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# Matrix Algebra

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## 1 Linear systems

A equation is called **linear** when it follows the following form:

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b \tag{1}$$

**Example 1.1.**  $5x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 5$  ✓

**Example 1.2.**  $\frac{2(x_1 - \sqrt{2}) + x_2}{x_3} = 2 \Rightarrow 2x_1 - 2x_3 + x_2 = 2\sqrt{2}$  ✓

**Example 1.3.**  $\sqrt{x_1} + 2x_2 = 0$  ✗

**Example 1.4.**  $x_1(2 - x_2) + x_3 = 1 \Rightarrow 2x_1 - x_1x_2 + x_3 = 1$  ✗

A set of linear equations with the same variables is called a **linear system**:

$4 + 16 - 12 = 8$  ✓       $x_1 + 2x_2 - 1.5x_3 = 8$        $3 + 14 - 9 = 8$  ✓      (2)

$8 - 8 = 0$  ✓       $2x_1 - x_3 = 0$        $6 - 6 = 0$  ✓      (3)

A solution is a list of numbers which makes each equation a true statement. For above set of linear equations for instance,  $(3, 7, 6)$  is a solution since by substituting it to (2) and (3), it yields  $8 = 8$  and  $0 = 0$ . For this particular example, another solution is  $(4, 8, 8)$ , meaning that the solution is not unique. All sets of numbers satisfying a set of linear equations are called the **solution set** for that set of linear equations. Two linear sets are equivalent if they have the same solution set.

For a better visualization of a set of linear equations, let's start with a simple set of two equations with two variables:

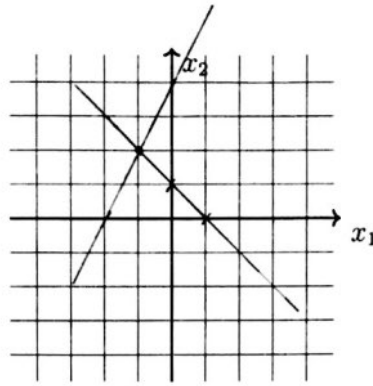
**Example 1.5.**

$$x_2 + x_1 = 1 \tag{4}$$

$$x_2 - 2x_1 = 4 \tag{5}$$

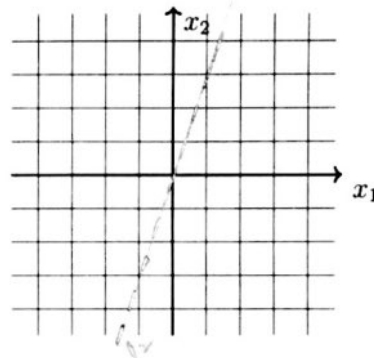
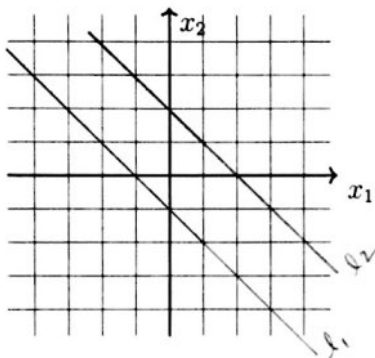
Each linear equation with two variables forms a line:





Now the intersection point of these two lines  $(-1, 2)$  is a solution.

With the above representation, we can easily see that two lines (equations) might be parallel (no solution), or might superpose (infinite solutions):



Thus, a system of linear equations has (i) no solution, or (ii) one solution (iii) infinite solutions.

In Example 1.5, we have already seen that for a linear system with only two unknowns, plotting the corresponding lines can give us the solution. Unfortunately, solving a larger (with more unknown variables) linear system is not always an easy task. However, there are some strategies to transform a complicated linear system to an equivalent (i.e. one with exactly same solution set) simpler one. For instance in Example 1.5, by subtracting (4) from (5) we can readily obtain  $x_1$ . A systematic way to solve systems of linear equations step by step is called "**Gaussian Elimination**". Before detailing this algorithm, let's see how a set of linear equations can be solved by simple algebraic operations:

**Example 1.6.**

$$x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 = 4 \tag{6}$$

$$2x_1 - 8x_2 + 8x_3 = -2 \tag{7}$$

$$-6x_1 + 3x_2 - 15x_3 = 9 \tag{8}$$

To solve  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  we must eliminate some unknowns from the equations. Let's try to remove  $x_1$  from 7. To do that, we can add -2 times equation 6 to equation 7:

$$x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 = 4 \quad (9)$$

$$0x_1 - 2x_2 + 6x_3 = -10 \quad (10)$$

$$-6x_1 + 3x_2 - 15x_3 = 9 \quad (11)$$

Similarly we can add 6 times equation 9 to the equation 11, to eliminate  $x_1$  from the equation 11:

$$x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 = 4 \quad (12)$$

$$0x_1 - 2x_2 + 6x_3 = -10 \quad (13)$$

$$0x_1 + -15x_2 - 9x_3 = 33 \quad (14)$$

We can simplify equations 13 and 14 by multiplying both sides with  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$ , respectively:

$$x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 = 4 \quad (15)$$

$$0x_1 - 1x_2 + 3x_3 = -5 \quad (16)$$

$$0x_1 + -5x_2 - 3x_3 = 11 \quad (17)$$

Finally, in order to eliminate  $x_2$  17, we can add  $-5$  times equation 16 to the equation 17:

$$x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 = 4 \quad (18)$$

$$0x_1 - 1x_2 + 3x_3 = -5 \quad (19)$$

$$0x_1 + 0x_2 - 18x_3 = 36 \quad (20)$$

Now we can easily solve equation 20 with only one unknown which is  $x_3 = -2$ . Plugging this solution to equation 19 yields  $x_2 = -1$ . Finally, the last unknown can be achieved by plugging known values for  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  into the equation 18, which gives:  $x_1 = 3$ .

The above operations can be performed in a more compact form with a **Matrix notation**. Let's look at another Example:

**Example 1.7.**

$$1x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 2 \quad (21)$$

$$1x_1 + 1x_2 + 1x_3 = 2 \quad (22)$$

$$3x_1 + 3x_2 + 1x_3 = 0 \quad (23)$$

By identifying rows and columns, one can write the coefficients on the left hand side in a matrix form:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (24)$$

Which is called the **coefficient matrix**. By concatenating the right hand side of the linear set (as a column) to the right of this matrix, we obtain the **augmented matrix**:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad Ax = b \quad (25)$$

The compact form of a set of linear equations ease the task of solving a set of linear equations. The system can be written in the form of  $Ax = b$ , where A is the coefficient matrix, b is the right hand side vector and x is the unknown vector. Now let's solve the above set of linear equations in a matrix form:

size / row / columns  
leading entry

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \times(-1) \\ \leftarrow \times(-3) \end{array}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -8 & -6 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \times(-3) \\ \leftarrow \end{array}$$

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$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -6 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \times(-1) \\ \leftarrow \times(-1/2) \end{array}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \times(-2) \\ \leftarrow \times(-3) \end{array}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \leftarrow \times(-2)$$

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$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

Therefore, the solution is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let's attack another example, in which we need to do a Row Interchange:



**Example 1.8.**

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \times(-1) \\ \leftarrow \\ \times(-3) \\ \leftarrow \end{array}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -8 & -6 \end{array} \right) \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -8 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \\ \times(-1/3) \\ \times(-1/2) \end{array}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 8/3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \\ \leftarrow \\ \times(-3) \\ \times(-8/3) \end{array}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ (-2) \end{array}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

As previously seen, a system of linear equations might not have a solution (inconsistent):

**Example 1.9.**

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & 6 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \\ \times(-3) \\ \leftarrow \end{array}$$

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$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{array} \right) \quad 0=6 \Rightarrow \text{No solution (inconsistent)}$$

**Definition 1.**

- A linear system is called **consistent** if... it admits at least one solution
- A linear system is **inconsistent** if... it has no ~~sto~~ solution

In general, "Gaussian elimination comprises two principle steps:

- (a) forward elimination  $\xrightarrow{\text{returns}}$  matrix in Row Echelon Form (REF)
- (b) backward elimination  $\rightarrow$  matrix in Reduced Row Echelon Form (RREF)

In doing so, we benefit from three elementary operations:

- (i) add to one row a multiple of another row
- (ii) interchange the position of two rows
- (iii) multiply one row by a non zero constant

Please note that none of these row operations change the solution set of the linear system.

more general:

**Definition 2. Row Echelon Form (REF):**

- all rows with at least one nonzero are above any rows of all zeros,
- reading from left to right, the first non-zero entry in any row (called **leading entry**) is in a column strictly to the right of the leading entry in the row above.

Row Echelon Form (RREF), if additionally we have:

- all pivots are equal to one,
- any column with a leading entry has zeros above and below it.

**Example 1.10.**

Extra examples

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

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$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + 4x_3 + 6x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 = 1$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_4 = -2$$

$$Ax = b$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\times(-1/2)} \dots \xrightarrow{\times(-1/2)}$$

Extra examples:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & -2 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \times (2) \\ \downarrow \\ \end{array}$$

So the Row Echelon Form (REF) is:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \times (1/2)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \\ \times (-2) \end{array}$$

And the Reduced Row Echelon (RREF) Form:

$$m \left\{ \begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{1} & 2 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array}$$

$\downarrow$  pivot column       $\downarrow$  pivot column  
 free column      free column

$1x_1 + 2x_2 + x_4 = -2 \Rightarrow x_1 = -2 - 2x_2 - x_4$   
 $1x_3 + x_4 = 1 \Rightarrow x_3 = 1 - x_4$

- $m = 3$       the number of equations (rows)
- $n = 4$       the number of unknowns (columns)
- $r = 2$       the number of pivots
- $n - r = 2$       the number of **free variables**

If  $n - r > 0$ , we write the pivot variables in terms of free variables as parameters:

Pivot variable  
 free variable  
 pivot variable  
 free variable

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} -2 - 2x_2 - x_4 \\ x_2 \\ 1 - x_4 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$   
 one particular solution of  $Ax = b$       all solutions of  $Ax = 0$

With arbitrary values for the free variables.

**Example 1.11.** 4 equations, 3 unknowns: Find the general solution of the linear system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \\ 4 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 - 2R_1 \\ R_4 - 3R_1 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_3 - R_2 \\ \text{REF} \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_1 \times \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_1 - \frac{1}{2}R_2 \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & rhs \\ 1 & 0 & 3/2 & 11/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$x_1 + \frac{3}{2}x_3 = \frac{11}{2} \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{11}{2} - \frac{3}{2}x_3$$

$$x_2 - 2x_3 = -6 \Rightarrow x_2 = -6 + 2x_3$$

$m=4$  rows  
 $n=3$  unknowns  
 $r=2$  pivots

$n-r=1$  free variables

$$\text{RREF} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ \text{pivot col.} & \text{pivot col.} & \text{free col.} & \end{array} \right)$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{11}{2} - \frac{3}{2}x_3 \\ -6 + 2x_3 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

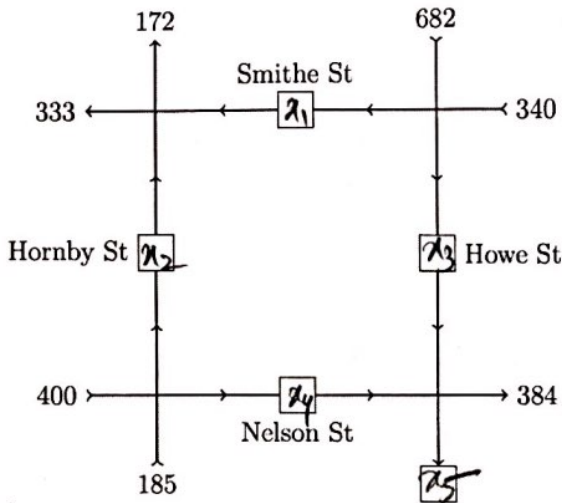
$$x = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{11}{2} \\ -6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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~~$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} & & & \end{array} \right)$$~~

1.12.

**Example 1.13. Transportation:**



Counts of vehicles per hour were collected at various locations along four one-way streets in downtown Vancouver. Assuming that there is no parking available, how many cars have passed the marked locations where no traffic counts were undertaken?

|                 | flow in  | flow out      |
|-----------------|--|---------------|
| Nelson / Hornby | $x_4 + x_2$                                    | $= 185 + 400$ |
| Hornby / Smithe | $x_2 + x_1$                                    | $= 172 + 333$ |
| Smithe / Howe   | $x_1 + x_3$                                    | $= 682 + 340$ |
| Howe / Nelson   | $x_3 + x_4$                                    | $= 384 + 25$  |
| Overall         | $185 + 400 + 340 + 682 = 172 + 333 + 384 + 25$ |               |

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 & rhs \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 585 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1022 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1022 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 384 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 718 \end{pmatrix} x = \begin{pmatrix} -80 \\ 585 \\ 1102 \\ 0 \\ 718 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (x_4 \in \mathbb{R})$$

From a physical point of view, a solution is sensible only if

- $x_1, \dots, x_5$  are non-negative integers

Thus, we only consider those solutions which satisfy

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} x_1 > 0 \\ x_2 > 0 \\ x_3 > 0 \\ x_4 > 0 \\ x_5 > 0 \end{matrix} \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{matrix} x_4 > 80 \\ x_4 \leq 585 \\ x_4 \leq 1102 \\ x_4 > 0 \end{matrix} \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{matrix} 0 \leq x_1 \leq 505 \\ 0 \leq x_2 \leq 505 \\ 517 \leq x_3 \leq 1022 \\ 80 \leq x_4 \leq 585 \\ x_5 = 718 \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$80 \leq x_4 \leq 585$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

## 2 Sets of vectors

A  $n$ -tuple of numbers is called a vector. It can also be considered as a matrix with only one column. Vectors have many useful properties which make them a popular form of mathematical structure applicable to a wide range of real-life problems. We start with some simple definitions:

**Definition 3.** • When the vector  $a$  belongs to a space  $\mathbb{R}^m$  it means that all  $m$  entries of  $a$  belong to Real numbers,

- **Additive closure:**  $a_1 + a_2 \in V$  (Adding two vectors give a vector),
- **Additive commutativity:**  $a_1 + a_2 = a_2 + a_1$ . (Order of addition does not matter),
- **Distributivity:**  $c(a_1 + a_2)$  (Scalar multiplication distributes over addition of vectors),
- **Associativity:**  $c(a_1 \cdot a_2)$

$\{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is called a set of vectors in Real numbers where the order does not matter. One question that we need to answer is:

- Given  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , can it be represented as a linear combination of  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ ?

$$c_1 a_1 + c_2 a_2 + \dots + c_n a_n = b \quad \{c\} \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Example 2.1.** Verify if  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  can be expressed by a linear combination of  $a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

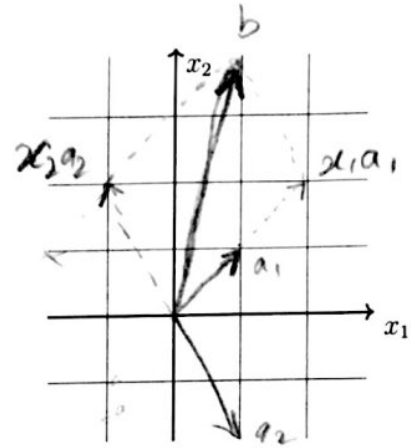
and  $a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find the coefficients of the linear combination.

$$x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ -2x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 = 4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 4 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



**Definition 4.** Vector form for a linear set:

A linear combination of equations can be viewed as a sum of basis vectors with unknown coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 &= b_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \end{pmatrix} x_1 + \begin{pmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \end{pmatrix} x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Definition 5.** For any set of  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , the set of all linear combinations of  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  is called the span of this vector set:

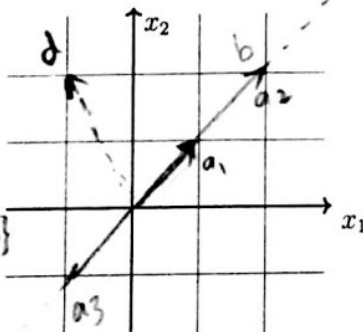
$$\text{Span}\{a_1, \dots, a_n\} := \{x_1 a_1 + \dots + x_n a_n \mid x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

**Example 2.2.** Verify if the following sets span the given space ?

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= (1, 1), a_2 = (2, 2), \\ a_3 &= (-1, -1) \end{aligned}$$

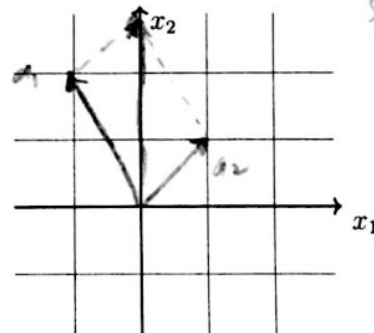
$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = b$$

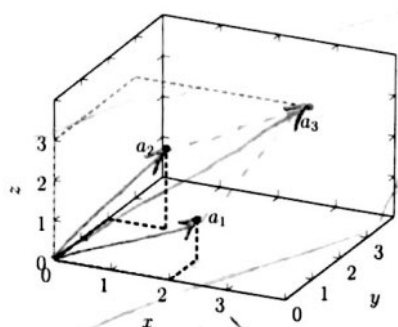
$d \notin \text{span}\{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$



$$a_1 = (-1, 2), a_2 = (1, 1)$$

$\text{span}\{a_1, a_2\} = \mathbb{R}^2$

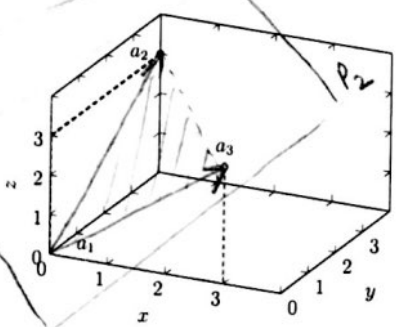




$$a_1(2, 1, 1), a_2(1, 2, 2), a_3(3, 3, 3)$$

$$\bullet \text{span}(a_1, a_2, a_3) \neq \mathbb{R}^3$$

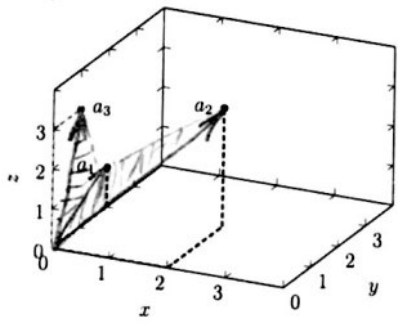
$$\text{span}(a_1, a_2, a_3) = P_1 \in \mathbb{R}^3$$



$$a_1(0, 0, 0), a_2(0, 4, 3), a_3(3, 0, 3)$$

$$\bullet \text{span}(a_1, a_2, a_3) \neq \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\text{span}(a_1, a_2, a_3) = P_2 \in \mathbb{R}^3$$



$$a_1(0, 2, 1), a_2(2, 2, 3), a_3(0, 1, 3)$$

$$\bullet \text{span}(a_1, a_2, a_3) = \mathbb{R}^3$$

**Example 2.3.** For what values of  $h$  will  $b$  be in  $\text{Span}\{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ ?

$$a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}, a_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ h \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + x_3 a_3 = b$$

$$x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ h \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 5x_2 - 3x_3 = -4 \\ -x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3 = 3 \\ -2x_1 - 7x_2 + 0x_3 = h \end{cases}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & -3 & -4 \\ -1 & -4 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -7 & 0 & h \end{array} \right) \sim R_2+R_1, R_3+2R_1 \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & -3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & h-8 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim R_3-3R_2 \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & -3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & h-5 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h-5 &= 0 \\ h &= 5 \end{aligned}$$



**Definition 6.** Matrix form  $Ax = b$  for a linear set:

A linear combination of equations can be viewed as a product of coefficient matrix  $A$  and vector of unknowns  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 &= b_2 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} [a_1 \ a_2] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} &= b \\ Ax &= b \end{aligned} \quad \begin{matrix} 2 \times 2 & 2 \times 1 & 2 \times 1 \\ \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

How to compute  $Ax = b$  more efficiently?

