

# Math 1b - Notes

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction/Vector Spaces - January 7

Getting over 90% on all homework sets and on the midterm gives exemption from the final. The grade will be split evenly between midterm, final, and eight homework sets.

Know notation and terminology:

- Sets - Part 2 of Intro to Vol I of Apostol
- $\forall$  - For all
- $\exists$  - There exists
- Functions - A function  $f$  mapping a set  $X$  to a set  $Y$  such that  $f$  maps  $\forall x \in X$  to exactly one element of  $Y$  called the image of  $x$  under  $f$ .
- $f : X \rightarrow Y$  - Denotes a function mapping  $X$  to  $Y$
- $f(x) = y, f : x \mapsto y$  - Denotes the image of  $x$  as  $y$  under  $f$ .
- $X \times Y$  - Set product:  $\{(x, y) : x \in X, y \in Y\}$ .
- $(x, y)$  - Ordered pair characterised by  $(x_1, y_1) = (x_2, y_2)$  if and only if  $x_1 = x_2, y_1 = y_2$ .

A vector space is a set  $V$  with some operations on  $V$  both of which satisfy axioms given in the text. We first discuss binary operations, which is a mapping  $A \times A \rightarrow A$ . Given  $a, b \in A$ , call  $a * b$  the “product” or “sum” of  $a$  and  $b$ . An example then of a vector space is  $\mathbb{R}$ , over which addition is a binary operation, or  $\mathbb{Z}$  over which multiplication is a binary operator.

If we then let  $X$  be a set and  $A$  be the set of all functions  $X \rightarrow X$ , then note that  $f \circ g$  is also a function that maps  $X \rightarrow X$  and thus  $\circ \in A$ .

We then give the field  $F = \mathbb{R}$  or  $F = \mathbb{C}$ . Let  $m, n$  be positive integers. We can then create an  $m \times n$  matrix over  $F$ , where elements are indexed by ordered

pair  $(i, j)$  where  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . This yields a rectangular array for our matrix! Yay. The rows and columns are indexed by  $i$  and  $j$  respectively. We can then define  $M_{m,n}$  as the set of all  $m \times n$  matrices. We can then add two matrices from  $M_{m,n}$  by adding element-wise.

We then look at matrix products, where we examine square matrices  $m = n$  and so  $M_n = M_{n,n}$ . We then define the product of  $a_{ij} \cdot b_{ij} = \sum a_{ik}b_{kj}$ .

We can then construe the following axioms for binary operations for some operation  $*$  on  $A$ . We then define:

- Associativity -  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$ . All examples thusfar are associative. Note that associativity is critical for expressions like  $a * b * c$  to make sense, because while  $*$  is only defined as a binary operator, we can write  $(a * b) * c$ .

# Chapter 2

## - January 11

Let  $F = \mathbb{R}$  or  $F = \mathbb{C}$ . Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $M_{m,n}$  to be the set of all  $m \times n$  matrices. Matrix addition and scalar multiplication follow intuitively, and  $M_{m,n}$  is thus a vector space over  $F$ .

We know that for any vector space  $V$  that the 0 vector is unique, as is the inverse  $-v$  of any element  $v \in V$ . We then discuss another theorem:

**Theorem 1.3:** Let  $a, b \in F$  and  $u, v \in V$ . Then:

1.  $av = 0$  if and only if  $a = 0$  or  $v = 0$ .
2.  $(-a)b = -(ab)$ .
3. If  $v \neq 0$  and  $av = bv$  then  $a = b$ .
4. If  $a \neq 0$  and  $av = au$  then  $v = u$ .
5. For  $n > 0$  we have  $nv = v + v + \dots + v$  where the sum is carried on  $n$  times.

We now discuss subspaces. A subspace  $U$  of any vector space  $V$  is a nonempty subset of  $V$  that is closed under addition and multiplication. We then have the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.4:** If  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  then the restriction of the addition and scalar multiplication on  $V$  to  $U$  makes  $U$  a vector space, that is,  $U$  and  $V$  are closed under the same operations.

We then note that for some  $u \in U$ , then by Theorem 1.3  $0 \cdot u = 0$ , and so  $0 \in U$ , because  $U$  must be closed under multiplication by scalars.

