

Outline of MA265

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This is an outline of MA265 Linear Algebra. All the definitions can be found in the textbook and are omitted here for brevity.

1 Chapter 1

1.1 Systems of linear equations

- **Def:** linear equation

Ex: Are they linear equations?

$$\sqrt{3}x_1 + x_2 = 1, \quad \sqrt{x_1} + x_2 = 2, \quad x_1x_2 + x_3 = 1$$

- **Def:** linear system

Ex: Construct a linear system according to the following problem: An unknown amount of chickens and rabbits were locked in a cage. The total amount of them is 6, and there are 16 feet in total. What is the amount of chickens and rabbits, respectively? (Hint: assume that there are x_1 chickens and x_2 rabbits.)

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 6 \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 = 16 \end{cases} \xleftrightarrow{\text{Collect all coefficients}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (augmented matrix)} \quad (1)$$

To get the solution

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = * \\ x_2 = ** \end{cases} \xleftrightarrow{\text{corresponding matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 1 & ** \end{bmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

we only need to transform the matrix in (1) into the form in (2).

♣ Elementary row operations

1. Interchange two rows.
2. Multiply a row by a scalar.
3. Replace a row by the sum of itself and a multiple of another row.

Ex:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{cases} x_1 = 4 \\ x_2 = 2 \end{cases} \text{ One solution}$$

Ex:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 2 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{cases} x_1 = 6 - x_2 \\ x_2 \text{ is free} \end{cases} \quad \text{Infinitely many solutions}$$

Ex:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 6 \\ 0 = 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{No solution}$$

- **Def:** solution/solution set

1. only one solution 2. infinitely many solutions 3. no solution

- **Def:** row equivalent

Properties: systems are equivalent \iff corresponding matrices are row equivalent
 \iff they have the same solution set

1.2 Row reduction and echelon forms

- **Def:** Nonzero row/column

Def: leading entry

- **Def:** echelon form (3 conditions)/reduced echelon form (5 conditions)

Ex: Find echelon forms and the reduced echelon form of the original matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Thm:** Each matrix may be row equivalent to more than one matrix in echelon form, but is row equivalent to only one matrix in reduced echelon form.

- **Def:** pivot position/pivot column

- ♣ **Thm:** A linear system is consistent if and only if its rightmost column is not a pivot column.

Ex: Recall examples in Lesson 1.1:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & \textcircled{4} & 16 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{the rightmost column is NOT a pivot column, so consistent}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & \textcircled{2} & 12 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{the rightmost column is NOT a pivot column, so consistent}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & \textcircled{8} \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{the rightmost column is a pivot column, so inconsistent}$$

• **Remark:** For a linear system:

consistent + no free variable \iff only one solution e.g. the first matrix above

consistent + free variable \iff infinitely many solutions e.g. the second one above

1.3 Vector equations

A linear system has the following equivalent expressions.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \xleftarrow{\text{row view}} \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 6 \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 = 16 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{column view}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

• **Def:** (column) vector

1. Vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 : $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$

(1) $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$ if and only if $u_1 = v_1$ and $u_2 = v_2$, e.g. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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

(3) $c\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} cu_1 \\ cu_2 \end{bmatrix}$, c is a scalar

2. Vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 : $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$

3. Vectors in \mathbb{R}^n : $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$

Geometric description: Identify a geometric point (a, b) with a vector $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$. Four vectors \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ and the origin could form a parallelogram.

- **Def:** linear combination

Ex: For the vector equation $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}$, we have already known its

solution $\begin{cases} x_1 = 4 \\ x_2 = 2. \end{cases}$ That is,

$$4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{so } \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a linear combination of } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- **Thm:** Vector \mathbf{y} is a linear combination of vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$

\iff The vector equation $\mathbf{v}_1 x_1 + \dots + \mathbf{v}_p x_p = \mathbf{y}$ has a solution

\iff The augmented matrix $[\mathbf{v}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{v}_p \ \mathbf{y}]$ is consistent

- **Def:** Given vectors v_1, \dots, v_p ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\} &= \{\text{all linear combinations of } \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\} \\ &= \{c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_p \mathbf{v}_p : c_1, \dots, c_p \text{ are scalars}\} \\ &= \text{subset spanned (generated) by vectors } \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p \end{aligned}$$

Geometric description:

$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$ denotes a straight line

$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$ denotes a plane

1.4 Matrix equations $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

- **Def:** product between A and \mathbf{x}

Ex: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \times 1 + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \times 2 + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \times 3 = \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$: identity matrix

