

Linear Algebra Lecture Notes  
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# Chapter 1

## Linear system of equations and matrices

### 1.1 Systems of Equations

Systems of equations are either

1. Linear system: If all equations in the system are linear  
or
2. Nonlinear system: At least one of the equations in the system are nonlinear

**Example 1.1.1.** :  $\begin{matrix} x & - & y & = & 1 \\ 2x & + & 3y & = & 2 \end{matrix}$  *is linear*

$\begin{matrix} x & - & y & = & 1 \\ 2x^2 & + & 3y & = & 2 \end{matrix}$  *is nonlinear linear*

**In this course we study only linear systems.**

## 1.2 A general form of the linear system:

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + \dots + a_{3n}x_n = b_3$$

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$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

, where  $a_{ij}, b_i$  are all real numbers, is called an  $m \times n$  linear system

**Definition 1.2.1.** A solution of the above system is a set of real numbers  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  such that if substitute  $x_i = c_i$  then all equations in the above

system holds denoted by  $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Example 1.2.1.**  $\begin{matrix} x - y = 1 \\ x + 3y = 5 \end{matrix}$  has a solution  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Definition 1.2.2.** A linear system is called a **square** system if  $m = n$  and it is called an  $n \times n$  linear system

**Definition 1.2.3.** A linear system is called **consistent** if it has a solution, and it is called **inconsistent** if it has no solution

**Consistent linear systems** has either a unique solution or infinite number of solutions

**A  $2 \times 2$  linear system :**

**Example 1.2.2.**  $\begin{matrix} x - y = 1 \\ x + 3y = 5 \end{matrix}$  has a unique solution  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Example 1.2.3.**  $\begin{matrix} x - y = 1 \\ 2x - 2y = 2 \end{matrix}$  has infinite number of solutions



## 1.3 1.2. Row Echelon form and solutions of linear systems

**Definition 1.3.1.** A matrix is an array of numbers or objects arranged in rows and columns denoted by  $A, B, C, \dots$

A matrix  $A$  with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns is called an  $m \times n$  matrix read  $m$  by  $n$  matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \cdot & & & \\ \cdot & & & \\ \cdot & & & \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

The entry of a matrix  $A$  in the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column is called the  $ij$ -th entry denoted by  $a_{ij}$

**Augmented matrix of a linear system**

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + \dots + a_{3n}x_n = b_3$$

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$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

**Definition 1.3.2.** The **Augmented matrix** of a linear system above de-

noted by  $\overline{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & | & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & | & b_2 \\ \cdot & & & & & \\ \cdot & & & & & \\ \cdot & & & & & \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & | & b_m \end{pmatrix}$

**Elementary row operations:**

1. Interchange two rows
2. Multiply a row by a nonzero constant

3. Replace a row by its sum with a multiple of another row ( add a multiple of a one row to another row)

**Row Echelon Form (REF)**

**Example 1.3.1.** :  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is in REF

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is not in REF}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is not in REF}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is not in REF}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is in REF}$$

**Definition 1.3.3.** An  $m \times n$  matrix is in REF iff:

1. The first nonzero entry in a nonzero row is 1 called the leading one or the pivot 1
2. the leading one in the  $k$ -th row is to the right of the leading one in the  $k - 1$ -row
3. Zero rows are below the nonzero rows

*Remark 1.3.4.* Any matrix can be written in REF using the row operations

**Gauss Elimination Method** is a method to solve linear systems by using row operations on the augmented matrix  $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$  of the system to change it in REF

**Example 1.3.2.** . Use Gauss Elimination method to Solve

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 &= 2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 1 \\ -x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Solution } \bar{A} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & -2 \end{array} \right) R_2 - R_1, R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{3}R_2 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{4}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$x_3 = 0, x_2 = -\frac{1}{3}, x_1 = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\text{Solution } \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Example 1.3.3.** . Use Gauss Elimination method to Solve

$$x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 = 2$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 1$$

$$\text{Solution } \bar{A} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right) R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{3}R_2 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{4}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right)$$

$x_3$  is free ,  $x_1, x_2$  leading , so let  $x_3 = \alpha \in R$ , then from equation2,  $x_2 = -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{3}\alpha$ , and from equation1,  $x_1 = 2 + x_2 - 3x_3 = 2 + \frac{-1}{3} + \frac{4}{3}\alpha - 3\alpha = \frac{5}{3} - \frac{5}{3}\alpha$

$$\text{solution } \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{3} - \frac{5}{3}\alpha \\ -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{3}\alpha \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Remark 1.3.5.* If we have more than one linear systems of the form  $(A|b_1), (A|b_2), \dots, (A|b_k)$ , then we can solve the systems simultaneously by forming the augmented matrix  $(A|b_1|b_2| \dots |b_k)$

**Reduced Row Echelon Form (RREF) An  $m \times n$  matrix is in RREF iff:**

1. It is in REF
2. The leading 1 is the only nonzero in that column

**Example 1.3.4.** :  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is in RREF

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is not in RREF}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is not in RREF}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is not in RREF}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is in RREF}$$

*Remark 1.3.6.* Any matrix can be written in RREF using the row operations

**Gauss-Jordan Elimination Method** is a method to solve linear systems by using row operations on the augmented matrix  $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$  of the system to change it in RREF

**Example 1.3.5.** . Use Gauss Elimination-Jordan method to Solve

$$x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 = 2$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 1$$

$$-x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 = -2$$

$$\mathbf{Solution} \overline{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & | & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & | & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & | & -2 \end{pmatrix} R_2 - R_1, R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{3}R_2 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{4}{3} & | & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} R_2 + \frac{4}{3}R_3, R_1 - 3R_3 \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & \frac{5}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Solution} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Remark 1.3.7.* If in the process of solving a linear system by Gauss elimination or Gauss-Jordan elimination, and the left hand of a row is reduced to a zero row but the right hand is nonzero then the system is inconsistent. That is if we get a row of the form  $[0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 | 1]$ , then the system is inconsistent.



**Definition 1.3.8.** *The variable that correspond to the leading one are called the leading variables, and the remaining variables, if any, are called free variables.*

*Remark 1.3.9.* A linear system with a free variable is either inconsistent or has infinite number of solutions.

$$x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 2$$

**Example 1.3.6.**  $x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 1$  is consistent with  $x_3$  free, so it has infinite solutions

$$2x_1 + x_2 = 3$$

*infinite solutions*

$$x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 2$$

but,  $x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 1$  is inconsistent with  $x_3$  free. Why?

$$2x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

### Overdetermined and underdetermined systems

**Definition 1.3.10.** . An  $m \times n$  linear system is called **underdetermined** system if  $m < n$ , and it is called **overdetermined** if  $m > n$

*Remark 1.3.11.* An underdetermined linear system always has a free variable, so it is either inconsistent or it has infinite solutions.

*Remark 1.3.12.* An overdetermined linear system can't tell. ( all cases possible).

**Definition 1.3.13.** . An  $m \times n$  linear system is called **homogeneous** if all right hand of every equation is zero. That is the augmented matrix  $\overline{A}$  of the linear system is of the form  $\overline{A} = (A|0)$ , that is  $(b_1 = b_2 = \dots = b_k = 0)$ .

*Remark 1.3.14.* 1. A homogeneous linear system is always consistent with  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = 0$  is a solution called the zero solution or the trivial solution

2. A homogeneous linear system is either has a unique solution ( the zero solution) if it has no free variables or it has infinite solutions if it has a free variable.
3. An underdetermined homogeneous linear system always has infinite solutions.

## 1.4 1.3+1.4 Matrix Algebra.

Recall that a matrix is any array of objects.

A row or a column of a matrix is called a vector and the  $i$ -row of a matrix  $A$  is denoted by  $\vec{a}_i$  and the  $i$ -column of a matrix  $A$  is denoted by  $a_i$ . The set of all row matrices or the set of all column matrices is called the Euclidean space denoted by either  $R^n$  or  $R^{1 \times n}$

An  $m \times n$  matrix is usually represented by its columns as  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$

or by its rows as  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{a}_1 \\ \vec{a}_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \vec{a}_m \end{pmatrix}$

**Definition 1.4.1. Equality of matrices:** Two matrices  $A, B$  are equal iff they the same size and the corresponding entries are equal

**Operations on matrices .**

**1. Scalar multiplication.**

**Definition 1.4.2.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix,  $c \in R$ . Then  $cA = B$ , where  $b_{ij} = ca_{ij}, \forall i, j$

**2. Matrix addition.**

**Definition 1.4.3.** Let  $A, B$  be  $m \times n$  matrices. Then  $A + B = C$ , where  $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}, \forall i, j$

**Properties of addition and scalar multiplication**

**Theorem 1.4.4.** Let  $A, B$  be an  $m \times n$  matrices,  $\alpha, \beta \in R$ . Then

1.  $\alpha(A + B) = \alpha A + \alpha B$
2.  $\alpha\beta(A) = \alpha(\beta A)$
3.  $A + B = B + A$
4.  $A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$
5.  $A + 0 = 0 + A = A$

6.  $A + -A = -A + A = 0$

**2. Matrix multiplication.**

**Definition 1.4.5.** Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$ ,  $B$  an  $n \times k$  matrices. Then  $AB = C$ , where  $c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{k=n} a_{ik}b_{kj}$

**Example 1.4.1.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Properties of matrix multiplication**

**Theorem 1.4.6.** Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$ ,  $B$  an  $n \times k$ ,  $C$  be  $k \times l$  matrices,  $\alpha, \beta \in R$ . Then

1.  $\alpha(AB) = A(\alpha B)$
2.  $AB \neq BA$
3.  $A(BC) = (AB)C$
4. Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$ ,  $B, C$  an  $n \times k$ . Then  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$

*Remark 1.4.7.* If  $A$  an  $m \times n$ ,  $B$  an  $n \times k$ , then  $AB = (Ab_1, Ab_2, \dots, Ab_k)$  using the columns of  $B$  or

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{a}_1 B \\ \vec{a}_2 B \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \vec{a}_n B \end{pmatrix} \text{ using the rows of } A$$

*Remark 1.4.8.* 1. If  $AB = AC$  then we cannot conclude  $B = C$

*Example 1.4.2.* Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .  
Then  $AB = AC$  but  $B \neq C$

2. If  $AB = 0$  then we cannot conclude  $A = 0$  or  $B = 0$

*Example 1.4.3.* Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $AB = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  but neither  $A$  nor  $B$  is a zero matrix

*Remark 1.4.9.* 1. If  $A, B$  an  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrices, then  $AB$  is an upper triangular matrix

2. If  $A, B$  an  $n \times n$  lower triangular matrices, then  $AB$  is a lower triangular matrix

3. If  $A, B$  an  $n \times n$  diagonal matrices, then  $AB$  is a diagonal triangular matrix

**Linear systems and matrices**

A linear system with augmented matrix  $\bar{A} = (A|b)$  can be written in

matrix multiplication as  $Ax = b$ , where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \cdot & & & \\ \cdot & & & \\ \cdot & & & \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $x =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}$$

Also, we can write the linear system as  $Ax = b$  as  $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$

*Remark 1.4.10.* 1. A vector  $X_0$  is a solution of a linear system  $Ax = b$  iff  $AX_0 = b$

2. If vectors  $X_0, X_1$  are solutions of a linear system  $Ax = b$ . Then  $\alpha X_0 + \beta X_1$  is a solution iff  $\alpha + \beta = 1$ . Since  $A(\alpha X_0 + \beta X_1) = b$  iff  $\alpha b + \beta b = b$  iff  $\alpha + \beta = 1$ .

