetric if we have the relation

$$\langle Av, w \rangle = \langle v, Aw \rangle$$

**Theorem:** Let  $A:V\to V$  be a symmetric matrix, then A has a nonzero eigenvector

*Proof*: If V is a vector space under C, we know that it has a nonzero eigenvector

Now consider V as a vector space under R with eigenvalue  $\lambda \in C$  and eigenvector  $Z = X + iY \in C$ . We show that X, Y are real eigenvectors of A with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ 

Let  $Z = (z_1, \ldots, z_n)^t$  have complex coordinates  $z_i$ . Then

$$Z \cdot \overline{Z} = \overline{Z} \cdot Z = \overline{Z}^t Z = |z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2 > 0$$

By hypothesis, we have that  $AZ = \lambda Z$ . Thus

$$\overline{Z}^t A Z = \overline{Z}^t \lambda Z = \lambda \overline{Z}^t Z$$

Since the transpose of a  $1 \times 1$  matrix equals itself, we also have

$$Z^t A^t \overline{Z} = \overline{Z}^t A Z = \lambda \overline{Z}^t Z$$

However since  $\overline{AZ} = A\overline{Z}$  (since A is real) and  $\overline{AZ} = \overline{\lambda}\overline{Z}$ . Thus we have

$$\lambda \overline{Z}^t Z = \overline{\lambda} Z^t \overline{Z}$$

Since  $Z^t\overline{Z} \neq 0$ , it follows that  $\lambda = \overline{\lambda}$  and thus  $\lambda$  is real

Now from  $AZ = \lambda Z$ , we see that

$$Ax + iAY = \lambda X + i\lambda Y$$

Since A, X, Y are real and  $AX = \lambda X$  and  $AY = \lambda Y$ , this proves the theorem

Example: Consider

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

Then for  $X^t = (x, y)$ , we see that

$$X^t A X = 3x^2 - 2xy + 2y^2$$

**Theorem**: If V is a finite dimensional vector space with a positive definite scalar product, with  $A: V \to V$  a symmetric linear map, then A has a nonzero eigenvector

*Proof*: Follows from the previous theorem

**Definition - Invariant**: For a subspace  $W \subseteq V$  and symmetric linear map  $A: V \to V$ , we say that W is **invariant** under A if  $A(W) \subseteq W$ , that is  $\forall u \in W, Au \in W$ 

**Theorem:** Let  $A:V\to V$  be a symmetric linear map and let v be a non-zero eigenvector of A

- If  $w \in V$  and  $w \perp v$ , then  $Aw \perp v$
- If W is a subspace of V and is invariant under A, then  $W^{\perp}$  is also invariant under A

*Proof*: Suppose that v is an eigenvector of A, then

$$\langle Aw, v \rangle = \langle w, Av \rangle = \langle w, \lambda v \rangle = \lambda \langle w, v \rangle = 0$$

Thus  $Aw \perp v$ 

Now suppose that W is invariant under A and take  $u \in W^{\perp}$ . Then for all  $w \in W$  we have that

$$\langle Au, w \rangle = \langle u, Aw \rangle = 0$$

Thus  $Au \in W^{\perp} \implies W^{\perp}$  is invariant under A

**Spectral Theorem:** For a symmetric linear map  $A: V \to V$ , V has an orthonormal basis consisting of eigenvectors

*Proof*: Since A is a symmetric, there exists a non-zero eigenvector v for A

Let W be the one-dimensional space generated by v. Then W is invariant under A

Thus by the theorem above,  $W^{\perp}$  is also invariant under A and is a vector space of dimension n-1

By applying induction, we can find a basis  $\{v_2,\ldots,v_n\}$  of  $W\perp$  consisting of eigenvectors

Finally we have an orthogonal basis of V consisting of eigenvectors  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$ 

Taking the norm of each vector gives us an orthonormal basis

Finally, let  $\{e_1, \ldots, e_n\}$  be an orthonormal basis of V such that each  $e_i$  is an eigenvector, then the matrix of A with respect to this basis is diagonal and consists of the eigenvalues

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

**Definition - Spectral Basis:** A basis  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  such that each  $v_i$  is an eigenvector for A is called a spectral basis of A

• This basis diagonalizes A since the matrix of A with respect to this basis is a diagonal basis

# 10 Polynomials and Matrices

## 10.1 Polynomials

**Definition - Polynomial:** A polynomial over a field K is an expression

$$f(t) = a_n t^n + \dots + a_0$$

Where t is a variable

We also define operations on polynomials

• Addition

$$(f+q)(t) = (a_n + b_n)t^n + \dots + (a_0 + b_0)$$

• Scalar Multiplication

$$(cf)(t) = ca_n t^n + \dots + ca_0$$

Multiplication

$$(fg)(t) = c_{n+m}t^{n+m} + \dots + c_0$$
  $c_k = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i b_{k-i} = a_0 b_k + a_1 b_{k-1} + \dots + a_k b_0$ 

**Theorem**: For polynomials f, g

$$\deg(fg) = \deg(f) + \deg(g)$$

• Note: We let f = 0 have degree  $-\infty$ 

Proof:

 $(fg)(t) = a_n b_m t^{n+m} + \cdots$  and  $a_n b_m \neq 0$ . Thus  $\deg(fg) = n + m = \deg(f) + \deg(g)$ 

If either f, g is 0, then our convention of having the 0 function have degree  $-\infty$  works out

**Definition - Root**: A root  $\alpha$  of f is a number such that  $f(\alpha) = 0$ 

**Theorem**: Let f be a polynomial with complex coefficients, leading coefficient 1, and  $deg(f) = n \ge 1$ , then there exist complex numbers  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n$  such that

$$f(t) = (t - \alpha_1) \cdots (t - \alpha_n)$$

## 10.2 Polynomials of Matrices and Linear Maps

We denote the set of polynomials with coefficients in K as K[t]

