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4.2) Null space and column space.

Given any $m \times n$ matrix A , there are two important subspaces: ($A = [\vec{a}_1 \vec{a}_2 \dots \vec{a}_n]$).

1) The null space of A :

$$\text{Nul}(A) = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \}.$$

= the solution set of the homogeneous system whose coefficient matrix is A .

2) The column space of A :

$$\text{Col}(A) = \text{span} \{ \vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n \}.$$

$$= \{ A\vec{x} : \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \}.$$

Thm: For \star an $m \times n$ matrix A ,

Nul(A) is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

Col(A) is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m .

Ps: Exercise.

E.g. Find the null space of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{RREF}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \\ -2x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \stackrel{x_3 = \text{free}}{\Rightarrow} \text{Null}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

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Q. Is the solution set $\{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\vec{x} = \vec{b}\}$ a
subspace if $\vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$?

A. No! $\vec{0} \notin W$ as $A\vec{0} = \vec{0} \neq \vec{b}$.

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4.3) Linearity Independence & Bases.

vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ in the same vector space V are linearly independent if one of them is a linear combination of the others.

\Leftrightarrow there is a nontrivial linear combination of them

\Leftrightarrow the system

$$\left[\begin{matrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \end{matrix} \right] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0} \text{ has a } \underline{\text{nontrivial}} \text{ solution.} \right)$$

$\Leftrightarrow x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{v}_n = \vec{0} \Rightarrow$ \vec{x} has a nontrivial solution

vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ linearly independent if they are not linearly dependent.

$\Leftrightarrow \left[\begin{matrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \end{matrix} \right] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0} \text{ has a unique solution.} \right).$

$\Leftrightarrow x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{v}_n = \vec{0} \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = 0.$

E.g. 1) $P = \{\text{all polynomials}\}$.

$$\vec{v}_1 = x^2 + 1, \quad \vec{v}_2 = -x, \quad \vec{v}_3 = -x^2 + x - 1.$$

These vectors are linearly dependent.

$$\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}.$$

$$2) \vec{v}_1 = x^2 + 1 \quad \vec{v}_2 = -x \quad \vec{v}_3 = 1.$$

Consider

$$\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \alpha_3 \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}.$$

$$\alpha_1(x^2 + 1) + \alpha_2(-x) + \alpha_3 = 0$$

$$\alpha_1 x^2 - \alpha_2 x + \alpha_1 + \alpha_3 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0$$

$$\alpha_2 = 0$$

$$\text{and } \alpha_3 = 0.$$

\Rightarrow these vectors are linearly independent.

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Def: Let V be a vector space, and let $H \subseteq V$ be a subspace.

A collection $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ of vectors in H is called a basis for H if

$$H = \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$$

and $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ is linearly independent.

E.g. The "standard basis vectors"

$$\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots \quad \vec{e}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

are a basis for \mathbb{R}^n .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{every row is pivotal} \\ \text{column is pivotal.} \end{array}$$

Fact: $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^n ;

$\Leftrightarrow [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{v}_n]$ is invertible.

E.g. Is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 ? Yes!

Show:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Thm: Any basis of \mathbb{R}^n consists of exactly n column vectors. The set $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ is a basis \Leftrightarrow the matrix $[\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{v}_n]$ is invertible.

E.g. Let $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ be the set of all vectors of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a+b \\ a-b \\ a \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } W.$$

Subspaces are frequently presented as the span of some collection of vectors. But those vectors may not be linearly independent.

$$\text{E.g. } \mathbb{R}^2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

But $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is linearly dependent.

$$\text{E.g. Consider } H = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

\vec{u} \vec{v} \vec{w}

since $\vec{w} = \vec{u} - \vec{v}$, $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$ linearly dependent

Q: What is a \neq basis for H ?

