

# Linear algebra

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## Textbook

- [Linear Algebra via Exterior Products](#) (2020)
- [Linear Algebra Done Right](#) (2023)
- [Linear Algebra Done Wrong](#) (2021)
- [Linear Algebra \(Stephen H. Friedberg, Arnold J. Insel etc.\)](#) (2021) [main]

## Reminder

1. Carefully look at "dependent" or "independent".

## Ch1 Vector Spaces

### 1.2 Vector Space

Def. (**Vector space**  $V$  on field  $F$ ) A non-empty set with vector addition and scalar multiplication, with the following axioms:

1. Additive commutativity;
2. Additive and scalar multiplicative associativity;
3. Additive identity and scalar multiplicative identity;
4. Additive inverse;
5. Vector and scalar additive distributivity.

Rmk. This definition gives rise to a few special vector space, e.g.  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathcal{P}^n$ , which will compose others by standard procedure introduced later.

Thm. (1.1 Cancellation law for vector addition) By playing inverse (rule 4).

Cor. a)  $\exists! \underline{0}$ ; b)  $\exists! \underline{-x}$ ; c)  $0 \cdot \underline{x} = \underline{0}$ ; d)  $(-\lambda) \cdot \underline{x} = -(\lambda \underline{x}) = \lambda \cdot \underline{-x}$ ; e)  $\lambda \cdot \underline{0} = \underline{0}$ .

### 1.3 Subspaces

Def. (**Subspace**  $W$  of vector space  $V$ ) A non-empty subset of  $V$ , such that:

1.  $\underline{0} \in W$ ;
2. Closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication.

Thm. (1.4) Subspace is closed under arbitrary intersection.

## 1.4 Linear combination

Def. (**Span**) For a set  $S \subset V$ ,  $\text{span}(S) := \bigcap_{S \subset \text{subspace } W \subset V} W$ .

Prop.  $\text{span}(S)$  is the set of linear combination of elements in  $S$ .

## 1.5 Linear independence

Def. (**Linear dependent**)  $n$  distinct  $s_i$ , exists  $\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n$  are not all zero, such that  $\sum \lambda_i s_i = 0$ .

Thm.  $S$  are linear independent set of vectors,  $v \in V \setminus S$ , then  $S \cup \{v\}$  are linear dep. iff  $v \in \text{span}(S)$ .

## 1.6 Bases and dimension

Def. (**Basis**) Minimal (defined in the subset inclusion sense, not in size sense) spanning set.

Cor.  $\text{span}(S) = V$ , then it's basis iff it's linear indep.

Thm. (**Replacement thm**)  $V$  has a basis  $s_1, \dots, s_n$  of size  $n$ , let  $\{x_1, \dots, x_i\}$  of size  $i$  be linear indep. and  $i \leq n$ , then  $\{x_1, \dots, x_i, s_{i+1}, \dots, s_n\}$  (some of  $s_i$  is replaced by  $x_i$ ) is a basis.

Cor.  $\text{card}(\text{linear indep}) \leq \text{card}(\text{basis}) \leq \text{card}(\text{spanning set})$

Cor. Basis has the same cardinality.

Cor. If  $|S| = \dim V$ , then TFAE: a) spanning; b) linear indep; c) basis.

Thm. (1.11)  $W \subset V$ ,  $\dim W \leq \dim V$ , then  $\dim W = \dim V$  iff  $W = V$ .

Cor.  $\dim V < \infty$ ,  $W \subset V$ , then  $W$  possesses a complement.

Def. (**Quotient space**) Given subspace  $W$ , define  $x \sim y$  if  $x - y \in W$ ,  
 $[x] := \{y : x \sim y\} = \{x + w | w \in W\} = x + W$ , and  $\{[x]\} := V/W$  is a vector space called quotient space, by the intuitive definition of addition and scalar multiplication:  $[v] = [\sum \lambda_i s_i] := \sum \lambda_i s_i$  and  $\lambda[x] := [\lambda x]$ , e.g.  $-[x] = [-x]$ .

Prop.  $\dim(V/W) = \dim V - \dim W$ .

Thm. Given subspace  $W$ , there's a bijection between  $\{H : \text{subspace } H, W \subset H\}$  and  $\{\bar{H} \in V/W : \text{subspace } H\}$ . This together with the usage of flags give another proof for Cor 1.11.

Def. (**Direct sum**)  $W_1 \oplus W_2$  if  $W_1 + W_2 = V$  and  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \emptyset$ .

Cor.  $\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim W_1 + \dim W_2 - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$ , by showing  $\dim \bar{V} = \dim \bar{W}_1 + \dim \bar{W}_2$ .

## 1.7 Maximal linear independent subset

Def. (**Chain / nest / tower**) A collection of elements that are totally ordered.

Thm. (**Hausdorff maximal principle / the axiom of choice**) Every partially ordered set has a maximal linearly / totally ordered subset. It's the same as the next thm.

Thm. (**Zorn's lemma**) For a partially ordered set  $(X, \leq)$ , for any  $C \subset X$  be totally ordered. Suppose  $\exists x_c \in X, s. t., \forall x \in C, x \leq x_c$  (every chain has a top), then  $\exists x_m, s. t., \forall y \in X, x_m \leq y \rightarrow x_m = y$  (maximum exists).