Now for a polynomial  $f \in K[t]$  and a square matrix A with coefficients in K, we can write

$$f(A) = a_n A^n + \dots + a_0 I$$

**Theorem**: For  $f, g \in K[t]$  and a square matrix, we have

$$(f+g)(A) = f(A) + g(A)$$
$$(fg)(A) = f(A)g(A)$$
$$(cf)(A) = cf(A) \qquad c \in K$$

**Theorem:** For a  $n \times n$  matrix A, there exists a non-zero polynomial  $f \in K[t]$  such that f(A) = O

*Proof*: Since the vector space of  $n \times n$  matrices has dimension  $n^2$ , successive powers of A are dependent independent for some  $N > n^2$ 

Thus there exists numbers  $a_0, \ldots, a_N \in K$ , not all 0, such that

$$a_N A^N + \dots + a_0 I = O$$

Setting,  $f(t) = a_N t^N + \cdots + a_0$  gets us the desired polynomial

Note: The theorem above also applies for any linear map A of a finite dimensional vector space

# 11 Triangulation of Matrices and Linear Maps

# 11.1 Existence of Triangulation

**Definition - Fan:** A **Fan** of an operator A is a sequence of subspaces  $\{V_1, \ldots, V_n\}$  such that each  $V_i \subset V_{i+1}$ , where each  $\dim(V_i) = i$  and each  $V_i$  is A-invariant

**Definition - Fan Basis:** For a fan of A,  $\{V_1, \ldots, V_n\}$ , a fan basis is a basis  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  such that  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_i\}$  is a basis for  $V_i$ 

• Note: A fan basis automatically exists since we can inductively construct a basis for  $V_i$ ; namely, let  $v_1$  be a basis for  $V_1$ . We can extend this to  $\{v_1, v_2\}$ , a basis of  $V_2$ , and so on until we have a basis  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  of  $V_n$ 

**Theorem**: Let  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  be a fan basis for A, then a matrix associated with A relative to this basis is an upper triangular matrix

*Proof*: Since  $AV_i$  is contained in  $V_i$ , there exists numbers  $a_{ij}$  such that

$$Av_{1} = a_{11}v_{1}$$

$$Av_{2} = a_{12}v_{1} + a_{22}v_{2}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$Av_{n} = a_{1n}v_{1} + \dots + a_{nn}v_{n}$$

Thus the matrix associated with A with respect to our basis is a triangular matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note**: Let A be an upper triangular matrix as above, we can view A as a linear map  $K^n \to K^n$ . Thus the column unit vectors  $e^1, \ldots, e^n$  form a fan basis for A

Indeed, if we let  $V_i$  be the space generated by  $e^1, \ldots, e^i$ , then  $\{V_1, \ldots, V_n\}$  is the corresponding fan

Thus the converse of the above theorem is true

**Definition - Triangulable**: For an operator  $A: V \to V$ , if there exists a basis for V for which the associated matrix of A is triangular, the A is triangulable

**Theorem**: For a finite dimensional vector space V over the complex numbers, let  $A:V\to V$  be a linear map. Then there exists a fan of A in V

Proof by Induction: If  $\dim(V) = 1$ , then there is nothing to prove

IH: Assume the statement holds for  $\dim(V) = n - 1$ 

IS: Show the statement holds for  $\dim(V) = n$ 

Since V is over the complex numbers, it has a non-zero eigenvector  $v_1$  for A. Let  $V_1$  be the subspace generated by  $v_1$ 

Thus for some subspace W, we can write

$$V = V_1 \oplus W$$

The only issue is that W isn't A-invariant

Define  $P_1$  to be the projection of V onto  $V_1$  and  $P_2$  to be the project of V onto W

Then clearly  $P_2A$  is a linear map  $V \to V$  that maps W into W (since  $P_2$  maps any element of V into W)

Thus by IH,  $P_2A$  has a fan, call it  $\{W_1, \ldots, W_{n-1}\}$ 

Now we let

$$V_i = V_1 + W_{i-1} \qquad i \ge 2$$

Then  $V_i \subseteq V_{i+1}$  and  $\dim(V_i) = i$ 

Now to show that  $\{V_1, \ldots, V_n\}$  is a fan for A, we show that  $AV_i$  is contained in  $V_i$ 

$$A = IA = (P_1 + P_2)A = P_1A + P_2A$$

Now take  $v \in V_i$ , we can write  $v = cv_1 + w_{i-1}$  and we see that  $P_1(Av) \in V_1$  and  $P_2Av = P_2A(cv_1) + P_2Aw_{i-1} = cP_2(c\lambda_1v_1) + P_2AW_{i-1} = P_2AW_{i-1} \in W_{i-1} \subset V_i$ 

Corollary: For a vector space V over the complex numbers and an operator  $A: V \to V$ , there exists a basis of V such that the matrix of A with respect to this basis is triangular

Corollary: For a matrix M of complex numbers, there exists a non-singular matrix B such that  $B^{-1}MB$  is triangular

## 11.2 Theorem of Hamilton-Cayley

Suppose we have eigenvectors  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  and eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}$ . Consider the characteristic polynomial of A

$$P(A) = (A - \lambda_1 I) \cdots (A - \lambda_n I)$$

If we apply P(A) to any eigenvector  $v_i$ , then the factor  $A - \lambda_i I$  will result in 0 and thus

$$P(A)v_i = O \implies P(A) = O$$

**Theorem**: For a vector space over the complex numbers and an operator  $A: V \to V$ , then for the characteristic polynomial P, we have

$$P(A) = O$$