For any $\vec{x} \in H$, there are some $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x} &= \alpha_1 \vec{u} + \alpha_2 \vec{v} + \alpha_3 \vec{w} \\ &= \alpha_1 \vec{u} + \alpha_2 \vec{v} + \alpha_3 (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \\ &= (\alpha_1 + \alpha_3) \vec{u} + (\alpha_2 - \alpha_3) \vec{v}. \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{x} \in \text{span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$.

$$\therefore H = \text{span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}.$$

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Thm: If $H = \text{span}\{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n\}$, then some collection of these vectors is a basis for H .

Thm: The pivotal columns of A form a basis for $\text{Col}(A)$.
 (The coefficients expressing the non-pivotal columns in terms of this basis can be read off of $\text{REF}(A)$).

E.g.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ form a basis for } \text{Col}(A).$$

Remark: The pivotal columns of A , not $\text{REF}(A)$, form a basis for $\text{Col}(A)$. Typically $\text{Col}(A) \neq \text{Col}(\text{REF}(A))$.

E.g. $H = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{Col}(A)$.

Find a basis for $\text{Col}(A)$.

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so we know how to find a basis of $\text{Col}(A)$.
 How about $\text{Nul}(A)$?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 & -1 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{REF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\text{Nul}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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linearly independent.

for identifying $\text{Nul}(A)$

The above process, always produce a basis for it.

A Remark: A given subspace always has many bases, but any two bases

Thm: Any two basis for a subspace have the same number of vectors.

$$\text{E.g. } \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = W, \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ basis for } W.$$

$$W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \text{ but } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is not a basis for } W \text{ (why?)}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } W.$$

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Def: If V is a vector space, its dimension is the numbers of vectors in any basis.

$$\text{E.g. } V = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has 3 pivotal columns}$$

$$\dim(V) = 3.$$

$$\text{E.g. } P_3 = \{ \text{all polynomials of degree } \leq 3 \}.$$

$$= \text{span} \{ x^3, x^2, x, 1 \}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(P_3) = 4.$$

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The dimension of a vector space V is the number of vectors in any basis.

$$\text{E.g. } V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a+b \\ a-b \\ a \end{bmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$\vec{v}_1 \quad \vec{v}_2$ form a basis for V .

$$\dim V = 2.$$

$$\text{Other base } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Def: Given a matrix A ,

$$\text{rank}(A) := \dim(\text{Col}(A))$$

$$\text{nullity}(A) := \dim(\text{Nul}(A)).$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \textcircled{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & \cancel{-2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$$

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form a basis for $\text{Col}(A)$.

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = 2$$

$$\text{Nul}(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{nullity}(A) = 1$$

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Thm: The pivotal columns of A form a basis for $\text{Col}(A)$

$\text{rank}(A) = \text{number of pivotal columns of } A$.

$\text{nullity}(A) = \text{number of free variables}$.

$\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = \text{number of columns of } A$.

Def: The row space of A , $\text{Row}(A)$, is the span of the rows of A .

E.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -5 & 8 & 0 & -17 \\ 1 & 3 & -5 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 11 & -19 & 7 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & -13 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{REF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -5 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 20 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Row}(A) &= \text{span} \left\{ [-2 \ -5 \ 8 \ 0 \ -17], [1 \ 3 \ -5 \ 1 \ 5], \right. \\ &\quad [3 \ 11 \ -19 \ 7 \ 1], [1 \ 7 \ -13 \ 5 \ -3] \Big\}, \\ &= \text{span} \left\{ [1 \ 3 \ -5 \ 1 \ 5], [0 \ 1 \ -2 \ 2 \ -7], \right. \\ &\quad \left. [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -4 \ 20] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thm: $\text{Row}(A) = \text{Row}(\text{RREF}(A))$.

Thm: A $n \times n$ matrix. The following statements are each equivalent to "A is an invertible matrix".

1) The columns of A form a basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

2) $\text{Col}(A) = \mathbb{R}^n$

3) $\dim(\text{Col}(A)) = n$

4) $\text{rank}(A) = n$

5) $\text{Nul}(A) = \{0\}$

6) $\dim(\text{Nul}(A)) = 0$.

