

# MATH 2121 LINEAR ALGEBRA NOTES

## Systems of linear equations

**Definition** We refer to  $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$  as a **linear equation** in variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

A **system of linear equations** or **linear system** is a list of linear equations.

**Definition** A **solution** of a linear system in variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is a list of  $n$  numbers with the property that if we set  $x_1 = s_1, x_2 = s_2, \dots, x_n = s_n$  in our equations, we get all true statements.

A solution  $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n)$  is **nonzero** if at least one number  $s_i \neq 0$ .

Two linear systems are **equivalent** if they have the same set of solutions.

Define **homogeneous system** as linear system in the form of

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = 0.$$

A linear system is **consistent** if it has at least one solution, and **inconsistent** if it has zero solutions.

**Theorem** A linear system has either 0, 1, or infinitely many solutions.

## Matrices

A **matrix** is a rectangular array of numbers.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider the linear system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ 2x_1 - 8x_2 = 8 \\ 5x_1 - 5x_3 = 10 \end{cases}$$

Define the **coefficient matrix** to be  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 \\ 5 & 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$

Define the **augmented matrix** to be  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 & 8 \\ 5 & 0 & -5 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$ .

## Solving linear systems and row operations

**Definition** Perform the following **(elementary) row operations**

1. Replacement:  $R_i + R_j \leftrightarrow R_i$

2. Scaling:  $R_i \times k$

3. Interchange:  $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$

Two matrices are **row equivalent** if one can be transformed to the other by a sequence of row operations. Row operation is reversible.

**Theorem** If the augmented matrices of two linear systems are **row equivalent**, then the system are **equivalent** (have same solution)

## Row reduction to echelon form (Gaussian elimination)

A row (column) is **nonzero** if not every entry in the row (column) is 0.

**Definition** A matrix is in **echelon form** if

1. If a row is nonzero, then every row above it is also nonzero

2. The leading entry in a nonzero row is to the right of the leading entry of any earlier row.

3. If a row is nonzero, then every entry below its leading entry in the same column is zero.

(RREF)

**Definition** A matrix is in **reduced echelon form** if

1. The matrix is in echelon form.

2. Each nonzero row has leading entry 1.

3. The leading 1 in each nonzero row is the only nonzero number in its column.

**Theorem** Each matrix  $A$  is row equivalent to exactly one matrix

RREF( $A$ ) in reduced echelon form.

**Proposition** In any echelon form  $E$  of a matrix  $A$ , the locations of the leading entries are the same.

A **pivot position** in a matrix  $A$  is the location containing a **leading 1** in the RREF for  $A$ . A **pivot column** in a matrix  $A$  is a column containing a pivot position.

## Solutions of linear systems

A variable  $x_i$  is **basic** if  $i$  is a pivot column, and **free** otherwise

The system has **0 solutions** if the last column is a pivot column.

The system has **1 solution** if there are no free variables and the last column is not a pivot.

Otherwise, the system has **infinitely many solutions**.

## Vectors

Add two vectors of the same size:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n + v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that  $u+u=v+u$ .

If  $v$  is a vector and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  is a **scalar**, define **scalar multiple**

$$cv = c \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} cu_1 \\ cu_2 \\ \vdots \\ cu_n \end{bmatrix}$$

The **zero vector**  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $0+u=u+0$ .

**Definition** Suppose  $u_1, \dots, u_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $c_1, \dots, c_p \in \mathbb{R}$

the vector  $y = c_1u_1 + c_2u_2 + \dots + c_pu_p$  is called a **linear combination**

of  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p$ .  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$  are called **coefficients**.

**Definition** The **span** of a list of vectors  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the set of all vectors  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  that are linear combinations of  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p$   
 $\mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p\}$  or  $\text{span}\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p\}$

**Proposition** If  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  belongs to  $\mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p\}$  if and only if  $[u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_p \ y]$  is the augmented matrix of a consistent linear system.

## Multiplying matrices and vectors

**Definition** If  $A$  is a matrix with columns  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,

the **matrix-vector product**  $Av$  is given by

$$Av = [a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_m] \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = v_1a_1 + v_2a_2 + \dots + v_na_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$A$  transforms vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

The transformation is linear:

$$A(u+v) = Au+Av, A(cv) = c(Av).$$

## Matrix equations

If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with columns  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

We call  $Ax=b$  a **matrix equation**

**Proposition**  $Ax=b$  has the same solution as both the vector equation

$m \times 1$

$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$  and the linear system whose

augmented matrix is  $[a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n \ b]$ .

**Proposition** The matrix equation  $Ax=b$  has a solution if and only if

$b$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ , that is  
 $b \in \mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ .

**Theorem**  $A:m \times n$ . The following statements are equivalent

1.  $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $Ax=b$  has a solution

2.  $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .

3. The span of the columns of  $A$  is the set  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

4.  $A$  has a pivot position in every row.  $\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & b \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & b \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & b \end{bmatrix}$  if  $b_n \neq 0$ , then must ensure pivot position in last row.

## Linear independence

$v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Those vectors are **linearly independent** if the only solution to the vector function  $v_1x_1 + v_2x_2 + \dots + v_px_p = 0$  is given by  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_p = 0$ . Otherwise they're **linearly dependent**, if there're numbers  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p \in \mathbb{R}$ , at least one of which is nonzero, such that  $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_pv_p = 0$ .

**Theorem** The columns of A are linearly independent if and only if A has a pivot position in every column.

**Theorem** Suppose  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $p > n$ , then these vectors are linearly dependent.

If  $y = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_pv_p$  for  $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$  is any linear combination of the vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_p$ , then  $\mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{v_1, \dots, v_p\} = \mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{v_1, \dots, v_p, y\}$ . since  $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_pv_p + by = (a_1 + bc_1)v_1 + \dots + (a_p + bc_p)v_p \in \mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ .

**Definition** Consider the p sets given by

$$\{0\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{v_1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{v_1, v_2\} \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}.$$

The vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_p$  are **linearly independent** if these sets are all distinct.

A **linear dependence** among  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p \Leftrightarrow 0 = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_pv_p$

for some  $c_1, \dots, c_p \in \mathbb{R}$  that are not all zeros.

**Proposition** The vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are linearly independent if and only if no linear dependence among it.

Vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are linearly dependent if and only if some vector

$v_i$  is a linear combination of other vectors.

How to determine if  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are linearly independent:  
every column is a pivot  $\Rightarrow$  in-

$n \times p$  matrix  $A = [v_1 \dots v_p] \Rightarrow$  RREF  $\Rightarrow$  Some columns not pivots  $\Rightarrow$  de-

e.g.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 \\ -1 & 5 & 16 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 9 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}$  are linearly dependent since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 \\ -1 & 5 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A list of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly dependent if it includes the zero vector. A single vector  $v$  is linearly independent if and only if  $v \neq 0$ .