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 = b_2 \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.** if  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix,  $u$  and  $v$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $c$  is a scalar, then:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet A(u+v) &= Au + Av \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3+4 \\ 6+8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix} \\ \bullet A(cv) &= c(Av) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.** The following statements are equivalent:

- $\text{span}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \mathbb{R}^m$ .
- For any vector  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  there exist numbers  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  such that:
 
$$x_1a_1 + \dots + x_na_n = b.$$
- For any vector  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  the problem  $Ax = b$  has at least one solution  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- The matrix  $A$  has  $m$  pivots, one pivot in each row.

**Example 2.4.** Does  $\{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$  span the  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? **No**

$$a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad a_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_1a_1 + x_2a_2 + x_3a_3 = b \quad b \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -4 & b_1 \\ 0 & -2 & 6 & b_2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & b_3 \end{array} \right) \sim_{R_3 - R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -4 & b_1 \\ 0 & -2 & 6 & b_2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & b_3 - b_1 \end{array} \right) \sim_{R_3 - \frac{1}{2}R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -4 & b_1 \\ 0 & -2 & 6 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 - b_1 - \frac{b_2}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow b_3 - b_1 - \frac{b_2}{2} = 0$$

### 3 Solution sets of linear systems

#### 3.1 Homogeneous system

Any linear system in the form of  $Ax = 0$  is called a homogeneous system. There is always at least one solution for any homogeneous system, that is:  $x = 0$ . This solution is called the **trivial** solution. Any other non-zero vector that satisfies the linear system is called a **non-trivial** solution.

**Example 3.1.**

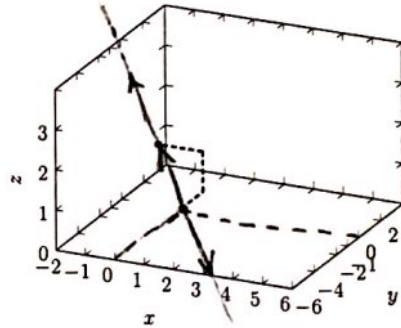
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  row reduction  $\rightarrow$  RREF
 

|             |             |       |     |
|-------------|-------------|-------|-----|
| $x_1$       | $x_2$       | $x_3$ | rhs |
| $\boxed{1}$ | 0           | $3/2$ | 0   |
| 0           | $\boxed{1}$ | -2    | 0   |
| 0           | 0           | 0     | 0   |
| 0           | 0           | 0     | 0   |

$x_1 = -3/2 x_3$   
 $x_2 = 2x_3 \Rightarrow x = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -3/2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Row 1: pivot col.  
 Row 2: pivot col.  
 Row 3: free col.



Hence, a homogeneous system has a non-trivial solution if and only if there is at least one free variable in the system.

#### 3.2 Nonhomogeneous system

**Example 3.2.**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \\ 4 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

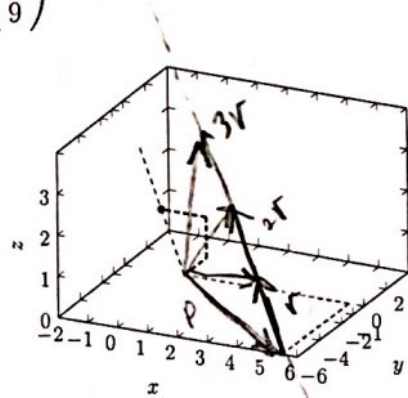
RREF

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} \boxed{1} & 0 & 3/2 & 11/2 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & -2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + 3/2 x_3 = 11/2 \\ x_2 - 2x_3 = -6 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 11/2 - 3/2 x_3 \\ x_2 = -6 + 2x_3 \end{cases}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 11/2 - 3/2 x_3 \\ -6 + 2x_3 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 11/2 \\ -6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -3/2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad x_3 \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

$\vec{p}$                        $\vec{v}$





**Summary:** Writing the solution of a linear system in parametric form can be achieved by following steps:

- Row reduction (Forward/backward elimination)
- Express pivot variables in terms of free variables (put free variables on the right hand side)
- Write the solution vector  $x$  in terms of free variables, if any.
- Decompose  $x$  into a linear combination of vectors using the free variables as parameters.

**Example 3.3.** A muesli company is planning to introduce a new product. The new muesli mix will be composed of rolled oats, raisins, almonds, dried blueberries and banana chips, for which the following nutritional values are known:

| nutrition per 100 gr | Rolled oats | Raisins | Almonds | Dried blueberries | Banana chips |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------------|--------------|
| Carbohydrates        | 70 gr       | 80 gr   | 20 gr   | 90 gr             | 60 gr        |
| Fat                  | 6 gr        | 1 gr    | 50 gr   | 2 gr              | 35 gr        |
| Protein              | 15 gr       | 3 gr    | 21 gr   | 3 gr              | 2 gr         |
| Other                | 9 gr        | 16 gr   | 9 gr    | 5 gr              | 3 gr         |

In what proportion the nutrients should the ingredients be combined to achieve a nutrition profile of carbohydrates: fat : protein : other = 6 : 1 : 2 : 1

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 & \text{rhs} \\ 70 & 80 & 20 & 90 & 60 & 60 \\ 6 & 1 & 50 & 2 & 35 & 10 \\ 15 & 3 & 21 & 3 & 2 & 20 \\ 9 & 16 & 9 & 5 & 3 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{row reduction} \rightarrow$$

$$x_5 \begin{pmatrix} 1.34 \\ -0.05 \\ 0.05 \\ -0.34 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_5 \begin{pmatrix} 1.27 \\ 0.0072 \\ -0.79 \\ -1.49 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (x_5 \in \mathbb{R})$$

From a physical viewpoint, a solution is only sensible if:

- $x_1, \dots, x_5$  are proportions between 0 and 1 (0% - 100%)

Therefore, the physical problem admits no solution!

**Conclusion:** To solve a problem that stems from an application of linear algebra, we first identify equations and unknowns to set up a system of linear equations that models this problem. Once we have found all mathematical solutions of this linear system by Gaussian elimination, we interpret these solutions from the perspective of the application. It is important to note that mathematically correct answers may not always be meaningful in real life.

## 4 Linear independence

Let  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Can we write any of vectors  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  in the form of a linear combination of other vectors (belonging to  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ )?

**Example 4.1.**

$$a_1 = [1, 2, 0],$$

$$a_2 = [1, 1, 0],$$

$$a_3 = [1, 1, 3]$$

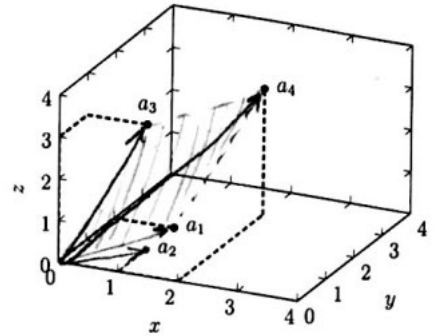
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$$a_1 = [1, 2, 0],$$

$$a_3 = [1, 1, 3],$$

$$a_4 = [2, 3, 3]$$

X



**Definition 7.** A set of vectors  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  is called linearly independent if the equation

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + x_n a_n = 0$$

has only the trivial solution.

The following statements are equal:

- The family  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is linearly independent.

- The problem

$$x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n = 0$$

has only one solution which is  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = \dots = x_n = 0$ .

- The problem  $Ax = 0$  has only the trivial solution  $x = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- The matrix  $A$  has  $n$  pivots, one pivot in each column.

These ideas can be better pictured in the following example.

**Example 4.2.** Determine if the following families of vectors span the full space  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , if they are linearly independent?

span  $\mathbb{R}^3$  ✓  
linearly independent ✓

$$a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$m=3$  nb. rows

(c.f. Example 1.7)

$n=3$  nb. col.

$r=3$  nb. pivots

span  $\mathbb{R}^3$  ✓  
linearly independent ✓

$$a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$m=3$

(c.f. Example 1.8)

$n=3$

$r=3$

$$a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$m=4$

$n=4$

$r=3$

$n-r=1$  free var.

span  $\mathbb{R}^4$  X  
linearly independent X

span  $\mathbb{R}^4$  ✓  
linearly independent ✗

$m = 4$   
 $n = 5$   
 $r = 4$

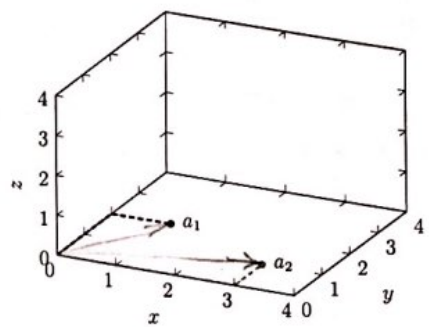
$$a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & -6 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$m = 4$  span  $\mathbb{R}^4$  ✗  
 $n = 3$  linearly independent ✓  
 $r = 3$

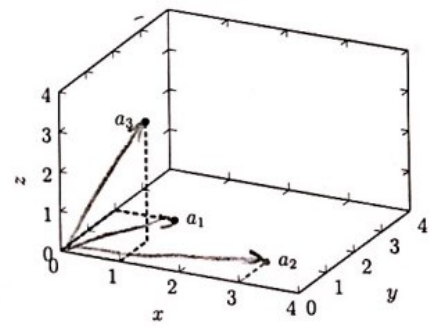
**Example 4.3.**

$$a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{r.r.} \quad \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$



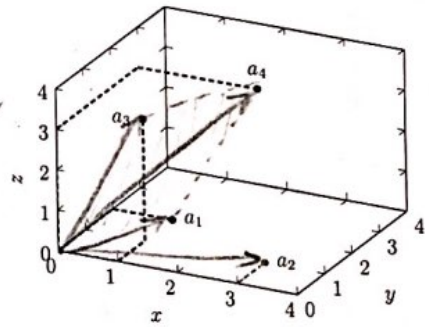
span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? ✓  
l. indep? ✓

$$a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$



span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? ✓  
l. indep? ✗

$$a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$



$$\sim \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

| Sets of Vectors  | Linear Systems  | Pivots  |
|--|---|---|
| The vectors $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$ span the whole space: $\text{span}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \mathbb{R}^m$ . | Existence of solutions: for any $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ the problem $Ax = b$ has <u>at least</u> one solution.               | The matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has a pivot in each of its $m$ rows. In particular we must have $m \leq n$               |
| The vectors $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$ are linearly independent.   | Uniqueness of the solutions: for any $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ the problem $Ax = b$ has <u>at most</u> one solution.           | The matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has a pivot in each of its $n$ columns. In particular we must have $m \geq n$            |
| The vectors $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$ form a basis of $\mathbb{R}^m$ .                                      | Existence and uniqueness of solutions: for any $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ the problem $Ax = b$ has <u>exactly</u> one solution. | The matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has a pivot in each of its $m$ rows and $n$ columns. In particular, we must have $m = n$ |

the  
✓  
for future!

**Reminder:** To find the number of pivots in  $A$ , we use Forward elimination to transform  $A$  to REF.

**Example 4.4.** The two homogeneous equations, below, define two planes through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find a parametric vector form for the line of intersection of the two planes.

$$\begin{aligned} y - z &= 0 \\ -x - y + z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

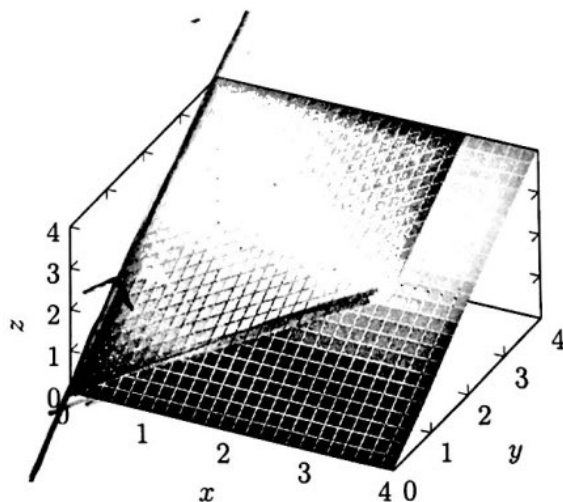
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{matrix}$$

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

$$R_1 + R_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_1(-1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ RREF} \quad \begin{matrix} x = 0 \\ y - z = 0 \Rightarrow y = z \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{Solution } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ z \\ z \end{pmatrix} = z \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad t, z \in \mathbb{R}$$





## 5 Linear transformation

In this sections we are considering functions between vector space  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Example 5.1.**

$$\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$y = \sin(x)$$

$$[x_1] \rightarrow [T_1] \rightarrow [y_1]$$

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow [T_2] \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ x_1 x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow [T_3] \rightarrow [y_1]$$

$$y_1 = x_1^2 + x_1 x_2 + x_3$$

**Definition 8.** • (Domain) The set of all vectors  $x$  for which  $T(x)$  is defined

• (Range) The set of all vectors of the form  $T(x)$  for some  $x$  in the domain of  $T$ .

• (Codomain) The set that contains the range of  $T$ .

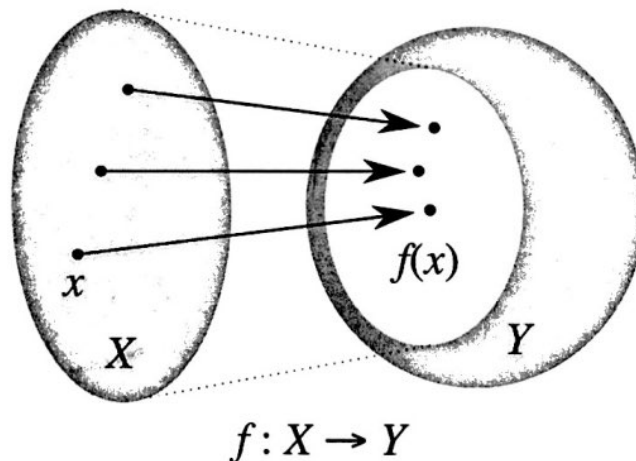


Figure 1:  $X$ : Domain,  $Y$ : Codomain,  $f(x)$ : range

However we will only be looking at functions with a special property that we refer to as *linearity*. As it turns out, such linear maps provide yet another interpretation of matrices multiplied with vectors.

**Definition 9.** A function  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is said to be a linear map or a linear transformation if it satisfies the following two properties:

(Additivity)  $T(u + v) = T(u) + T(v)$  for any  $u, v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

(Homogeneity)  $T(cu) = cT(u)$  for any  $u$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $c$  in  $\mathbb{R}$

These two properties can be simply combined and represented by:

$$T(cu + cv) = cT(u) + cT(v) \quad \text{for any } u, v \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } c \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Example 5.2.** Check if  $T$  is linear:

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$T \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - x_2 \\ 3x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$i) T(u+v) \stackrel{?}{=} T(u) + T(v) \quad \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$T(u+v) = \begin{bmatrix} 2(u_1+v_1) - (u_2+v_2) \\ 3(u_1+v_1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (2u_1 - u_2) + (2v_1 - v_2) \\ 3u_1 + 3v_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2u_1 - u_2 \\ 3u_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2v_1 - v_2 \\ 3v_1 \end{bmatrix} = T(u) + T(v) \quad \checkmark$$

$$ii) T(cu) = cT(u) \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \quad \checkmark$$

Linear  $\checkmark$

$u, v \in \mathbb{R}^1$  **Example 5.3.** Check if  $T$  is linear:

$$T: \mathbb{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$$

$$T[x_1] = [2x_1 - 1]$$

$$T(u+v) \stackrel{?}{=} T(u) + T(v)$$

$$T[u_1+v_1] = [2(u_1+v_1) - 1] = [2u_1 - 1 + 2v_1] = T(u_1) + [2v_1] \neq T(u_1) + T(v_1)$$

Not linear  $\times$

## 5.1 Matrix of linear transformation

Up to now, we have looked at linear transformation as a *formula*. In the following we show that linear transformation is simply another interpretation of matrices multiplied by vectors. In particular, a linear transformation can be seen as matrix  $A$  that "acts" on the vector  $x$  and produces the vector  $b$ :

$$Ax = b$$



$$T(u+v) = T(u) + T(v)$$

Hence, many familiar properties of the linear systems in matrix form can be related to the linear transformations.