We now discuss linear span. Let  $S \leq V$  (note just subset, not necessarily space). The **linear span** of  $S$  is  $L(S)$  which is the set of all linear combinations of all vectors in  $S$ . By convention,  $L(\emptyset) = 0$ , which is a subspace. As an example, we note that for  $u, v \in V$  that  $L(v) = Fv$  where  $F = \mathbb{R}$  OR  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $L(u, v) = au + bv, a, b \in F$ . We now arrive at a lemma:

**Lemma 1D:** For  $S \leq V$ ,  $L(S)$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing  $S$ .

Note that this lemma cannot be directly cited when asked to prove said lemma, because this will be a future homework problem. We now discuss linear independence; a subset  $S$  of  $V$  is **linearly dependent** if there exists a nonempty finite subset  $\{S_1, \dots, S_n\} \in S$  and scalars  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in F$  such that not all scalars are 0 and  $a_1 S_1 + \dots + a_n S_n = 0$ . A set is linearly independent if it is not dependent. For example, the empty set is linearly independent (note definition specifies nonempty). On the other hand,  $\{0\}$  is linearly dependent. Lastly,  $\{x\}, x \in V_{\neq 0}$  is linearly independent.

## Chapter 3

# A very long hiatus later...matricies - January 28

We have a typical setup,  $F = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ , either. We have a vector space  $V$  of  $n$  dimensions,  $F$ -space with ordered basis  $X = x_i$ . We have  $L = L(V)$  which is the space of linear maps, and  $M_n$ . Lastly, for  $f \in L$ ,  $m_x(f) \in M_n$  is the matrix of  $f$  with respect to  $x$ .

We introduce (okay, maybe they've been introduced already, but they're new to me) two small theorems. Th 2.15 -  $m_x : L \rightarrow M_n$  is an isomorphism. Th 2.16: For  $f, g \in L$ ,  $m_x(f \circ g) = m_x(f) \cdot m_x(g)$ .

We then discuss Th 2H: Let  $m = m_x : L \rightarrow M_n$ ,  $f \in L$ ,  $A = m(f)$ . We then have  $m(id_v) = I$  the identity matrix,  $f$  has an inverse iff  $A$  has an inverse, and if  $f$  has an inverse then  $m(f^{-1}) = m(f)^{-1} = A^{-1}$ , and  $m^{-1}$  is a linear operator. We then discuss a few unnoteworthy proofs of these theorems.

Note that 2.15 tells us that  $m$  is an isomorphism and a 1-1 correspondence, and so there must exist an inverse  $m^{-1} : M_n \rightarrow L$ , which still obeys  $m^{-1}(A) \cdot m^{-1}(B) = m^{-1}(AB)$ .

We now discuss a change of coordinates. Since  $m_x$  was a map in  $X$  coordinates, what happens if we use a second basis  $Y$  in  $V$ ? What is the relationship between  $m_x(f)$ ,  $m_y(f)$ . This is given by Th 4.6: Let  $g$  be the unique member of  $L$  such that  $g(x_i) = y_i$ . Then  $g : V \rightarrow V$  is an isomorphism, so  $B = m_x(g)$  has a unique inverse  $B^{-1}$ , and  $m_y(f) = B^{-1}m_x(f)B$ . More proofs come, but one noteworthy aspect is that Th 2.12 tells us that  $g$  is unique.

We call matrices  $A, C \in M_n$  similar if there exists an invertible matrix  $B \in M_n$  such that  $A = B^{-1}CB$ . Th 4.8 then says that the two statements  $A, C$  are similar and that there exist  $X, Y, f$  such that  $m_x(f) = A$ ,  $m_y(f) = C$ . More proofs follow. Zzz...

We now discuss non-square matrices. Define the transpose of  $A = a_{i,j} \in M_{m,n}$  to be  $A^T = a_{i,j}^t = a_{j,i}$ , e.g. transpose of a row vector is a column vector

and vice versa. Notationally, define  $A_i$  to be the  $i$ -th row vector and  $A^{(j)}$  to be the transpose of the  $j$ -th column vector. The column space of  $A$  is then  $L(A^{(1)}, \dots, A^{(n)})$ . The rank is then defined as the dimension of the column space, denoted as  $(A)$ .