## Linear Transformations

$f: X \rightarrow Y$ . X is called **domain**, Y is called **codomain**

The **image** of an input  $x$  in X under  $f$  is the output  $f(x)$ . The **range** of  $f$  is the set  $\text{range}(f) = \{f(x) : x \in X\}$

**Definition** Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a function whose domain and codomain are sets of vectors. The function  $f$  is a **linear transformation**

(linear function) if both the properties hold:

$$(1) f(u+v) = f(u) + f(v) \text{ for all vectors } u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$(2) f(cu) = c f(u) \text{ for all vectors } u \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and scalars } c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

e.g.  $A: m \times n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $T(u) = Au$  for  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear transformation

**Proposition** If  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear transformation then

$$(3) f(0) = 0;$$

$$(4) f(u-v) = f(u) - f(v) \text{ for } u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$(5) f(au+bu) = af(u) + bf(u) \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{R}, u \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

**Theorem** Suppose  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear transformation. Then there's a unique  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  such that  $T(u) = Au$  for all  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Define  $e_1, \dots, e_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, e_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Define  $a_i = T(e_i)$ ,  $A = [a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n]$ ,  $w = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

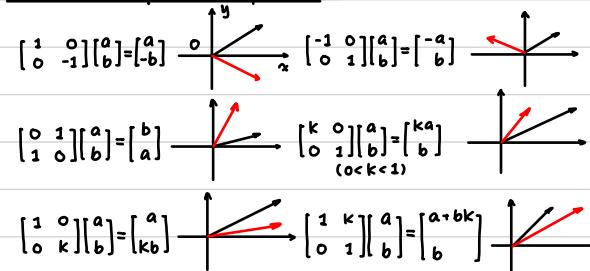
$$T(w) = T(w_1e_1 + w_2e_2 + \dots + w_ne_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i T(e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i a_i = Aw$$

A is called the **standard matrix** of linear transformation T.

This could be used to evaluate A.

$$A = [T(e_1) \ T(e_2) \ \dots \ T(e_n)].$$

### Geometric interpretations of $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$



$$\text{e.g. } T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, T\left(\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3v_1 + v_2 \\ 5v_1 + 7v_2 \\ v_1 + 3v_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$a_1 = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, a_2 = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{REF}(A).$$

Columns of  $A$  are linearly independent  $\Rightarrow$  one-to-one

No pivot in every row  $\Rightarrow$  not onto.  $A: m \times n$

**Corollary** A linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is one-to-one **only if**   
 one-to-one  $\Rightarrow n \leq m$ .   
 onto  $\Rightarrow n \geq m$ .

### One-to-one and onto functions

**Definition** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is **one-to-one** (or **injective**) if  $f(a) = f(b)$

implies  $a = b$ .

$$\text{e.g. } T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, T(v) = Av. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$A$ 's columns are linearly dependent. Thus  $\exists v \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$  s.t.

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow T(v) = Av = 0. \text{ However, } T(0) = 0. \text{ Hence } T \text{ is not}$$

one-to-one.

**Theorem** If  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear transformation, then the following

means the same thing:

- (a)  $T$  is one-to-one;
- (b) The only solution to  $T(x) = 0$  is  $x = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- (c) The columns of the standard matrix  $A$  of  $T$  are linearly independent. ( $A$  has pivot in every column).

**Definition** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is **onto** (or **surjective**) if  $\text{range}(f) = Y$ , i.e.  $f$  is onto if its range is equal to its

**codomain**. ( $\exists y \in Y$ , s.t.  $\forall x \in X, f(x) = y$ , then  $f$  is not onto).

**Theorem** Suppose  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is the linear transformation with standard matrix  $A$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $T$  is onto. ( $A$  has a pivot in every row).
- (b) Matrix equation  $Ax = b$  has a solution for  $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .
- (c) The span of columns of  $A$  is  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

### Operations on linear transformations

**Sums and scalar multiples.** Suppose  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, U: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ .

$$T+U: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, (T+U)(v) = T(v) + U(v), \text{ for } v \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$$c \in \mathbb{R}, cT: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, (cT)(v) = cT(v), \text{ for } v \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Both  $T+U$  and  $cT$  are linear transformation.

Suppose  $T$  and  $U$  have standard matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{m1} & b_{m2} & \dots & b_{mn} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Proposition** The standard matrices of  $T+U$  and  $cT$  are

$$A+B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}+b_{11} & a_{12}+b_{12} & \dots & a_{1n}+b_{1n} \\ a_{21}+b_{21} & a_{22}+b_{22} & \dots & a_{2n}+b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1}+b_{m1} & a_{m2}+b_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn}+b_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, cA = \begin{bmatrix} ca_{11} & ca_{12} & \dots & ca_{1n} \\ ca_{21} & ca_{22} & \dots & ca_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ ca_{m1} & ca_{m2} & \dots & ca_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n \rightarrow k \times m}$$

**Composition** Suppose  $U: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $T: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  are functions.

Assume the codomain of  $U$  is equal to the domain of  $T$ .

The **composition**  $T \circ U$  is the function  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  given by

$$(T \circ U)(v) = T(U(v)).$$

If  $T$  and  $U$  are linear, then  $T \circ U$  is linear.

$$(T \circ U)(v) = Cv, T(v) = Av, U(v) = Bv. \text{ Define the } \text{matrix product}$$

$$AB = C.$$

**Theorem** Suppose  $B$  has columns  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$  so that  $B = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n]$ .

$$\text{Then } AB = [Ab_1, Ab_2, \dots, Ab_n].$$

An **elementary matrix** is a matrix  $E$  obtained by doing one row operation to  $I$ . If  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by doing one row operation then  $B=EA$  for some  $E$ . Thus  $\text{RREF}(A)=E_k \dots E_1 A$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{① } E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{② } E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ 1 & 0 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{③ } E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & a & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{CR: } \quad \quad \quad \text{R}_i \leftrightarrow \text{R}_j \quad \quad \quad \text{R}_i + \text{R}_j \times k \end{array}$$

A position  $(i,j)$  in a matrix is **diagonal** if  $i=j$ .

Write  $I_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $I_n$  is the standard matrix of the **identity map**

$\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^n}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .  $\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^n}(v) = v$  for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Proposition** If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix then  $I_m A = A I_n = A$ .

**Proposition** Assume  $A$  is  $m \times n$ ,  $B$  is  $n \times l$ ,  $C$  is  $l \times k$ .

Then  $A(BC) = (AB)C$ .

**Note:** 1. The product  $AB$  is defined only if the number of columns of  $A$  is the number of rows of  $B$ .

2. Even if  $AB, BA$  are both defined,  $AB \neq BA$ .

3.  $AB = AC \Leftrightarrow B = C$ ;  $AC = BC \Leftrightarrow A = B$ .

4. It can happen that  $AB = 0$ , if  $A \neq 0, B \neq 0$ .

If  $A$  and  $B$  are both **square** matrix of the same size and  $AB = BA$ .

then we say that  $A$  and  $B$  **commute**.

### Matrix transpose

The **transpose** of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix  $A^T$  whose columns are the rows of  $A$ .

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a & d \\ b & e \\ c & f \end{bmatrix}.$$

Some basic properties:

$$1. (AT)^T = A.$$

$$2. \text{ If } c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } A, B \text{ have the same size, then } (A+B)^T = A^T + B^T.$$

$$(CA)^T = C A^T.$$

$$3. \text{ If } A \text{ is a } k \times m \text{ matrix and } B \text{ is an } m \times n \text{ matrix, then } (AB)^T = B^T A^T.$$

### Inverses

**Definition** The function  $f$  is **invertible** or **bijective** if  $f$  is both onto and one-to-one.

**Proposition**  $f$  is **invertible** if and only if for each  $b$  there's exactly one  $a \in X$  with  $f(a) = b$ .

The **identity function** on a set  $X$  is the function  $\text{id}_X: X \rightarrow X$  with  $\text{id}_X(a) = a$  for all  $a \in X$ .

$\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^n}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ 's standard function is the  $n \times n$  **identity matrix**  $I_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $A I_n = A$ ,  $I_n A = A$ .

**Proposition** The function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is invertible if and only if there's a function  $f^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $f \circ f^{-1} = \text{id}_Y$  and  $f^{-1} \circ f = \text{id}_X$ .

**Proposition** If  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is linear and invertible, then  $n=m$  and  $T^{-1}$  is linear.

**Definition** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix and define  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $T(x) = Ax$ .

