

# Matrix theory Assignment 15

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**Abstract**—This document contains the concept of linear functionals.

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## 1 PROBLEM

In  $R^3$ , let  $\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\alpha_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Describe a linear functional  $f$  on  $R^3$  such that  $f(\alpha_1) = f(\alpha_2) = 0$  but  $f(\alpha_3) \neq 0$ . If  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  such

that  $f(\alpha) \neq 0$

## 2 SOLUTION

Let us consider  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  such that

$$\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \alpha_3 x_3 = \alpha \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \alpha_3 x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.2)$$

Hence:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.4)$$

$x = A^{-1}\alpha$  will give solution of equation.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_1} \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 2R_2} \quad (2.0.6)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 / (-1)} \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + R_3} \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R_3} \quad (2.0.9)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.10)$$

Hence,

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.11)$$

Simplifying,

$$x_1 = 2a - 2b - c \quad (2.0.12)$$

$$x_2 = a - b - c \quad (2.0.13)$$

$$x_3 = a - 2b - c \quad (2.0.14)$$

Given,  $f$  is a linear functional on  $R^3$ ,

$$\alpha = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \alpha_3 x_3 \quad (2.0.15)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\alpha) = x_1 f(\alpha_1) + x_2 f(\alpha_2) + x_3 f(\alpha_3) \quad (2.0.16)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\alpha) = \mathbf{x}^T \begin{pmatrix} f(\alpha_1) \\ f(\alpha_2) \\ f(\alpha_3) \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.17)$$

Given,  $f(\alpha_1) = f(\alpha_2) = 0$  and  $f(\alpha_3) \neq 0$ , consider  $f(\alpha_3) = k$  where  $k \neq 0$ .

$$f(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ k \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.18)$$

$$\implies f(\alpha) = x_3 k \quad (2.0.19)$$

$$\implies f(\alpha) = k(a - 2b - c) \quad (2.0.20)$$

$$\implies f(a, b, c) = k(a - 2b - c) \quad (2.0.21)$$

Hence function is:

$$f(x, y, z) = k(x - 2y - z) \quad (2.0.22)$$

Now to prove  $f(\alpha) \neq 0$ ,

$$f(\alpha) = k(x - 2y - z) \quad (2.0.23)$$

$$\implies f(2, 3, -1) = k(2 - 6 + 1) \quad (2.0.24)$$

$$\implies -3K \neq 0 \quad (2.0.25)$$

Hence, proved  $f(\alpha) \neq 0$