Ex: For vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$, we can rewrite $\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 - 2\mathbf{v}_3 = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

- **Properties:** $A(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{u} + A\mathbf{v}$, A is a matrix and \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} are vectors

$$A(c\mathbf{u}) = cA\mathbf{u}, \quad c: \text{scalar}$$

Ex: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Then

$$A(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\mathbf{u} + A\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Thm:** Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix with columns $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ and $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

The solution set of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \iff$ The solution set of $\mathbf{a}_1x_1 + \dots + \mathbf{a}_nx_n = \mathbf{b}$

\iff The solution set of the system determined by the augmented matrix $\left[\begin{array}{c|c} A & \mathbf{b} \end{array} \right]$

- **Question:** Determine if for each vector $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 2 & 2 & b_2 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & b_2 - 2b_1 \end{array} \right] \text{ is consistent if and only if } b_2 - 2b_1 = 0$$

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 2 & 4 & b_2 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 2 & b_2 - 2b_1 \end{array} \right] \text{ is consistent for any } \mathbf{b}$$

- ♣ **Thm:** The following statements are equivalent:

For each $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent

\iff For each $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, \mathbf{b} is a linear combination of $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$

$\iff \mathbb{R}^m = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$

$\iff A$ has a pivot position in every row

1.5 Solution sets of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

- **Def:** A homogeneous linear system is in the form $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. It must be consistent with the trivial solution $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

If $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$, it is called a nontrivial solution.

Remark: $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has nontrivial solutions $\iff A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has infinitely many solutions

$\iff Ax = \mathbf{0}$ has free variables

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Find all the solutions of $Ax = \mathbf{0}$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{cases} x_1 = x_3 \\ x_2 = -2x_3 \\ x_3 = x_3(\text{free}) \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x_3 \text{ can be chosen as any real numbers.}$$

• **Def:** $\mathbf{x} = t\mathbf{v}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, is call the parametric vector form of the solution.

Ex: Find all solutions of $x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0$.

$$[\textcircled{1} \quad -1 \quad -1 \quad 0] \iff \begin{cases} x_1 = x_2 + x_3 \\ x_2 = x_2 \text{ (free)} \\ x_3 = x_3 \text{ (free)} \end{cases} \iff \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_2 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_3$$

Ex: Given $\mathbf{x}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Find matrix A such that $A\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}$.

Suppose that x_3 is a free variable and all the solution can be written as $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_3$.

$$\text{Then } \begin{cases} x_1 = x_3 \\ x_2 = x_3 \\ x_3 = x_3 \text{ (free)} \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} x_1 - x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 - x_3 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{cases} \iff \text{augmented matrix } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So we can choose $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex: Find all the solutions of $Ax = \mathbf{b}$ with $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{cases} x_1 = -3 + x_3 \\ x_2 = 2 - 2x_3 \\ x_3 = x_3 \text{ (free)} \end{cases}$$

All the solutions are in the form $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Compare it with the first example on this page, we get the following Thm.

- **Thm:** Assume that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a solution \mathbf{p} . Then any solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has the form $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v}$, where \mathbf{v} is any solution of the homogeneous system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

1.7 Linear independence

- **Def:** 1. linearly independent
2. linearly dependent

Ex: Determine if the columns of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ are linearly dependent

$$\text{Augmented matrix } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

There is infinitely many solutions for $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, so of course there is nontrivial ones, since there is one free variable. Thus, the columns of A are linear dependent.

Ex: Determine if $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ are linear dependent.

Method 1: consider the augmented matrix $[\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2 \quad \mathbf{0}]$ as above

Method 2: note that $v_2 = 2v_1$, so they are linearly dependent. See also what follows.

- **Thm:** Vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ are linearly dependent \iff One of them is a linear combination of the others.
- **Thm:** Any set of vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n is linearly dependent if $p > n$.
Reason: Consider linear system $\mathbf{v}_1x_1 + \dots + \mathbf{v}_px_p = \mathbf{0}$. There is p variables in total. There is at most n pivot variables since there is n equations. As a result, there is at least $p - n (> 0)$ free variables. So the system has nontrivial solutions, and thus the vectors are linearly dependent.
- **Thm:** Any set of vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ containing the zero vector is linearly dependent.