The matrix  $A$  is **invertible** if the function  $T$  is invertible. Its **inverse** is the unique matrix  $A^{-1}$  such that  $T^{-1}(x) = A^{-1}x$ .

**Proposition** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. The following mean the same thing:

(1)  $A$  is **invertible**

(2) There's an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A^{-1}$  such that  $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_n$ .

(3) For each  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $Ax = b$  has a **unique solution**.

(4)  $\text{RREF}(A) = I_n$

A synonym for an invertible matrix is a **non-singular matrix**.

**Theorem** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ .

(1)  $A$  is invertible if  $|ad - bc| \neq 0$ .

(2) If  $ad - bc \neq 0$ , then  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Theorem** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices.

1. If  $A$  is invertible then  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$ .

2. If  $A$  and  $B$  are both invertible then  $AB$  is invertible with

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}.$$

3. If  $A$  is invertible then  $A^T$  is invertible with  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$ .

Process to compute  $A^{-1}$ :  $\text{RREF}([A \ I_n]) = [I_n \ A^{-1}]$ .



**Theorem**  $H$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then all bases of  $H$  have the same number of elements.

### Dimension

**Definition** The dimension of a subspace  $H$  is the number of vectors in any basis of  $H$ , denoted by  $\dim H$ .

If  $H = \{0\}$ , then  $\dim H = 0$ .

**Corollary** The dimension of  $\text{Null } A$  is the number of free variables in the linear system  $Ax=0$ .

**Corollary** The dimension of  $\text{Col } A$  is the number of pivot columns in  $A$ .

**Definition** The rank of a matrix  $A$  is  $\text{rank } A = \dim \text{Col } A$ .

**Theorem (Rank-nullity theorem)** If  $A$  is a matrix with  $n$  columns, then

$$\text{rank } A + \dim \text{Null } A = n.$$

**Theorem (Basis theorem)** If  $H$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\dim H = p$  then

1. Any set of  $p$  linearly independent vectors in  $H$  is a basis for  $H$ .
2. Any set of  $p$  vectors in  $H$  whose span is  $H$  is the basis for  $H$ .

**Corollary** If  $H$  is an  $n$ -dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $H = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Corollary** If  $U, V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  are subspaces with  $U \subseteq V$  but  $U \neq V$ , then

$$\dim U < \dim V \leq n.$$

**Corollary** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. The following are equivalent:

- (a)  $A$  is invertible;
- (b) The columns of  $A$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (c)  $\text{rank } A = \dim \text{Col } A = n$ .
- (d)  $\dim \text{Null } A = 0$ .

### Determinants

**Theorem** Let  $n$  be any positive integer. There exists a unique function  $\det: \{n \times n \text{ matrices}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , called determinants, with the following properties.

$$(1) \det I_n = 1.$$

$$(2) a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^n, 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n, \text{ then}$$

$$\det [a_1 \dots a_i \dots a_j \dots a_n] = -\det [a_1 \dots a_j \dots a_i \dots a_n]$$

$$(3) a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^n. \text{ If } u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ then}$$

$$\det [u+v \ a_2 \ a_3 \ \dots \ a_n] = \det [u \ a_2 \ a_3 \ \dots \ a_n] + \det [v \ a_2 \ a_3 \ \dots \ a_n]$$

and if  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\det [cu \ a_2 \ a_3 \ \dots \ a_n] = c \cdot \det [u \ a_2 \ a_3 \ \dots \ a_n]$$

**Lemma** If  $A$  has two equal columns then  $\det A = 0$ .

**Corollary** If the columns of  $A$  are not linearly independent, then

$$\det A = 0.$$

**Corollary** If  $A$  is not invertible then  $\det A = 0$ .

**Lemma** Suppose  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $a_i = pu + qv$  for some  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$$u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
. Define  $B = [a_1 \dots a_{i-1} \ u \ a_{i+1} \ \dots \ a_n]$ .

$$C = [a_1 \dots a_{i-1} \ v \ a_{i+1} \ \dots \ a_n]. \text{ Then } \det A = p \det B + q \det C.$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc.$$

**Permutation matrices** / Rearranging the columns of  $I$ .

A permutation matrix is an  $n \times n$  matrix whose entries are all 0 or

1, and which has exactly one non-zero entry in each row and in each column, denoted by  $S_n$ .

Let  $R_n$  be the set of  $n \times n$  matrices whose entries are all 0 or 1, and which have exactly one nonzero entry in each column.

$$(\text{Size of } S_n) = A_n^n = n! \cdot (\text{size of } R_n) = n^n.$$

**Lemma** If  $X \in R_n$ , but  $X \notin S_n$ , then  $\det X = 0$ .

Given  $X \in S_n$ , define  $\text{inv}(X)$  to be the number of  $2 \times 2$  submatrices of  $X$  equal to  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

**Lemma** If  $X \in S_n$ , then  $\det X = (-1)^{\text{inv}(X)}$ .

### A formula for $\det A$

Given a matrix  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and an arbitrary  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , define

$\text{prod}(X, A) =$  the product of the entries of  $A$  in the non-zero positions of  $X$ .

e.g.  $\text{prod}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}\right) = cdh.$

**Theorem** Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then

$$\det A = \sum_{X \in S_n} \text{prod}(X, A) (-1)^{\text{inv}(X)}.$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = a(ei - hf) - b(di - gf) + c(dh - eg).$$

### More properties of the determinant

**Lemma** If  $X \in S_n$ , then  $X^T \in S_n$  and  $\text{inv}(X) = \text{inv}(X^T)$

**Corollary** If  $A$  is any square matrix then  $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$

**Corollary** If  $A$  is a square matrix with two equal rows then  $\det A = 0$ .

**Lemma** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices with  $\det A \neq 0$ . Then

$$\det(AB) = (\det A)(\det B) = \det(BA)$$

### Determinants of triangular and invertible matrices

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is **upper-triangular** if it looks like

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

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is **lower-triangular** if it looks like

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

The transpose of an upper-triangular matrix is

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

lower triangular and vice versa.

A matrix is **diagonal** if it's both upper- and lower-triangular.

**Proposition** If  $A$  is a triangular matrix then  $\det A$  is the product of

the diagonal entries of  $A$ .

**Lemma** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix then  $\det A$  is a nonzero multiple of  $\det(\text{RREF}(A))$ .

**Theorem** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is an **invertible** if and only if  $\det A \neq 0$ .

**Lemma**  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices. If  $A$  or  $B$  is not invertible then  $AB$  is not invertible.

If  $X, Y$  are square matrices then  $XY = I \Rightarrow X^{-1} = Y$  and  $Y^{-1} = X$  and  $YX = I$ .

### Computing determinants

Start by  $\text{denom} = 1$ . Row reduce  $A$  to an echelon form  $E$ .

(a) Switch two rows, multiply  $\text{denom}$  by  $-1$ .

(b) Multiply  $\lambda \neq 0$  to a row, multiply  $\text{denom}$  by  $\lambda$ .

(c) Add multiple of one row to another row, do nothing to  $\lambda$ .

Then  $\det A = \frac{\det E}{\text{denom}}$ .

**Theorem** If  $A$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix with entry  $a_{ij}$  row  $i$  and  $j$ , then

$$(1) \det A = a_{11}\det A^{(1,1)} - a_{12}\det A^{(1,2)} - (-1)^{a_{11}}a_{13}\det A^{(1,3)}$$

$$(2) \det A = a_{11}\det A^{(1,1)} - a_{21}\det A^{(2,1)} - (-1)^{a_{11}}a_{31}\det A^{(3,1)}.$$

### Interpreting the determinant geometrically

**Proposition** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix then  $|\det A|$  is the **volume** of the  $n$ -dimensional parallelogram

$$P(A) = \{Av : v \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ with } 0 \leq v_i \leq 1 \text{ for all } i=1,2,\dots,n\}.$$

**Corollary** Suppose  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear transformation with standard matrix  $A$ . If  $S$  is any region in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with finite volume then the volume of  $T(S)$  is the volume of  $S$  times  $|\det A|$ .