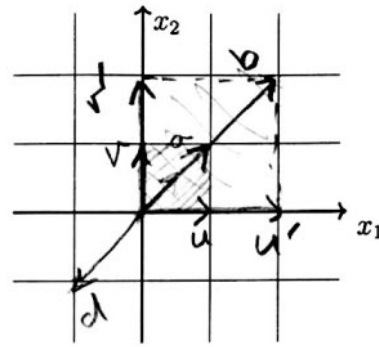
**Example 5.4.** (dilation or contraction)

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} cx_1 \\ cx_2 \end{pmatrix} = b$$



$$c = 2 \rightarrow b$$

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c = -1 \rightarrow d$$

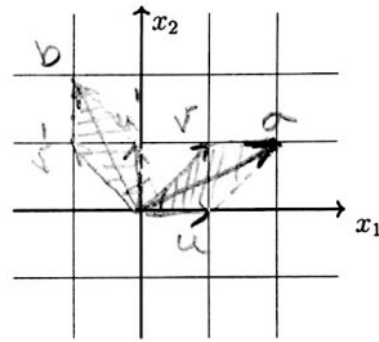
**Example 5.5.** (rotation by  $90^\circ$ )

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

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

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$



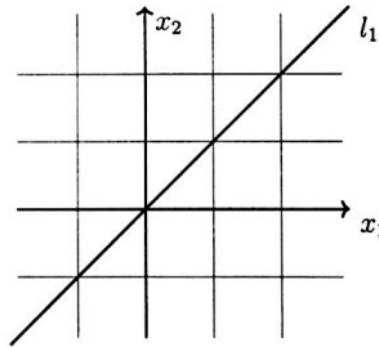
$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 5.6.** (reflection across the line  $l_1$  :  $x_2 = x_1$ )

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

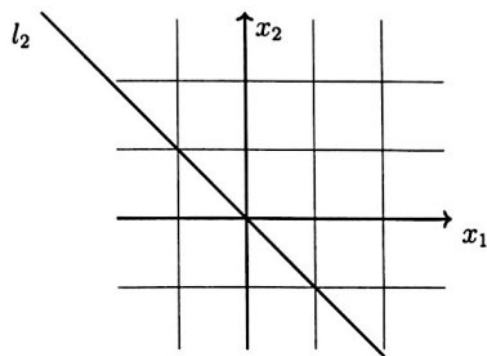
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



**Example 5.7.** (reflection across the line  $l_2$  :  $x_2 = -x_1$ )

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

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



$$T(u+v) = T(u) + T(v)$$

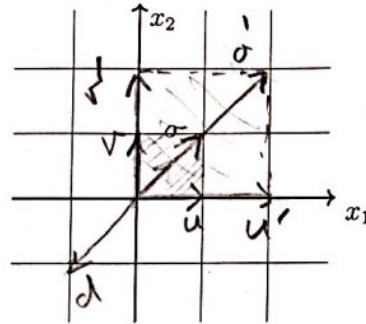
Hence, many familiar properties of the linear systems in matrix form can be related to the linear transformations.

**Example 5.4.** (dilation or contraction)

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} cx_1 \\ cx_2 \end{pmatrix} = a'$$



$$c = 2 \rightarrow b$$

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u \quad v$$

$$c = -1 \rightarrow d$$

$$u + v = a$$

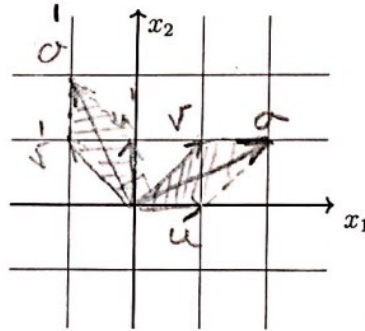
$$u' + v' = a'$$

**Example 5.5.** (rotation by 90°)

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u + v = a$$

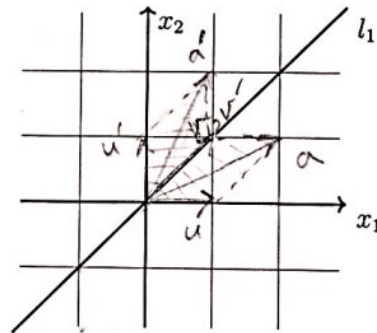
$$u' + v' = a'$$

**Example 5.6.** (reflection across the line  $l_1$ :  $x_2 = x_1$ )

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(x) = A \cdot x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u + v = a$$

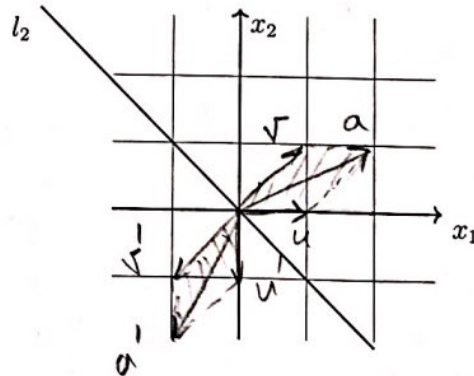
$$u' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 5.7.** (reflection across the line  $l_2$ :  $x_2 = -x_1$ )

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

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

$$T(x) = A \cdot x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 \\ -x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$



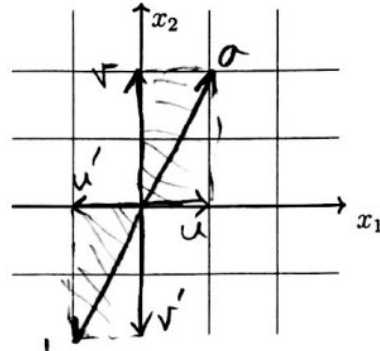
$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 5.8.** (reflection across the origin)

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

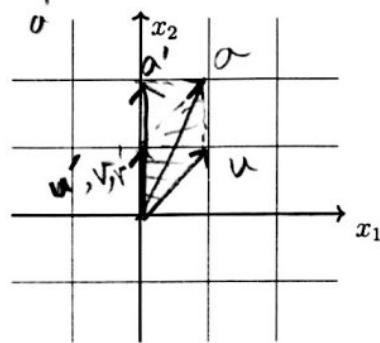
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



**Example 5.9.** (Projection on the axis  $x_2$ )

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u + v = a$$

$$c = 2$$

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

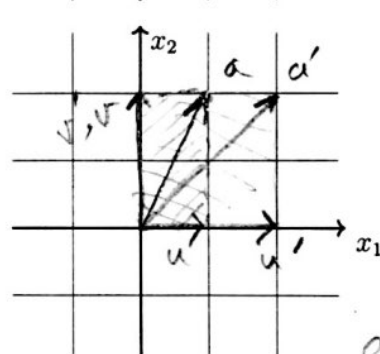
$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a' = A \cdot a$$

**Example 5.10.** (Horizontal expansion)

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, c \in \mathbb{R}$$



$$c = 1$$

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad c = -1$$

$$a' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

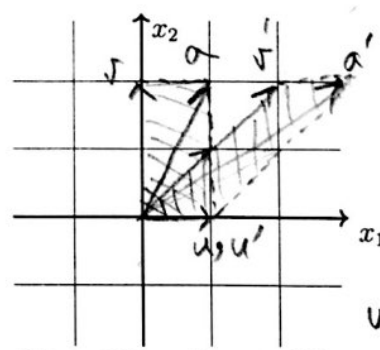
$$u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad u' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 5.11.** (Horizontal shear)

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

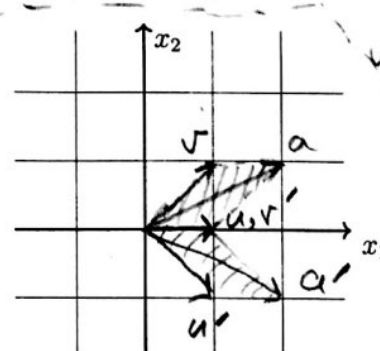
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & c \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, c \in \mathbb{R}$$



**Example 5.12.** (Vertical shear)

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ c & 1 \end{pmatrix}, c \in \mathbb{R}$$



$$T(x) = A \cdot x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(x) = A \cdot x = \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} cx_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(x) = A \cdot x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & c \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + cx_2 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(x) = A \cdot x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ c & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ cx_1 + x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Example 5.13.** Imagine  $T$  is a linear transformation  $\mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^3$ . For given input unit vectors  $e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (these vectors are columns of the ~~unit vector~~ identity matrix  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ), the outputs are the followings:

$$T(e_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T(e_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the standard matrix of  $T$ .

$$T(x) = Ax = b \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2, b \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x = e_1 x_1 + e_2 x_2 &\Rightarrow T(x) = T(e_1 x_1 + e_2 x_2) \\ &= x_1 T(e_1) + x_2 T(e_2) = [T(e_1) \ T(e_2)] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow A = [T(e_1) \ T(e_2)] &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation. There exists a unique matrix  $A$  such that:

$$T(x) = Ax, \quad \text{for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

Matrix  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix whose  $j$ th column is the vector  $T(e_j)$ , where  $e_j$  is the  $j$ th column of the identity matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

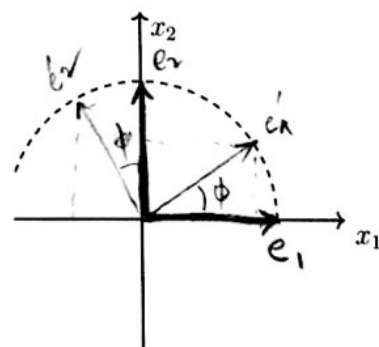
$$A = [T(e_1) \ \dots \ T(e_n)]$$

**Example 5.14.** Find the standard matrix  $A$  for the transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2$  which rotates all the inputs with the angle  $\phi$

$$A = [T(e_1) \ T(e_2)]$$

$$T(e_1) = e'_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi \\ \sin \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(e_2) = e'_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \phi \\ \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$$



$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{memorize that!}$$

**Example 5.15.** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation with following formula:

$$T(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

First, identify the standard matrix of transformation. Second, identify the domain, codomain and range of the transformation. Is any arbitrarily chosen vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  an image of at least one  $x$ ? No

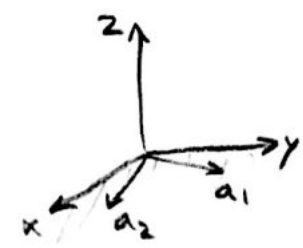
$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(e_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad T(e_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = [T(e_1) \ T(e_2)] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ax = b$$

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 = b$$



Domain =  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
Codomain =  $\mathbb{R}^3$

range:  $\text{span}(a_1, a_2) \neq \mathbb{R}^3$

**Theorem 5.** A mapping  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m$  is said to be **onto**  $\mathbb{R}^m$  if each  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the image of at least one  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . This is true if and only if the columns of standard matrix  $A$  **span**  $\mathbb{R}^m$

**Example 5.16.** In Example 5.15, for an arbitrarily chosen vector  $b \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , how many input vectors  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$  exist for which  $T(x) = b$ ?

- if  $b$  is outside the range of  $T(x)$ ... there is no input vector
- if  $b$  is inside the range of  $T(x)$ ... there is **ONLY** one vector input

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

standard matrix

**Theorem 6.** A mapping  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m$  is said to be **one-to-one** if each  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the image of at most one  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . This is true if and only if the columns of standard matrix  $A$  are linearly independent

**Example 5.17.** Consider the following linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + 2x_2 \\ x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is  $T$  one-to-one? Is  $T$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ?

$$A = [T(e_1) \quad T(e_2) \quad T(e_3)] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}_{\text{REF}}$$

↑  
free var.

Domain:  $\mathbb{R}^3$   
 Codomain:  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
 range:  $\mathbb{R}^2$

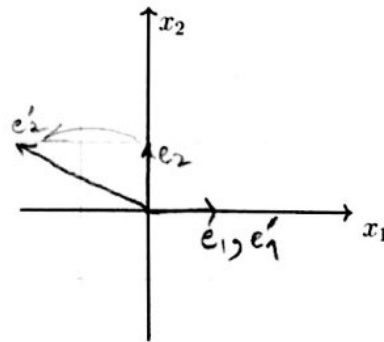
onto  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? ✓  
 one-to-one? X  
 because of the free variable

Standard matrix

| Linear Maps   | Sets of Vectors  | Linear Systems   | Pivots   |
|---|--|--|--|
| $T: \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m$<br>is onto $\mathbb{R}^m$ .                  | Vectors<br>$a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$<br>span $\mathbb{R}^m$ .               | For any $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$<br>the problem $Ax = b$<br>has <u>at least</u><br>one solution. | The matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has a<br>pivot in each of its $m$ rows.<br>In particular we must have<br>$m \leq n$               |
| $T: \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m$<br>is one-to-one.                            | Vectors<br>$a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$<br>are linearly<br>independent.        | For any $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$<br>the problem $Ax = b$<br>has <u>at most</u><br>one solution.  | The matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has a<br>pivot in each of its $n$ columns.<br>In particular we must have<br>$m \geq n$            |
| $T: \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m$<br>is onto $\mathbb{R}^m$<br>and one-to-one. | Vectors<br>$a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$<br>form a basis<br>of $\mathbb{R}^m$ . | For any $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$<br>the problem $Ax = b$<br>has <u>exactly</u><br>one solution.  | The matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has a<br>pivot in each of its $m$ rows<br>and $n$ columns. In particular,<br>we must have $m = n$ |

**Reminder:** To find the number of pivots in  $A$ , we use Forward elimination to transform  $A$  to REF.

**Example 5.18.** Find the standard matrix for a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2$  with the following features: it first performs a horizontal shear: it maps  $e_2$  to  $e_2 - 2e_1$  (and it leaves  $e_1$  unchanged). Then it reflects the results through the origin. Is this linear map onto  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? Is it one-to-one?



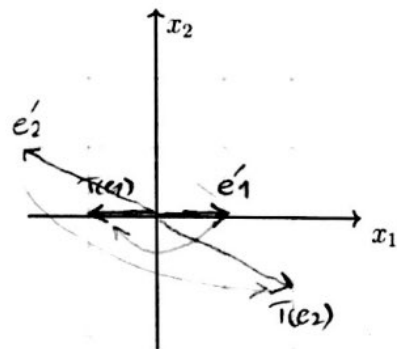
$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T(e_1)? \quad T(e_2)?$$

$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2(0) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = e'_1$$

$$e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 - 2(1) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = e'_2$$

$$e'_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = T(e_1)$$

$$e'_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = T(e_2)$$

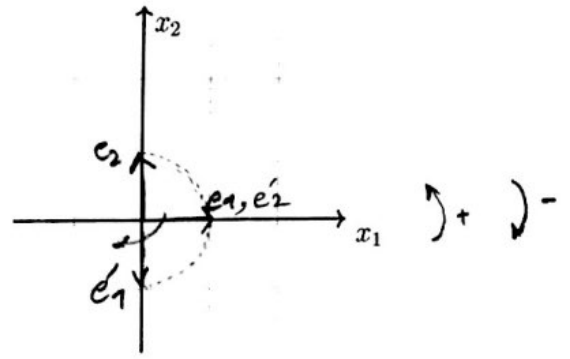


$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

onto  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? ✓  
 one-to-one? ✓



**Example 5.19.** Find the standard matrix for a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2$  with the following features: it first rotates the points (about the origin) through  $-\pi/2$ . Next, it projects every point onto the  $x_2$  axis? Is this linear map onto  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? Is it one-to-one?



$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{rot}} e_1' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{rot}} e_2' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

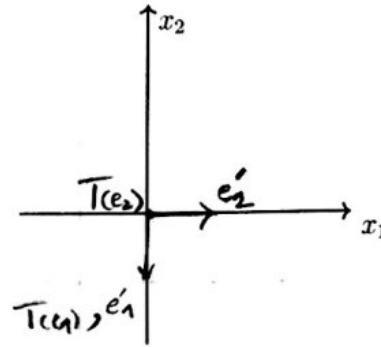
$$e_1' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{proj.}} T(e_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e_2' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{proj.}} T(e_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ REF}$$

↑  
free var.

standard matrix



$T(\mathbb{R}^2)$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^2$  X

$T(\mathbb{R}^2)$  is one-to-one X

## 6 Matrix Algebra

In linear algebra, we encounter three basic types of arithmetic operations that involves scalars  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & b_{1q} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{p1} & \cdots & b_{pq} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$$

- Multiplication with scalars :

$$\lambda A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda a_{11} & \cdots & \lambda a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda a_{m1} & \cdots & \lambda a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Matrix addition  $\rightarrow$  only works if  $A$  and  $B$  have the same size:

$$A + B = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} + b_{1q} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} + b_{p1} & \cdots & a_{mn} + b_{pq} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Matrix multiplication  $\rightarrow$  only works if  $n = p$  (number of columns in  $A$  is equal to number of rows in  $B$ ):

$$AB = C$$

$$\begin{matrix}
 m \times n & & p \times q \\
 \swarrow & & \searrow \\
 & n=p & \\
 \end{matrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix}
 [a_{11} \cdots a_{1n}] \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ \vdots \\ b_{p1} \end{bmatrix} & \cdots & [a_{11} \cdots a_{1n}] \begin{bmatrix} b_{1q} \\ \vdots \\ b_{pq} \end{bmatrix} \\
 \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
 (a_{m1} \cdots a_{mn}) \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ \vdots \\ b_{p1} \end{bmatrix} & \cdots & (a_{m1} \cdots a_{mn}) \begin{bmatrix} b_{1q} \\ \vdots \\ b_{pq} \end{bmatrix}
 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Example 6.1.** Compute the matrix multiplication when possible.

- $$AB = \begin{matrix} 2 \times 2 & 2 \times 2 \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
- $$AB = \begin{matrix} 3 \times 2 & 2 \times 2 \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
- $$AB = \begin{matrix} 3 \times 1 & 1 \times 2 \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 8 \\ 7 & 8 \\ 21 & 24 \\ 35 & 40 \end{pmatrix}$$
- $$AB = \begin{matrix} 2 \times 2 & 3 \times 1 \\ \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \times \\ \end{matrix}$$

If  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix, and if  $B$  is a  $n \times p$  matrix with columns  $b_1, \dots, b_p$ , another way to compute the multiplication is to write  $AB$  as a linear combination of columns of matrix  $B$ :

$$AB = A[b_1 \ b_2 \ \cdots \ b_p] = [Ab_1 \ Ab_2 \ \cdots \ Ab_p]$$

**Example 6.2.** Compute  $AB$  where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 AB &= A[b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3] = [Ab_1 \ Ab_2 \ Ab_3] \\
 &= \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 4 & 4 \\ 11 & 7 & 7 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$



**Properties of matrix multiplication:** Let  $A$  be a  $m \times n$  matrix, and let  $B$  and  $C$  have sizes for which the indicated sums and products are defined.