Reason: Without loss of generality, we assume that $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{0}$. Then apparently

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot 1 + \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot 0 + \dots + \mathbf{v}_p \cdot 0 = \mathbf{0}$$

is always true, that is, $\mathbf{v}_1x_1 + \dots + \mathbf{v}_px_p = \mathbf{0}$ has a nontrivial solution $\begin{cases} x_1 = 1 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ \vdots \\ x_p = 0 \end{cases}$

1.8 Linear transformations

- **Def:** transformation (mapping)

$$\begin{array}{ll} T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m & \mathbb{R}^n : \text{domain}, \quad \mathbb{R}^m : \text{codomain} \\ \mathbf{x} \mapsto T(\mathbf{x}) & T(\mathbf{x}) : \text{image of } \mathbf{x}, \quad \text{range of } T: \text{all the images} \end{array}$$

Ex: Define the following transformation

$$\begin{array}{l} T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \mathbf{x} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

What is $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$, $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ and $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$?

$$\text{Answer: } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex: Define another transformation

$$\begin{array}{l} T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \mathbf{x} \mapsto 2\mathbf{x} \end{array}$$

What is $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$, $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ and $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$?

$$\text{Answer: } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Def:** matrix transformation ($T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$)

- **Def:** linear transformation

♣ For a matrix transformation $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, we have the following three kinds of problems.

1. Given A , $\mathbf{u} \implies T(\mathbf{u})$

Ex: $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ with $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$. What is the image $T(\mathbf{u})$?

$$\text{Answer: } T(\mathbf{u}) = A\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. Given A , $T(\mathbf{u}) \implies \mathbf{u}$

Ex: $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ with $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $T(\mathbf{u}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. What is \mathbf{u} ?

Answer: Since \mathbf{u} satisfies $T(\mathbf{u}) = A\mathbf{u}$, we have $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Then it suffices to consider the augmented matrix and do the row reduction:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ that is, } \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. For each \mathbf{x} , the image $T(\mathbf{x})$ is given $\implies A$

Ex: For each $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$, $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ 2x_2 \\ x_1 + x_3 \end{bmatrix}$. What is A ?

Answer: Rewrite $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ 2x_2 \\ x_1 + x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_2 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_3 =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ex: Consider $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$. Let $\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ be the two columns of the identity matrix. If we know $T(\mathbf{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $T(\mathbf{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$, what is A ?

Answer: For each $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{e}_1 x_1 + \mathbf{e}_2 x_2$, we have

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = T(\mathbf{e}_1 x_1 + \mathbf{e}_2 x_2) = T(\mathbf{e}_1)x_1 + T(\mathbf{e}_2)x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} T(\mathbf{e}_1) & T(\mathbf{e}_2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{So } A = \begin{bmatrix} T(\mathbf{e}_1) & T(\mathbf{e}_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

1.9 The matrix of a linear transformation

- **Thm:** Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation. Then there exists a unique matrix A such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ for any $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. In fact,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} T(\mathbf{e}_1) & \cdots & T(\mathbf{e}_n) \end{bmatrix},$$

where $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$ are the columns of the identity matrix $I_{n \times n}$.

- **Geometric description in \mathbb{R}^2 :** $\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

1. Reflections: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

2. Contractions and expansions: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{bmatrix}$

3. Shears: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

4. Rotation: $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$

5. Projections: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- **Def:** onto mapping

Ex: The mapping $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is NOT onto.

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ♣ **Thm:** Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation.

T is onto. \iff For each $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent.

\iff A has a pivot position in every row.

$\iff \mathbb{R}^m = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$ with $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ being the columns of A

- **Def:** one-to-one mapping

Ex: The mapping $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is NOT one-to-one.

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ♣ **Thm:** Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation.

T is one-to-one. $\iff A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.

\iff The columns of A are linearly independent.

2 Chapter 2

2.1 Matrix operations

$$A_{m \times n} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{a}_n] \text{ with } \mathbf{a}_i = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1i} \\ a_{2i} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mi} \end{bmatrix} \implies A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \left(= [a_{ij}]_{m \times n} \right)$$

Diagonal matrix: a square matrix with zero non-diagonal entries, for example, $I_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$

1. Sum and scalar multiple

$A = B$: same size & same corresponding entries

$A + B$: the sum has the same size as A and B & adding corresponding entries

cA : same size as A & each entry in A is multiplied by c

Properties: $A + B = B + A$, $c(A + B) = cA + cB$

2. Multiplication

Def: Given $A_{m \times n}$ and $B_{n \times p} = [\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{b}_p]$, the product is defined by

$$AB = [A\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \cdots \quad A\mathbf{b}_p]$$

Ex: Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$. What is AB ?