### Vector spaces

**Definition** A **vector space** is a nonempty set  $V$  with two operations called **vector addition** and **scalar multiplication** satisfying several conditions. We refer to the elements of  $V$  as **vectors**.

The vector addition operation for  $V$ :  $u, v \in V \Rightarrow u + v \in V$ .

(a)  $u + v = v + u$ ; (b)  $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$

(c) There exists a unique **zero vector**  $0 \in V$  with the property

that  $0 + v = v$  for all  $v \in V$ .

The scalar multiplication operation for  $V$ :  $c \in \mathbb{R}, v \in V \Rightarrow cv \in V$ .

(a) If  $c = -1$ , then  $v + (-1)v = 0$ ; (b)  $c(v + w) = cv + cw$ .

e.g.  $\mathbb{R}$  is a vector space

$\mathbb{R}^n$  and its subspace are vector spaces

$\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  (set of  $m \times n$  matrices) is a vector space

e.g.  $\text{Fun}(\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 19\}, \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^{19}$

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19 rows

(c)  $(c+d)v = cv + dv$ , for  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ ; (d)  $c(dv) = (cd)v$  for  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

(e) If  $c=1$  then  $1v = v$ .

**Proposition** Let  $X$  be a set and let  $V$  be a vector space. Then the set

$\text{Fun}(X, V)$  of all functions  $f: X \rightarrow V$  is a vector space once we define

$f+g = (\text{the function that maps } x \mapsto f(x) + g(x) \text{ for } x \in X)$

$cf = (\text{the function that maps } x \mapsto cf(x) \text{ for } x \in X)$

$o = (\text{the function that maps } x \mapsto o \text{ for } x \in X)$

for  $f, g \in \text{Fun}(X, V)$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition** A subset  $H \subseteq V$  is a **subspace** if  $o \in H$  and if  $u+v \in H$  and  $cu$

$\in H$  for all  $u, v \in H$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

A function  $f: U \rightarrow V$  is **linear** if  $f(u+v) = f(u) + f(v)$  and

$f(cu) = cf(u)$  for all  $u, v \in U$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Proposition** If  $U, V$  are vector spaces and  $f: V \rightarrow W$  and  $g: U \rightarrow V$  are linear functions then  $fog: U \rightarrow W$  is also linear. If we define  $fog(x) = f(g(x))$  for  $x \in U$ .

**Definition** A **linear combination** of a finite list of vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_k$   $\in V$  is a vector of the form  $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_kv_k$  for some  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

A linear combination of an infinite set of vectors is a linear combination of some finite subset of vectors.

**Definition** The **span** of a set of vectors is the set of all linear

combinations that can be formed from the vectors.

The span of a set of vectors in  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

**Example** The subspace of polynomials in  $\text{Fun}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  is the span of the set of functions  $1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots$ . The infinite sum

$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \dots$  does not belong to the subspace.

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not a linear combination       $\dim(P) = \infty$

**Definition** A finite list of vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \in V$  is **linearly independent** if it is impossible to express  $o = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_kv_k$

→  $c_1=c_2=\dots=c_k=0$ . An infinite list of vectors is defined to be **linearly independent** if every finite subset of the vectors is linearly independent.

**Definition** A **basis** of a vector space  $V$  is a subset of linearly

independent vectors whose span is  $V$ .  $b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots$  is a

basis for  $V$  is the same as saying that for each  $v \in V$ ,

there are unique coefficients  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots \in \mathbb{R}$ , all but

finitely many of which are 0, such that  $v = x_1b_1 + x_2b_2 + \dots$

**Theorem** Let  $V$  be a vector space

1.  $V$  has at least one basis

2. Every basis of  $V$  has the same number of elements.

3. If  $A$  is a subset of linearly independent vectors in  $V$  then  $V$  has a basis  $B$  with  $A \subseteq B$ .

4. If  $C$  is a subset of vectors in  $V$  whose span is  $V$  then  $V$  has a basis  $B$  with  $B \subseteq C$ .

**Definition** The **dimension** of a vector space  $V$  is the number

$\dim V$  of elements in any of its bases.

e.g. If  $X$  is a finite set then  $\dim \text{Fun}(X, \mathbb{R}) = |X|$ , where  $|X|$  is the size of  $X$ .

**Definition** Suppose  $U$  and  $V$  are vector spaces and  $f: U \rightarrow V$  is a

linear function. Define  $\text{range}(f) = \{f(x) : x \in U\} \subseteq V$

and  $\text{kernel}(f) = \{x \in U : f(x) = o\} \subseteq U$ .

**Theorem (Rank-Nullity Theorem)** If  $\dim U < \infty$  then

$\dim \text{range}(f) + \dim \text{kernel}(f) = \dim U$ .

## Eigenvectors and eigenvalues

Suppose  $A$  is a square  $n \times n$  matrix.

**Definition** An eigenvector of  $A$  is a nonzero vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$  for a number  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\lambda$  is called the eigenvalue of  $A$  for the eigenvector  $v$ . ( $\lambda$  could be 0)

**Proposition** A number  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if

$A - \lambda I$  is not invertible.

**Proof.**  $Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)x = 0$  has a nonzero solution  $\Rightarrow \text{Null}(A - \lambda I) \neq \{0\}$ .  $\Rightarrow A - \lambda I$  is not invertible.

**Corollary** A number  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0.$$

We call the set of all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$  the eigenspace of  $A$  for  $\lambda$ .

We also call this the  $\lambda$ -eigenspace of  $A$ . This is just the null space of  $A - \lambda I$ . A number is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if the corresponding eigenspace is nonzero.

**Proposition** The following statements are equivalent:

1. There exists an eigenvector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  for  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .
2. The matrix  $A - \lambda I$  is not invertible.
3.  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$
4. The  $\lambda$ -eigenspace for  $A$  contains a non-zero vector.

The characteristic polynomial of a square matrix  $A$  is  $\det(A - \lambda I)$ .

**Theorem** The eigenvalues of a triangular square matrix  $A$  are its

diagonal entries. If these numbers are  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$ , then

the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is  $(d_1 - x)(d_2 - x) \cdots (d_n - x)$ .

**Theorem** Suppose  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r$  are distinct eigenvalues for  $A$ . meaning

$\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be the corresponding eigenvectors, so that  $A\mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{v}_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ .

The vectors are linearly independent.

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are precisely the solutions to the equation

$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ , which is the characteristic equation for  $A$ .

e.g. The matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 6 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

has characteristic polynomial of  $\det(A - \lambda I) = (5 - \lambda)^3(3 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda)$ .

Say 5 is an eigenvalue of  $A$  with algebraic multiplicity 2. 3 and 1

have algebraic multiplicity 1.

$$\text{e.g. Consider the matrix } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The characteristic polynomial is  $(1 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda)$ . Its eigenvalues

are 1, 2, 3, each has algebraic multiplicity 1.

$$\text{1-eigenspace } A - I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{RREF}(A - I).$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_1.$$

$$\text{2-eigenspace } A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{RREF}(A - 2I).$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_1.$$

$$\text{3-eigenspace } A - 3I = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{RREF}(A - 3I).$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_1, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ are linearly independent.}$$

**Lemma** For any integer  $n \geq 0$ , we have  $A^n = (PDP^{-1})^n = PD^nP^{-1}$ .

**Lemma** For any integer  $n \geq 0$ , we have

$$D^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1^n & 2^n & \\ & 3^n & \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2^n & \\ & 3^n & \end{bmatrix}$$

## Similar matrices

**Definition** Two  $n \times n$  matrices  $X$  and  $Y$  are **similar** if there exists an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix  $P$  with  $X = PYP^{-1}$ .