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4.4) Coordinates.

Thm: If $B = \{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$ is a basis for V , then each vector $\vec{v} \in V$ has a unique expansion.

$$(*) \quad \vec{v} = x_1 \vec{b}_1 + x_2 \vec{b}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{b}_n.$$

for some \vec{v} unique scalars $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$.

Pf: Suppose there is a different expansion from (*),

$$(**) \quad \vec{v} = y_1 \vec{b}_1 + y_2 \vec{b}_2 + \dots + y_n \vec{b}_n.$$

then $(*) - (**)$ implies

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} - \vec{v} &= (x_1 - y_1) \vec{b}_1 + (x_2 - y_2) \vec{b}_2 + \dots + (x_n - y_n) \vec{b}_n \\ \vec{0} &= (x_1 - y_1) \vec{b}_1 + (x_2 - y_2) \vec{b}_2 + \dots + (x_n - y_n) \vec{b}_n. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$ linearly independent,

$$x_1 - y_1 = 0 \quad x_1 = y_1$$

$$x_2 - y_2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_2 = y_2$$

$$x_n - y_n = 0 \quad x_n = y_n.$$

This means if V has a basis $B = \{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$ (note $\dim(V) = n$) then we can identify V with \mathbb{R}^n by identifying each vector \vec{v} with its B -coordinate vectors. i.e.,

$$\vec{v} = x_1 \vec{b}_1 + x_2 \vec{b}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{b}_n$$

$$\leadsto [\vec{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

E.g. $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, then its coordinate vector with respect to the standard basis $E = \{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2\}$ is just $[\vec{v}]_E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

But what if we use the basis $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Since $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{3}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$,

$$[\vec{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

E.g. $P_4 = \{ \text{polynomials of degree } \leq 4 \} = \{ ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + f; a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \}$

"standard basis" $B = \{x^4, x^3, x^2, x, 1\}$.

$$B = \{1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4\}.$$

Consider $p(x) = x^4 - x^3 - 3x + 1$.

$$\vec{p} \in [P]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad [p]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thm: If $B = \{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$ is a basis for V , then the function $T: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ defined by $T(\vec{v}) = [\vec{v}]_B$ is a one-to-one linear transformation from V onto \mathbb{R}^n . Such a linear transformation is called an isomorphism.

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E.g. in P_4 , a typical element $p(x) \in \mathbb{R}$. P_4 has the form

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4.$$

standard basis $B = \{1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4\}$.

$$[p]_B = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{bmatrix},$$

The map $T(p) = [p]_B$ is an isomorphism from P_4 onto \mathbb{R}^5 .

Remark: isomorphisms preserve all linear properties.

Thm: Let $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} = B$ be a basis for V .

Then 1) $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} \in V$ are linearly independent in V

$\Leftrightarrow \{[\vec{v}_1]_B, [\vec{v}_2]_B, \dots, [\vec{v}_n]_B\}$ are linearly independent in \mathbb{R}^n .

2) $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ spans V

$\Leftrightarrow \{[\vec{v}_1]_B, \dots, [\vec{v}_n]_B\}$ spans \mathbb{R}^n .

E.g. Show that $\{1, x-1, (x-1)^2\}$ is a basis for $P_2 = \{\text{all polynomials of deg } \leq 2\}$.

Standard basis $B = \{1, x, x^2\}$ for P_2 .

$$[1]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad [x-1]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad [(x-1)^2]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

these vectors form a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .
 $\Rightarrow \{1, (x-1), (x-1)^2\}$ form a basis for P_2 .

3.1) Determinants

Recall that for a 2×2 matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$,

its determinant is $ad - bc$

we denote $\det(A) = |A|$.

A is invertible iff $\det(A) \neq 0$

in which case

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

Q: What is the determinant of an $n \times n$ matrix A .

For any $n \times n$ matrix A , there is a quantity $\det A$ which

- 1) is a polynomial function of entries of A
- 2) determines whether A is invertible.