$$\text{Answer: } AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$$

\implies The (i, j) -entry in AB can be calculated as $(AB)_{ij} = \text{row}_i(A) \cdot \text{column}_j(B)$

Ex: Since any given matrix could define a linear transformation, we have

$$A_{m \times n} \iff T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, \quad B_{n \times p} \iff T_B : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x},$$

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto B\mathbf{x}$$

That is, for any $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $\mathbf{x} \xrightarrow{T_B} B\mathbf{x} \xrightarrow{T_A} AB\mathbf{x}$, which define a new mapping

$$(AB)_{m \times p} \iff T_{AB} : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \\ \mathbf{x} \mapsto AB\mathbf{x}$$

Properties: $A(BC) = (AB)C$, $A(B + C) = AB + AC$, $c(AB) = (cA)B = A(cB)$

♣ In general, $AB \neq BA$ e.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

♣ In general, $AB = AC \not\Rightarrow B = C$ e.g. A, B as above, $C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

♣ In general, $AB = 0 \not\Rightarrow A = 0$ or $B = 0$ A as above, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

3. Transpose

Def: Given $A_{m \times n}$. Its transpose, denoted by A^\top , is an $n \times m$ matrix whose columns are the corresponding rows of A

Properties: $(A^\top)^\top = A$, $(A + B)^\top = A^\top + B^\top$, $(cA)^\top = cA^\top$, $(AB)^\top = B^\top A^\top$

2.2 & 2.3 Inverse of a matrix

- **Def:** invertible

♣ If $AB = AC$ and A is invertible $\implies B = C$

♣ If $AB = 0$ and A is invertible (resp. B is invertible) $\implies B = 0$ (resp. $A = 0$)

- **Properties:** $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$, $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$, $(A^\top)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^\top$

- **Thm:** Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$. If $ad - bc \neq 0$, then A is invertible and $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$.
If $ad - bc = 0$, then A is not invertible.

Ex: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$. What is A^{-1} ?

Answer: $ad - bc = 1 \times 5 - 2 \times 3 = -1$, so A is invertible and

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Thm:** If $A_{n \times n}$ is invertible, then for each vector $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a unique solution $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$.

\implies In this case, A has a pivot position in every row.

- ♣ **Thm:** $A_{n \times n}$ is invertible $\iff A$ is row equivalent to I_n

- **Def:** elementary matrix

Ex: $E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ r & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

For any 2×2 matrix A , we have

$$E_1 A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ r & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ ra + c & rb + d \end{bmatrix}$$

$\implies EA$ is obtained by performing the same row operation to A

- ♣ **Calculation of A^{-1} :** If $A_{n \times n}$ is invertible, then $A \sim I_n$ and there exists a matrix A^{-1} such that $A^{-1}A = I_n$. That is, A^{-1} is a kind of row operations that transform A to I_n . Moreover,

$$A^{-1} [A \ I_n] = [I_n \ A^{-1}]$$

That is, under the operation A^{-1} , we have $[A \ I_n] \sim [I_n \ A^{-1}]$

Ex: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$[A \ I_n] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = [I_n \ A^{-1}]$$

So $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

2.8 Subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n

- **Def:** subspace

Ex: For $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .

For $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Ex: \mathbb{R}^n , $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ are both subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n .

- **Def:** column space of A : $\text{Col}A$

\implies For $A_{m \times n}$, $\text{Col}A$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m

- **Def:** null space of A : $\text{Nul}A$

\implies For $A_{m \times n}$, $\text{Nul}A$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n

Ex: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Is \mathbf{u} in $\text{Col}A$ or $\text{Nul}A$?

① Consider $[A \ \mathbf{u}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$. The rightmost column is not a pivot column, so the system is consistent. Equivalently, there is a solution \mathbf{x} such that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u}$, that is, \mathbf{u} is a linear combination of the columns of A . Hence, \mathbf{u} is in $\text{Col}A$.

② Consider $A\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 19 \end{bmatrix}$. That is, \mathbf{u} is not a solution of the homogeneous system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, so \mathbf{u} is not in $\text{Nul}A$.

Ex: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Then

$$\text{Col}A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Question: How to find the smallest amount of vectors that span a subspace?

• **Def:** basis

Ex: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Find a basis for $\text{Col}A \setminus \text{Nul}A$.

① **Nul** A : We need to find all the solutions of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Consider the augmented matrix

$$[A \ \mathbf{0}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution is in the form

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \\ -2x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_3, \quad x_3 \text{ is a free parameter.}$$

So $\text{Nul}A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, and the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for $\text{Nul}A$.