3. If vectors  $X_0, X_1$  are solutions of a homogeneous linear system  $Ax = 0$ . Then  $\alpha X_0 + \beta X_1$  is a solution of  $Ax = 0$  for any  $\alpha, \beta \in R$ . Since  $A(\alpha X_0 + \beta X_1) = \alpha AX_0 + \beta AX_1 = 0$ .

**Definition. Linear combinations**

**Definition 1.4.11.** Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in R^n, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \in R$ . Then a vector  $c_1a_1 + c_2a_2 + \dots + c_ka_k$  is called a linear combination of the vectors  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$

**Example 1.4.4.** 1.  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is a linear combination of  $a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , since  $v = 1a + 0b$

2. Is  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  a linear combination of  $a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

**Solution.** Let  $v = c_1a + c_2b$ , if the system has a solution then  $v$  is a linear combination of  $a, b$

So let  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

We get the linear system whose augmented matrix  $\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right)$  and this system has a unique solution  $c_2 = 2, c_1 = -1$ , so  $v$  is a linear combination of  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Theorem. Consistency of the linear system.**

**Theorem 1.4.12.** A linear system  $Ax = b$  is consistent iff  $b$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$  Suppose the system  $Ax = b$  is consistent, so there exist real num-

bers  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  such that  $A \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = b$ . So  $c_1a_1 + c_2a_2 + \dots + c_na_n = b$ ,

and so  $b$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$

$\Leftarrow$  Suppose  $b$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ , so there exist real numbers  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  such that  $c_1a_1 + c_2a_2 + \dots + c_na_n = b$ . But the last

equation is  $c_1a_1 + c_2a_2 + \dots + c_na_n = A \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = b$ . So  $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$  is a solution

of  $Ax = b$  □

*Remark 1.4.13.* The proof of the consistency of the linear systems shows that if  $b$  is a linear combination of the columns of the  $A$ , then the coefficients of the column of  $A$  is a solution of the linear system  $Ax = b$ .

**Example 1.4.5.** 1. Let  $A_{3 \times 3}, Ax = b$ , and  $b = 2a_1 - 3a_2 + a_3$ , then the

system is consistent and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a solution of  $Ax = b$ , but we don't know if the system has a unique solution or infinite solutions

2. Let  $A_{2 \times 3}, Ax = b$ , and  $b = 2a_1 - 3a_2 + a_3$ , then the system is consistent

and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a solution of  $Ax = b$ , but the system is undetermined and consistent, so it has infinite solutions.

3. Let  $A_{3 \times 3}, Ax = 0$ , and  $0 = 2a_1 + 5a_3$ , then the system is consistent

and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$  is a non zero solution of the homogeneous  $Ax = 0$ , so it has infinite solutions.

*Remark 1.4.14.* If  $b$  can be written in more than way as a linear combination of the columns of the  $A$ , then the linear system  $Ax = b$  has infinite solutions.

### Transpose.

**Definition 1.4.15.** The transpose of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix  $B$  such that  $b_{ij} = b_{ji}, \forall i, j$  denoted by  $A^t$

**Definition 1.4.16.** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is symmetric iff  $A^t = A$ , and it is skew-symmetric iff  $A^t = -A$

### Properties of the transpose

1.  $(A^t)^t = A$
2.  $(A + B)^t = A^t + B^t$
3.  $(cA)^t = cA^t, \forall c \in R$
4.  $(AB)^t = B^t A^t$

5. If an  $n \times n$  matrices  $A, B$  are symmetric, then  $A + B$  is symmetric.
6. If an  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  is symmetric, then  $cA, \forall c \in R$  is symmetric.

**Example 1.4.6.** If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $A^t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

### Special matrices

**A matrix  $A$  is called**

1. A zero matrix iff all entries are zeros ( $a_{ij}=0, \forall i, j$ )
2. An upper triangular iff  $A$  is a square matrix such that  $a_{ij} = 0, \forall i > j$
3. A lower triangular iff  $A$  is a square matrix such that  $a_{ij} = 0, \forall i < j$
4. A diagonal iff  $A$  is a square matrix such that  $a_{ij} = 0, \forall i \neq j$
5. Identity matrix denoted by  $I_n$  is a diagonal matrix such that  $\delta_{ii} = 1, \delta_{ij} = 0, \forall i \neq j$

### Nonsingular(invertible) matrices.

**Definition 1.4.17.** A square  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is said to be nonsingular or invertible iff there exists a square  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = BA = I_n$ , and  $B$  is called the inverse of  $A$  denoted by  $A^{-1}$ , that is  $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_n$ . A none invertible matrix is called singular.

### Properties of the inverse

1. Inverse if it exists is unique
2.  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
3.  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
4. If  $A$  is invertible, then  $A^t$  is invertible and  $(A^t)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^t$

*Remark 1.4.18.* 1. The sum of invertible need not be invertible.

2. If  $A$  is invertible and  $AB = AC$  then  $B = C$
3. From number 3, if  $A, B$  are  $n \times n$  invertible matrices then  $AB$  is invertible

## 1.5 Elementary matrices and inverses

**Definition 1.5.1.** A matrix  $E$  is called an elementary matrix if it is obtained from  $I_n$  by only one row operation.

**Example 1.5.1.** 1.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

2.  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

3.  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

**Types of (ROW) elementary Matrices:**

1. **Type I:**  $E$  is obtained from  $I_n$  by interchanging any two rows of  $I_n$  :  
 $C$
2. **Type II:**  $E$  is obtained from  $I_n$  by multiplying any rows of  $I_n$  by a nonzero constant:  $B$
3. **Type III:**  $E$  is obtained from  $I_n$  by adding a multiple of one row of  $I_n$  to another row of  $I_n$  :  $A$

*Remark 1.5.2.* Similarly, we have column elementary matrices by performing similar operations on the columns of the identity matrix. But we focus on the row elementary matrices

**Theorem 1.5.3.** Multiplying a matrix  $A$  from left by an elementary matrix is the same as performing a row operation on  $A$  of the same type

**Theorem 1.5.4.** Multiplying a matrix  $A$  from right by a column elementary matrix is the same as performing a column operation on  $A$  of the same type

**Definition 1.5.5.** A matrix  $A$  is called row equivalent to a matrix  $B$  if  $A$  is obtained from  $B$  by performing a sequence of row operations on  $A$ . Equivalently, if  $A = E_1 E_2 \dots E_k B$ , where  $E_i$ 's are elementary matrices.



**Theorem 1.5.6.** Any elementary matrix  $E$  is invertible and  $E^{-1}$  is an elementary matrix of the same type by reversing the operation on  $I_n$

**Theorem 1.5.7.** Equivalent conditions for nonsingularity of a matrix  $A$ . Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following are equivalent (FAE)

1.  $A$  is nonsingular
2.  $Ax = 0$  has only the zero solution (trivial solution)
3.  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I_n$

*Proof.*  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ . Let  $A$  be nonsingular and  $Ax = 0$ . Multiply both sides by  $A^{-1}$  from left, we get  $A^{-1}Ax = A^{-1}0$ . So  $Ix = 0$ , so  $x = 0$  is the only solution of  $Ax = 0$ .

$2 \Rightarrow 3$ . Suppose  $A$  is not row equivalent to  $I_n$ , so the reduced row echelon form of  $A$  has a free variable and so  $Ax = 0$  has infinite solutions.

$3 \Rightarrow 1$ . Let  $A$  be row equivalent to  $I_n$ , so there exist elementary matrices  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k$  such that  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k A = I$ . So  $E_1 E_2 \dots E_k = A^{-1}$ , and so  $A$  is invertible.  $\square$

*Remark 1.5.8.* If  $A$  is nonsingular, then  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution which is  $x = A^{-1}b$

*Remark 1.5.9.* The above theorem gives a strategy to find the inverse of a square matrix if it exist, since if  $A$  is nonsingular then  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I_n$ . So there exist elementary matrices  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  such that  $E_k \dots E_2 E_1 A = I_n$ , and so  $E_k \dots E_1 I_n = A^{-1}$ . That is if we perform row operations on  $A$  to change it into  $I_n$ , then performing the same row operations on the identity matrix  $I_n$  we get  $A^{-1}$

$$(A|I) \rightarrow \text{row operations}(I|A^{-1})$$

**Example 1.5.2.** Find the inverse of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution. } & \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) R_2 - R_1, R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\ & R_3 - R_2 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 2 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \frac{1}{5}R_3 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{5} & \frac{-1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$R_2 + 4R_3, R_1 - 3R_3 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{3}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{3}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{3}R_2 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{3}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{15} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{2}{15} & \frac{4}{15} & -\frac{4}{15} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{15} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{array} \right)$$

So  $A$  is nonsingular and  $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{2}{15} & -\frac{1}{15} \\ \frac{1}{15} & \frac{4}{15} & -\frac{4}{15} \\ \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{pmatrix}$

**Definition 1.5.10.** A matrix  $A$  is called row equivalent to a matrix  $B$  if  $A$  is obtained from  $B$  by performing a sequence of row operations on  $A$ . Equivalently, if  $A = E_1E_2\dots E_kB$ , where  $E_i$ 's are elementary matrices.

*Remark 1.5.11.* If in the processes of performing row operations on  $(A|I)$ , one rows of  $A$  is reduced to a zero row then  $A$  is singular

**Example 1.5.3.**  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & -6 \end{pmatrix}$  has no inverse

**A rule only for  $2 \times 2$  matrices.**

Let  $A$  be  $2 \times 2$  matrix, say,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $A$  is invertible iff  $ad - cb \neq 0$ , and  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - cb} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$ . Prove this

**Example 1.5.4.** 1.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  is invertible and  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

2.  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 12 \\ 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$  is not invertible.

**Triangular Factorization.**

**Definition 1.5.12.** If a matrix  $A$  is reduced into an upper triangular matrix using **row operations of type III only** then  $A$  has a triangular factorization  $A = LU$ , where  $U$  is upper triangular and  $L$  is unit lower triangular.

*Remark 1.5.13.* Not every matrix has an  $LU$  factorization

**Example 1.5.5.** 1. Find the  $LU$  factorization of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

if it exists

**Solution.**  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} R_2 - R_1, R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = U,$

So,  $E_1 = I_3(R_2 - R_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$

$E_2 = I_3(R_3 + R_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

So,  $E_2E_1A = U$ . So  $A = (E_2E_1)^{-1}U$ .

That is  $L = (E_2E_1)^{-1}I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . That is to get  $L$  we perform

row operations on  $I_3$  opposite to the row operations on  $A$  ( $L$  is a lower triangular matrix with 1's in the main diagonal and if we perform the row operation  $R_i - \alpha R_j$ , then  $l_{ij} = \alpha$ ), so  $L = I_3(R_2 + R_1, R_3 - R_1) \rightarrow$

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

2. Find the  $LU$  factorization of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$  if it exists

**Solution.**  $A$  has no  $LU$  factorization since we can't use the first row to terminate the first entries in the lower rows.