- $A(BC) = (AB)C$       Associativity
- $A(B+C) = AB+AC$       Distributivity
- $(B+C)A = BA+CA$
- $r(AB) = (rA)B = A(rB)$ ,
- $I_m A = A = A I_n$ ,       $I_n$  is a  $n \times n$  identity matrix
- $A^k = \underbrace{A \cdots A}_k$

$$A \begin{matrix} (p \times q) \\ (q \times t) \end{matrix} = A \begin{matrix} (p \times t) \\ (q \times t) \end{matrix} = A(BC)$$

$$\begin{matrix} (m \times n) & (n \times q) & (q \times t) \\ (AB) & C & \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} (m \times q) \\ (m \times t) \end{matrix} = (AB)C$$

$$A \begin{matrix} (p \times q) & (p \times q) \\ (B+C) & \end{matrix} = D \begin{matrix} (m \times q) \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} (m \times n) & (n \times q) & (m \times n) & (n \times q) \\ AB & + & AC & \end{matrix} = D \begin{matrix} (m \times q) \end{matrix}$$

**Example 6.3.** Given  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , compute  $AB$  and  $BA$  and verify if  $AB = BA$ .

$AB = BA$ .

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$BA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$AB \neq BA$

**Warning:** in matrix multiplication order matters!

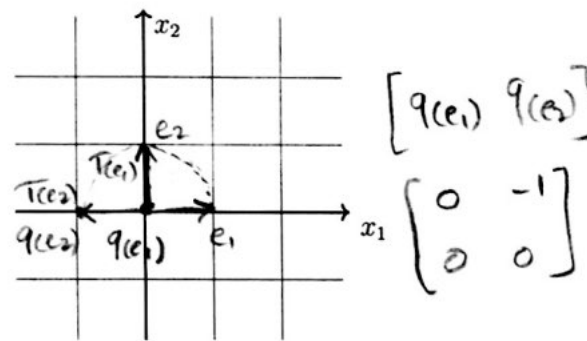
**Example 6.4.** Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $P: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformations corresponding to the rotation by  $\pi/2$  and the projection on the axis  $x_1$ . What is the standard matrix corresponding to the composition of these two linear maps (first  $T$  and second  $P$ ). Hint: use the associativity rule!

$$T(x) = A_1 x$$

$$P(x) = A_2 x$$

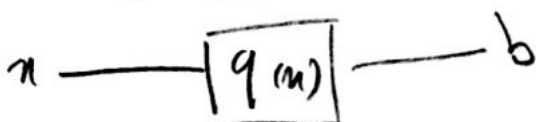
$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$P(Tx) = A_2 T(x) = A_2 (A_1 x) = (A_2 A_1) x$$

second transformation  
first transformation  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$



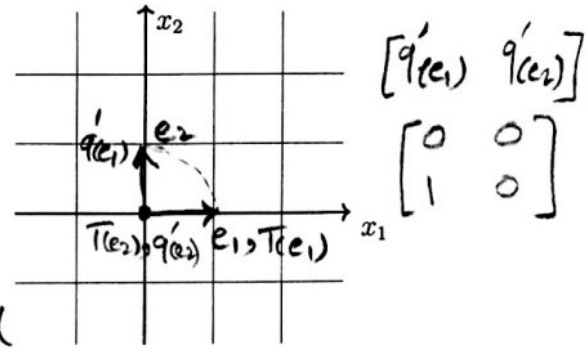
$$P(Tx) = A_2 A_1 x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x$$



$$x \rightarrow [q'(x)] \rightarrow b$$

$$P(x) = A_2 x \Rightarrow T(P(x)) = A_1 (A_2 x) = A_1 A_2 x$$

$$q'(x) = A_1 A_2 x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x$$



**Definition 10.** Given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the **transpose** of  $A$  is the  $m \times n$  matrix, denoted by  $A^T$ , whose columns are formed the corresponding rows of  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad A^T = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}$$

**Example 6.5.** Find the transpose of the following matrices:

•

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}, A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

•

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix}, A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Properties of the transpose of a matrix:**

•  $(A^T)^T = A$

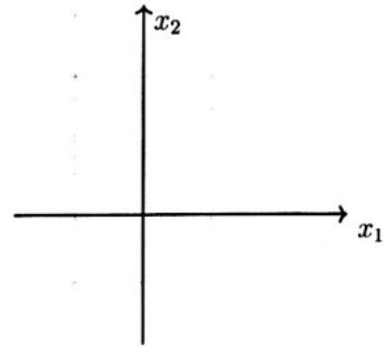
•  $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$   $\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

• for any scalar  $r$ ,  $(rA)^T = rA^T$   $\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)^T + \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

•  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T \rightarrow$  General Form:  $(AB \dots YZ)^T = Z^T Y^T \dots B^T A^T$

$$(AB)^T \neq A^T B^T$$

$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T$$



**Definition 10.** Given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the **transpose** of  $A$  is the  $m \times n$  matrix, denoted by  $A^T$ , whose columns are formed the corresponding rows of  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}$$

**Example 6.5.** Find the transpose of the following matrices:

•

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}, A^T =$$

•

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix}, A^T =$$

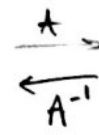
**Properties of the transpose of a matrix:**

- $(A^T)^T = A$
- $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- for any scalar  $r$ ,  $(rA)^T = rA^T$
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T \rightarrow$  General Form:  $(AB \cdots YZ)^T = Z^T Y^T \cdots B^T A^T$

## 7 Inverse of a matrix

$$Ax = b$$

$$A^{-1}b = x$$



This section addresses the question how we can undo the action of a matrix or linear map, provided that this is possible at all: if  $Ax$  give  $b$ , the  $A^{-1}b$  should give  $x$ . Such an inverse matrix can only exist if:

- for any  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  there is an  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $Ax = b$  (Existence of the solution)
- there are not two or more  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $Ax = b$ . (Uniqueness of the solution)

Hence, we only consider square matrices  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  in this section and look for  $A^{-1}$  of the same size.

**Definition 11.** If for a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  there exist a matrix  $A^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that :

$$AA^{-1} = I_n \quad \text{and} \quad A^{-1}A = I_n$$

then  $A$  is said to be invertible and  $A^{-1}$  is called the inverse of  $A$ . Otherwise  $A$  is singular.

Note that if  $A \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is invertible, after row reduction it reduces to  $I_n$  (Why?).

If  $A$  is invertible, how can we compute  $A^{-1}$ ? If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ , this is very easy:

**Theorem 7.** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $ad - bc \neq 0$ , then  $A$  is invertible and

Note:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ e_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$

**Example 7.1.**  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3/2 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$

For an invertible matrix  $A = [y_1 \quad y_2 \quad \dots \quad y_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ :

(1th column of  $A^{-1}$ ) =  $y_1 = A^{-1}e_1 \rightarrow Ay_1 = e_1$

(jth column of  $A^{-1}$ ) =  $y_j = A^{-1}e_j \rightarrow Ay_j = e_j$

(nth column of  $A^{-1}$ ) =  $y_n = A^{-1}e_n \rightarrow Ay_n = e_n$

Therefore, we have to solve  $n$  simultaneous linear system:

$$(A \mid e_1 \ e_2 \ \dots \ e_n) \rightarrow (I_n \mid y_1 \ y_2 \ \dots \ y_n)$$

$$(A^{-1} \mid I_n) \rightarrow (I_n \mid A^{-1})$$

**Example 7.2.** Determine whether or not

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is invertible and if so, find its inverse matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & | & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{R_3}{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_1 - 4R_3 \\ R_2 + 2R_3 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

$I_n$        $A^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercise: check  $AA^{-1}$ ?  
 $A^{-1}A$ ?

**Properties of matrix inversion:**

- $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$        $(AB)B^{-1}A^{-1} = A(\underbrace{BB^{-1}}_{I_n})A^{-1} = AA^{-1} = I_n$
- $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$        $AA^{-1} = I_n$
- $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$        $A^T(A^{-1})^T = (A^{-1}A)^T = I_n^T = I_n$

for a diagonal  $\Rightarrow$  always non-zero entry in diagonal -

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{a_{11}} & & & \\ & \frac{1}{a_{22}} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \frac{1}{a_{nn}} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Example 7.2.** Determine whether or not

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is invertible and if so, find its inverse matrix.

**Properties of matrix inversion:**

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

## 8 Characteristics of invertible matrices

We already know that matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is invertible if and only if the linear system  $Ax = b$  has exactly one solution. This can be interpreted in terms of properties of linear transformation. A linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be invertible if

$$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$Ax = b$$

$$S: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$A^{-1}b = x$$

$$AA^{-1} = I$$

$$S(T(x)) = x$$

there exist a function  $S: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that:

$$S(T(x)) = x \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$T(S(x)) = x \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

In that case,  $A$  is also invertible and  $S(x) = A^{-1}x$ .

**Theorem 8.** A linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is invertible, if and only if the corresponding standard matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is also invertible. In that case, the inverse of the linear transformation  $S: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  reads as  $S(x) = A^{-1}x$

**Example 8.1.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Check if the following statements are true:

- if  $A$  is invertible, then its columns span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (T)

$Ax = b, b \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow$  unique solut.  $\Rightarrow$  one pivot in each row  $\Rightarrow A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$

- If  $A$  is invertible, then the corresponding linear transformation is one-to-one. (T)

$Ax = b, b \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow$  unique solution  $\Rightarrow$  one pivot in each column  $\Rightarrow T(x) = Ax$  one-to-one

- if the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent, then  $A$  is invertible. (T)

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has one pivot in each col.  $\xrightarrow{\text{nb. row} = \text{nb. col.}}$  one pivot in each row and col  $\Rightarrow Ax = b$  unique solut.

- if the equation  $Ax = b$  is inconsistent for some  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then the equation  $Ax = 0$  has only the trivial solution. (F)

$A \rightarrow$  does not span  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has at least one row without pivot AND one column

- If the first two columns of  $A$  are equal,  $A$  is not invertible. (T)

col. of  $A$  are linearly dependent  $\Rightarrow Ax = b$  does Not have unique solut.  $\Rightarrow A$  not invertible. lin. dep.

- If the equation  $Ax = 0$  has only the trivial solution, then  $A$  is row equivalent to the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

$Ax = 0$  only the trivial solut.  $\Rightarrow A$  linearly independent and has one pivot in each col.  $\xrightarrow{\text{nb. row} = \text{nb. col.}}$   $A$  has one pivot in each col. & row  $\Rightarrow A \sim I_n$

- Let  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . If  $AB$  is invertible, then  $A$  is invertible.

$AB$  invertible  $\rightarrow$  consider  $W = (AB^{-1})$  then  $(AB)W = I_n \Rightarrow A(BW) = I_n$

$\Rightarrow A$  is invertible and its inverse is  $BW$ .

Exercise: show  $B$  is also invertible.

## 9 Subspace and basis

We have already encountered various subsets of vector spaces, e.g.

- a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- the solution set of a linear system
- all linear combinations of the columns of a matrix

Some subsets are special because they form another vector space inside the larger vector space:

$$H \neq \emptyset$$

**Definition 12.** A non-empty set  $H \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if it satisfies the following two properties:

- (Closedness under Addition)  $\forall u, v \in H : u + v \in H$
- (Closedness under Scalar Multiplication)  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \forall u \in H : \lambda u \in H$

Or it can be combined to:

- (Closedness under Linear Combination)  $\forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R} \forall u, v \in H : \lambda u + \mu v \in H$

**Example 9.1.** Determine if the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are subspaces?

- $H = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x_2 = 2x_1\}$

a)  $H \neq \emptyset : \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \in H$

b)  $H$  is closed under linear combination

$\forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R} \forall u, v \in H \Rightarrow$  arbitrary

$$\lambda u + \mu v = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda u_1 + \mu v_1 \\ \lambda u_2 + \mu v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda u_1 + \mu v_1 \\ 2\lambda u_1 + 2\mu v_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda u_1 + \mu v_1 \\ 2(\lambda u_1 + \mu v_1) \end{pmatrix} \in H$$

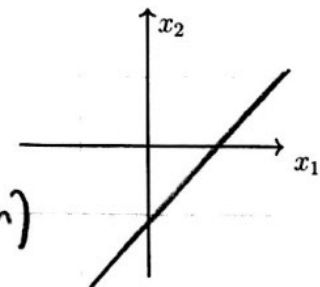
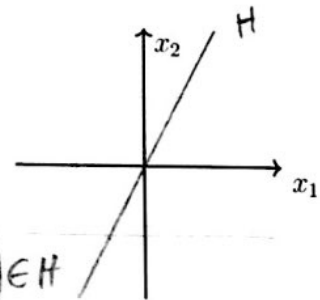
- $H = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x_2 = x_1 - 1\}$

$0 \notin H$

$H \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow$  there exist at least one  $x \in H \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow 0 = 0x \in H$  (since  $H$  is closed under scalar multiplication)

- $H = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x_2 x_1 \geq 0\}$



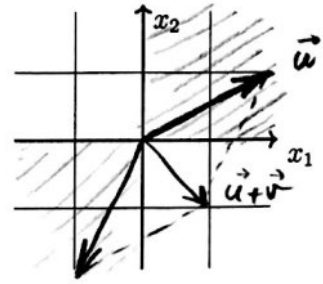
(check if zero vector is always contained in a subspace)



$$u = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in H \quad v = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \in H$$

$$u+v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \notin H$$

$\Rightarrow H$  is not a subspace



$$H = \text{Span}(u, v) \quad u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \{ \lambda u + \mu v \mid \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$\gamma, \kappa \in H \quad \mu', \lambda' \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\kappa \lambda' + \gamma \mu' \stackrel{?}{=} \underbrace{\kappa}_{\in \mathbb{R}} + \underbrace{\gamma}_{\in \mathbb{R}}$$

$$H \neq \emptyset$$

$$0u + 0v = 0 \in H \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{cases} \kappa = \lambda \kappa u + \mu \kappa v \\ \gamma = \lambda \gamma u + \mu \gamma v \end{cases} \Rightarrow \kappa \lambda' + \gamma \mu' = (\lambda \kappa u + \mu \kappa v) \lambda' + (\lambda \gamma u + \mu \gamma v) \mu' = \textcircled{*}$$

$$\textcircled{*} = \lambda \kappa \lambda' u + \mu \kappa \lambda' v + \lambda \gamma \mu' u + \mu \gamma \mu' v = (\lambda \kappa \lambda' + \lambda \gamma \mu') u + (\mu \kappa \lambda' + \mu \gamma \mu') v \quad \checkmark$$

**Example 9.2.** If  $H$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $H$  is either

• the full space of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

• a plane passing through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

• a line passing through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

• the zero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

**Definition 13.** A family of vectors  $(v_1, \dots, v_d) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to

• span the subspace  $H \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  if

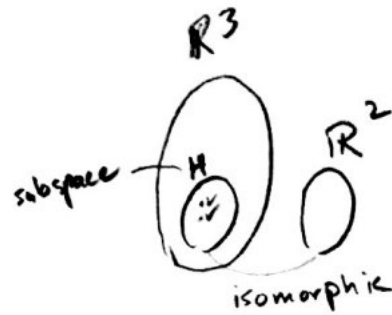
$H$  is the set of <sup>all</sup> linear combinations of  $(v_1, \dots, v_d)$ , i.e.  $H = \text{span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_d)$

• be a basis for the subspace  $H \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  if it spans  $H$  and if it is linearly independent

**Definition 14.** (Dimension of a vector space) The dimension  $\dim H$  of a vector space  $H$  is the number of vectors in every basis for  $H$ .

**Example 9.3.** Let

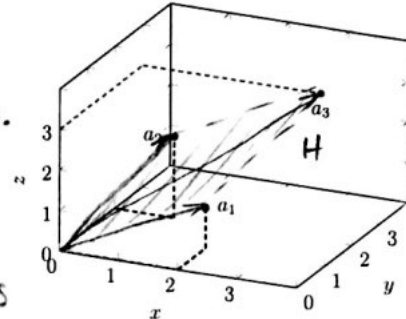
$$H = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a_3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 3/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ REF} \Rightarrow \{a_1, a_2, a_3\} \text{ linearly dep.}$$

$H$  is **Not** a basis

$B = \{a_1, a_2\}$   $\Rightarrow B$  is a basis  
pivot col.  $\rightarrow$  pivot col.



$H \cong \mathbb{R}^2$  "looks like" or isomorphic to

**Conclusions:**

- A subspace is a vector space nested inside another vector space.
- To prove that a subset  $H \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is also a subspace we have to show that:
  - 1)  $H \neq \emptyset$  by giving an example of one vector in  $H$  (0 always works if  $H$  is actually a subspace)
  - 2) if  $u$  and  $v$  are any two vectors in  $H$ , the all their linear combinations  $\lambda u + \mu v$  must be contained in  $H$  as well.

To prove that a subset  $H \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is *not* a subspace we need to find a counterexample that violates one of the conditions.
- $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the space of all vectors with  $n$  real-valued components. A  $d$ -dimensional subspace  $H \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is *isomorphic* to ("of the same shape as") the space of all vectors with only  $d$  components:  $H \cong \mathbb{R}^d$ .

## 10 Column space and Null space

In this section we are going to use vector-space language to describe general linear system  $Ax = b$  and their solutions. Two subspaces associated with the matrix  $A$ :

- column space: all attainable right-hand sides
- null space: All solutions of  $Ax = 0$

**Definition 15.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be the matrix with columns  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

- the set of all linear combinations of the columns of  $A$  is called the column space  $\text{col}(A)$

$$\text{col}(A) = \{b \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \exists x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = b\} = \{x_1 a_1 + \dots + x_n a_n \mid x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

- The set of all solutions of the homogeneous problem  $Ax = 0$  is called the null space  $\text{nul}(A)$  or the kernel  $\text{ker}(A)$ .

$$\text{nul}(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = 0\}$$

**Example 10.1.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . Show that  $\text{col}(A)$  and  $\text{nul}(A)$  are subspace.