In this case it also holds that  $Y = P^{-1}XP$ . We say  $X$  is similar to  $Y$  and  $Y$  is similar to  $X$ .

**Definition** A square matrix  $X$  is **diagonalizable** if  $X$  is similar to a diagonal matrix.

**Proposition** An  $n \times n$  matrix is always similar to itself.

**Proposition** Suppose  $A, B, C$  are  $n \times n$  matrices. Assume  $A$  and  $B$  are similar and  $B$  and  $C$  are also similar. Then  $A$  and  $C$  are similar.

**Theorem** If  $A$  and  $B$  are similar  $n \times n$  matrices then  $A$  and  $B$  have the same characteristic polynomial and so have the same eigenvalues.

**Theorem** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has a basis  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  whose elements are all eigenvectors of  $A$ .

If  $\lambda_i$  is the eigenvalue such that  $Av_i = \lambda_i v_i$ , then  $A = PDP^{-1}$  for

$$P = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n] \text{ and } D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Theorem** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with  $n$  distinct eigenvalues then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

$A$  is diagonalizable if  $A = PDP^{-1}$  for some  $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$ . In this case:

- $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are eigenvalues of  $A$  since  $A$  and  $D$  are similar.

- If  $P = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n]$  then  $Av_i = \lambda_i v_i$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

$$Pe_i = v_i, P^{-1}v_i = e_i, De_i = \lambda_i e_i \Rightarrow Av_i = PDP^{-1}v_i = PDe_i = P\lambda_i e_i = \lambda_i v_i.$$

- The columns of  $P$  are a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of eigenvectors of  $A$ .

These columns are eigenvectors and they are linearly independent as  $P$  is invertible.

**Note** Not all diagonalizable  $n \times n$  matrices have  $n$  distinct eigenvalues,

however. Not all  $n \times n$  matrices are diagonalizable. Not all  $n \times n$  matrices have  $n$  distinct eigenvalues.

## Diagonalization and Fibonacci numbers

The sequence  $f_n$  of Fibonacci numbers

$$f_0 = 0, f_1 = 1, f_2 = 1, f_3 = 2, f_4 = 3, f_5 = 5, \dots$$

$$\text{For } n \geq 2, f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}.$$

$$\text{Define } a_n = f_{2n} = f_{2n-2} + f_{2n-1} = a_{n-1} + b_{n-1}.$$

$$b_n = f_{2n+1} = f_{2n-1} + f_{2n} = b_{n-1} + a_n = a_{n-1} + 2b_{n-1}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{n-1} \\ b_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (n > 0)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{n-1} \\ b_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^n \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^n \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda-2)(\lambda-1)-1 = \lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 1 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \beta = \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}. \text{ These are the eigenvalues of } A.$$

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2-\alpha \\ 1-\alpha & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2-\alpha \\ 0 & 1-(2-\alpha)(1-\alpha) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2-\alpha \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha-2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}. \Rightarrow v = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha-2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is an eigenvector.}$$

Similarly we have  $w = \begin{bmatrix} \beta-2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is also an eigenvector.

$$\text{Thus } P = [v \ w] = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha-2 & \beta-2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, P^{-1} = \frac{1}{\alpha-\beta} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2-\beta \\ -1 & \alpha-2 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = A^n \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = PD^n P^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha-\beta} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha-2 & \beta-2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^n & 0 \\ 0 & \beta^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2-\beta \\ -1 & \alpha-2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{2n} = a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}((\alpha-1)^{2n} - (\beta-1)^{2n}), f_{2n+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}((\alpha-1)^{2n+1} - (\beta-1)^{2n+1}).$$

$$\Rightarrow f_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \right).$$

## Diagonalizing matrices whose eigenvalues are not distinct

The (algebraic) multiplicity of eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is the largest integer

$m \geq 1$  such that we can write the characteristic polynomial of  $A$

as the product  $\det(A - \lambda I) = (\lambda - \alpha)^m p(\lambda)$  for some polynomial  $p(\lambda)$ .

**Theorem** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Suppose  $A$  has distinct eigenvalues

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_p$  where  $p \leq n$ . The following properties then holds:

(a) For each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , it holds that  $\dim \text{Nul}(A - \lambda_i I)$  is at most the multiplicity of  $\lambda_i$ .

(b)  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if the sum of the dimensions of the eigenspaces of  $A$  is  $n$ , i.e.  $\sum_{i=1}^p \dim \text{Nul}(A - \lambda_i I) = n$ .

(c) Suppose  $A$  is diagonalizable and  $B_i$  is a basis for the  $\lambda_i$ -eigenspace. Then the union  $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_p$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $A$ . If the elements of this union are the vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  then the matrix  $P = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$  is invertible and the matrix  $D = P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal and  $A = PDP^{-1}$ .

e.g.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & -3 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(A - \lambda I) = (5-\lambda)^2(3-\lambda)^2$ . Thus the eigenvalues of  $A$  are 5 and -3, each with multiplicity 2.

$$A - 5I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & -8 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 8 & 16 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{RREF}(A - 5I)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_3 + \begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_4. \text{ 5-eigenspace has dimension 2.}$$

$$A + 3I = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{RREF}(A + 3I)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_3 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_4. \text{ -3-eigenspace has dimension 2.}$$

$$\Rightarrow A \text{ is diagonalizable. } P = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -16 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & & & \\ & 5 & & \\ & & -3 & \\ & & & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Proposition** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  upper-triangular matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & * & * & * \\ \lambda & \lambda & * & * \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & * \\ \lambda & & & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $A$  is diagonalizable then  $A$  is equal to the diagonal matrix  $\lambda I$ . This means that if  $A$  is not diagonal then  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

**Theorem** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Suppose  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_p$  are distinct

eigenvalues of  $A$ . Let  $d_i = \dim \text{Nul}(A - \lambda_i I)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ .

By the definition of an eigenvalue,  $\forall i, 1 \leq d_i \leq n$ .

1. We always have  $d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_p \leq n$ .

2. The matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if

$$d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_p = n$$

3. Suppose  $A$  is diagonalizable. Let  $D_i = \lambda_i I_{d_i}$  and define  $D$  as the  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} D_1 & & & \\ & D_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & D_p \end{bmatrix}$$

Choose  $n$  vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that the first  $d_1$  vectors are a basis for  $\text{Nul}(A - \lambda_1 I)$ , the next  $d_2$  vectors are a basis for  $\text{Nul}(A - \lambda_2 I)$ , ..., the last  $d_p$  vectors are basis for  $\text{Nul}(A - \lambda_p I)$ . Then  $A = PDP^{-1}$  for  $P = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$ .

**Complex numbers**

$$\text{Let } i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Suppose  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . To simplify, write  $I_2$  as  $1$ ,  $aI_2 + bi$  as  $a + bi$ .