**Exercises.**

1. Answer the following by true false
  - (a) If  $A, B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices and  $AB = 0$ , then  $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + B^2$
  - (b) If  $A$  has an  $LU$ -factorization and  $A$  is singular then  $U$  is singular.
  - (c) Let  $A, B$  be  $n \times n$  symmetric matrices. If  $AB = BA$  then  $AB$  is symmetric.
  - (d) If  $A$  is symmetric and skew symmetric then  $A$  must be a zero matrix. ( $A$  is skew symmetric if  $A^T = -A$ ).
  - (e) If the system  $Ax = b$  is consistent then  $b$  is a linear combinations of the columns of  $A$ .
  - (f) If  $A, B$  are square  $n \times n$  matrices and  $AB = 0$ , then  $A$  or  $B$  is singular.
  - (g) If  $A, B$  are square  $n \times n$  matrices and  $AB$  is singular then  $A$  or  $B$  is singular.
  - (h) If the coefficient matrix of the system  $AX = b$  is singular then the system has infinitely many solutions.
  - (i) In the linear system  $Ax = 0$ , if  $0 = a_1$  then the system has a unique solution.
  - (j) If the row echelon form of the matrix  $A$  involves a free variable, then the linear system  $Ax = b$  has infinitely many solutions.
  - (k) A square matrix  $A$  is nonsingular iff its RREF is the identity matrix.
  - (l) If  $AB = AC$ ,  $A \neq 0$ , then  $C = B$ .
  - (m) In the linear system  $AX = b$ , if  $b$  is the first column of  $A$  then the system has infinitely many solutions.

2. Solve the linear system  $Ax = b$  whose augmented matrix  $\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right)$  using both Gauss Elimination Method and Gauss Jordan Elimination method

3. Solve the linear system
 
$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= 2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 1 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 2$$

4. Solve the linear system  $x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 1$

$$2x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

5. Let  $\bar{\mathbf{A}} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & b & a \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$ . Find the conditions on  $a, b$  so the system is (1) consistent, (2) inconsistent

6. Let  $\mathbf{A} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$ . Find the inverse of  $A$  if it exists.

7. Let  $\mathbf{A} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$ . Find  $LU$ -factorization of  $A$

8. Let  $Ax = b$  be linear system where  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  singular. What can you say about  $Ax = 0$ , and  $Ax = b, b \in R^n$ .

9. Let  $Ax = 0$  be linear homogeneous system where  $A$  is an  $2 \times 3$  nonzero matrix. If  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are two solutions of the homogeneous system. Find all solutions of  $Ax = 0$ .

10. Let  $Ax = b$  be linear system where  $A$  is an  $2 \times 3$  nonzero matrix. If  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are two solutions of the linear system  $Ax = b$ . Find all solutions of  $Ax = b$ , and a nonzero solutions of  $Ax = 0$ .

11. If  $A, B$  are square  $n \times n$  nonzero matrices such that  $AB = 0$ . Show that  $A$  and  $B$  are singular.

12. If  $A, B$  are nonzero square  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $AB = 0$ . Show that the homogeneous system  $Ax = 0$  must have infinite solutions.

13. If  $A, B$  are nonzero matrices such that  $AB = 0$ . Show that the homogeneous system  $Ax = 0$  must have infinite solutions.

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14. If  $A, B$  are  $n \times n$  symmetric. Then  $AB$  is symmetric iff  $AB = BA$ .

15. If the reduced row echelon form of the augmented matrix of the linear system  $Ax = b$  is  $\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$ , and  $a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find  $b$ .

# Chapter 2

## Determinants

### 2.1 Determinants

**Definition 2.1.1.** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then the determinant of  $A$  is denoted by  $\det(A)$  or  $|A|$ . If  $A$  is a  $1 \times 1$ , say,  $A = (a_{11})$ . Then  $\det(A) = a_{11}$ , and if  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, say,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $\det(A) = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}$

**Example 2.1.1.** 1. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $\det(A) = 2(4) - 3(-1) =$

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2. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $|A| = -1$

#### 2.1.1 Cofactor Method

**Definition 2.1.2.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix, and let  $M_{ij}$  be an  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix obtained from  $A$  by deleting the  $i$ -th row and the  $j$ -th column of  $A$ . Then the minor of  $a_{ij}$  is the determinant of  $M_{ij}$ , and the cofactor of  $a_{ij}$  denoted by  $A_{ij} = (-1)^{(i+j)}|M_{ij}|$ .

**Definition 2.1.3.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then we define the determinant of  $A$  by  $|A| = \begin{cases} a_{11}, & n = 1 \\ a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} + \dots + a_{1n}A_{1n}, & n \geq 2 \end{cases}$ . (This is called the expansion of the determinant of  $A$  along the first row of  $A$ ).

**Theorem 2.1.4.** *Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then  $|A| = a_{i1}A_{i1} + a_{i2}A_{i2} + \dots + a_{in}A_{in}$ . (This is called the expansion of the determinant of  $A$  along the  $i$ -th row of  $A$ ).*

**Theorem 2.1.5.** *Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then  $|A| = a_{1j}A_{1j} + a_{2j}A_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj}A_{nj}$ . (This is called the expansion of the determinant of  $A$  along the  $j$ -th column of  $A$ ).*

### Mathematical induction

If  $S(n)$  is a mathematical statement then this statement is true for every  $n$  iff

1.  $S(1)$  is true
2. Assume  $S(k)$  is true
3. Prove  $S(k+1)$  is true

**Theorem 2.1.6.** *Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then  $|A| = |A^t|$ .*

*Proof.* 1. If  $n = 1$ , then  $A^t = A$ . So  $|A| = |A^t|$

2. Assume the result is true for  $n = k$ . ( That is, if  $A$  is of size  $k \times k$ , then  $|A| = |A^t|$ )

3. Let  $A$  be of size  $(k+1) \times (k+1)$  and expand  $|A|$  on the first row. So  $|A| = a_{11}A_{11} + \dots + a_{1n}A_{1n} = a_{11}A_{11}^t + \dots + a_{1,k+1}A_{1,k+1}^t = a_{11}^tA_{11}^t + \dots + a_{k+1,1}^tA_{k+1,1}^t = |A^t|$   $\square$

**Theorem 2.1.7.** *Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix.*

1. *If  $A$  has a zero row or a zero column, then  $|A| = 0$*
2. *If  $A$  has two identical rows or two identical columns, then  $|A| = 0$*

*Proof.* 1. If  $A$  has a zero row, say  $i$ -th row, then compute  $|A|$  using that row, so  $|A| = a_{i1}A_{i1} + \dots + a_{in}A_{in} = 0 + 0 + \dots + 0 = 0$

2. We use mathematical induction on the size of the matrix  $A$  1. If  $n = 2$ , say  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ a & b \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $|A| = ab - ab = 0$

2. Assume the result is true for  $n = k$  ( that is if  $A$  is of size  $k \times k$  with two identical rows then  $|A| = 0$



3. Let  $A$  be of size  $(k + 1) \times (k + 1)$  with two identical rows then expand  $|A|$  on any row distinct from the identical rows, say row  $j$ . So  $|A| = a_{j1}A_{j1} + \dots + a_{j,k+1}A_{j,k+1}$ , but now each  $A_{j,l}$  is a determinant of matrix of size  $k$  with identical rows  $i, j$ , so  $A_{j,l} = 0, i = 1, \dots, k + 1$

□

**Theorem 2.1.8.** *If  $A$  is a triangular matrix, then  $|A| = a_{11}a_{22}\dots a_{nn}$ . (That is the determinant is the product of the entries in the main diagonal)*

*Proof.* We use mathematical induction on the size of the matrix  $A$

1. If  $n = 2$ , say  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ 0 & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $|A| = a_{11}a_{22}$

2. Assume the result is true for  $n = k$ .

3. Let  $A$  be of size  $(k + 1) \times (k + 1)$  upper triangular then expand  $|A|$  on the first column. So  $|A| = a_{11}A_{11}$ , but now each  $A_{11}$  is a determinant of an upper triangular matrix of size  $k$ . So  $|A| = a_{11}a_{22}\dots a_{nn}$

□

## 2.2 Properties of the determinant

**Theorem 2.2.1.** *Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then*

$$a_{i1}A_{j1} + a_{i2}A_{j2} + \dots + a_{in}A_{jn} = \begin{cases} 0, & i \neq j \\ |A| & i = j \end{cases}.$$

*Proof.* If  $i = j$ , then  $a_{i1}A_{j1} + a_{i2}A_{j2} + \dots + a_{in}A_{jn} = a_{i1}A_{i1} + a_{i2}A_{i2} + \dots + a_{in}A_{in} = |A|$ . If  $i \neq j$ , let  $A^*$  be the matrix obtained from  $A$  by replacing the  $j$ -th row of  $A$  by its  $i$ -th row. Expand the determinant of  $A^*$  using the  $j$ -th row. Since  $A^*$  has two identical rows, so  $|A^*| = 0$ . So,  $0 = |A^*| = a_{j1}^*A_{j1}^* + a_{j2}^*A_{j2}^* + \dots + a_{jn}^*A_{jn}^* = a_{i1}A_{j1} + a_{i2}A_{j2} + \dots + a_{in}A_{jn}$   $\square$

### 2.2.1 Row operations

**Theorem 2.2.2.** *Let  $A$  be a square matrix and  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by **only one row operation**. Then*

1. **Type I:** *Type I ( $B$  is obtained by interchanging two rows of  $A$ . Then  $|B| = -|A|$ )*
2. **Type II:**  *$B$  is obtained from  $A$  by multiplying one row only of  $A$  by a nonzero constant, say,  $\alpha$ . Then  $|B| = \alpha|A|$*
3. **Type III:**  *$B$  is obtained by adding a multiple of one row of  $A$  to another row of  $A$ . Then  $|B| = |A|$*

*Proof.* By MI on the size of the matrix (Exercise)

**The above theorem is equivalent to the next theorem.**  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.3.** *Let  $A$  be a square matrix and  $B = EA$ ,  $E$  is an elementary matrix. Then*

1. **Type I:** *If  $E$  is an elementary matrix of type I ( $E$  is obtained by interchanging two rows of  $I_n$ . Then  $|B| = -|A|$ )*
2. **Type II:** *If  $E$  is an elementary matrix of type II ( $E$  is obtained by multiplying one row only of  $I_n$  by a nonzero constant, say,  $\alpha$ . Then  $|B| = \alpha|A|$ )*
3. **Type III:** *If  $E$  is an elementary matrix of type III ( $E$  is obtained by adding a multiple of one row to another row of  $I_n$ . Then  $|B| = |A|$ )*

A special case of the above theorem, we get the next two theorems

**Theorem 2.2.4.** *Let  $E$  be an elementary matrix. Then*

1. **Type I:** *If  $E$  is an elementary matrix of type I ( $E$  is obtained by interchanging two rows of  $I_n$ ). Then  $|E| = -1$*
2. **Type II:** *If  $E$  is an elementary matrix of type II ( $E$  is obtained by multiplying one row only of  $I_n$  by a nonzero constant, say,  $\alpha$ ). Then  $|E| = \alpha$*
3. **Type III:** *If  $E$  is an elementary matrix of type III ( $E$  is obtained by adding a multiple of one row to another row of  $I_n$ ). Then  $|E| = 1$*

**Theorem 2.2.5.** *Let  $E$  be an elementary matrix, and  $A$  be a matrix of the same size of  $E$ . Then  $|EA| = |E||A|$*

**Theorem 2.2.6.** *Let  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  be elementary matrices. Then  $|E_1 \dots E_k| = |E_1| \dots |E_k|$*

*Proof.*  $|E_1 \dots E_k| = |E_1| \dots |E_k| = |E_1| |E_2 \dots E_k| = |E_1| |E_2| |E_3 \dots E_k| = |E_1| \dots |E_k|$ .  
OR we can use MI. □

**Theorem 2.2.7.** *A square matrix  $A$  is nonsingular iff  $|A| \neq 0$*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be nonsingular. So  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I_n$ . Thus there exist elementary matrices  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  such that  $A = E_1, \dots, E_k I_n$ . So  $|A| = |E_1| |E_2| \dots |E_k| \neq 0$

Conversely, if  $|A| \neq 0$ . Then we use row operations to change  $A$  into RREF. So there exist elementary matrices  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  and a matrix  $U$  in RREF such that  $A = E_1, \dots, E_k U$ . Since  $|A| \neq 0$ . So  $|U| \neq 0$ , since all  $E_i$ 's are invertible, and  $|A| = |E_1| \dots |E_k| |U|$ . So  $U = I_n$ , and so  $A$  is invertible. □

**Theorem 2.2.8.** *If  $A, B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices, then  $|AB| = |A||B|$*

*Proof.* If  $A$  is singular then  $|A| = 0$ , and so  $AB$  is singular, and so  $|AB| = |A||B| = 0$ .