•  $\text{col}(A)$ :  $\text{col}(A) \neq \emptyset$ :  $x=0 \Rightarrow Ax=0 \in \text{col}(A)$

$\text{col}(A)$  is closed under linear combination (Ex. 9.1.)

•  $\text{nul}(A)$ :  $\text{nul}(A) \neq \emptyset$ :  $Ax = A(0) = 0 \in \text{nul}(A)$   
↳ trivial solut.

*arbitrary*  
 $\text{nul}(A)$  is closed under linear combination;

$x, y \in \text{nul}(A)$ ,  $Ax = 0$ ,  $Ay = 0$ :

$\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ :  $A(\lambda x + \mu y) \stackrel{?}{=} 0 \Rightarrow \lambda Ax + \mu Ay = 0 \quad \checkmark$

**Example 10.2.** For each of the following matrices (from examples 1.10 and 1.11), find a basis  $C$  for the column space and a basis  $N$  for the null space.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution:

Exercise:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  & Invertible  $\Rightarrow \text{col}(A)$ ?  $\text{nul}(A)$ ?

① Gaussian elimination

$$\text{RREF}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{RREF}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & 3/2 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

② Null space

$Ax=0$   $\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   $x_1 = -x_4 - 2x_2$   
 $x_3 = -x_4$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_4 - 2x_2 \\ x_2 \\ -x_4 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$(x_2, x_4 \in \mathbb{R})$

$$x = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -3/2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (x_3 \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$\mathcal{N} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{N} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -3/2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

③ column space

Pivot cols. of A:

$$a_1^{(p)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, a_2^{(p)} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Pivot cols of A:

$$a_1^{(p)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, a_2^{(p)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

In Example 1.10 we found that for

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

all solutions of  $Ax = b$  are

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In Example 1.10 we found that for

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \\ 4 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

all solutions of  $Ax = b$  are

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 11/2 \\ -6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -3/2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Definition 16.** (Rank  $A$ ) The rank of a matrix  $A$ , is the dimension of the  $\text{col}(A)$ . That is equivalent to say that the rank of  $A$  is equal to the number of pivots in  $A$ .

**Theorem 9.** (Rank theorem) Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  ( $m$  rows and  $n$  columns) be a matrix of rank  $r$ .

$$\dim \text{col}(A) = r \qquad \dim \text{null}(A) = n - r$$

In particular  $\dim \text{col}(A) + \dim \text{null}(A) = n$

# of pivot columns + # of free columns = total # of columns

⚠  $\dim(H)$  might not be equal to the no. of entries in basis vector:  $H = \text{span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$   
 ⚠ 0-0

**Conclusions:** We assume that  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  has  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns and  $r$  pivots.

- The null space of  $A$  is a subspace of the input space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The column space is a subspace of the output space  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- The dimension of the subspace is the number of free columns in  $A$ , namely  $n - r$ . The dimension of the column space is the number of pivots in  $A$ , namely  $r$ .
- In order to find a basis for  $\text{col}(A)$  and  $\text{null}(A)$ , we first do the row reduction and achieve the RREF. The solution of  $Ax = 0$  in a parametric vector form readily provide us with a basis for  $\text{null}(A)$ . The pivot columns of  $A$  (from the original matrix  $A$ , not the RREF of  $A$ ) forms a basis for  $\text{col}(A)$ .
- Important special cases are the smallest possible null space  $\text{null}(A) = \{0\}$  and the largest possible column space  $\text{col}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$ :

| Linear Maps   | Sets of Vectors  | Linear Systems   | Rank                                    | Pivots   |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| $T: \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m$<br>is onto $\mathbb{R}^m$ .                  | Vectors<br>$a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$<br>$\text{span } \mathbb{R}^m$ .       | For any $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$<br>the problem $Ax = b$<br>has <u>at least</u><br>one solution. | $A$ has full<br>row rank<br>$r = m$     | $A$ has a pivot<br>in every row.               |
| $T: \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m$<br>is one-to-one.                            | Vectors<br>$a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$<br>are linearly<br>independent.        | For any $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$<br>the problem $Ax = b$<br>has <u>at most</u><br>one solution.  | $A$ has full<br>column<br>rank $r = n$  | $A$ has a pivot<br>in every column.            |
| $T: \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m$<br>is onto $\mathbb{R}^m$<br>and one-to-one. | Vectors<br>$a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$<br>form a basis<br>of $\mathbb{R}^m$ . | For any $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$<br>the problem $Ax = b$<br>has <u>exactly</u><br>one solution.  | $A$ has full<br>rank $r =$<br>$= m = n$ | $A$ has a pivot<br>in every row<br>and column. |

$$b \notin \text{col}(A)$$

$$X = \emptyset \text{ no solution}$$

Knowing about the two fundamental subspaces of  $A$  which are  $\text{null}(A)$  and  $\text{col}(A)$ , we can know about the number of solutions of the system  $Ax = b$ :

$$b \in \text{col}(A)$$

$$\text{null}(A) = \{0\}$$

one unique solut.  
 $x = p$

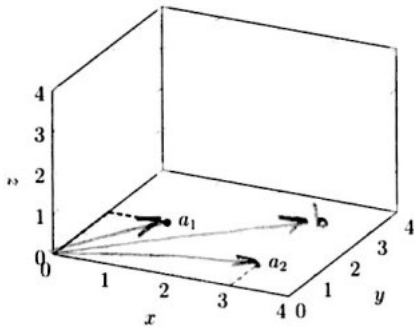
$$\text{null}(A) \neq \{0\}$$

infinitely many solut.  
 $x = p + \alpha_1^{(\#)} s_1 + \dots + \alpha_{n-r}^{(\#)} s_{n-r}$   
 $(\alpha_1^{(\#)}, \dots, \alpha_{n-r}^{(\#)} \in \mathbb{R})$

$$X = p + \text{null}(A)$$

**Example 10.3.** Let  $\{a_1, a_2\}$  be a basis for subspace  $H$ . Show that  $b$  is in the subspace  $H$ .

$$a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad a_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$b = a_1 + a_2$$

for any  $b \in H$ :  $c_1 a_1 + c_2 a_2 = b$   
(combine that with standard basis)

**Definition 17.** Suppose that  $B = b_1, \dots, b_p$  is a basis for a subspace  $H$ , the **coordinate of  $x$  relative to the basis** are the weights  $c_1, \dots, c_p$  such that  $x = c_1 b_1 + \dots + c_p b_p$ , and the vector in  $\mathbb{R}^p$

$$[x]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_p \end{bmatrix}$$

is called the **coordinate of  $x$  (relative to  $B$ )** or the  **$B$ -coordinate vector of  $x$** .

Exercise: Show that a  $B$ -coordinate vector of  $x$  is unique.

$$(I) \quad x = c_1 b_1 + c_2 b_2 + \dots + c_p b_p \quad (II) \quad x = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_p b_p$$

$$(I) - (II) \Rightarrow (c_1 - a_1) b_1 + (c_2 - a_2) b_2 + \dots + (c_p - a_p) b_p = 0 \quad (III)$$

$B$  is basis  $\Rightarrow \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_p\}$  are linearly independent  $\Rightarrow$  all weights in (III) are zero

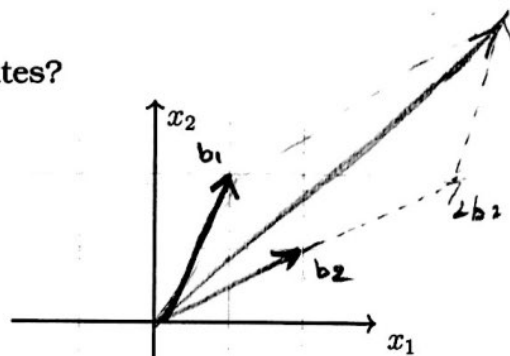


How can we transfer  $B$ -coordinates to standard coordinates?

**Example 10.4.**  $B$ -coordinates of the vector  $x$  be:

$$[x]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Find the coordinates of  $x$ .



$$x = 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 5 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 5e_1 + 4e_2$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 & 2/3 \\ 2/3 & -1/3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [x]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 & 2/3 \\ 2/3 & -1/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

$B$ -coordinates of  $x$  is

In general if  $[x]_B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$  the coordinates of  $x$  with respect to the standard bases (columns of  $I_n$ ) is: and  $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  is a basis

$$x = [b_1 \ \dots \ b_n][x]_B$$

Inversely,  $B$ -coordinates of a given matrix  $x$  can be written as:

$$[x]_B = [b_1 \ \dots \ b_n]^{-1}x$$

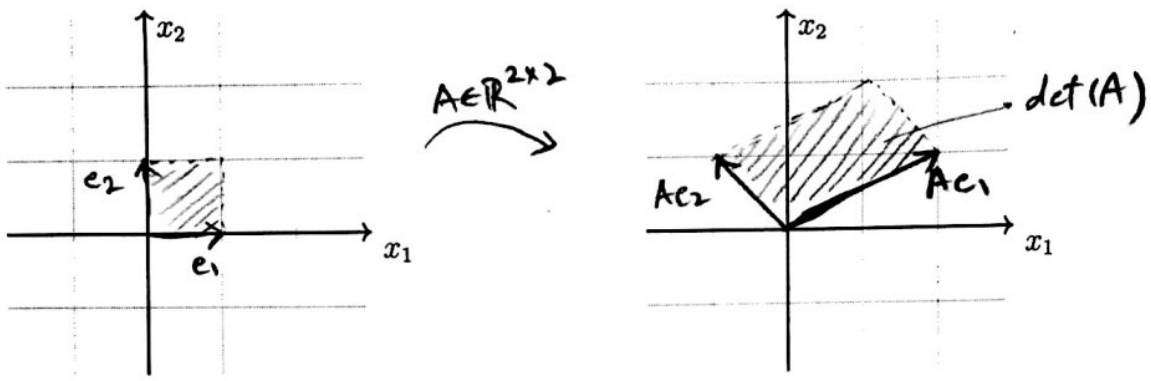
## 11 Determinants

For the remainder of this course, we are going to work with square matrices  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . The determinant is a single number, that compresses a lot of information about an entire matrix. We will use it as another test for invertibility and singularity:

- $\det A = 0 \rightarrow$  not invertible / singular
- $\det A \neq 0 \rightarrow$  invertible / not singular

An interpretation of that is used in multivariable calculus is as follows:

If we apply  $A$  to the unit cube in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the  $\det(A)$  gives the  $n$ -dimensional volume of the output.



**Definition 18.** The function  $\det: \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the properties:

A.  $\det(I_n) = 1$

B. 
$$\begin{vmatrix} \text{---} a_i \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_i \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_j \text{---} \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} \text{---} a_i \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_j \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_i \text{---} \end{vmatrix}$$

C. 
$$\begin{vmatrix} \text{---} a_i \text{---} \\ \text{---} \lambda a_i \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_j \text{---} \end{vmatrix} = \lambda \begin{vmatrix} \text{---} a_i \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_i \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_j \text{---} \end{vmatrix}, \quad \begin{vmatrix} \text{---} a_i \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_i + a_i \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_j \text{---} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \text{---} a_i \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_i \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_j \text{---} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \text{---} a_i \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_i \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_j \text{---} \end{vmatrix}$$

is called the **determinant** of an  $n \times n$  matrix.

Some important properties of the determinant of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are as follows:

(I) If  $A$  has a row of zeros then  $\det(A) = 0$

proof.

$$\begin{vmatrix} \text{---} a_i \text{---} \\ 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \\ \text{---} a_j \text{---} \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{vmatrix} \text{---} a_i \text{---} \\ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \\ \text{---} a_j \text{---} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

(II) if  $A$  has two equal rows then  $\det(A) = 0$

proof. let the two equal rows be  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  ( $i \neq j$ )

$$\begin{vmatrix} \text{---} a_i \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_j \text{---} \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} \text{---} a_j \text{---} \\ \text{---} a_i \text{---} \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(A) = -\det(A)$$

$$2\det(A) = 0 \Rightarrow \det(A) = 0$$

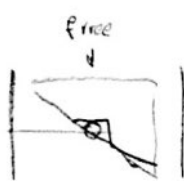
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(III) If we add a multiple of one row to another row, then the determinant remains unchanged  
proof.

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$$\begin{vmatrix} \vdots & & \\ -\lambda a_j & + & -a_i & \\ \vdots & & \\ a_j & & \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \vdots & & \\ -\lambda a_j & & \\ \vdots & & \\ -a_j & & \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \vdots & & \\ -a_i & & \\ \vdots & & \\ a_j & & \end{vmatrix} = \lambda \begin{vmatrix} \vdots & & \\ -a_j & & \\ \vdots & & \\ -a_j & & \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \vdots & & \\ -a_i & & \\ \vdots & & \\ -a_j & & \end{vmatrix}$$

(IV) If A is upper triangular, then



$$\det A = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & * & * \\ 0 & & \\ & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11} a_{22} \dots a_{nn}$$

proof: if at least one  $a_{ij} = 0$ , then elimination give a zero row  $\Rightarrow \det(A) = 0$   
otherwise:

$$\det(A) = a_{11} a_{22} \dots a_{nn} \begin{vmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = a_{11} a_{22} \dots a_{nn} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{vmatrix} \square$$

(V)  $\det A = 0$  if and only if A is singular.  $\det A \neq 0$  if and only if A is invertible.

proof: use elimination to transform A to REF, then

we use (II)

(VI) The determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix is

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

proof.

if  $a \neq 0$ :  $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - \frac{c}{a}R_1 \quad \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \sim \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d - \frac{c}{a}b \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow \det A = ad - bc$

if  $a = 0$ :  $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \sim - \begin{vmatrix} c & d \\ 0 & b \end{vmatrix} = -bc = \frac{ad}{=0} - bc$

(VII) For two matrices  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\det(AB) = (\det A)(\det B)$

$\Delta \det(A+B) \neq \det(A) + \det(B)$

(VIII) If  $A$  is invertible, then  $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det A}$

proof.

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

(IX) for any exponent  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\det(A^p) = (\det A)^p$

(X) For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\det(\lambda A) = \lambda^n \det A$  use C  $n$  times

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

**Conclusion:** In this introductory section, we have defined the determinant as a function that satisfies the three properties (A), (B) and (C): the determinant of the identity matrix is 1, every row exchange reverses the sign of the determinant and the determinant is a linear map with respect to one fixed row. Of the properties derived from (A), (B) and (C), the most important ones are the invertibility criterion (V), the product formula (VII) and the fact (XI) that the transpose has no effect on the determinant.

## 11.1 How to compute the determinant in practice?

One of these three rules can be used:

1. formula for a  $2 \times 2$  matrix.

$$ad - bc = \det A$$

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

2. forward elimination

3. co factor expansion

**Theorem 10.** (Determinant by Gaussian elimination) Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Then

$$\det(A) = \pm (\text{product of the diagonal entries in REF}(A))$$

even nb. of row exchange  
odd nb. of row exchange

**Theorem 11.** (Derivation of the Cofactor Formula for the Determinant):

*Idea:* Use property (C) to split the matrix into "basic matrices", which contain exactly one entry in every row and every column, all other entries being zero. Then, by row exchanges (using property (B)), every "basic matrix" can be transformed into a diagonal entries (by properties). Factoring out all the entries of one particular row or one particular column will then yield the cofactor formula.

$2 \times 2$  Case:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= ad - bc$$

3 × 3 Case:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \\
 = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{32} & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\
 + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} \\ 0 & a_{32} & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ a_{31} & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= +a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} \\
 &\quad - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} \\
 &= \underbrace{(a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32})}_{C_{11}} a_{11} + \underbrace{(-a_{21}a_{33} + a_{23}a_{31})}_{C_{12}} a_{12} + \underbrace{(a_{21}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{31})}_{C_{13}} a_{13}
 \end{aligned}$$

Cofactors → C<sub>11</sub>

C<sub>12</sub>

C<sub>13</sub>

$$= \begin{vmatrix} +a_{11} & & \\ & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} & -a_{12} & \\ & a_{23} & \\ & a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} & & +a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \end{vmatrix}$$

n × n Case: n! = (1)(2)(3)...(n) terms

(row reduction:  
n<sup>3</sup> operation)

**Theorem 12.** (Determinant by Cofactor Expansion)

1. Cofactor expansion across row i:

$$\det A = a_{i1}C_{i1} + a_{i2}C_{i2} + \dots + a_{in}C_{in}$$

2. Cofactor expansion across column j:

$$\det A = a_{1j}C_{1j} + a_{2j}C_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj}C_{nj}$$



If  $A_{ij}$  is the matrix that is formed by deleting row  $i$  and column  $j$  from  $A$ , then the cofactor is

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

$$\text{signs} = \begin{vmatrix} + & - & + & - \\ - & + & - & + \\ + & - & + & - \\ - & + & - & + \end{vmatrix} \quad A = \begin{vmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & a_{ij} & * \\ * & * & * \end{vmatrix}$$

**Example 11.1.**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 7 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} R_3 - 2R_1 \\ R_4 + R_1 \end{matrix}$$

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

Another ex)

$$\begin{vmatrix} + & - & + & - \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 7 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= +0 - 0 + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 7 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 0 = 3 \left( 0 - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \right) = -33$$

**Conclusions:** Our default method for calculating determinants is forward elimination. With every row exchange, the determinant changes sign. Only in two cases we use a different method:

- If the matrix is  $2 \times 2$ , then we use the formula:  $ad - bc$ .
- If the matrix is  $3 \times 3$ , or if it is larger but it has many rows and/or columns with many zeros, the cofactor expansion may be faster than elimination.

## 12 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

We already know one powerful set of numbers associated with a (rectangular) matrix:

- pivots

In this chapter, we will introduce another set of numbers for a (square) matrix, which is even more relevant for a huge range of applications in mathematics, physics, computer science, engineering and economics:

- eigenvalues

**Definition 19.** (Eigenvalues and eigen vectors) Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . A nonzero vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  is said to be an eigenvector of  $A$  if:

$$Av = \lambda v \quad (Av \text{ is parallel to } v)$$

for some eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Example 12.1.** Check that  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector for matrix  $A$ ?