That is $\det(A)$, determinant of A .

* Cofactor Expansion

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = a_{11} C_{11} + a_{12} C_{12} + \dots + a_{1n} C_{1n}$$

$$= a_{j1} C_{j1} + a_{j2} C_{j2} + \dots + a_{jn} C_{jn} \quad ? \text{ True for}$$

$$= a_{ij} C_{ij} + a_{2j} C_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj} C_{nj} \quad ? \text{ any row or column.}$$

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C_{ij} is (i,j) -cofactor of A given by.

$$C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det A_{ij}$$

where A_{ij} is the submatrix formed by deleting the i th row and j th column of A .

E.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Find $\det A$?

$$\det A = 1 \cdot C_{11} + 5C_{12} + 0 \cdot C_{13}.$$

$$C_{11} = (-1)^2 \det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot (4 \cdot 0 - 2) = -2.$$

$$C_{12} = (-1)^3 \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

$$C_{13} = (-1)^4 \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot (2 \cdot (-2) - 0 \cdot 4) = -2.$$

$$\therefore \det A = 1(-2) + 5(0) + 0(-2) = -2.$$

Alternatively, we can compute $\det A$ as follows.

$$\det A = a_{12} C_{12} + a_{22} C_{22} + a_{32} C_{32}.$$

$$= 5(-1)^3 \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + 4(-1)^4 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + (-1)^5 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$= -1(0) + 1(0) + (-2)(-1)(-1) \\ = -2.$$

Thm: If A is a triangular matrix, then $\det A$ is the product of the entries on the main diagonal of A .

Why?

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

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot (-1)^2 \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 \cdot 5.$$

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3.2) Properties of Determinants.

* Determinants & Row operations.

$$\cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} k-R_1 - \\ -R_2 - \\ -R_3 - \end{bmatrix} = k \det \begin{bmatrix} -R_1 - \\ -R_2 - \\ -R_3 - \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} -R_1 - \\ -kR_1 + R_2 - \\ -R_3 - \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} -R_1 - \\ -R_2 - \\ -R_3 - \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} -R_1 - \\ -R_2 - \\ -R_3 - \end{bmatrix} = -\det \begin{bmatrix} -R_2 - \\ -R_1 - \\ -R_3 - \end{bmatrix}$$

$| \cdot | = \det(s)$
another notation
for determinant

E.g.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot (-1)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + 2(-1)^4 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + 3(-1)^5 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$$

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Thm: A square matrix A is invertible $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$.

Thm: If A is $n \times n$ and has full rank
(i.e., $\text{rank}(A) = n$, A invertible)

depends on
how many times
we interchange
the rows

then $\det A = (\pm)$ product of the pivots in
row reduction.

- If $\text{rank}(A) < n$, $\det A = 0$.

E.g.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{\uparrow \\ R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2}]{} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{\downarrow \\ \det(\cdot) = 13}]{} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \det A = (-1) \cdot 13 = -13.$$

* Elementary Matrices:

An elementary matrix is the result of one row operation applied to the identity matrix.

E.g.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow 2R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thm: If π is a row operation and $I \xrightarrow{\pi} E$, then for any matrix A , if $A \xrightarrow{\pi} \tilde{A}$, $\tilde{A} = EA$.

E.g.

$$\begin{matrix} A \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{matrix} \tilde{A} \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{matrix}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E'} \begin{matrix} A \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \tilde{A} \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{matrix}$$

Recall that if A is invertible, $RREF(A) = I$.

$$\begin{matrix} A & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & A_1 & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & A_2 & \xrightarrow{\pi_3} & A_3 & I \\ \hline E_1 & & || & E_2 & & || & E_3 & || \\ & & & & & & & \\ EA & & E_1 A_1 & & & & & E_3 A_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\therefore I = (E_3 E_2 E_1) A.$$

$$(E_3 E_2 E_1)^{-1} I = A$$

$$E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_3^{-1} = A.$$

Thm: If A, B are $n \times n$ matrices,
 $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$.