So let  $A$  be nonsingular and so  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I_n$ . Thus  $|AB| = |E_1 E_2 \dots E_k B| = |E_1| |E_2| \dots |E_k| |B| = |E_1 E_2 \dots E_k| |B| = |A||B|$ . □

## 2.3 Adjoint and Cramer's rule

**Definition 2.3.1.** Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$  matrix. The adjoint of  $A$  denoted by  $\text{adj}(A)$  is an  $n \times n$  whose  $ij$ -th entry is  $A_{ji}$  that is  $\text{adj}(A) = C^t$ , where

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & & A_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} & & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Example 2.3.1.** Find  $\text{adj}(A)$  of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

*Solution*  $A_{11} = 4, A_{12} = -3, A_{21} = 1, A_{22} = 2$ , so  $\text{adj}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

**Theorem 2.3.2.** Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$  matrix. Then adjoint of  $A$   $\text{adj}(A) = |A|I_n$

*Proof.* The  $ij$ -th entry of  $A\text{adj}(A) = a_{i1}A_{j1} + \dots + a_{in}A_{jn} = \begin{cases} |A|, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases} = |A|I_n$   $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.3.** Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$  nonsingular matrix. Then  $A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(A)}{|A|}$

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is nonsingular, so  $A^{-1}$  exists. Multiply  $A\text{adj}(A) = |A|I_n$  from left by  $A^{-1}$ , so  $\text{adj}(A) = |A|A^{-1}$ . Since  $|A| \neq 0$ , so  $A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(A)}{|A|}$   $\square$

The above theorem gives another way to find the inverse if it exists, **called the cofactor method, or the adjoint method.**

### Cramer's Rule

**Theorem 2.3.4.** Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$  nonsingular matrix. Then the solutions of  $Ax = b$  are given by adjoint of  $x_i = \frac{|A_{ib}|}{|A|}$ , where  $A_{ib}$  is a matrix obtained from  $A$  by replacing the  $i$ -th column of  $A$  by the column  $b$

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is nonsingular, so  $A^{-1}$  exists. Multiply  $Ax = b$  from right

by  $A^{-1}$ , so  $x = A^{-1}b = \frac{\text{adj}(A)}{|A|}b$ . So  $x = \frac{1}{|A|} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & \dots & A_{n1} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{n2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ A_{1i} & A_{2i} & \dots & A_{ni} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ A_{1n} & A_{2n} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix} b$ . So

$$x_i = \frac{1}{|A|}(b_1A_{1i} + b_2A_{2i} + \dots + b_nA_{ni}) = \frac{|A_{ib}|}{|A|} \quad \square$$

*Remark 2.3.5.* Cramer's rule is not practical since it can be used only if the system has a unique solution, also the number of operation are very large since it involves computing the determinants.

**Example 2.3.2.** Use Cramer's rule to solve the linear systems

1.  $Ax = b$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

2.  $Ax = b$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution (1)  $|A| = 11$ , so  $A$  is nonsingular, so  $A_{1b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A_{2b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  So  $|A_{1b}| = 11$ ,  $|A_{2b}| = 0$ . Thus  $x_1 = \frac{|A_{1b}|}{|A|} = 1$ ,  $x_2 = \frac{|A_{2b}|}{|A|} = 0$

(2)  $|A| = 0$ , so  $A$  is singular, so we can't use Cramer's rule

**Exercises.**

1. Answer the following by true false
  - (a) If  $A, B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices. Then  $A, B$  are nonsingular iff  $AB$  is nonsingular
  - (b) If  $E$  is an elementary matrix. Then  $E^{-1} = E$
  - (c) If  $E$  is an elementary matrix. Then  $|E^{-1}| = |E|$
  - (d) Let  $A, B$  be  $n \times n$  equivalent matrices. Then  $|A| = |B|$ .
  - (e) Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$ . Then  $|\alpha A| = \alpha|A|$ .
  - (f) Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$ . Then  $|\text{adj}(A)| = |A|$ .
2. Use Cramer's method to solve the linear system  $Ax = b$  whose augmented matrix
 
$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$
3. Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find the inverse of  $A$  using the adjoint.
4. If  $A$  is a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Show that  $A$  is nonsingular iff  $\text{adj}(A)$  is nonsingular.
5. If  $A$  is a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Show that  $|\text{adj}(A)| = |A|^{n-1}$ .
6. If  $A$  is a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Show that  $\text{adj}(\text{adj}(A)) = |A|^{n-2}A$ .
7. Let  $\text{adj}(\mathbf{A}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find  $A$ .

**Sample First Exam**

**Q1 :(20 points) Answer the following statements by true or false**

- (a) If  $A, B$  are square  $n \times n$  nonzero matrices such that  $AB = 0$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are singular.

- (b) If  $A = LU$  is the LU-factorization and  $A$  is singular then  $U$  is singular.
- (c) If  $A, B, AB$  are  $n \times n$  symmetric matrices then  $AB = BA$ .
- (d) If  $A$  is symmetric and skew symmetric then  $A$  must be a zero matrix. ( $A$  is skew symmetric if  $A^T = -A$ ).
- (e) If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  nonsingular matrix then  $\det(\text{adj}(A)) = (\det(A))^{n-1}$ .
- (f) If the system  $Ax = b$  is consistent then  $b$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .
- (g) If  $A, B$  are square  $n \times n$  matrices and  $AB$  is singular then  $A$  and  $B$  are singular.
- (h) If  $A$  is row equivalent to  $B$  then  $\det(A) = \det(B)$ .
- (i) If the coefficient matrix of the system  $AX = b$  is singular then the system has infinitely many solutions.
- (j) In the linear system  $Ax = b$ , if  $b$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$  then the system has a unique solution.
- (k) If the row echelon form of the matrix  $A$  involves a free variable, then the linear system  $AX=b$  has infinitely many solutions.
- (l) a square matrix  $A$  is nonsingular iff its row echelon form is the identity matrix.
- (m) If  $AB = AC$ ,  $A \neq 0$ , then  $A = B$ .
- (n) In the linear system  $Ax = b$ , if  $b$  is the first column of  $A$ , then the system has infinitely many solutions.
- (o) If  $\det(A) = \det(B)$ , then  $A = B$

**Q2 (20points)** Let  $\mathbf{A} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & \alpha & \beta \end{array} \right)$  be the Augmented matrix of a linear system. Find the values of  $\alpha, \beta$  so that the system

- (i) is consistent
- (ii) inconsistent

**Q3 (20points)** Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  be the coefficient matrix of a linear system  $AX = b$ . Find

(i) LU-factorization of  $A$

(ii) Use LU-factorization to solve the system  $AX = b$ , where  $b = (1, 1, 1)^t$

**Q4 (20points)** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  nonsingular matrix

(i) Show that  $\text{adj}(\text{adj}(A)) = |A|^{n-2}A$ .

(ii) Let  $A, B$  be  $n \times n$  square symmetric matrices. Show that  $AB = BA$  iff  $AB$  is symmetric



# Chapter 3

## Vector Spaces

### 3.1 Definition and Examples

**Definition 3.1.1.** A none empty set  $V$  with two operations  $+$  :  $V \times V \rightarrow V$ ,  $\cdot$  :  $R \times V \rightarrow V$  is called a vector space iff the following holds

1.  $a + b \in V, \forall a, b \in V$
2.  $\alpha a \in V, \forall \alpha \in R, \forall a \in V$
3.  $0 \in V$  such that  $0 + a = a + 0 = a, \forall a \in V$
4.  $\forall a \in V, -a \in V$ , and  $a + -a = -a + a = 0$
5.  $\forall a, b, c \in V, a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$
6.  $\forall a, b \in V, a + b = b + a$
7.  $(\alpha\beta)a = \alpha(\beta a), \forall \alpha, \beta \in R, \forall a \in V$
8.  $\alpha(a + b) = \alpha a + \alpha b, \forall \alpha \in R, \forall a, b \in V$
9.  $(\alpha + \beta)a = \alpha a + \beta a, \forall \alpha, \beta \in R, \forall a \in V$
10.  $1 \cdot a = a, \forall a \in V$

**Example 3.1.1.** 1.  $R$  with usual addition and multiplication is a vector space

2.  $M_{n \times m} \equiv R^{n \times m}$  is the set of all  $m \times n$  matrices under addition and scalar multiplication of matrices is a vector space
3. The set of all real valued functions under addition and scalar multiplication of functions:  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ ,  $(\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x)$  is a vector space

**The zero polynomial denoted by  $Z(x)$  or  $0(x)$  is of degree zero**

4.  $C[a, b] = \{f : [a, b] \rightarrow R : f \text{ is continuous on } [a, b]\}$  under addition and scalar multiplication of functions:  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ ,  $(\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x)$  is a vector space
5.  $C^n[a, b] = \{f : [a, b] \rightarrow R : f^{(n)} \text{ is continuous on } [a, b]\}$  under addition and scalar multiplication of functions:  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ ,  $(\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x)$  is a vector space
6.  $P_n = \{f(x) = a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0, a_i \in R\}$  under addition and scalar multiplication of functions:  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ ,  $(\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x)$  is a vector space
7.  $V = \{f(x) : \deg(f) = 3\}$  under addition and scalar multiplication of functions:  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ ,  $(\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x)$  is not a vector space
8.  $Q, Z$  are not vector spaces.
9.  $\{(0, a) : a \in R\}$  under addition and scalar multiplication of matrices is a vector space
10.  $\{(1, a) : a \in R\}$  under addition and scalar multiplication of matrices is not a vector space

**Theorem 3.1.2.** *Let  $V$  be a vector space. Then*

1.  $0v = \mathbf{0}, \forall v \in V$
2. If  $x + y = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $y = -x$
3.  $-1 \cdot v = -v$

*Proof.* 1. If  $0 = 0 + 0$ , so  $(0 + 0)v = 0v$ . Thus  $0v + 0v = 0v$ , add to both sides  $-0v$ . So,  $0v + 0v + -0v = 0v = + - 0v$ . Thus  $0v + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ . Hence,  $0v = \mathbf{0}$

2. Add  $-x$  to both sides of  $x + y = \mathbf{0}$ . So,  $-x + x + y = -x + \mathbf{0}$ . Thus  $y = -x$ .
3.  $0 = 1 + -1$ , so  $(1 + -1)v = 0v = \mathbf{0}$  by 1. Thus  $1v + -1v = \mathbf{0}$ , so  $v + -1v = \mathbf{0}$ . Add to both sides  $-v$ . So,  $-v + v + -1v = -v$ . Thus  $-1v = -v$ .