Consider  $a = a + 0i$ ,  $b = 0 + bi$ ,  $0 = 0 + 0i$ . Then

$$a + bi = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

Define  $C = \{a + bi : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ . This is called

the set of **complex number**. Each element of  $C$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix,

called a **complex number**.

$$\text{Fact } (a+bi) + (c+di) = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+c & -(b+d) \\ b+d & a+c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (a+c) + (b+d)i \in C.$$

$$\text{Clearly } (a+bi) + (c+di) = (c+di) + (a+bi) = (a+c) + (b+d)i.$$

$$\text{Fact } (a+bi) - (c+di) = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a-c & -b-d \\ b-d & a-c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (a-c) + (b-d)i \in C.$$

$$\text{Fact } (a+bi)(c+di) = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ac-bd & -(bc+ad) \\ bc+ad & ac-bd \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (ac-bd) + (ad+bc)i \in C.$$

$$(a+bi)(c+di) = (c+di)(a+bi) = (ac-bd) + (ad+bc)i.$$

**Fact.** If  $a, b, x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$(a+bi)x = x(a+bi) = \begin{bmatrix} ax & bx \\ bx & ax \end{bmatrix} = (ax) + (bx)i \in \mathbb{C}.$$

**Fact.** If  $a, b, x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \neq 0$ . Then  $\frac{a+bi}{x} = \frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{x}i \in \mathbb{C}$ .

A complex number  $a+bi$  is **nonzero** if  $a \neq 0$  or  $b \neq 0$ .

$$\det(a+bi) = \det \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} = a^2 + b^2.$$

**Fact.** If  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $c+di \neq 0$  then define

$$\frac{a+bi}{c+di} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} a-b & c-d \\ b-a & d-c \end{array} \right]^{-1} = \frac{ac+bd}{c^2+d^2} + \frac{ad-bc}{c^2+d^2}i \in \mathbb{C}$$

More generally, if  $c+di \neq 0$ ,  $\frac{a+bi}{c+di} = \frac{(a+bi)(c-di)}{c^2+d^2}$ .

The **complex conjugate** of  $c+di$  is defined to be

$$\overline{c+di} = (c+di)^T = c-di \in \mathbb{C}.$$

When  $c+di \neq 0$ ,  $(c+di)^{-1} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} c & d \\ d & c \end{array} \right]^{-1} = \frac{1}{c^2+d^2} \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ -d & c \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{c^2+d^2} \cdot \overline{c+di}$ .

Since  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}$  satisfy  $xy = yx$  and  $(xy)^T = y^T x^T$ , it follows that

$$\overline{xy} = \bar{y} \cdot \bar{x} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}.$$

Also,  $(a+bi)+c = c+(a+bi) = (a+bi)+(c+0i) = (a+c)+bi$ .

$$i^2 + 1 = (0+i)(0+i) + (1+0i) = 0+0i = 0 \Rightarrow i^2 = -1$$

**Theorem** Define the exponential function  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by the convergent

$$\text{power series: } e^x = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

$$\text{Then } e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0.$$

**Theorem (Fundamental theorem of algebra)**  $p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots$

$+ a_1 x + a_0$  is a polynomial with degree  $n$ . There are  $n$

(not necessarily distinct) complex numbers  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n \in \mathbb{C}$

such that  $p(x) = a_n(x-r_1)(x-r_2)\dots(x-r_n)$ .  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$  are called

roots of  $p(x)$ .

### Complex eigenvalues

The characteristic equation of an  $n \times n$  matrix is a degree  $n$  polynomial with real coefficients.  $\det(A-\lambda I)$  has exactly  $n$  roots but some of them may be complex number.

Define  $\mathbb{C}^n$  to be the set of vectors  $v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$  with  $n$  rows and entries  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{C}$ . We have  $\mathbb{R}^n \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ .

**Definition** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ .

The following statements are equivalent:

(1)  $\lambda$  is an **(complex) eigenvalue** of  $A$ ;

(2)  $Av = \lambda v$  for some nonzero vector  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

(3)  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ .

**Fact**  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix. then  $A$  has  $n$  (not necessarily real or distinct) eigenvalues  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , counting repeated eigenvalues with their respective multiplicities.

Define  $\bar{A}$  to be the matrix given by replacing all entries of  $A$  by their complex conjugates.

**Proposition** Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with real entries. then

$$\bar{A} = A. \text{ If } Av = \lambda v, \text{ then } A\bar{v} = \bar{\lambda}\bar{v} \quad (v \neq 0, \bar{v} \neq 0).$$

### Some final properties of eigenvalues of eigenvectors

**Lemma** Suppose a polynomial

$$(\lambda_1 - x)(\lambda_2 - x) \dots (\lambda_n - x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0.$$

for some complex number  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n, a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{C}$ .

$$\text{Then } a_n = (-1)^n, a_{n-1} = (-1)^{n-1}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n), a_0 = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n$$

Define  $\text{tr}(A)$  to be the sum of the diagonal entries of  $A$ . Call

$\text{tr}(A)$  the **trace** of  $A$ .  $\text{tr}(A^T) = \text{tr}(A)$

**Proposition** If  $A, B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices then  $\text{tr}(A+B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B)$ .

**Theorem** Suppose  $\det(A-\lambda I) = (\lambda_1 - x)(\lambda_2 - x) \dots (\lambda_n - x)$ .

$$\text{Then } \det(A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n \text{ and } \text{tr}(A) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n.$$

**Corollary** Suppose  $A$  is  $2 \times 2$ . Let  $p = \det A$ ,  $g = \text{tr} A$ . Then  $A$  has distinct eigenvalue if and only if  $g^2 \neq 4p$ .

**Proposition** If  $A$  is a square matrix then  $A$  and  $A^T$  have the same eigenvalues.

**Proposition** Let  $A$  be a square matrix. Then  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $0$  is not its eigenvalue. Assume  $A$  is invertible, then  $A$  and  $A^{-1}$  have the same eigenvectors, but  $v$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  if and only if  $v$  is an eigenvector of  $A^{-1}$  with eigenvalue  $1/\lambda$ .

$$Av = \lambda v \Rightarrow A^{-1}v = \lambda^{-1}v.$$

**Corollary** If  $A$  is invertible and diagonalizable then  $A^{-1}$  is diagonalizable.

**Corollary** If  $A$  is diagonalizable then  $A^T$  is diagonalizable.

### Inner products and orthogonality

**Definition** The inner product or dot product of two vectors  $u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$  and  $v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the scalar

$$u \cdot v = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n = u^T v = v^T u = v \cdot u.$$

**Definition** The length of a vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{v \cdot v} = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2}.$$

**Properties**: Let  $u, v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$(a) u \cdot v = v \cdot u, (u+v) \cdot w = u \cdot w + v \cdot w, (cu) \cdot w = c(u \cdot w), \|cv\| = |c| \|v\|$$

$$(b) u \cdot u = u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \dots + u_n^2 \geq 0 \text{ and } \|u\| > 0.$$

$$(c) u \cdot v = 0 \text{ if and only if } \|u\| = 0 \text{ if and only if } v = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$$(d) u \cdot v = \|u\| \|v\| \cos \theta, \theta \text{ is the angle between } u \text{ and } v.$$

The distance between two vectors  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the length of the difference  $\|u - v\|$ . A unit vector is a vector  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\|u\| = 1$ .

If  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is any nonzero vector, then the unit vector in the direction  $-n$  of  $v$  is  $u = \frac{1}{\|v\|} v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Definition** Two vectors  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal if  $u \cdot v = 0$ .

If  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal,  $u = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$ , then  $v$  is a scalar multiple  $\begin{bmatrix} -b \\ a \end{bmatrix}$ .

### Orthogonal complements

Let  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace. The orthogonal complement of  $V$  is  $V^\perp = \{w \in \mathbb{R}^n : w \cdot v = 0 \text{ for all } v \in V\}$ , pronounce " $V$  perp".

**Proposition** If  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace then its orthogonal complement  $V^\perp \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is also a subspace.

**Theorem** Suppose  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix. Then  $(\text{Col } A)^\perp = \text{Null}(A^T)$ .