Remark: $\det(A+B) \neq \det(A) + \det(B)$ in general.

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3.3) Properties of determinants; Volumes.

- $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$ if A is invertible.

pf: $AA^{-1} = I$.

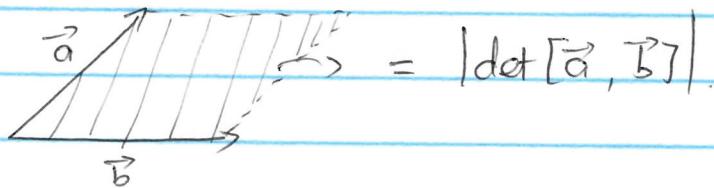
$$\det(AA^{-1}) = \det(I)$$

$$\det(A)\det(A^{-1}) = 1$$

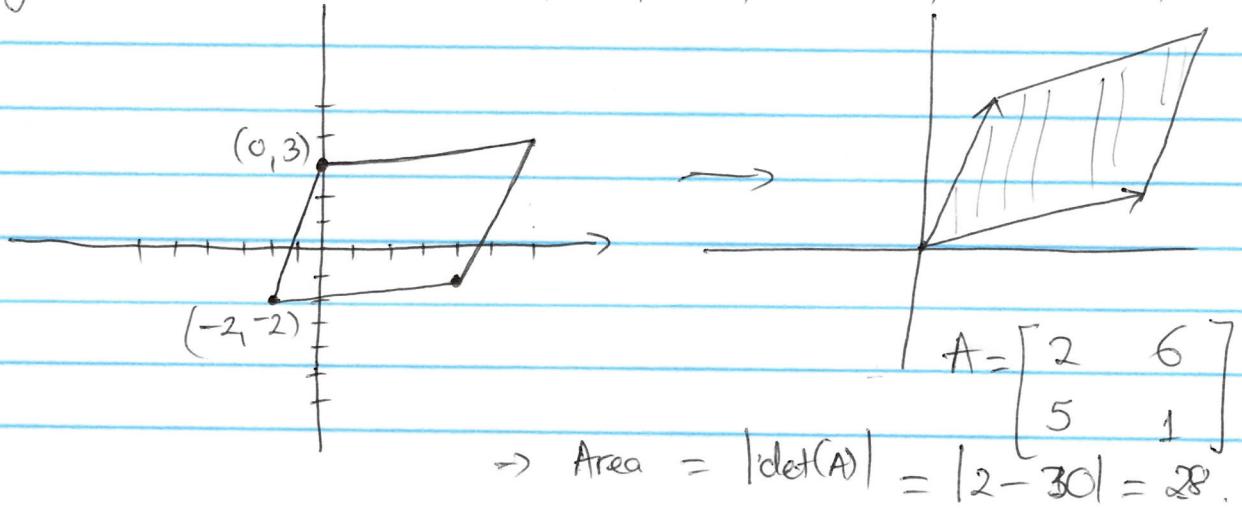
- $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$

thm: Given two vectors $\vec{a}, \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, the area of the parallelogram they determine is

$$A(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = |\det[\vec{a} \ \vec{b}]| = \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}^T \\ \vec{b}^T \end{bmatrix} \right|.$$

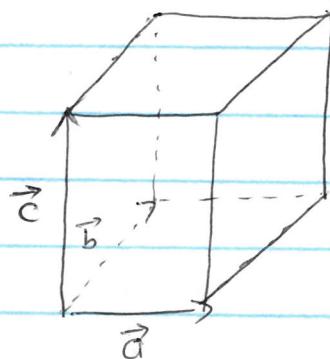


E.g. Calculate the area of the parallelogram determined by the points $(-2, -2)$, $(0, 3)$, $(4, -1)$, and $(6, 4)$.



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What about $n \times n$ determinants with $n > 2$?



$$\text{Volume}(P) = |\det[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]|.$$