□

## 3.2 Subspaces and spanning sets

**Definition 3.2.1.** A none empty subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is called a subspace of  $V$  iff the following holds

1.  $x + y \in S, \forall x, y \in S$
2.  $\alpha \cdot x \in S, \forall x \in S, \forall \alpha \in R$

**Theorem 3.2.2.** Let  $S$  be a subspace of a vector space  $V$ . Then  $\mathbf{0} \in S$

*Proof.* Since  $S$  is a subspace of  $V$ , so  $S \neq \phi$ . Let  $x \in S$ . So  $0x = \mathbf{0} \in S$

□

*Remark 3.2.3.* Let  $S$  be a subset of a vector space  $V$ . If  $\mathbf{0} \notin S$ , then  $S$  is not a subspace of  $V$

**Example 3.2.1.** 1.  $S = \{A_{n \times n} : |A| = 0\}$ ,  $V = \{A_{n \times n}\}$ , is not subspace, since the sum of two singular need not be singular

2.  $S = \{A_{n \times n} : |A| \neq 0\}$ ,  $V = \{A_{n \times n}\}$ , is not subspace, since the sum of two nonsingular need not be nonsingular. Also the zero matrix is not nonsingular

3.  $S = \{A_{m \times n} : a_{11} = 0\}$ ,  $V = \{A_{m \times n}\}$  is a subspace

4.  $S = \{A_{n \times n} : A^t = A\}$ ,  $V = \{A_{n \times n}\}$  is a subspace

5.  $S = \{A_{n \times n} : A, \text{ is triangular} \}$  is not a subspace

6.  $S = C^3[a, b]$ ,  $V = C[a, b]$  is a subspace

7.  $S = P_n$ ,  $V = C(R)$  is a subspace, where,  $C(R)$  is the set of all continuous functions on  $R$ .

8.  $S = \{(a, b)^t : a + b = 1, a, b \in R\}$ ,  $V = \{(a, b)^t : a, b \in R\}$  is not a subspace

9.  $\{(1, a)^t : a \in R\}$ ,  $V = \{(a, b)^t : a, b \in R\}$  is not a subspace

10.  $\{(0, a)^t : a \in R\}$ ,  $V = \{(a, b)^t : a, b \in R\}$  is a subspace

*Proof.* HW

□

### The Null Space of a Matrix

**Definition 3.2.4.** Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  matrix. The null space of  $A$  denoted by  $N(A) = \{x \in R^n : Ax = 0\}$

**Theorem 3.2.5.** Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  matrix. Then  $N(A)$  is a subspace of  $R^n$

*Proof.* 1.  $N(A) \neq \phi$  since  $\mathbf{0} \in N(A)$

2. Let  $x, y \in N(A)$ . Then  $Ax = 0, Ay = 0$ , so  $A(x + y) = Ax + Ay = 0 + 0 = 0$ . So  $x + y \in N(A)$

3. Let  $x \in N(A), \alpha \in R$ . Then  $Ax = 0$ , so  $A(\alpha x) = \alpha Ax = \alpha(0) = 0$ , so  $\alpha x \in N(A)$  So  $N(A)$  is a subspace of  $R^n$

□

### Linear Combinations.

**Definition 3.2.6.** Let  $V$  be a vector space and let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \in V, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \in R$ . Then a vector  $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_kv_k$  is called a linear combination of the vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$ . The set of all linear combinations of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  is called the span of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  which is denoted by  $\text{Span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$

**Example 3.2.2.** 1.  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is a linear combination of  $a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , since  $v = 1a + 0b$

2. Is  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  a linear combination of  $a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

**Solution.** Let  $v = c_1a + c_2b$ , if the system has a solution then  $v$  is a linear combination of  $a, b$

So let  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

We get the linear system whose augmented matrix  $\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right)$  and this system has a unique solution  $c_2 = 2, c_1 = -1$ , so  $v$  is a linear combination of  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Theorem 3.2.7.** *Let  $V$  be a vector space and let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \in V$ . Then  $\text{Span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$  is a subspace of  $V$*

*Proof.* 1.  $\text{Span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k) \neq \phi$ , since  $\mathbf{0} = 0v_1 + 0v_2 + \dots + 0v_k \in \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$

2. Let  $x, y \in \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$ . Then  $x = \alpha_1v_1 + \alpha_2v_2 + \dots + \alpha_kv_k$ ,  $y = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_kv_k$ . So  $x + y = (\alpha_1 + c_1)v_1 + (\alpha_2 + c_2)v_2 + \dots + (\alpha_k + c_k)v_k \in \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$

3.  $x = \alpha_1v_1 + \alpha_2v_2 + \dots + \alpha_kv_k, \alpha \in R$ . Then  $\alpha x = \alpha\alpha_1v_1 + \alpha\alpha_2v_2 + \dots + \alpha\alpha_kv_k \in \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$  So  $\text{Span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$  is a subspace of  $V$   $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.8.** *Let  $V$  be a vector space and let  $S, T$  be subspaces of  $V$ . Then*

1.  $S \cap T$  is a subspace of  $V$
2.  $S \cup T$  is not always a subspace of  $V$
3.  $S + T = \{x + y : x \in S, y \in T\}$  is a subspace of  $V$

*Proof.* HW  $\square$

**Definition 3.2.9.** *Let  $V$  be a vector space. A set of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \in V$  is called a spanning set of  $V$  iff every vector  $v \in V$  is linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$ . That is  $V = \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$*

### Notation

Let  $V = R^n$ , and let  $e_i$  be an  $n \times 1$  column matrix with 1 in the  $i$ th component and zero otherwise, that is  $e_i$  is the  $i$ -th column of  $I_n$ .

**Example 3.2.3.** 1.  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  span  $R^n$ , this is called the standard spanning set for  $R^n$ . Since if  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^t \in R^n$ , then  $x = x_1e_1 + \dots + x_n e_n$

2.  $1, x, \dots, x^{n-1}$  span  $P_n$ , this is called the standard spanning set for  $P_n$ . Since if  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} \in P_n$ , then  $f(x) = a_0(1) + (a_1)x + (a_2)x^2 + \dots + (a_{n-1})x^{n-1}$

**Example 3.2.4.** 1. Does  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  span  $R^3$

2. Is  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  a spanning set for  $R^2$

3. Is  $v_1 = x, v_2 = 1, v_3 = 2x - 1$  a spanning set for  $P_2$

**Solution.**

1. Let  $v = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ , and let  $v = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3$ . This system is not always consistent, why

2. Let  $v = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ , and let  $v = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3$ . This system is always consistent, why

3. Let  $v = ax + b \in P_2$ , and let  $v = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3$ . This system is always consistent, why

### Linear System Revisited

**Theorem 3.2.10.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix, and let the linear system  $Ax = b$  be consistent with  $x_0$  a solution. Then  $y$  is a solution of  $Ax = b$  iff  $y = x_0 + z$ , where  $z \in N(A)$

*Proof.*  $A(x_0 + z) = Ax_0 + Az = b + 0 = b$ , so  $x_0 + z$  is a solution of  $Ax = b$ . Also, if  $y$  is another solution of  $Ax = b$ , then  $y - x_0$  is a solution of  $Ax = 0$ , since  $A(y - x_0) = Ay - Ax_0 = b - b = 0$ . So  $y - x_0 \in N(A)$ . That is there exists  $z \in N(A)$  such that  $y - x_0 = z$ . So  $y = x_0 + z$

□

### 3.3 Linear Independence

**Definition 3.3.1.** Let  $V$  be a vector space. A set of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \in V$  is called linearly independent (li) iff the only solution of  $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k = 0$  is the zero solution  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_k = 0$ . Otherwise, they are linearly dependent (ld).

**Example 3.3.1.** 1. Is  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  li

2. Is  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  li

3. Is  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  li

4. Is  $v_1 = x, v_2 = 1, v_3 = 2x - 1$  li

**Solution.**

- Let  $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 = 0$ . So we solve the homogeneous system  $v_1 = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$ , and the coefficient matrix is singular so it has infinite solutions. So the vectors are ld
- Let  $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 = 0$ . This system has a unique solution. So the vectors are li
- Let  $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 = 0$ . This system is underdetermined so it has infinite solutions. So the vectors are ld
- Let  $v = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3$ . This system is underdetermined so it has infinite solutions. So the vectors are ld

*Remark 3.3.2.* Any set of vectors that contain the zero vector are ld. Why?

**Theorem 3.3.3.** A set of vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  in a vector space  $V$  are ld iff one of them is a linear combination of the remaining set of vectors.



*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ . Say  $v_1$  is a linear combination of  $v_2, \dots, v_k$ . So there exist constants  $c_2, \dots, c_k \in R$  such that  $v_1 = c_2v_2 + \dots + c_kv_k$ , and so  $(-1, c_2, \dots, c_k)$  is a nonzero solution of  $\alpha_1v_1 + \dots + \alpha_kv_k = 0$ . So  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  are ld.

$\Leftarrow$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  be linearly dependent, so  $\alpha_1v_1 + \dots + \alpha_kv_k = 0$  has a nonzero solution, say,  $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k)$ , and at least one of the  $c_i$ 's is nonzero, say,  $c_1$ . So  $v_1 = \frac{-c_2}{c_1}v_2 + \dots + \frac{-c_k}{c_1}v_k$ , and so  $v_1$  is a linear combination of  $v_2, \dots, v_k$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.4.** *A set of vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  in a vector space  $V$  are li iff every vector  $v \in \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$  is uniquely written as a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$ .*

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ . Suppose  $v \in \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$  are not uniquely written as a linear combination of  $v_2, \dots, v_k$ , say,  $v = \alpha_1v_1 + \dots + \alpha_kv_k = \beta_1v_1 + \dots + \beta_kv_k$ . So  $(\alpha_1 - \beta_1)v_1 + \dots + (\alpha_k - \beta_k)v_k = 0$ . So  $(\alpha_1 - \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_k - \beta_k)$  is a nonzero solution of  $c_1v_1 + \dots + c_kv_k = 0$ . So  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  are ld.

$\Leftarrow$ . Let  $\alpha_1v_1 + \dots + \alpha_kv_k = 0$ . Since,  $0v_1 + \dots + 0v_k = 0$ , and  $0 \in \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$ , so  $\alpha_1 = 0, \dots, \alpha_k = 0$ . Thus,  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  are li.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.5.** *A set of vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  in a vector space  $R^n$  are li iff the matrix  $A = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  is nonsingular.*

*Proof.*  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are li iff  $\alpha_1v_1 + \dots + \alpha_nv_n = 0$  has only the zero solution iff  $A$  is nonsingular.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.6.** *Let a set of vectors  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  in  $C^{n-1}[a, b]$  be ld, then*

$A = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & \dots & f_n \\ f_1' & \dots & f_n' \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ f_1^{n-1} & \dots & f_n^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$  *is singular.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  in  $C^{n-1}[a, b]$  be ld, then there exist constants  $c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n$  not all zeros such that  $c_1f_1 + \dots + c_nf_n = 0$ . Take all  $(n-1)$  derivatives of the previous equation, we get  $c_1v_1 + \dots + c_kv_n$  is a nonzero

solution of  $\begin{pmatrix} f_1 & \dots & f_n \\ f_1' & \dots & f_n' \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ f_1^{n-1} & \dots & f_n^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} X = 0$ . So  $A = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & \dots & f_n \\ f_1' & \dots & f_n' \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ f_1^{n-1} & \dots & f_n^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$  is singular.  $\square$

**Definition 3.3.7.** Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  in  $C^{n-1}[a, b]$ . The Wronskian of  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  denoted by  $W(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n)$  is defined by  $W(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n) = |A|$ , where  $A =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_1 & \cdots & f_n \\ f_1' & \cdots & f_n' \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ f_1^{n-1} & \cdots & f_n^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Theorem 3.3.8.** Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  in  $C^{n-1}[a, b]$ . If  $W(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n) \neq 0$  for some  $x \in [a, b]$ . Then  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  are li

*Proof.* Follows from the above theorem by contrapositive.  $\square$

*Remark 3.3.9.* Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  in  $C^{n-1}[a, b]$ . If  $W(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n) = 0$ . Then test fails