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

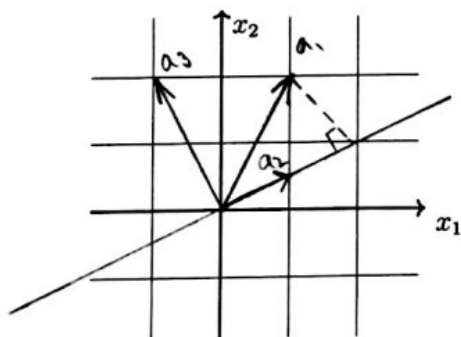
$$A \cdot v = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -2v$$

$$Av = -2v \Rightarrow \lambda = -2, v \text{ is an eigenvector}$$

**Example 12.2.** (Illustration of eigenvalues and eigenvectors) (a) projection onto a line

Not eigenvectors:

$a_1$

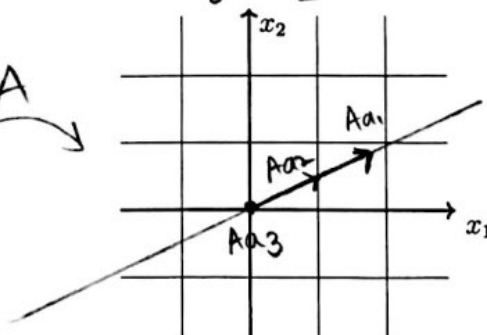


eigenvectors:

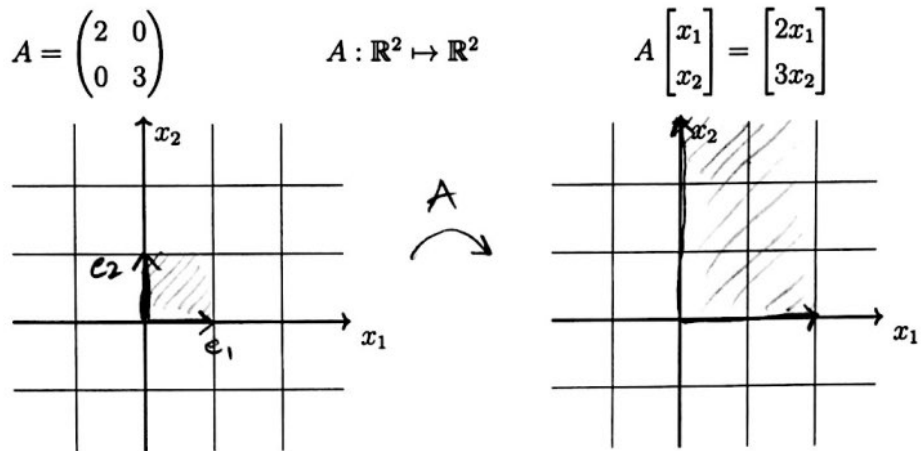
$$a_2: \lambda_2 = 1$$

$$a_3: \lambda_2 = 0$$

$A$



**Remark:** Why do we need Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors? Remember about the linear transformations corresponding to contraction/dilation (Example 5.4)? Those are simple linear transformations which are represented by a diagonal matrix and can be easily understood by their geometrical representations:

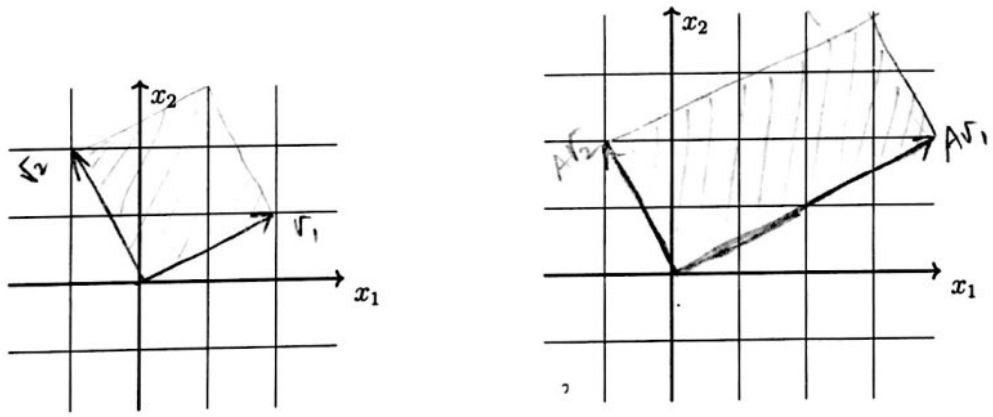


Now if we have a non-diagonal matrix  $A$ , eigenvectors and eigenvalues help us to better understand the "action" of  $A$  on the input vectors:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad A : \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2$$

Eigenvalues:  $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 1$

Eigenvectors:  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$



How can we find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors? Let's first start with the eigenvalues:

**Example 12.3.** Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Ax &= \lambda x \\ Ax &= \lambda Ix \\ Ax - \lambda Ix &= 0 \\ (A - \lambda I)x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 2 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \\ (A - \lambda I)x &= 0 \\ Bx &= 0 \\ \det(B) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

characteristic polynomial

characteristic equation

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \begin{vmatrix} 9-\lambda & 2 \\ 5 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \\ &= (9-\lambda)(6-\lambda) - (2)(5) = 0 \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 13.** A scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is an eigenvalue of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , if and only if:

$$\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2 \quad \lambda_2 = 1$$

**Example 12.4.** Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \left( \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} - \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= -0 \begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & 3 \\ 3 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 2-\lambda \begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & 3 \\ 3 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= (2-\lambda)((5-\lambda)^2 - 9) = 0 \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 4(1)(16)}}{2} = \frac{10 \pm 6}{2}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2 \quad \lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 25 - 9$$

$$\lambda_2 = 8 \\ \lambda_3 = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \lambda = 2 \text{ Alg. multiplicity} = 2 \\ \lambda = 8 \text{ Alg. multiplicity} = 1 \end{array}$$

**Remark:** The degree of the characteristic polynomial (i.e.  $\det(A - \lambda I_n)$ ) is equal to the size of  $A$ . Thus, the characteristic polynomial has at most  $n$  roots.

Sometimes it might have less than  $n$  roots and sometimes it might have no roots.

Prev ex) degree: 3, 2 roots

$P_A(\lambda) = \lambda^2 + 1$  degree 2, no roots

Some practical tips to find the roots of the characteristic polynomial:

1. If the degree is 2, use the quadratic formula:

$$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0$$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

2. If there is no constant, factor out as many  $\lambda$ s as possible:

ex)  $\lambda^3 - 4\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda(\lambda^2 - 4) \Rightarrow \lambda = 0, \lambda = -2, \lambda = 2$

3. As in the example 12.4, one root might be explicitly visible:

4. Try if  $\lambda = 1, \lambda = 2, \dots$  is a root. Then we can factor out  $(\lambda - p)$ ,  $p$  being the guessed root:  $p(\lambda) = (\lambda - p)(\dots)$

5. If  $A$  is upper triangular, then the eigenvalues are the entries in the diagonal positions:

$$\det(A - I_n \lambda) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & & \\ 0 & a_{22} - \lambda & \\ & & \ddots \\ 0 & & & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (a_{11} - \lambda)(a_{22} - \lambda) \dots (a_{nn} - \lambda) = 0$$

$\lambda_1 = a_{11}, \lambda_2 = a_{22}, \dots, \lambda_n = a_{nn}$

**Attention:** You are not allowed to do row reduction on  $A$  before computing the eigenvalues. Row reduction usually changes the eigenvalues of a matrix.

**Definition 20.** Algebraic multiplicity is the property of an eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , and it denotes the multiplicity of  $\lambda_i$  in the characteristic polynomial.

**Example 12.5.** Find the eigenvalues and their corresponding algebraic multiplicity for the following characteristic polynomial:

$$\lambda^4(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3) = 0$$

$\lambda = 0$  Algebraic mult: 4  
 $\lambda = 2$  Algebraic mult: 1  
 $\lambda = 3$  Algebraic mult: 1

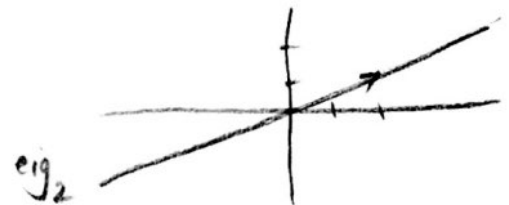
Now let's turn our attention to the eigenvectors:

**Example 12.6.** For the following matrix  $A$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 2$  is an eigenvalue. Find all of the eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 2$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)x = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0/5 - 2 & 2/5 \\ 2/5 & 0/5 - 2 \end{pmatrix} x = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1/5 & 2/5 \\ 2/5 & -4/5 \end{pmatrix} x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1/5 & 2/5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} -1/5 x_1 = -2/5 x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = 2x_2 \\ x_2 \text{ free var} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



**Definition 21.** The span of all eigenvectors with the same eigenvalues  $\lambda$  is called the eigenspace of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda$ , denoted by  $\text{eig}_\lambda$ . In other words,  $\text{eig}_\lambda$  is equal to the set of all solutions to  $Ax = \lambda x$  (including 0)

**Theorem 14.** (Eigenspace and Nullspaces) If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , then

$$\text{eig}_\lambda A = \text{nul}(A - \lambda I_n)$$

### Conclusions:

- If a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is applied to any vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then the vector  $Ax$  usually has a different length than  $x$  and points in a different direction than  $x$ .
- If we can find a special vector  $x$  that does not change direction when we apply  $A$  to it, then this vector  $x$  is an eigenvector. The eigenvalue is the scaling factor  $\lambda$  that turns  $x$  into  $Ax = \lambda x$
- If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$ , then the matrix  $A - \lambda I_n$  must be singular. Therefore:
  - its determinant is zero:  $\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$
  - its nullspace  $\text{nul}(A - \lambda I_n) = \text{eig}_\lambda A$  is larger than just  $\{0\}$



**Conclusions (continued):**

- Finding all eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors (eigenspaces) for the matrix  $A$  is a two-step procedure:

- Find all eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N$  by computing the roots of the characteristic polynomial:

$$\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0 \quad \text{at most } n \text{ real } \lambda\text{s}$$

- For each eigenvalue  $\lambda_i, i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ , find a basis  $E_i$  for the corresponding  $\text{eig}_{\lambda_i} A$ :

$$E_i = (v_i^1, v_i^2, \dots, v_i^g) \quad \text{at least one eigenvector}$$

by computing all the "special solutions" of:

$$(A - \lambda I_n)v_i = 0$$

- If  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $A$  is invertible if and only if the number 0 is **not** an eigenvalue. (Why?)

**Example 12.7.** Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of

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

- 1st step: Eigenvalues

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 2$$

$$\lambda = -1$$

$$\text{alg. mult}(\lambda_{1,2}) = 2$$

- 2nd step: Eigenvectors

$$\text{for } \lambda_{1,2} = 2 \quad (A - 2I)x = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1+R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1/3, R_2/(-3)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = n_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad n_1 \in \mathbb{R} \quad E_2 = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- for  $\lambda_3 = -1$   $(A+I)x = 0$

geometric  
multiplicity  
= 1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1/3, R_2/3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -x_3 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 \text{ free} \end{array}$$

$$x = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad x_3 \in \mathbb{R} \quad v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad E_2 = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

**Definition 22.** (Geometric multiplicity of an Eigenvalue) Let  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$  be an eigenvalue of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , the geometric multiplicity  $g_i$  of  $\lambda_i$  is the dimension of its Eigenspace  $\text{eig}_{\lambda_i} A$

**Theorem 15.** ( $1 \leq \text{Geometric Multiplicity} \leq \text{Algebraic Multiplicity}$ ) the geometric multiplicity  $g_i$  of the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  is at least 1 and at most equal to the algebraic multiplicity  $a_i$ :

$$1 \leq g_i \leq a_i$$

**Example 12.8.** Find the eigenvalues and eigenspaces, and specify the algebraic and geometric multiplicity of the following matrices. In addition, specify if the collection of eigenbases form an eigenvector basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

(a)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda)((5-\lambda)^2 - 9) = 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda = 2 \\ 5-\lambda = \pm 3 \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda = 2 \quad a_1 = 2 \\ \lambda = 8 \quad a_2 = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$\lambda = 2: (A - 2I)x = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -x_3 \\ x_2, x_3 \text{ free} \end{array}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v_1 \quad E_2 = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

geometric multiplicity = 2  
algebraic " = 2

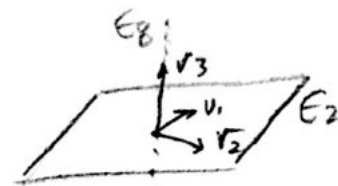
$$\lambda = 4: (A - 4I)x = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -6 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -6 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 = \lambda_3 \\ \lambda_2 = 2/3 \\ \lambda_3 \text{ free} \end{array}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v_3$$

$$E_4 = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

algebraic mult = 1  
geometric mult = 1



reminder:  $Av_1 = 2v_1$   
 $Av_2 = 2\sqrt{2}v_2$   
 $Av_3 = 8\sqrt{3}v_3$

(b)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\det(A - I\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow (1 - \lambda)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \text{ mult: } 2$$

$$\lambda = 1 \quad A - I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 \text{ free} \end{array}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v_1 \quad x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$$

geometric mult. = 1  
algebraic mult. = 2

$$E_1 = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$



**Theorem 16.** (Linearly independent eigenvectors) If  $v_1, \dots, v_r \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r \in \mathbb{R}$ , then these eigenvectors are linearly independent. (Proof on page 150 in textbook)

**Theorem 17.** (Eigenvectors that span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) The following statements are equivalent:

- The characteristic polynomial of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  can be decomposed into a product of linear factors:

$$\det(A - \lambda I_n) = (\lambda_1 - \lambda)^{a_1} (\lambda_2 - \lambda)^{a_2} \cdots (\lambda_r - \lambda)^{a_r}$$

and all  $r$  distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r \in \mathbb{R}$  have

$$a_i = g_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, r)$$

algebraic multiplicity = geometric multiplicity

- The  $n$  eigenvectors  $v_1^1, \dots, v_1^{g_1}, v_2^1, \dots, v_2^{g_2}, \dots, v_r^1, \dots, v_r^{g_r}$  span the full space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- These eigenvectors form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , a so-called eigenvector basis.

## 12.1 Diagonalization

Diagonal matrices are very easy to deal with: The inverse of a diagonal matrix is simply:

$$\begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & & \\ & d_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & d_n \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/d_1 & & & \\ & 1/d_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1/d_n \end{pmatrix}$$

(Other) powers of diagonal matrices are also straightforward to evaluate:

$$\begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & & \\ & d_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & d_n \end{pmatrix}^k = \begin{pmatrix} d_1^k & & & \\ & d_2^k & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & d_n^k \end{pmatrix}$$

We will now use eigenvalues and eigenvectors to transform a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  to a diagonal matrix  $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , if possible, which will allow for very simple calculations.

**Definition 23.** (Similar matrices): Two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be similar, if there exists an invertible matrix  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that:

$$A = PBP^{-1}$$

**Theorem 18.** If  $A$  and  $B$  are similar, then  $A$  and  $B$  have the same characteristic polynomial and hence the same eigenvalues. p. 157 (proof)

**Definition 24.** A matrix is said to be diagonalisable, if it is similar to a diagonal matrix: there exist an invertible matrix  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and a diagonal matrix  $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that:

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$

$$\textcircled{*} \begin{pmatrix} 2(-1)^k - (\frac{1}{2})^k & 2(-1)^k - (\frac{1}{2})^{k-1} \\ (-1)^k + (\frac{1}{2})^k & (-1)^{k+1} + (\frac{1}{2})^{k-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Example 12.9.** (Power of a matrix) We define:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = PDP^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} & -3 \\ \frac{3}{2} & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Derive a formula for  $A^k$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  is any positive integer.

1st way  $A^k = \underbrace{A \dots A}_{k \text{ times}} = \text{multiply } A \text{ } k \text{ times with itself}$

2nd way:  $A^k = \underbrace{PDP^{-1}PDP^{-1} \dots PDP^{-1}}_{k \text{ times}} = PD^kP^{-1}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1/2 \\ -1 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^k & 0 \\ 0 & (\frac{1}{2})^k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \textcircled{*}$$

**Theorem 19.** (Continuation of Theorem 17) The following statements are equivalent:

- The characteristic polynomial of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  can be decomposed into a product of linear factors:

$$\det(A - \lambda I_n) = (\lambda_1 - \lambda)^{a_1} (\lambda_2 - \lambda)^{a_2} \dots (\lambda_r - \lambda)^{a_r}$$

there are  $n$  real eigenvalues (not necessarily distinct)

and all  $r$  distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r \in \mathbb{R}$  have

$$a_i = g_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, r)$$

algebraic multiplicity = geometric multiplicity

there are  $n$  eigenvectors

- The matrix  $A$  is diagonalisable.

In this case we have  $A = PDP^{-1}$  with

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_r \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (g_1) & & (g_r) \\ v_1 & \dots & v_r \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \lambda_1 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_r & \\ & & & & \lambda_r \end{pmatrix}$$

*(Annotations:  $\lambda_1$  repeated  $g_1$  times,  $\lambda_r$  repeated  $g_r$  times)*

**Example 12.10.** (Denationalization) Determine whether or not the matrices are diagonalisable?

First find  $\lambda_i$  and  $v_i$ !

(a)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

(b)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

is fully factorized

(a) From Thm. 19:

- The characteristic polynomial  $\det(A - I\lambda) = -\lambda(1-\lambda)$
- The eigenvalues of  $A$  both have  $a_i = g_i \quad i \in \{1, 2\}$

Therefore:

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & v_2 \\ -1/2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the materials in a separate page.

**Conclusions:** Diagonalisation allows us to extend the very simple calculations with diagonal matrices to diagonalisable matrices:

- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is diagonalisable if and only if it has  $n$  real eigenvalues (not necessarily distinct) and  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors, i.e. an eigenvector basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- In the similarity transformation  $A = PDP^{-1}$ ,  $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a matrix with the eigenvalues of  $A$  on the diagonal,  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has the corresponding eigenvectors as columns.
- Powers of a diagonalisable matrix  $A$  can easily be calculated as  $A^k = PD^kP^{-1}$ .