**Lemma** Let  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace. If  $w \in V \cap V^\perp$  then  $w = 0$ .

**Proposition** Let  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace. If  $S \subseteq V$  and  $T \subseteq V^\perp$  are two sets of linearly independent vectors, then  $S \cup T$  is also linearly independent.

**Corollary** If  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace then  $\dim V^\perp \leq n - \dim V$ .

### Orthogonal bases and orthogonal projections

**Proposition (Generalized Pythagorean theorem)** Two vectors  $u, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal if and only if  $\|u + w\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|w\|^2$ .

A collection of vectors  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is orthogonal if  $u_i \cdot u_j = 0$  whenever  $1 \leq i < j \leq p$ . In particular, an orthogonal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a basis in which two vectors are orthogonal. For example, the standard basis  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Theorem** Suppose the vectors  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal and all nonzero. Then  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p$  are linearly independent.

**Corollary** Any set of nonzero, orthogonal vectors is an orthogonal basis for the subspace they span.

Any set of  $n$  nonzero, orthogonal vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Proposition** Suppose  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p$  is an orthogonal basis for a subspace.

$V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $y \in V$ . Then we can write  $y = c_1 u_1 + \dots + c_p u_p$

$$\text{where } c_i = \frac{y \cdot u_i}{u_i \cdot u_i} = \frac{y \cdot u_i}{\|u_i\|^2}.$$

**Definition** The orthogonal projection of  $y$  onto  $u$  is the vector

$\hat{y} = \frac{y \cdot u}{u \cdot u} u$ , which is a scalar multiple of  $u$ , and can

be zero. The component of  $y$  orthogonal to  $u$  is the

vector  $z = y - \hat{y} = y - \frac{y \cdot u}{u \cdot u} u$ . Then  $z \cdot u = 0$ .

**Observation** The vectors  $\hat{y}$  and  $z$  do not change if  $u$  is replaced by a nonzero scalar multiple:  $\frac{y \cdot cu}{cu \cdot cu} cu = \frac{y \cdot u}{u \cdot u} \hat{y}$ .

Let  $L = \mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{u\}$ . Then  $\hat{y}$  and  $z$  may also be called

the orthogonal projection of  $y$  onto  $L$ , the component of  $y$  orthogonal to  $L$ , write  $\text{proj}_L(y) = \hat{y} \in L$ .

**Proposition** The only vector  $\hat{y} \in L$  with  $y - \hat{y} \in L^\perp$  is the orthogonal projection  $\hat{y} = \text{proj}_L(y)$ .

e.g. If  $y = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $L = \mathbb{R}\text{-span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$ , then

$$\text{proj}_L(y) = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}{\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{28+12}{16+4} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

### Orthonormal Vectors

A set of vectors  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p$  is orthonormal if the vectors are

orthogonal and each vector is a unit vector. In other words,

if  $u_i \cdot u_j = 0$  when  $i \neq j$  and  $u_i \cdot u_j = 1$  if  $i = j$ . An orthonormal basis

of a subspace is a basis that is orthonormal.

A square matrix with orthonormal columns is called an orthogonal

matrix. The standard basis  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  is an orthonormal basis for

$\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Theorem** Let  $U$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. The columns of  $U$  are

orthonormal vectors if and only if  $U^T U = I_n$ . If  $U$  is square then its columns are orthonormal if and only if  $U = U^T$ . (A matrix  $U$  is orthogonal if and only if  $U$  is square and  $U^T = U^{-1}$ ).

**Corollary** If  $U$  is an orthogonal matrix then  $\det(U) = \pm 1$ .

**Theorem** Let  $U$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix with orthonormal columns.

Suppose  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$1. \|Ux\| = \|x\|$$

$$2. (Ux) \cdot (Uy) = x \cdot y$$

$$3. (Ux) \cdot (Uy) = 0 \text{ if and only if } x \cdot y = 0.$$

### Orthogonal projections onto subspace

**Theorem** Let  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be any subspace. Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then there are

unique vectors  $\hat{y} \in W$  and  $z \in W^\perp$  such that  $y = \hat{y} + z$ .

If  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p$  is an orthogonal basis for  $W$  then

$$\hat{y} = \frac{y \cdot u_1}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1 + \frac{y \cdot u_2}{u_2 \cdot u_2} u_2 + \dots + \frac{y \cdot u_p}{u_p \cdot u_p} u_p \text{ and } z = y - \hat{y}.$$

**Definition** The vector  $\hat{y}$  is called the orthogonal projection of  $y$  onto  $W$ , write  $\text{proj}_W(y) = \hat{y}$ .

**Corollary** If  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is any subspace then  $\dim W^\perp = n - \dim W$

**Fact** If  $y \in W$  then  $\text{proj}_W(y) = y$ . If  $y \in W^\perp$  then  $\text{proj}_W(y) = 0$ .

**Proposition** If  $v \in W$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $v \neq \text{proj}_W(y)$  then

$$\|y - \text{proj}_W(y)\| < \|y - v\|, \text{ that is, the projection } \text{proj}_W(y)$$

is the vector in  $W$  that is closest to  $y$ .

**Fact** Suppose  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p$  is an orthonormal basis of  $W$ . Then

$$\text{proj}_W(y) = (y \cdot u_1) u_1 + (y \cdot u_2) u_2 + \dots + (y \cdot u_p) u_p.$$

$$\text{Define } U = [u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_p], \text{ then } \text{proj}_W(y) = UU^T y$$

### The Gram-Schmidt process

The Gram-Schmidt process is an algorithm that takes an arbitrary basis for some subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as input, and

produces an orthogonal basis of the same subspace as output.

**Theorem** Let  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a nonzero subspace. Then  $W$  has an orthogonal basis.

**Gram-Schmidt process** Suppose  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p$  is any basis for  $W$ .

Then an orthogonal basis is given by  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p$ .

$$v_1 = x_1$$

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

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

$$v_4 = x_4 - \frac{x_4 \cdot v_1}{v_1 \cdot v_1} v_1 - \frac{x_4 \cdot v_2}{v_2 \cdot v_2} v_2 - \frac{x_4 \cdot v_3}{v_3 \cdot v_3} v_3$$

$\vdots$

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

Let  $W_i = \mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_i\}$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ . Then  $v_1, v_2, \dots,$

$v_i$  is an orthogonal basis for  $W_i$  and  $v_{i+1} = x_{i+1} - \text{proj}_{W_i}(x_{i+1})$ .

**Remark** To find an orthonormal basis for a subspace  $W$ , first find an orthogonal basis  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p$ . Then replace each vector

$$v_i \text{ by } \frac{1}{\|v_i\|} v_i.$$

### Least-squares problems

Define the **distance** between vectors  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  to be

$$\|u - v\| = \sqrt{(u - v) \cdot (u - v)} = \sqrt{(u_1 - v_1)^2 + (u_2 - v_2)^2 + \dots + (u_n - v_n)^2}.$$

The distance function  $\|\cdot\|$  is called the **Euclidean distance** or

**L<sup>2</sup>-distance**.

**Definition** If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , then a **least-squares**

solution to the linear system  $Ax = b$  is a vector  $s \in \mathbb{R}^n$

such that  $\|b - As\| \leq \|b - Ax\|$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

There is always at least one least-squares solution.

**Lemma** The least-squares solutions to  $Ax = b$  are precisely those  $s \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $As = \text{proj}_{\text{col } A} b$ .

**Theorem** The set of least-squares solutions to  $Ax = b$  is the set of

exact solutions to the linear system  $ATAx = A^Tb$ . This new linear

system is always consistent so its set of solutions is nonempty.

**Theorem** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. The following are equivalent

(a)  $Ax = b$  has a unique least-squares solution for each  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

(b) The columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.