**Example 3.3.2.** 1.  $x^2, 2x^2$  are ld, but  $W(x^2, 2x^2) = 0$

2.  $x^2, x|x|$  over  $C^1[-1, 1]$  are li, but  $W(x^2, x|x|) = 0$

3. Is  $x, x^2, x - 1, \sin^2 x, \cos^2 x, e^x$  li?

### 3.4 Basis and Dimension

**Definition 3.4.1.** A set of vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  in a vector space  $V$  is a basis for  $V$  iff:

1.  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  span  $V$
2.  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are li

**Example 3.4.1.** 1.  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  is a basis for  $R^n$  called the standard basis

2.  $1, x, \dots, x^{n-1}$  is a basis for  $P_n$  called the standard basis

3. Is  $E_{ij}$  such that  $e_{ij} = 1$  and 0, otherwise is a standard basis for  $R^{m \times n}$

4.  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a basis for  $R^3$

5.  $1 + x, x + 3$  is a basis for  $P_2$

**Theorem 3.4.2.** Let a set of vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be a spanning set for  $V$ . If  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m \in V, m > n$ . Then  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m$  are ld

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha_1 w_1 + \dots + \alpha_m w_m = 0$ . Since  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  span  $V$ , so for each  $w_i$ , there exist  $c_{ij}, j = 1, \dots, n \in R$  such that  $w_i = c_{i1}v_1 + c_{i2}v_2 + \dots + c_{in}v_n$ . Now substitute  $w_i = c_{i1}v_1 + c_{i2}v_2 + \dots + c_{in}v_n$  in  $\alpha_1 w_1 + \dots + \alpha_m w_m = 0$ , we get an  $n \times m$  homogeneous system with  $m > n$ . So the system has a nonzero solution. So,  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m$  are ld.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.3.** Let  $V$  be a vector space with two basis  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ , and  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m$ . Then  $m = n$ .

*Proof.* Since  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  span  $V$ , and  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m$  are li, so by previous theorem  $m \leq n$ . Similarly, since  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m$  span  $V$ , and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are li, so by previous theorem  $n \leq m$ . So  $m = n$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.4.4.** Let  $V$  be a nonzero vector space. If  $V$  has a finite basis  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ , then  $V$  is called finite dimensional vector space with dimension  $n$ , written  $\dim(V) = n$ . The zero vector space  $\{0\}$  has dimension zero with basis  $\phi$ . Otherwise,  $V$  is called infinite dimensional, written  $\dim(V) = \infty$ .

**Example 3.4.2.** 1.  $R^n$  has dimension  $n$

2.  $P_n$  has dimension  $n$
3.  $R^{m \times n}$  has dimension  $n \cdot m$
4.  $C^n[a, b]$  has dimension  $\infty$

**Theorem 3.4.5.** *Let  $V$  be a vector space with dimension  $n$ . Then the following are equivalent (FAE)*

1.  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  is a basis
2.  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  span
3.  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are li.

*Proof.*  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ . Clearly, if  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  is a basis for  $V$ , then  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  span  $V$ .

$2 \Rightarrow 3$ . So let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  span  $V$  but ld. So one of them is a linear combination of the others, say, so  $v_1 \in \text{Span}(v_2, \dots, v_n)$ . If  $v_2, \dots, v_n$  are li, then  $v_2, \dots, v_n$  is a basis for  $V$  with  $n - 1$  vectors, a contradiction. So  $v_2, \dots, v_n$  are ld, and so one of this set is a linear combination of the remaining set, say,  $v_2 \in \text{Span}(v_3, \dots, v_n)$ . Similarly, if  $v_3, \dots, v_n$  are li, then  $v_3, \dots, v_n$  is a basis for  $V$  with  $n - 2$  vectors, a contradiction. We continue the same process and at some stage, we must get a set which is li and span  $V$  that is it is a basis with fewer than  $n$  vectors, a contradiction. So,  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are li.  $2 \Rightarrow 3$  Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be li, but does not span  $V$ , so there exists a nonzero vector  $u \in V$  and  $u \notin \text{span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ . So,  $u, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are ld, and so there exist  $c_i, j = 1, \dots, n+1 \in R$  not all zeros such that  $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n + c_{n+1} u = 0$ . But  $c_{n+1} \neq 0$  for if  $c_{n+1} = 0$ , then  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are ld, a contradiction. But,  $c_{n+1} \neq 0$  implies  $u$  is a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ , a contradiction. So,  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  span  $V$ .  $\square$

*Remark 3.4.6.* Let  $V$  be a vector space with dimension  $n > 0$ . Then

1. A set of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, m > n$  is ld.
2. A set of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, m < n$  can not span  $V$ .
3. A li set of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, m < n$  can be extended to a basis for  $V$ .
4. A spanning set of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, m > n$  can be reduced (pared down) to a basis for  $V$ .

*Remark 3.4.7.* 1.  $[e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n]$  is called the standard basis for  $R^n$ .

2.  $[1, x, \dots, x^{n-1}]$  is called the standard basis for  $P_n$ .

### 3.5 Change of Basis

**Definition 3.5.1.** Let  $V$  be a vector space with an ordered basis  $B = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$ , and  $v \in V$ . Then there exist  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in R$  such that  $v = c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n$ . The vector  $(c_1, \dots, c_n)^t \in R^n$  is called the coordinate vector of  $v$  with respect to the basis  $B$  denoted by  $[v]_B$

Now, let  $V$  be a vector space with two basis  $B = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$ , and  $S = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n]$ , and  $v \in V$ . Is there a relation between  $[v]_B$ , and  $[v]_S$ . We start with a simple example.

**Example 3.5.1.** Let  $V = R^2$  with basis  $[u_1, u_2]$ , say,  $u_1 = (u_{11}, u_{12})^t$ ,  $u_2 = (u_{21}, u_{22})^t$  and let  $v = (x_1, x_2)^t \in R^2$ , then there exist  $c_1, c_2 \in R$  such that  $v = (x_1, x_2)^t = c_1u_1 + c_2u_2$ . So,  $\begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ . That is  $\begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{21} \\ u_{12} & u_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $U = [u_1, u_2]$ , then  $U$  is called the transition matrix from the basis  $B$  into the standard basis  $[e_1, e_2]$ , and  $U^{-1}$  is the transition matrix from the standard basis  $[e_1, e_2]$  into the basis  $U = [u_1, u_2]$

In general, if  $B = [u_1, u_2], S = [w_1, w_2]$  are any two none standard basis of  $R^2$ , let  $U_1 = (u_1, u_2)$  be the transition matrix from  $B = [u_1, u_2]$  into the standard basis  $[e_1, e_2]$ , and  $U_2 = (w_1, w_2)$  be the transition matrix from  $S = [w_1, w_2]$  into the standard basis  $[e_1, e_2]$ . Then the transition matrix from  $B$  into  $S$  is  $U = U_2^{-1}U_1$

**Theorem 3.5.2.** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space with dimension  $n$ . If  $B = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n], S = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n]$ . Then the transition matrix from the basis  $B$  into the basis  $S$  is the  $n \times n$  nonsingular matrix

$$U = ([v_1]_S, [v_2]_S, \dots, [v_n]_S).$$

*Remark 3.5.3.* Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space with basis  $B$ , and let  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$ . Then

1.  $[v_1 + v_2 + \dots + v_k]_B = [v_1]_B + [v_2]_B + \dots + [v_k]_B$
2.  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  are li iff  $[v_1]_B, [v_2]_B, \dots, [v_k]_B$  are li.

## 3.6 Row space, Column space, Rank, and Nullity

**Definition 3.6.1.** Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  matrix. Then

1. The row space of  $A$  is the subspace of  $R^n$  spanned by the rows of  $A$  denoted by  $R(A)$ , that is  $R(A) = \text{span}[\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_m]$
2. The column space of  $A$  is the subspace of  $R^m$  spanned by the columns of  $A$  denoted by  $C(A)$ , that is  $C(A) = \text{span}[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m]$
3. The null space of  $A$  is the subspace of  $R^n$  which is the solution of the homogeneous system  $Ax = 0$  denoted by  $N(A)$ .
4. The nullity of  $A$  denoted by  $\text{Null}(A) = \dim(N(A))$ .
5. The rank of  $A$  denoted by  $\text{rank}(A) = \dim(C(A))$ .

**Theorem 3.6.2.** Let  $A, B$  be  $m \times n$  equivalent matrices. Then  $R(A) = R(B)$ . Consequently, if  $U$  is the REF of  $A$ , then  $R(A) = R(U)$

*Proof.* If  $A, B$  are row equivalent, then the rows of  $A$  are linear combinations of the rows of  $B$ , so  $R(A) \subset R(B)$ . Similarly, the rows of  $B$  are linear combinations of the rows of  $A$ , so  $R(B) \subset R(A)$ . So,  $R(A) = R(B)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.3.** Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  matrix. Then  $\dim(R(A)) = \dim(C(A))$ .

**Theorem 3.6.4.** Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  matrix. Then  $\text{Rank}(A) + \text{Null}(A) = n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $U$  be the REF of  $A$ . Then  $\dim(R(A)) = \dim(R(U))$  is the number of leading variables, and the  $\dim(N(A)) = \dim(N(U))$  is the number of free variables. So,  $\text{Rank}(A) + \text{Null}(A) = n$   $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.5.** Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  matrix. If  $U$  is the REF of  $A$ , then the columns of  $A$  that correspond to the leading 1's in  $U$  is a basis for  $C(A)$

**Example 3.6.1.** Find  $R(A), C(A), N(A), \text{null}(A), \text{rank}(A)$  of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

**Solution.** REF of  $A$  is  $U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . So,

1. Basis for  $R(A)$  is  $(1, 2, 0, -1), (0, 0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 2)$
2. Basis for  $C(A)$  is  $(1, 1, 2, 1)^t, (0, 0, 0, 1)^t, (-1, 1, 0, -1)^t$
3.  $\text{Rank}(A) = 3$
4.  $\text{Null}(A) = 1$
5.  $N(A) = (-2\alpha, \alpha, 0, 0)^t, \alpha \in R$  with basis  $(-2, 1, 0, 0)^t$

**Back to the linear system  $Ax = b$**

Recall that the consistency theorem of the linear system  $Ax = b$  says that the linear system  $Ax = b$  is consistent iff  $b$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$  iff  $b \in C(A)$ . Consequently we get the following theorem

**Theorem 3.6.6.** *Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  matrix,  $b \in R^m$ . Then*

1. *The linear system  $ax = b$  is consistent for every  $b \in R^m$  iff  $C(A) = R^m$ .*
2. *The columns of  $A$  are li, iff the linear system  $Ax = b$  is either inconsistent or has a unique solution.*

**Theorem 3.6.7.** *Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$  matrix. Then  $A$  is nonsingular iff the columns of  $A$  form a basis for  $R^n$ .*