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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4/5 & 2/5 \\ 2/5 & 1/5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I_2) = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4/5 - \lambda & 2/5 \\ 2/5 & 1/5 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 4/5)(\lambda - 1/5) - \frac{4}{25} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - \lambda + \frac{4}{25} - \frac{4}{25} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 0 \\ \lambda_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$\lambda_1 = 0$   $(A - 0I_2)x = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4/5 & 2/5 \\ 2/5 & 1/5 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 4/5 & 2/5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -1/2 x_2 \\ x_2 = \text{free} \end{array}$$

$$x = x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \quad g_1 = 1 \quad a_1 = 1$$

$\lambda_1 = 1$   $(A - I_2)x = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1/5 & 2/5 \\ 2/5 & -4/5 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} -1/5 & 2/5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 2x_2 \\ x_2 = \text{free} \end{array}$$

$$x = x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \quad g_1 = 1 \quad a_1 = 1$$



$$A = PDP^{-1} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad P^{-1} = \frac{-2}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^k = PD^kP^{-1} = \frac{-2}{5} \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1^k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$b) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2-\lambda & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1-\lambda & 0 \end{array} \right| = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) = 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 = 2 \quad \alpha_1 = 2 \\ \lambda_2 = -1 \quad \alpha_2 = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2 \quad (A - 2I_3)x = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = 0 \\ x_1 \text{ free} \end{array}$$

$$x = x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad x_1 \in \mathbb{R} \quad g_1 = 1 \quad \alpha_1 = 2$$

$\alpha_1 \neq g_1 \Rightarrow A$  is not diagonalizable.

**Example 12.11.** (Predator-prey system) A dynamical system is defined by the following equations: (please refer to the dynamical systems lecture notes, page 27, for a complete description of the problem)

$$g_{n+1} = 0.38g_n + 0.24y_n$$

$$y_{n+1} = -0.36g_n + 1.22y_n$$

Or in matrix form:

$$f_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.38 & 0.24 \\ -0.36 & 1.22 \end{pmatrix} f_n, \quad f_0 = \begin{bmatrix} g_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the general formula for  $f_{n+1}$  in terms of  $f_0$ , with the method of diagonalization:

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$$f_{n+1} = A f_n \Rightarrow f_n = A^n f_0$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.38 & 0.24 \\ -0.36 & 1.22 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1.1$$

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 0.5$$

$$v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = P D P^{-1}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^{-1} = \frac{1}{-5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_n = A^n f_0$$

$$f_n = P D^n P^{-1} f_0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (1.1)^n & 0 \\ 0 & (0.5)^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} -(1.1)^n + 6(0.5)^n & 2(1.1)^n - 2(0.5)^n \\ -3(1.1)^n + 3(0.5)^n & 6(1.1)^n - (0.5)^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_n = \lambda_1^n c_1 v_1 + \lambda_2^n c_2 v_2 = (1.1)^n c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + (0.5)^n c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_0 = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



**Summery and conclusions of Discrete Dynamical Systems:** The linear discrete dynamical system is described by the formula  $x_{n+1} = Ax_n$  with an initial condition  $x_0$  and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$ . With the help of eigenvalues/spaces/vectors, we can achieve the following two goals:

- (a) Find an explicit formula for  $x_{n+1}$  in terms of  $n$  and  $x_0$ . Depending on the problem,  $x_0$  might be given as a vector of numbers or simply given in parametric form. Remind that the explicit formula should not include  $x_n$  (that is why it is called explicit after all).
- (b) Find the general behavior of the discrete dynamical system in long-run, based on different values of  $x_0$ .

In doing so the following steps should be taken:

**Step 1:** Find all the eigenvalues and eigenspaces of  $A$ .

**Step 2:** Check for each eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , if the geometric multiplicity and algebraic multiplicity are equal ( $a_i = g_i$ ). If this condition does not hold at least for one eigenvalue, the method breaks down. It means that we cannot find an explicit formula for  $f_{n+1}$ , for any initial condition  $x_0$ . If this condition holds for all eigenvalues, we can find the eigenvector basis which spans the full space, i.e. a set which contains all bases corresponding to all eigenspaces  $P = (v_1, \dots, v_k)$  (refer to the Theorem 17 to recall about the eigenvector basis)

**Step 3:** Now we need to decide which method we prefer to choose in order to find the general solution:

- (a) *Method of undetermined coefficients:* If the initial condition is not given in terms of numbers, there is not much left to do. The explicit solution can be written in the following form (to see why, refer to page 30 in the discrete dynamical system lecture note):

$$x_n = c_1 \lambda_1^n v_1 + \dots + c_k \lambda_k^n v_k \quad (26)$$

In the above equation, only  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  are unknown (recall that  $n$  is only the time variable, and the general solution will always depend on it). They will remain unknown if we do not know about the initial condition. If  $x_0$  is given, then it can be expressed as a linear combination of the eigenvector basis (Why?):

$$x_0 = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k$$

The above vector equation is simply a linear system with  $k$  unknown variables  $c_1, \dots, c_k$ . After finding those unknown variables, the general solution 26 is explicitly expressed in terms of  $n$ .

(b) *Method of diagonalization* In this method, we first diagonalize the matrix  $A$  (refer to the Theorem 19 ). Since we already know the eigenvector basis, we can write:

$$A = PDP^{-1},$$

Next, the general solution can be directly expressed as:

$$x_{n+1} = PD^n P^{-1} x_0$$

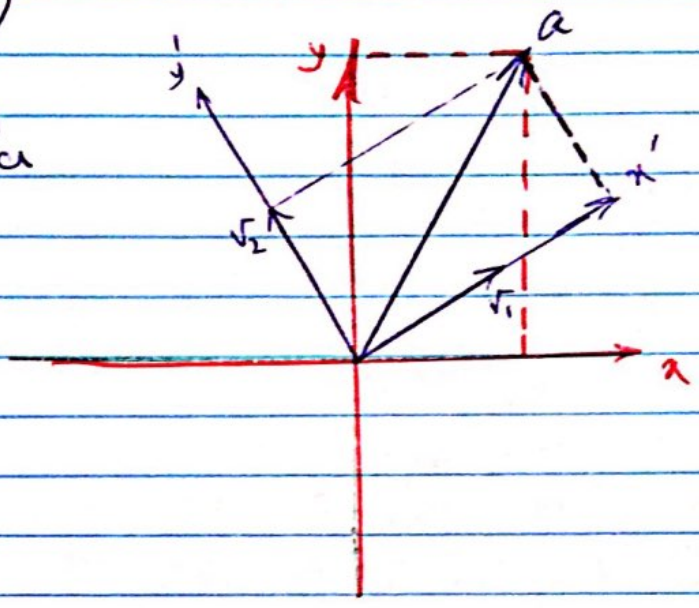
. In the above vector equation, the only unknown variable is  $n$ , which is the time variable).

**Step 4:** Describing the general behavior of the system in long run: First, we need to plot the phase diagram (a diagram whose axes are each component of our input vector) with all eigenspaces. We want to know if we start from any initial vector, what will be the behavior of the system in the future. Starting from an initial vector on the eigenspace,  $x_n$  either gets attracted by the origin (if  $|\lambda| < 1$ ), or it gets repelled by the origin (if  $|\lambda| > 1$ ). If the initial vector is not on the eigenspace, we look at the explicit general formula that we found on the previous step in order to predict the behavior of the system. In short, any arbitrary initial vector gets attracted by the eigenspaces with  $|\lambda| > 1$  and get repelled by the eigenspaces with  $|\lambda| < 1$ , and are neutral with respect to eigenspaces with  $|\lambda| = 1$ .

①

$$B = \left( \left( \begin{matrix} | \\ v_1 \\ | \end{matrix} \right), \left( \begin{matrix} | \\ v_2 \\ | \end{matrix} \right) \right) \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} | & | \\ v_1 & v_2 \\ | & | \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a = P[a]_B \quad [a]_B = P^{-1}a$$

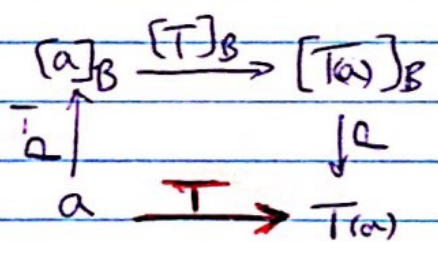


- How to find  $[T]_B$ ?

$$\begin{pmatrix} | & | \\ [T(v_1)]_B & [T(v_2)]_B \\ | & | \end{pmatrix}$$

- How to relate  $[T]_B$  to  $T$ ?

$$T = P [T]_B P^{-1}$$



(2D) example: Find the standard matrix of the orthogonal projection onto the line  $x - 3y = 0$

$$T(a) = Ta = \underbrace{P [T]_B P^{-1}}_{\text{matrix}} a$$

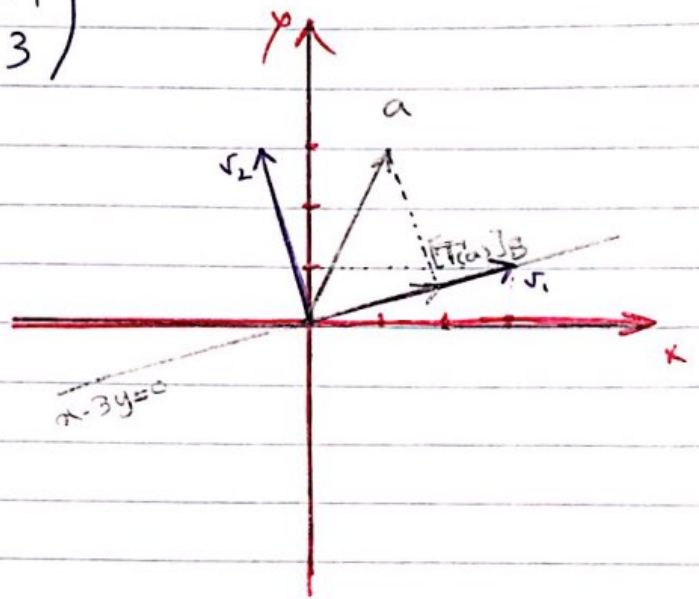


②  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$   $v_2$  is  $\perp$  to the line  
 $v_1$  is  $\parallel$  to the line

$$B = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[T(v_1)]_B = [v_1]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_B$$

$$[T(v_2)]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_B$$



$$[T]_B = \begin{pmatrix} [T(v_1)]_B & [T(v_2)]_B \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T = P [T]_B P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{it's symmetric!}$$



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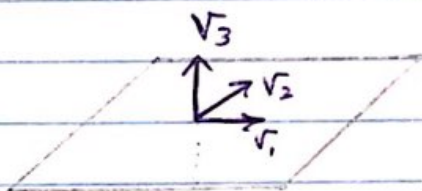
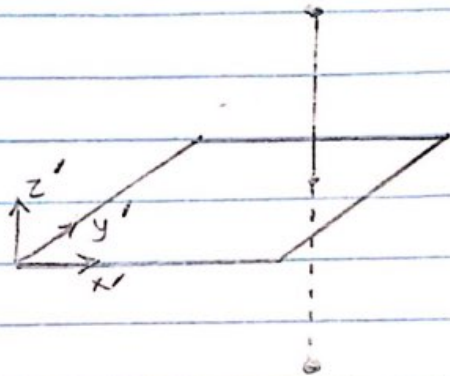
(3D example) Find the standard matrix of the reflection across the plane  $x+y+2z=0$

orthogonal vector:  $v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$v_1, v_2$  are a basis for the plane:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -y-2z \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = y \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + z \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$



$$[T(v_1)]_B = [v_1]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad [T(v_2)]_B = [v_2]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{on the plane})$$

$$[T(v_3)]_B = -[v_3]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[T]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

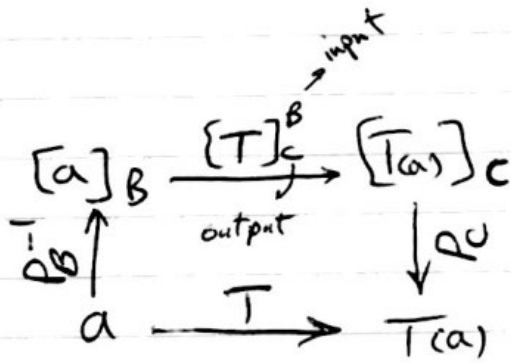
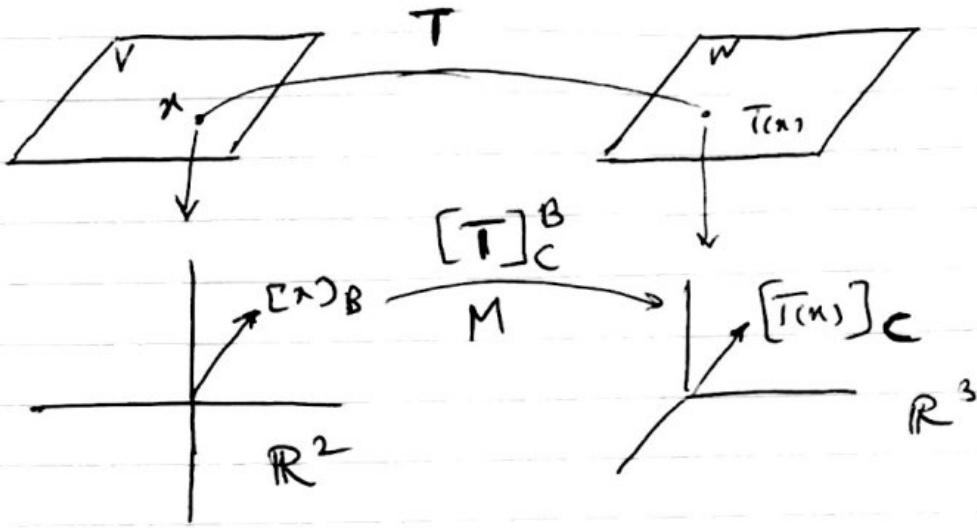
$$T = P[T]_B P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{it's symmetric!}$$

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$$[T]_C^B$$

What if the transformation itself changes the basis?



$$T = P_C [T]_C^B P_B^{-1}$$

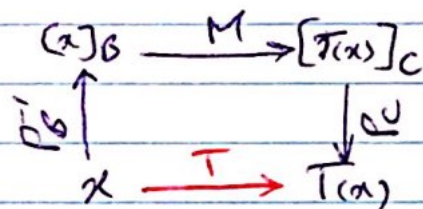
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example) Suppose  $B = \{b_1, b_2\}$  is a basis for  $V$  and  $C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3\}$  is a basis for  $W$ . Let  $V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation with the property:

$$T(b_1) = 3c_1 - 2c_2 + 5c_3 \quad \text{and} \quad T(b_2) = 4c_1 + 7c_2 - c_3$$

Find the matrix  $M$  relative to  $B$  and  $C$ ?

Solut:  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n=2}$   $W \in \mathbb{R}^{m=3}$



same logic: what is the action of  $[T]_C^B$  on  $[b_1]_B$  and  $[b_2]_B$ ?

$$[T]_C^B [b_1]_B = [T(b_1)]_C \Rightarrow [T]_C^B \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = [T(b_1)]_C : \text{1st col. of } M$$

$$[T]_C^B [b_2]_B = [T(b_2)]_C \Rightarrow [T]_C^B \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = [T(b_2)]_C : \text{2nd col. of } M$$

$$M = [T]_C^B = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ [T(b_1)]_C & [T(b_2)]_C \\ | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 7 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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for the previous example, if we have:

$$B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

the standard matrix  $T$  is given by:

$$T = P_C [T]_C^B P_B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 7 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

example) Suppose that  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is a linear transformation

such that  $T(e_1 - 2e_2) = 3e_1 - e_3$   $T(-e_1 + e_2) = -2e_2$

Find the matrix  $T$ .

Solut:

Let's consider bases:

$$B = \{b_1, b_2\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{for } \mathbb{R}^2$$

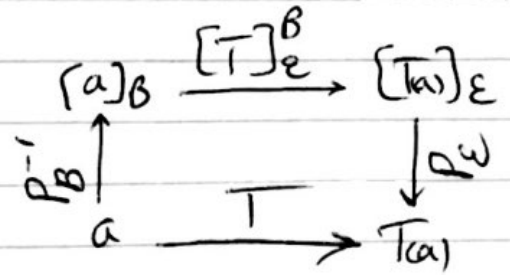
$$E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{for } \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\text{The question says: } [T(b_1)]_E = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad [T(b_2)]_E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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So we have:

$$[T]_{\mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$T = P_{\mathcal{E}} [T]_{\mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{B}} P_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1} \quad P_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad P_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

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

- Note that  $T$  &  $[T]_{\mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{B}}$  are similar matrices!

- In diagonalization; we find a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  with respect to which  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}}$  is a diagonal matrix

$$T = P [T]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}} P^{-1}$$

$= P D P^{-1}$ ,  $P$  matrix with eigenvectors as columns!

### 13 Orthogonality and Least Squares

Vectors allow us to use analytical tools to solve geometric problems and to extend the notions of length and angles to very general vector spaces. All the necessary information is contained in the

dot product or scalar product or inner product

**Definition 25.** (Dot product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) The dot product of two vectors  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined by

$$x \cdot y = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Theorem 20.** (Properties of the dot product) The dot product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is

(a) positive definite:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x \cdot x \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x \cdot x = 0 \iff x = 0$$

if and only if

(b) symmetric:

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n : x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$

(c) linear in each argument:

$$\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R} : (\lambda x + \mu y) \cdot z = \lambda x \cdot z + \mu y \cdot z$$

**Definition 26.** (Euclidean Norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) The (Euclidean norm), 2-norm or length of a vector is defined by:

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{x \cdot x} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$$

**Theorem 21.** (Properties of the Euclidean Norm) The Euclidean norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is

(a) positive definite

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\| \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \|x\| = 0 \iff x = 0$$

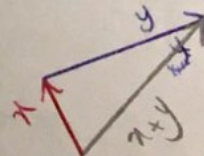
(b) absolutely homogeneous

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} : \|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$$

(c) subadditive

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \quad \text{triangle inequality}$$

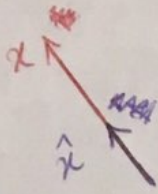
length of the direct path  $\leq$  length of the vectors.



A vector is called a unit vector if  $\|x\| = 1$ .