Def. (**Maximal linear independent set**) Again, maximal with respect to set inclusion.

Lemma. A set is a maximal linear independent set iff it's a basis.

Thm. For any linearly independent subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$ , there's a basis that contains  $S$ .

Proof. Construct  $X$  to be the collection of independent sets containing  $S$ . For any chain  $C$  in  $X$ , we need to find a top of it in  $X$ . This can be done by taking union of sets in  $C$ , which means it's a top and therefore containing  $S$ . Also, it's independent, since for any  $u_i$  for  $i = 1 \dots n$ , we can find a set in  $C$  such that it contains all these vectors, therefore they're linearly independent.

Cor. Every vector space has basis.

Thm. Subspace  $W \subset V$ , then  $\exists W', s. t. V = W \oplus W'$ .

## Ch2. Linear Transformations and Matrices

Def. (**Linear map**)  $T : V \rightarrow W$ .

Rmk.

1.  $T(0) = 0$ .
2.  $Ker(T) \subset V, Ran(T) \subset W$  are subspaces, called **null space / kernel** and **range / image**, and their dimension is called **nullity** and **rank**.
3. (2.4)  $T$  is 1-1 iff  $Ker(T) = \{0\}$ .

Thm. (**Dimension thm**) For linear  $T : V \rightarrow W$ , and  $V$  is finite-dimensional, then  $nullity(T) + rank(T) = \dim(V)$ .

Thm.  $T$  is isomorphic iff  $\exists T^{-1}, s. t., T \circ T^{-1} = id_V, T^{-1} \circ T = id_W, T^{-1}$  linear.

Lemma. Isomorphic  $T, \dim V = n$ , then  $\dim W = n$ .

Cor. Subspace  $V' \subset V$ , then  $T|_{V'} : V' \rightarrow T(V')$  is still isomorphic.

Thm.  $T : V \rightarrow W$  induces linear  $\bar{T} : V/KerT \rightarrow R(T)$  by letting  $\bar{T} := [x] \mapsto T(x)$ .

Cor.  $\dim V < \infty, \dim KerT + \dim R(T) = \dim V$ .

## Ch3. Elementary Matrix Operations and Systems of Linear Equations

### Eigenvalue

#### Eigenvalue, eigenvector and movement

For a matrix  $A_{n \times n}$ , consider all  $(\vec{u}, \lambda)$  pair such that:  $A\vec{u} = \lambda\vec{u}$  We call them **eigenvalues** and **eigenvectors** of matrix  $A$ . There're totally  $n$  pairs of  $(\vec{u}_i, \lambda_i)$  for diagonalizable linear transformation,

and the eigenvectors form a basis(some  $\lambda_i$  might be the same).

If we regard matrix/transformation  $W$  as a space movement in Euclidean space, we need to apply it on certain vector to examine its feature. What if we try to apply it multiple times?

$$\vec{v} = \sum_i \alpha_i \vec{u}_i$$
$$W^k \vec{v} = \sum_i \alpha_i W^k \vec{u}_i = \sum_i \alpha_i \lambda_i^k \vec{u}_i$$

We find out that the largest eigenvalue corresponding eigenvector will eventually dominate as  $k$  getting larger and larger. That's why we would like to conclude:

- first principle eigenvalue(largest) indicates the movement speed
- first principle eigenvector indicates the movement direction

e.g. When  $A$  is the adjacency matrix,  $(A\vec{v})_i = \frac{1}{deg_i} \sum_{j \in N(i)} v_j$  When  $L = I - D^{-1}A$ , the Laplacian matrix,  $(L\vec{v})_i = \frac{1}{deg_i} \sum_{j \in N(i)} (v_i - v_j)$

## How to find them?

When the transformation  $A$  is normal operator, which means orthogonal diagonalizable, then:

$$A = P\Lambda P^{-1}$$

where  $\Lambda$  stretches (eigenvalues),  $P$  rotates (orthonormal eigenvectors). Further more, when  $A$  is symmetric real matrix(e.g. adjacency and Laplacian matrix), then it is hermitian/self-adjoint, which means all eigenvalues are real.

## THM

Symmetric real matrix  $M$   $M := \sum_i \lambda_i v_i v_i^T$ , #TODO (upd)  $\dim V = K$  We may use the same eigenvectors in  $M^k$ , such that  $M^k := \sum_i \lambda_i^k v_i v_i^T$  claim:  $M^{-1} := \sum_i \frac{1}{\lambda_i} v_i v_i^T$ ,  $M^{-1}M = I$  proof: substitute

thm2:  $tr(M) = \sum_i \lambda_i$  <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse521/16sp/521-lecture-8.pdf>

## Variational Characterization of Eigenvalues

symmetric real  $M_{n \times n}$ , eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$

$$\text{Rayleigh quotient } R_M(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T M \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}}$$
$$\lambda_k = \min_{\forall V, \dim V = k} \max_{\mathbf{x} \in V - \{0\}} R_M(\mathbf{x})$$

proof: <https://blog.csdn.net/a358463121/article/details/100166818>

证明 $V$ 里面一定存在向量使得Rayleigh quotient时, 只需要取 $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ 对应的 $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$ 组成的空间 $V$ 即可。 <https://zhuanlan.zhihu.com/p/80817719>

## Hilbert space

conjecture symmetric

# Reference

Basic knowledge in Spectral Theory.