**Sample Exam Q1: (45 points)**

- (1) Let  $V$  be a vector space. Mark each of the following statements by true or false.
- (a) For any  $v \in V$ ,  $-v \in V$ . T
  - (b) For any  $v, w \in V$ ,  $v \cdot w \in V$ . F
  - (c) For any  $v \in V$ ,  $2v \in V$ . T
  - (d) For any  $v \in V$ ,  $0v \in R$ . F
  - (e)  $V$  could be equal  $\phi$ . F
- (2) Let  $V$  be a vector space,  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  span  $V$ . Mark each of the following statements by true or false.
- (a)  $\dim(V) = 4$ . F
  - (b)  $\dim(V) \geq 4$ . F
  - (c)  $\dim(V) \leq 4$ . T
  - (d) any set of more than 5 vector in  $V$  are linearly dependent. T
  - (e) Any basis of  $V$  has exactly 4 vectors. F
- (3) Let  $V$  be a vector space,  $\dim(V) = 5$ . Mark each of the following statements by true or false.
- (a) If  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5$  in  $V$ , then  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5$  is a basis for  $V$ . F
  - (b) If  $v_1, v_2$  in  $V$ , then  $v_1, v_2$  are linearly independent. F
  - (c) If  $v_1, v_2$  in  $V$ , then  $v_1, v_2$  can't span  $V$ . T
  - (d) If  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5$  in  $V$ , and  $v \in V$ , then  $v \in \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5)$ .  
F
  - (e) If  $B$  is a basis for  $V$ , then  $v_B \in R^5$ . T
- (4) Let  $A$  be  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that  $|A| = 0$ . Mark each of the following statements by true or false.
- (a)  $\text{Rank}(A) = 3$ . F
  - (b)  $\text{Rank}(A) < 3$ . T

- (c)  $\text{Null}(A) = 1$ . F  
 (d)  $N(A) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . F  
 (e)  $\text{Null}(A) = 0$ . F
- (5) Let  $A, B$  be  $n \times n$  nonzero matrices such that  $AB = 0$ . Mark each of the following statements by true or false.
- (a)  $Ax = 0$  has a nonzero solution. T  
 (b)  $\text{Ran}(A) = \text{Rank}(B)$ . F  
 (c)  $\text{Ran}(B) \leq \text{Null}(A)$ . T  
 (d)  $\text{Ran}(A) \leq \text{Null}(B)$   
 (e)  $Ax = 0$  has only the zero solution. F
- (6) Let  $A, B$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . Mark each of the following statements by true or false.
- (a)  $A \cap B$  is a subspace of  $V$ . T  
 (b)  $A \cup B$  is a subspace of  $V$ . F  
 (c)  $A + B = \{x + y; x \in A, y \in B\}$  is a subspace of  $V$ . T  
 (d)  $2A = \{2x : x \in A\}$  is a subspace of  $V$ . T  
 (e)  $A \cap B \neq \phi$ . T

**Q2: (10 points)** Let  $A, B$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$ .

- (a) Show that  $A \cap B$  is a subspace of  $V$   
 See notes
- (b) Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  matrix. Show that  $N(A)$  is a subspace of  $R^n$ .  
 See notes

**Q3: (10 points)**

Let  $V = P_3$  and let  $S = \{f \in V : f(0) = 0, f(1) = 0\}$ .

- (a) Show  $S$  is a subspace of  $V$   
 Do it
- (b) Find a basis for  $S$   $x^2 - x$

**Q4: (20 points)**

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 & 1 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find

- (a) A basis for row space of  $A$
- (b) A basis for column space of  $A$
- (c) A basis for null space of  $A$
- (d)  $\text{Rank}(A)$

**Q5: (25 points)** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $T(x, y) = (x - z, y - x, x - y)$

- (a) Show  $T$  is a linear transformation
- (b) Find the matrix representation of  $T$  with respect to the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3$
- (c) Find a basis for  $\text{Imm}T$
- (d) Find a basis for  $\ker T$
- (e) Find all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^2 : T(v) = (1, 1, 1)$

**Q6: (10 points)** Let  $V = P_2$ ,  $B = [1 - x, 2 + x]$ ,  $F = [1 + 2x, 2 - 3x]$

- (a) Find the transition matrix  $S$  from  $B$  into  $F$
- (b) Use the transition matrix  $S$  to find the vector  $v$  where  $v_{[B]} = (2, 5)^t$

# Chapter 4

## Linear Transformations

### 4.1 Definitions, Examples, and Basic Properties

**Definition 4.1.1.** Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces. A mapping (a function)  $L : V \rightarrow W$  is called a linear transformation (LT) iff

- (a)  $L(v_1 + v_2) = L(v_1) + L(v_2), \forall v_1, v_2 \in V$
- (b)  $L(\alpha v) = \alpha L(v), \forall v \in V, \forall \alpha \in R$

**Example 4.1.1.** (a)  $L : R^2 \rightarrow R^2, L((x, y)^t) = (x, -y)^t$  is a linear transformation (reflection on  $X$ -axis)

(b)  $L : R^2 \rightarrow R^2, L((x, y)^t) = (-x, y)^t$  is a linear transformation (reflection on  $y$ -axis)

(c)  $L : R^2 \rightarrow R^2, L((x, y)^t) = (x^2, y)^t$  is not a linear transformation

(d) Let  $V$  be a vector space, and let  $v_0 \in V, L : V \rightarrow V, L(v) = v + v_0$  is a linear transformation iff  $v_0 = \mathbf{0}$

(e)  $L : R^2 \rightarrow R^2, L((x, y)^t) = (x, y + 1)^t$  is not a linear transformation

**Theorem 4.1.2.** Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces, and let  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Then

- (a)  $L(0_V) = 0_W$

$$(b) L(v_1 - v_2) = L(v_1) - L(v_2), \forall v_1, v_2 \in V$$

$$(c) L(\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n) = \alpha_1 L(v_1) + \alpha_2 L(v_2) + \dots + \alpha_n L(v_n), \forall v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in V, \forall \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in R$$

*Proof.* (a)  $L(0_V) = L(0 \cdot 0_V) = 0L(0_V) = 0_W$

$$(b) L(v_1 - v_2) = L(v_1 + (-1)v_2) = L(v_1) + L(-1v_2) = L(v_1) - 1L(v_2) = L(v_1) - L(v_2), \forall v_1, v_2 \in V$$

(c) BY MI

□

*Remark 4.1.3.* Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces, and let  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be a mapping. If  $L(0_V) \neq 0_W$ , then  $L$  is not a linear transformation

**Theorem 4.1.4.** Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces, and let  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be a mapping. Then  $L$  is a linear transformation iff  $L(\alpha v_1 + \beta v_2) = \alpha L(v_1) + \beta L(v_2), \forall v_1, v_2 \in V, \forall \alpha, \beta \in R$

**Example 4.1.2.** (a)  $L : C[0, 1] \rightarrow R^2, L(f(x)) = \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^1 f(x) dx \\ f(0) \end{pmatrix}$  is a linear transformation

(b)  $L : P_3 \rightarrow P_2, L(f(x)) = f'(x)$  is a linear transformation

(c) Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  matrix, and let  $L : R^n \rightarrow R^m, L(X) = AX, \forall X \in R^n$  is a linear transformation

*Remark 4.1.5.* Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces, and let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space with basis  $B = [v_1, \dots, v_n]$ , and let  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be a LT. Then  $L$  is completely determined by the basis  $B$ . That if  $L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)$  are given then for any  $v \in V, v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$ , and so  $L(v) = c_1 L(v_1) + \dots + c_n L(v_n)$

### 4.1.1 Kernel and images

**Definition 4.1.6.** Let  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Then

(a) The kernel of  $L$  denoted by  $\ker L = \{v \in V : L(v) = 0_W\}$

(b) The image (or the range) of  $L$  denoted by  $\text{Imm}L$  (or  $L(V)$  or  $R_L$ ) is defined by  $L(V) = \{w \in W : w = L(v) \text{ for some } v \in V\}$

**Theorem 4.1.7.** *Let  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Then*

- (a)  $\ker L$  is a subspace of  $V$   
 (b)  $L(V)$  is a subspace of  $W$

*Proof.* (a) 1.  $0 \in \ker L$ , since  $L(0) = 0$

2. Let  $v_1, v_2 \in \ker L$ . Then  $L(v_1) = L(v_2) = 0$ , so  $L(v_1 + v_2) = L(v_1) + L(v_2) = 0 + 0 = 0$ . Hence,  $v_1 + v_2 \in \ker L$

3. Let  $v \in \ker L, \alpha \in R$ . Then  $L(\alpha v) = \alpha L(v) = \alpha 0 = 0$ , so  $\alpha v \in \ker L$ . Thus  $\ker L$  is a subspace of  $V$

(b) 1.  $0 \in \text{Imm}L$ , since  $L(0) = 0$

2. Let  $w_1, w_2 \in \text{Imm}L$ . So there exist  $v_1, v_2 \in V$  such that  $w_1 = L(v_1), w_2 = L(v_2)$ , so  $w_1 + w_2 = L(v_1) + L(v_2) = L(v_1 + v_2) \in L(V)$ .

3. Let  $w \in \text{Imm}L, \alpha \in R$ . So there exist  $v \in V$  such that  $w = L(v)$ . Then  $\alpha w = \alpha L(v) = L(\alpha v) \in \text{Imm}L$ . Thus  $\text{Imm}L$  is a subspace of  $W$

□

**Example 4.1.3.** *Find the kernel and image of the following linear transformations*

(a)  $L : P_2 \rightarrow R^2, L(f(x)) = \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^1 f(x) dx \\ f(0) \end{pmatrix}$

(b)  $L : P_3 \rightarrow P_2, L(f(x)) = f'(x)$

(c)  $L : R^4 \rightarrow R^2, L((x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)^t) = (x_1 + x_2 + x_3, x_4)^t$

**Solution:**

(a) 1.  $\ker L = \{f(x) = ax + b : L(f(x)) = \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^1 f(x) dx \\ f(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\}$ .

So  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{a}{2} + b \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . So  $a = b = 0$ . Thus  $\ker L = Z(x) = 0(x)$

2.  $\text{Imm}L = \{(x, y)^t \in R^2 : (x, y)^t = L(ax + b) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a}{2} + b \\ b \end{pmatrix} =$

$a \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\}$ . So, a basis for  $L(P_2)$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  which is a basis for  $R^2$ . So,  $\text{Imm}L = R^2$

- (b)  $L : P_3 \rightarrow P_2, L(f(x)) = f'(x)$
1.  $\text{Ker}L = \{f(x) : L(ax^2 + bx + c) = 2ax + b = 0\}$ . So  $a = b = 0$ . Thus  $\text{Ker}L = f(x) = c$
  2.  $\text{Imm}L = \{g(x) \in P_2 : g(x) = L(ax^2 + bx + c) = 2ax + b\}$ . So, a basis for  $L(P_3)$  is  $2x, 1$  which is a basis for  $P_2$ . So,  $\text{Imm}L = P_2$
- (c) 1.  $\text{Ker}L = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)^t : L((x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)^t) = (x_1 + x_2 + x_3, x_4)^t = (0, 0)^t\}$ . So,  $x_4 = 0, x_1 = -x_2 - x_3$ . So  $\text{Ker}L = (-x_2 - x_3, x_2, x_3, 0)^t$ , and so a basis for  $\text{Ker}L$  is  $(-1, 1, 0, 0)^t, (-1, 0, 1, 0)^t$
2.  $\text{Imm}L = (x, y)^t = (x_1 - x_2 + x_3, x_4)^t = x_1(1, 0)^t + x_2(-1, 0)^t + x_3(1, 0)^t + x_4(0, 1)^t$  with basis  $(1, 0)^t, (0, 1)^t$ . So,  $\text{Imm}L = R^2$

## 4.2 Matrix Representation

**Theorem 4.2.1.** *Let  $V, W$  be finite vector spaces with basis  $E = [v_1, \dots, v_n]$ ,  $F = [w_1, \dots, w_m]$ , respectively, and let  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Then there exists an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  called the matrix representation of  $L$ , with respect to the basis  $E, F$ , such that for any  $v \in V$ ,  $[L(v)]_F = A[v]_E$ . Moreover,  $A = ([L(v_1)]_F, [L(v_2)]_F, \dots, [L(v_n)]_F)$*