**Example 13.1.** (Normalization) We define  $x = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\hat{x} = x / \|x\|$

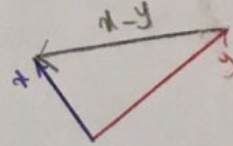


$$\|x\| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 4^2} = 5$$

$$\|\hat{x}\| = 1$$

**Example 13.2.** (Distance between Two Vectors) Find the distance between  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

and  $y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .



(destination minus start)

$$\|x-y\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{0^2 + (-2)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{13}$$

**Theorem 22.** For two vectors  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , that span the angle  $\theta$ :

$$x \cdot y = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta$$

**Theorem 23.** (Angle between two vectors) Find the angle between  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x \cdot y}{\|x\| \|y\|} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{3}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{42}} \Rightarrow \theta = \arccos \frac{2}{\sqrt{42}} \approx 72^\circ$$

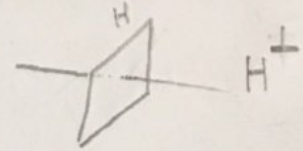
**Definition 27.** (Orthogonality) Two vectors  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are said to be orthogonal if

$$x \cdot y = 0$$



**Definition 28.** (Orthogonal Complement) Let  $H$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The set of all vectors that are orthogonal to all vectors in  $H$ :

$$H^\perp = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \forall y \in H, x \cdot y = 0\}$$



is called the orthogonal complement of  $H$ .

**Example 13.3.** (Orthogonal complement of a plane)

• in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ : Let  $H = \text{span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \mathbb{R}^2$

$$x \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 + 2x_2 = 0$$

$$x \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow 3x_1 + 2x_2 = 0$$

$$Ax = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$$

$$H^\perp = \{0\}$$

• in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ : Let  $H = \text{span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$

$$x \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad 3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_3 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ 3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow x = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H^\perp = \text{span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \text{line in } \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ through the origin}$$

**Theorem 24.** (Properties of Orthogonal Complement)

(a) The orthogonal complement  $H^\perp$  of any subspace is a subspace as well.

(b) If  $H \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace, then

$$(H^\perp)^\perp = H$$

(c) Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ :

$$(\text{Row } A)^\perp = \text{Nul } A$$

$$(\text{Col } A)^\perp = \text{Nul } (A^T)$$

### 13.1 What is the significance of Orthogonal and Orthonormal bases?

In this section, we're revisiting the problems of finding the coordinates of a vector  $x \in H$  in terms of a given basis  $B = (u_1, \dots, u_r)$  of the space  $H \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ : find weights ( $B$ -coordinates)  $c_1, \dots, c_r \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$x = c_1 u_1 + \dots + c_r u_r$$

the solution is given by the solution of the linear system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ u_1 & \dots & u_r \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_r \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} | \\ x \\ | \end{pmatrix}$$

For orthogonal and orthonormal bases, the solution is a lot shorter.

**Definition 29.** (Orthogonal and orthonormal sets and bases) A set  $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  or a basis  $(u_1, \dots, u_r) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  of a subspace  $H$  is said to be

- orthogonal, if

$$u_i \cdot u_j = 0 \quad i \neq j$$

- orthonormal, if

$$u_i \cdot u_j = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases}$$

$\rightarrow u_i \cdot u_i = \|u_i\|^2$

**Theorem 25.** (Nonzero orthogonal sets are linearly independent) if  $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  is an orthogonal set, then the vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_r$  must be linearly independent.

*Proof.*

$$c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_r u_r = 0$$

$$\cdot u_1 : c_1 \underbrace{(u_1 \cdot u_1)}_{\neq 0} + c_2 \underbrace{(u_2 \cdot u_1)}_{=0} + \dots + c_r \underbrace{(u_r \cdot u_1)}_{=0} = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

Similarly  $c_2 = \dots = c_r = 0$



**Example 13.4.** (Orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) Show that

$$u = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -20 \\ -9 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -15 \\ 12 \\ -16 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

is an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -20 \\ -9 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} = 0 - 36 + 36 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -20 \\ -9 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -15 \\ 12 \\ -16 \end{pmatrix} = 300 - 108 - 192 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -15 \\ 12 \\ -16 \end{pmatrix} = 0 + 48 - 48 = 0$$

}  $\Rightarrow$  orthogonal

Also all of these vectors are nonzero from prev. theorem it implies they are linearly independent and hence a basis

**Example 13.5.** (Orthonormal bases for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) Examples for orthonormal bases of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are: for  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\left( \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{25} \begin{pmatrix} -20 \\ -9 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{25} \begin{pmatrix} -15 \\ 12 \\ -16 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

or  $\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$

**Theorem 26.** (Coordinates in orthogonal and orthonormal bases) If  $U = (u_1, \dots, u_r) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is an orthogonal basis of a subspace  $H$ , then any vector  $x \in H$  has a unique representation in that basis:

$$x = \underbrace{\frac{u_1 \cdot x}{u_1 \cdot u_1}}_{=c_1} u_1 + \dots + \underbrace{\frac{u_r \cdot x}{u_r \cdot u_r}}_{=c_r} u_r$$

$c_i$ : coordinate of  $x$  relative to  $u$

If  $U$  is even orthonormal, then

$$x = \underbrace{(u_1 \cdot x)}_{=c_1} u_1 + \dots + \underbrace{(u_r \cdot x)}_{=c_r} u_r$$

proof.

$$x = c_1 u_1 + \dots + c_r u_r$$

$$\cdot u_1: x \cdot u_1 = c_1 (u_1 \cdot u_1) + 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{u_1 \cdot x}{u_1 \cdot u_1}$$

and similarly for  $c_2, \dots, c_r$

**Example 13.6.** (Coordinates in an orthogonal basis) In the standard basis  $\mathcal{E} = (e_1, e_2, e_3)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , a vector is given as

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad x = c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + c_3 u_3$$

Find its coordinates in the basis  $\mathcal{U}$  from example 13.4

$$c_1 = \frac{x \cdot u_1}{u_1 \cdot u_1} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}} = \frac{7}{25} \quad c_3 = \frac{x \cdot u_3}{u_3 \cdot u_3} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -15 \\ 12 \\ -16 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} -15 \\ 12 \\ -16 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -15 \\ 12 \\ -16 \end{pmatrix}} = \frac{-19}{625}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{x \cdot u_2}{u_2 \cdot u_2} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -20 \\ -9 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} -20 \\ -9 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -20 \\ -9 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}} = \frac{-17}{625} \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} 7/25 \\ -17/625 \\ -19/625 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{7}{25} u_1 - \frac{17}{625} u_2 - \frac{19}{625} u_3$$

**Theorem 27.** (Matrix with orthonormal columns) a matrix  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  has orthonormal columns if and only if  $U^T U = I_n$ .

Proof.

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ u_1 & \dots & u_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U^T U = \begin{pmatrix} - & u_1 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & u_n & - \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ u_1 & \dots & u_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \cdot u_1 & u_1 \cdot u_2 & \dots & u_1 \cdot u_n \\ u_2 \cdot u_1 & u_2 \cdot u_2 & \dots & u_2 \cdot u_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_n \cdot u_1 & u_n \cdot u_2 & \dots & u_n \cdot u_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} = I_n$$

**Definition 30.** (Orthogonal matrix) A square matrix  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is called orthogonal if

$$U^T U = I_n \Rightarrow U^{-1} = U^T$$

**Theorem 28.** (Angle and Length-Preserving Linear Transformation) If  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  has orthonormal columns, then

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad (Ux) \cdot (Uy) = x \cdot y$$

$$\angle (Ux, Uy) = \angle (x, y)$$

↙ angle

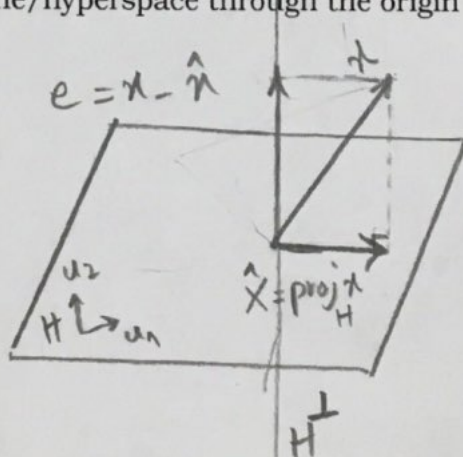
in particular:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \|Ux\| = \|x\|$$

length of  $Ux$  = length of  $x$

### 13.2 How to project a vector orthogonally onto a subspace

Given some vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , how can we find its projection onto a subspace  $H \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , e.g. onto a line/plane/hyperspace through the origin?



**Theorem 29.** (Orthogonal decomposition) Let  $H \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace.

- Each vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  can be decomposed into the sum of a vector  $\hat{x} \in H$  and a vector  $e \in H^\perp$

$$x = \hat{x} + e$$

This orthogonal decomposition is unique.

- If  $(u_1, \dots, u_r)$  is an orthogonal basis for  $H$ , then

$$\hat{x} = \left( \frac{x \cdot u_1}{u_1 \cdot u_1} \right) u_1 + \left( \frac{x \cdot u_2}{u_2 \cdot u_2} \right) u_2 + \dots + \left( \frac{x \cdot u_r}{u_r \cdot u_r} \right) u_r$$

$$e = x - \hat{x}$$

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**Theorem 30.** Let  $H \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\hat{x} \in H$  the projection of  $x$  onto  $H$ . Then  $\hat{x}$  is the closest point in  $H$  to  $x$ :

$$\forall h \in H: \quad \|x - \hat{x}\| \leq \|x - h\|$$

**Example 13.7.** (Calculating the Orthogonal Projection) Let  $H$  be the plane spanned by the two orthogonal vectors

$$u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the point  $\hat{x}$  on the plane  $H$  which is closest to the point

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 9 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

and calculate the distance of  $x$  from  $H$ .

$$\hat{x} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 9 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 9 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 10 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e = x - \hat{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 9 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 10 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\|e\| = \sqrt{5} = \text{dist}(x, H)$$

**Example 13.8.** Consider the plane  $x - y + z = 0$ .

(a) Find the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $T_1$  which represents projection of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  onto a vector orthogonal to this plane.

Solution:

In general, an orthogonal vector to any plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  written in the form  $ax + by + cz =$

dis given as:  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ . Thus, in this particular example, the orthogonal vector is:

$$u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We are asked to find a linear transformation  $T_2(x) : \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^3$  which projects any point on the subspace spanned by  $u_1$ , that is a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let's call this line the subspace  $H$ , and a basis for it is  $\mathcal{U} = \{u_1\}$ . Obviously, this is an orthogonal basis (Why?). As we learned previously about finding the standard matrix of a linear transformation, we need to find the "action" of the linear map on the columns of identity matrix. Thanks to the orthogonality of this basis, from Theorem 29 in the lecture notes (or Theorem 8 in the textbook) we have:

$$T_1(e_1) = \text{proj}_H e_1 = \frac{u_1 \cdot e_1}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T_1(e_2) = \text{proj}_H e_2 = \frac{u_1 \cdot e_2}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1 = \frac{-1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T_1(e_3) = \text{proj}_H e_3 = \frac{u_1 \cdot e_3}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_1 = [T_1(e_1) \quad T_1(e_2) \quad T_1(e_3)] = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Let  $a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find vectors  $v$  and  $w$  such that  $a = v + w$ , where  $v$  is in the plane and  $w$  is perpendicular to the plane.

**Solution:**

$$w = \text{proj}_H a = \frac{a \cdot u_1}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v = a - w = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Find the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $T_2$  which represents projection of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  onto this plane.

**Solution:**

Similar to (a), we want to find a the "action" of the linear map to the columns of



the identity matrix. As we did for vector  $a$  in part (b), we can find the projection of  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  on the plane  $x - y + z = 0$  by:

$$T_2(e_1) = e_1 - T_1(e_1)$$

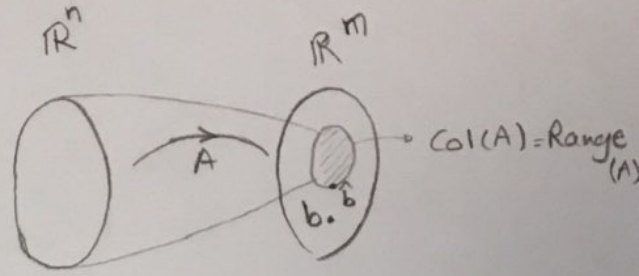
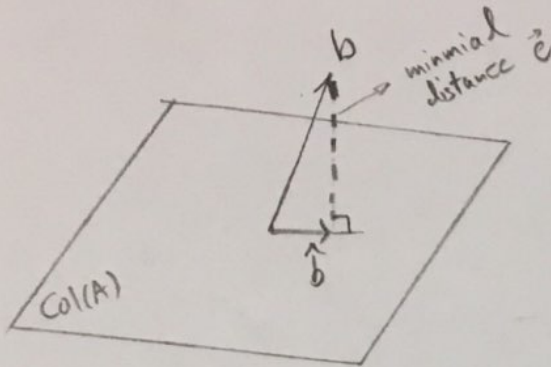
$$T_2(e_2) = e_2 - T_1(e_2)$$

$$T_2(e_3) = e_3 - T_1(e_3)$$

$$A_2 = [T_2(e_1) \quad T_2(e_2) \quad T_2(e_3)] = I_3 - A_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

### 13.3 How to find Approximate Solutions to Inconsistent Linear System?

$Ax \neq b$  inconsistent



$$A\hat{x} = \hat{b} \Rightarrow A\hat{x} \approx b$$

is not "the" solut. but best/closest. solut.

With this  $b$ , the problem  $Ax = b$  has no solution, since  $b \notin \text{col}(A)$ , i.e. it is impossible to make  $\|b - Ax\| = 0$ . Instead, we will try to make  $\|b - Ax\|$  as small as possible. To find such *approximate* solutions of  $Ax = b$ , we proceed as follows:

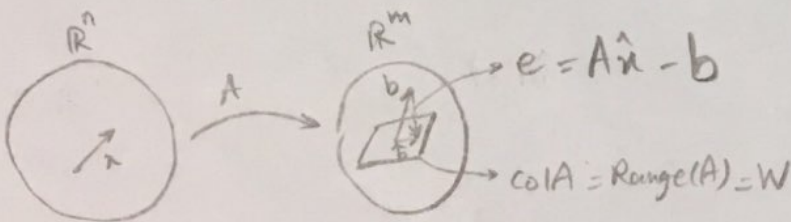
- Approximate the right hand side  $b$  with  $\hat{b} = \text{proj}_{\text{col}(A)} b$
- Solve  $Ax = \hat{b}$  instead. If the approximation error  $\|b - \hat{b}\| = \|b - Ax\|$  is small, then  $Ax \approx b$ .

**Definition 31.** (Least square solution) Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . A vector  $\hat{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is called a least-square solution of  $Ax = b$  if

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|b - A\hat{x}\| \leq \|b - Ax\|$$

How to find that approximate solution  $\hat{x}$ ?

Geometry:  $Ax = b$



$A\hat{x} = \hat{b}$  is closest to  $b$

$$\Leftrightarrow A\hat{x} = \text{Proj}_W b$$

$$e = A\hat{x} - b$$

Algebra:

$$A\hat{x} - b = e \perp W$$

$$A\hat{x} - b \in W^\perp = \text{Col}(A)^\perp = \text{Nul}(A^T)$$

$$A^T(A\hat{x} - b) = 0$$

$$\boxed{A^T A \hat{x} - A^T b = 0}$$

instead of normal equation  $Ax = b$   
Solve this eq. to get  $\hat{x}$ , least squares solution.

**Example 13.9.** Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check if the system  $Ax = b$  is consistent. If not, find the approximate solution and the error.

$$\left( A : b \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{array} \right) \text{ No solution}$$

Least square solution:

$$A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^T b = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 8 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^T A x = A^T b$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \hat{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 8 & 4 & 8 \\ 4 & 5 & 8 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 5 & 8 \\ 0 & -6 & -8 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_1 + \frac{5}{6} R_2 \sim \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 0 & 4\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 4/3 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4/3 \end{array} \right) \quad \hat{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 \\ 4/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

How close is it?  $A \cdot \hat{x} \approx b$ ?

$$\hat{b} = A \cdot \hat{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 \\ 4/3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ 4/3 \\ 10/3 \end{pmatrix} \approx b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e = \hat{b} - b = \begin{pmatrix} -1/3 \\ -2/3 \\ +1/3 \end{pmatrix}$$



**Example 13.11.** (Calculating the Orthogonal Projection) Let  $H$  be the plane spanned by the two (non-orthogonal) vectors:

$$a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

. Find the point  $\hat{b}$  on the plane  $H$  which is closest to the point

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and calculate the distance of  $b$  from  $H$ .

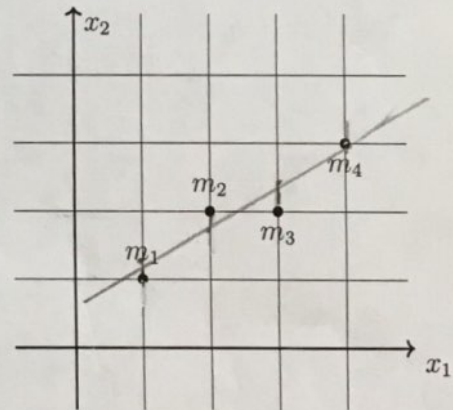
From prev. example

$$\hat{b} = A\hat{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e = b - \hat{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \|e\| = \sqrt{24} = 2\sqrt{6} = \text{dist}(b, H)$$

**Example 13.12.** (Least-square fitting) An experimental study has produced the following data:

$$\begin{matrix} m_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & m_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ m_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} & m_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$



Find the best linear fit with the least square error to these data.

$$y = ax + b$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 30 & 10 \\ 10 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 23 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 30 & 10 & 23 \\ 10 & 4 & 8 \end{array} \right] \sim \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0.6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0.5 \end{array} \right)_{74}$$

$$y = 0.6x + 0.5$$

$$\|e\| = \|r\| = \|\hat{b} - b\| \rightarrow \text{residual vector}$$

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 1.1 \\ 2 - 1.7 \\ 2 - 2.3 \\ 3 - 2.9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.1 \\ 0.3 \\ -0.3 \\ 0.1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|e\| = \sqrt{(-0.1)^2 + (0.3)^2 + (-0.3)^2 + (0.1)^2} = \sqrt{0.2}$$