(c)  $ATA$  is invertible.

When these properties hold, the solution is  $s = (ATA)^{-1}A^Tb$ .

Suppose we have  $n$  data:  $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), \dots, (a_n, b_n)$ . We want to find  $\beta_0, \beta_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$  is the **line of best fit** for the data. If the points are all on the same line, then  $\forall i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$b_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 a_i$ , meaning that  $x = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an exact solution for

$$Ax = b \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a_1 \\ 1 & a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & a_n \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

If the points are not on the same line, then we need to find

a least-squares solution to  $Ax = b$ , which is  $ATAx = A^Tb$ .

$$\Rightarrow x = (ATA)^{-1}A^Tb.$$

### Symmetric matrix

A matrix is **symmetric** if  $A^T = A$ . This happens if  $A$  is square and  $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$  for all  $i, j$ .

**Proposition** If  $A$  is symmetric and  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , then  $A^k$  is also symmetric.

**Proposition** If  $A$  is an invertible symmetric matrix then  $A^{-1}$  is also symmetric.

**Theorem** Suppose  $A$  is symmetric. Then any two eigenvectors from different eigenspaces of  $A$  are orthogonal.

A matrix  $P$  is **orthogonal** if  $P$  is invertible and  $P^{-1} = P^T$ .

**Definition** A matrix  $A$  is **orthogonally diagonalizable** if there is an orthogonal matrix and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = PDP^{-1} = PD\bar{P}$ .

**Lemma** If  $A$  is orthogonally diagonalizable then  $A$  is symmetric.

**Lemma** All complex eigenvalues of an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix  $A$  with real entries belong to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Lemma** An  $n \times n$  matrix with all real eigenvalues can be written as  $A = U R U^T$ , where  $U$  is an  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix and  $R$  is an  $n \times n$  upper-triangular matrix. This is called a **Schur factorization**.

**Theorem** A square matrix is **orthogonally diagonalizable** if and only if it is **symmetric**.

**Corollary** If  $A = U D U^T$  where  $U = [u_1 u_2 \dots u_n]$  has

**orthonormal columns** and

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

is **diagonal**, then  $A = \lambda_1 u_1 u_1^T + \lambda_2 u_2 u_2^T + \dots + \lambda_n u_n u_n^T$

Each product  $u_i u_i^T$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix of rank 1. This is called a **spectral decomposition** of  $A$ .

### Singular value decomposition

$A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix. Then  $A^T A$  is a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix, since

$(A^T A)^T = A^T (A^T)^T = A^T A$ . Then  $A^T A$  has all real eigenvalues.

**Lemma** All eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  are nonnegative real numbers.

If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^T A$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a unit vector with  $A^T A v = \lambda v$ , then  $\lambda = \|Av\|^2$ .

**Definition** Let  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \geq 0$  be the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  arranged in decreasing order. Define  $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$ . We call

the numbers  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n \geq 0$  the **singular value** of  $A$ .

**Theorem** Suppose  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  composed of eigenvectors of  $A^T A$ , arranged so that if  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$  is the eigenvalue of  $u_i$  then  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ . Assume  $A$  has  $r$  nonzero singular values. Then  $Av_1, Av_2, \dots, Av_r$  is an orthogonal basis for the column space of  $A$  and  $\text{rank } A = r$ .

**Corollary** The rank of a matrix is the same as its number of nonzero singular values.

**Theorem (Existence of SVDs)** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix with rank  $r$ . Suppose  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r$  are the nonzero singular values of  $A$ . Then we can write

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

where  $U$  is some  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix,  $V$  is some orthogonal matrix,  $\Sigma$  is the  $m \times n$  matrix  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_r \end{bmatrix}$  where  $\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_r \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Definition** A factorization  $A = U \Sigma V^T$  is a **singular value decomposition (SVD)** of  $A$ .  $U$  and  $V$  are not uniquely determined by  $A$ , but  $\Sigma$  is. The columns of  $U$  are called **left singular vectors** of  $A$ . The columns of  $V$  are called **right singular vectors** of  $A$ .

**Method to find the SVD of  $A$ :**

- Find an **orthogonal diagonalization of  $A^T A$** . Let the eigenvalues be the **decreasing list**. Then  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  is a list of orthonormal eigenvectors. Then  $\lambda_{r+1} = \lambda_{r+2} = \dots = \lambda_n = 0$
- For each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ , define  $u_i := \frac{Av_i}{\|Av_i\|} = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} Av_i$ . Choose  $u_{r+1}, u_{r+2}, \dots, u_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$  is an orthonormal

basis for  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

3. Let  $U = [u_1, u_2 \dots u_n]$ ,  $V = [v_1, v_2 \dots v_n]$ ,  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Then  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ .

**Definition** A **pseudo-inverse** of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is an  $n \times m$

matrix  $A^+$  such that  $AA^+A = A$ ,  $A^+AA^+ = A^+$ . If  $A$  is a square, invertible matrix, then  $A^+ = A^{-1}$ .

**Theorem** Every matrix has a (unique) pseudo-inverse. If

$A = U\Sigma V^T$ ,  $\Sigma^+$  is formed by transposing  $\Sigma$  and replacing all its nonzero entries by their reciprocals, then

$$A^+ = V\Sigma^+U^T.$$

### SVDs for symmetric matrices

Suppose  $A = A^T$  is an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix. The eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose the eigenvalues are ordered

such that  $|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n| \geq 0$ . Let  $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ .

Then there exists  $U$  such that  $A = UDU^T$ . Define  $\epsilon_i = 1$  if  $\lambda_i \geq 0$

and  $\epsilon_i = -1$  if  $\lambda_i < 0$ . Let

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 & & & \\ & \epsilon_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \epsilon_n \end{bmatrix}$$

**Proposition** A singular value decomposition for the symmetric

matrix  $A = A^T = UDU^T$  is  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ , where

$\Sigma = DE$  and  $V = UE$ . The singular values of  $A$  are

$|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n|$ . In general, the singular values

of any symmetric matrix are just the absolute

values of its eigenvalues.

### SVDs for $2 \times 2$ matrices

**Proposition** Every  $2 \times 2$  orthogonal matrix takes the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}) & -\sin(\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}) \\ \sin(\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}) & \cos(\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose  $U$  is a  $2 \times 2$  orthogonal matrix. The mapping

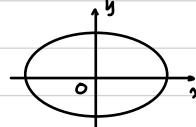
$$v \mapsto Uv \text{ for } v \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

①  $\det U = 1$ ,  $U = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v$  is rotated **counterclockwise**

②  $\det U = -1$ ,  $U = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & -\cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v$  is reflected across  $y = x$  and then rotated **counterclockwise**.

The **unit disc** Disc is the set of vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with

$v_1^2 + v_2^2 \leq 1$ . Fix  $r_1, r_2 \geq 0$ . Consider the set  $E$  of vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $(\frac{v_1}{r_1})^2 + (\frac{v_2}{r_2})^2 \leq 1$ . Call  $E$  a **solid standard ellipse**.



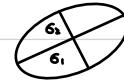
**Proposition** It holds that  $E = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & 0 \\ 0 & r_2 \end{bmatrix} v : v \in \text{Disc} \right\}$ .

**Proposition** Suppose  $U$  is some orthogonal  $2 \times 2$  matrix and

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & 0 \\ 0 & r_2 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then the set of vectors}$$

$$\left\{ U\Sigma v \in \mathbb{R}^2 : v \in \text{Disc} \right\} \text{ is an ellipse whose radii}$$

have length  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ .



**Proposition**  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix. Then  $\{Au : u \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is an ellipse

The lengths of the radii are the **singular values** of  $A$ .