**Example 4.2.1.** *Find the matrix representation of the following linear transformations*

- (a)  $L : P_2 \rightarrow R^2, L(f(x)) = \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^1 f(x) dx \\ f(0) \end{pmatrix}$  with respect to the standard basis
- (b)  $L : P_3 \rightarrow P_2, L(f(x)) = f'(x)$  with respect to the standard basis
- (c)  $L : P_3 \rightarrow P_2, L(f(x)) = f'(x)$  with respect to the basis  $[1-x, 2x, x^2+x], [1, x]$
- (d)  $L : P_3 \rightarrow P_2, L(f(x)) = f'(x)$  with respect to the basis  $[1-x, 2x, x^2+x], [x, 1]$
- (e)  $L : R^4 \rightarrow R^2, L((x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)^t) = (x_1 - x_2 + x_3, x_4)^t$  with respect to the standard basis

**Solution:**

- (a)  $A = (L(1)_{[e_1, e_2]}, L(x)_{[e_1, e_2]}) = ((1, 1)_{[e_1, e_2]}^t, (\frac{1}{2}, 0)_{[e_1, e_2]}^t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- (b)  $A = (L(1)_{[1, x]}, L(x)_{[1, x]}, L(x^2)_{[1, x]}) = (0_{[1, x]}, 1_{[1, x]}, 2x_{[1, x]}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- (c)  $A = (L(1-x)_{[1, x]}, L(2x)_{[1, x]}, L(x^2+x)_{[1, x]}) = (-1_{[1, x]}, 2_{[1, x]}, (2x+1)_{[1, x]}) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- (d)  $A = (L(1-x)_{[x, 1]}, L(2x)_{[x, 1]}, L(x^2+x)_{[x, 1]}) = (-1_{[x, 1]}, 2_{[x, 1]}, (2x+1)_{[x, 1]}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \text{(e) } A &= (L(e_1)_{[e_1, e_2]}, L(e_2)_{[e_1, e_2]}, L(e_3)_{[e_1, e_2]}, L(e_4)_{[e_1, e_2]}) = \\ &((1, 0)_{[e_1, e_2]}^t, (-1, 0)_{[e_1, e_2]}^t, (1, 0)_{[e_1, e_2]}^t, (0, 1)_{[e_1, e_2]}^t) = \\ &\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

# Chapter 5

## Inner Products

# Chapter 6

## Eigenvalues

### 6.1 Definitions, Examples, and Basic Properties

**Definition 6.1.1.** *Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. A nonzero vector  $\mathbf{x} \in R^n$  is called an eigenvector of  $A$  iff there exists a scalar  $\lambda \in R$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ , and  $\lambda$  is called an the eigenvalue of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}$ .*

Now how to find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a square matrix  $A$   
Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following are equivalent

- (a) A nonzero eigenvector  $\mathbf{x} \in R^n$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda \in R$ .
- (b)  $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$
- (c)  $A\mathbf{x} - \lambda I_n \mathbf{x} = 0$
- (d)  $(A - \lambda I_n)\mathbf{x} = 0$
- (e) The homogeneous system  $(A - \lambda I_n)\mathbf{x} = 0$  has a nonzero solution  $\mathbf{x}$
- (f)  $N(A - \lambda I_n) \neq \{0\}$
- (g)  $(A - \lambda I_n)$  is singular
- (h)  $|A - \lambda I_n| = 0$

**Definition 6.1.2.** Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. The equation  $|A - \lambda I_n| = 0$  is called the characteristic equation of  $A$ , and the polynomial  $p_A(\lambda) = |A - \lambda I_n|$  is called the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .

**Theorem 6.1.3.** Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the eigenvalues of  $A$  are the solutions of  $|A - \lambda I_n| = 0$  and the corresponding eigenvectors of an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is the solution of  $(A - \lambda I_n)x = 0$ , that is the eigenvalues are  $N(A - \lambda I_n)x = 0$  and it is called the eigenspace of  $\lambda$

**Example 6.1.1.** Find the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvector of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

**Solution.** We solve  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ , so we get  $\lambda = 1, \lambda = 2$   
To find the corresponding eigenvectors, we solve the homogeneous system  $(A - \lambda I_n)x = 0$

- (a) For  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $(A - 1.I_n)x = 0$ , so we solve  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x = 0$ . We get  $x = (1, 0)^t$  an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$ .
- (b) For  $\lambda = 2$ ,  $(A - 2.I_n)x = 0$ , so we solve  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x = 0$ . We get  $x = (3, 1)^t$  an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 2$ .

**Example 6.1.2.** Find the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvector of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

**Solution.** We solve  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ , so we get  $(1 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - 2 = 0$ . So,  $\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 1 = 0$ . By the quadratic formulae, we get  $\lambda = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}$   
To find the corresponding eigenvectors we solve the homogeneous system  $(A - \lambda I_n)x = 0$

- (a) For  $\lambda = 1 + \sqrt{2}$ , we solve  $\begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{2} & 2 \\ 1 & -\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} x = 0, \sqrt{2}R_2 + R_1 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{2} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . We get  $x = (\sqrt{2}, 1)^t$  an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1 + \sqrt{2}$ .

- (b) For  $\lambda = 1 - \sqrt{2}$ . We solve  $\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 2 \\ 1 & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} x = 0$ . We get  $x = (-\sqrt{2}, 1)^t$  an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1 - \sqrt{2}$ .

**Example 6.1.3.** Find the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvector of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

**Solution.** We solve  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ , so we get  $(1 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - 1 = 0$ . So,  $\lambda^2 - 2\lambda = 0$ . So,  $\lambda = 0, 2$

To find the corresponding eigenvectors, we solve the homogeneous system  $(A - \lambda I_n)x = 0$

- (a) For 0, we solve  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x = 0$ . We get  $x = (-1, 1)^t$  an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$ .
- (b) For 2. We solve  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} x = 0$ . We get  $x = (1, 1)^t$  an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 2$ .

### Similar matrices

**Definition 6.1.4.** A square  $n \times n$  matrices  $A, B$  are called similar matrices iff there exists a nonsingular matrix  $X$  such that  $A = XBX^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 6.1.5.** Let  $A, B$  be a square  $n \times n$  similar matrices then  $A, B$  have the same eigenvalues.

*Proof.* Enough to show  $A, B$  have the same characteristic polynomials. But  $P_A(\lambda) = |A - \lambda I_n| = |XBX^{-1} - \lambda I_n| = |XBX^{-1} - \lambda XX^{-1}| = |X(B - \lambda I)X^{-1}| = |B - \lambda I_n| = P_B(\lambda)$ .  $\square$

*Remark 6.1.6.* Let  $A, B$  be a square  $n \times n$  similar matrices. Then

- (a)  $|A| = |B|$
- (b)  $A, B$  have the same eigenvalues, but need not have the same eigenvectors.

**Definition 6.1.7.** Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix, the trace of  $A$  denoted by  $tr(A)$  is the sum of the entries in the main diagonal.

**Theorem 6.1.8.** *Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ . Then*

- (a)  $|A| = \lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n$   
 (b)  $\text{tr}(A) = \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n$

**Theorem 6.1.9.** *Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Then  $A$  is singular iff  $0$  is an eigenvalue*

**Theorem 6.1.10.** *Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Then  $A$  and  $A^t$  have the same eigenvalues*

**Theorem 6.1.11.** *Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . If  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $\lambda^n$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^n$  with the same eigenvectors.*

**Example 6.1.4.** *Find the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvector of  $A^{100}$  if  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$*

**Solution.** From Example 6.1.3 above, the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of  $A$  are:  $\lambda = 0, 2$  with  $x = (-1, 1)^t$  an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$ , and  $x = (1, 1)^t$  an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 2$ . So the eigenvalues of  $A^{100}$  are  $0^{100} = 0$  with  $x = (-1, 1)^t$  an eigenvector, and  $2^{100}$  with  $x = (1, 1)^t$  an eigenvector. Also,  $A^{100} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2^{100} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2^{100} \\ 2^{100} \end{pmatrix}$

**Theorem 6.1.12.** *Let  $A$  be a square nonsingular  $n \times n$  matrix. If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^{-1}$  with the same eigenvectors.*

**Definition 6.1.13.** *Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix, and let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$ . Then*

- (a) *The algebraic multiplicity of  $\lambda$  denoted by  $\text{alg}(\lambda)$  is the number of how many  $\lambda$  is repeated.*  
 (b) *The geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda$  denoted by  $\text{gem}(\lambda)$  is the number of  $l_i$  eigenvectors of  $\lambda$ , that is  $\text{gem}(\lambda) = \dim N(A - \lambda I)$*

### 6.1.1 Complex eigenvalues

Recall that a complex number is of the form  $x + yi$  where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i^2 = -1$ . If  $z = a + bi$ , then the conjugate of  $z$  denoted by  $\bar{z} = a - bi$

**Theorem 6.1.14. (Fundamental theorem of algebra)** Let  $f(z) = c_n z^n + \dots + c_1 z + c_0$ ,  $c_i \in \mathbb{C}$  be a complex polynomial. Then  $f(z)$  has exactly  $n$  roots counting multiplicity.

**Theorem 6.1.15.** Let  $f(z) = c_n z^n + \dots + c_1 z + c_0$ ,  $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$  be a complex polynomial with real entries. If  $z_0$  is a root of  $f(z)$ , then  $\bar{z}_0$  is a root

**Theorem 6.1.16.** Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix with real entries, and let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$  with an eigenvector  $x$ . Then  $\bar{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  with eigenvector  $\bar{x}$

**Example 6.1.5.** Find the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvector of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

**Solution.** We solve  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ , so we get  $(1 - \lambda)(-1 - \lambda) + 2 = 0$ . So,  $\lambda^2 + 1 = 0$ . So,  $\lambda = \mp i$

To find the corresponding eigenvectors, we solve the homogeneous system  $(A - \lambda I_n)x = 0$

(a) For  $i$ , we solve  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 - i & -2 \\ 1 & -1 - i \end{pmatrix} x = 0$ , perform  $(1 - i)R_2 - R_1$ .

We get  $x = (1 + i, 1)^t$  an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = i$ .

(b)  $x = (1 - i, 1)^t$  an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = -i$ . Do it similarly.

## 6.2 Diagonalization: section 3 in the book

**Definition 6.2.1.** A square  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is called diagonalizable iff  $A$  is similar to a diagonal matrix  $D$ , that is, there exist a nonsingular matrix  $X$ , and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = XDX^{-1}$ , and  $X$  is called the matrix that diagonalize  $A$ . A matrix that is not diagonalizable is called defective.

**Theorem 6.2.2.** The eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are linearly independent.

**Theorem 6.2.3.** A square  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable iff  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors.

**Theorem 6.2.4.** If all the eigenvalues of a matrix  $A$  are distinct, then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

*Remark 6.2.5.* Let an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  be diagonalizable. The proof of the above theorem gives a technique to find  $X, D : A = XDX^{-1}$  as follows, let the eigenvalues of  $A$  be  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  counting multiplicity with corresponding eigenvectors  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ . Take  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ ,  $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ , then  $A = XDX^{-1}$ .

**Example 6.2.1.** Is  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  diagonalizable, if yes find  $X, D$  such that  $A = XDX^{-1}$ .

**Solution.** The eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda = 0, 2$  which are distinct, so  $A$  is diagonalizable.

To find the corresponding eigenvectors, we solve the homogeneous system  $(A - \lambda I_n)x = 0$

- (a) For  $\lambda = 0$ , we get  $x = (-1, 1)^t$  an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$ .
- (b) For  $\lambda = 2$ , we get  $x = (1, 1)^t$  an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 2$ .

$$\text{Let } X = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$