② **Col** A : We need to find linearly independent columns of A . Based on the echelon of $[A \ \mathbf{0}]$ calculated above, we can get the echelon form of A directly

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & \textcircled{3} & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The third column can be written as a linear combination of the first two columns, and the first two columns are linear independent. So

$$\text{Col}A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\},$$

and the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for $\text{Col}A$.

♣ **Thm:** The pivot columns of A form a basis for $\text{Col}A$.

2.9 Dimension and rank

- **Def:** coordinate vector

Ex: $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = 5\mathbf{e}_1 + 6\mathbf{e}_2$ where $\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ form a basis for \mathbb{R}^2 .

Hence, $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ is the coordinate vector of \mathbf{x} relative to the standard basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\}$.

Ex: $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

① $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$ is also a basis for \mathbb{R}^2 : $[\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} \end{bmatrix}$

② Hence, we can find the coordinate vector of \mathbf{x} relative to the new basis $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$, that is, find $\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$ such that $\mathbf{x} = c_1\mathbf{b}_1 + c_2\mathbf{b}_2$:

$$[\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2 \ \mathbf{x}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{so } \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- **Def:** dimension

Ex: \mathbb{R}^n has the standard basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$, so $\dim \mathbb{R}^n = n$.

Ex: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

① $\text{Col}A = \{\text{the set generated by the pivot columns}\} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{a}_4\}$, so $\dim \text{Col}A = 3$

② $\text{Nul}A = \{\text{all the solutions of } A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$:

$$[A \ \mathbf{0}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{so } \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_2 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_2$$

Hence, $\text{Nul}A = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$, and $\dim \text{Nul}A = 1$

$\implies \dim \text{Col}A_{m \times n} (\text{No. of basic variables}) + \dim \text{Nul}A_{m \times n} (\text{No. of free variables}) = n (\text{No. of variables})$

- **Def:** $\text{rank}A = \dim \text{Col}A$
- **Thm** (The rank theorem): For $A_{m \times n}$, $\text{rank}A + \dim \text{Nul}A = n$
- **Thm** (The basis theorem): Let H be a p -dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . Any linearly independent set of exactly p vectors in H is a basis for H .

3 Chapter 3

3.1 Determinants of $A_{n \times n}$

- **Def:** submatrix A_{ij}

Ex: Consider the 2×2 matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$. $A_{11} = [a_{22}]$, $A_{12} = [a_{21}]$, $A_{22} = [a_{11}]$

Ex: For $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$, $A_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$, $A_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$

- **Def:** determinant of A : $\det A = a_{11}\det A_{11} - a_{12}\det A_{12} + \dots + a_{1n}(-1)^{1+n}\det A_{1n}$

In particular, $\det[a_{11}] = a_{11}$.

Ex: For $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$, $\det A = a_{11}\det A_{11} - a_{12}\det A_{12} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$

- **Thm:** $A_{n \times n}$ is invertible $\iff \det A \neq 0$

- **Def:** the (i, j) -cofactor of A is denoted by $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j}\det A_{ij}$

\implies Then the definition of $\det A$ above can be rewritten as

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

which is called the cofactor expansion across the first row.

- **Thm:** $\det A$ can be calculated by the cofactor expansion across any row or down any column

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= a_{i1}C_{i1} + a_{i2}C_{i2} + \dots + a_{in}C_{in} \\ &= a_{1j}C_{1j} + a_{2j}C_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj}C_{nj} \end{aligned}$$

Ex: Calculate the following determinant

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{3rd row}} 3(-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{4th row}} 3 \cdot 2(-1)^{4+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{\text{2nd column}} (-6)2(-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 12 \end{aligned}$$

Ex: $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{1st column}} 2(-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6$

- **Thm:** If $A_{n \times n}$ is a triangular matrix, then its determinant is the product of the main diagonals, that is, $\det A = \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$.
- **Thm** (Row operations): Let A be a square matrix.
 - ① If a scalar multiple of one row of A is added to another row to produce B , then $\det B = \det A$.
 - ② If two rows of A are interchanged to produce B , then $\det B = -\det A$.
 - ③ If a scalar k is multiplied to one row of A to produce B , then $\det B = k \det A$.

Ex:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 5 & 6 & 8 \\ 50 & 260 & 150 \end{array} \right| \xrightarrow{\text{use } \textcircled{3}} 10 \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 5 & 6 & 8 \\ 5 & 26 & 15 \end{array} \right| \xrightarrow{\text{use } \textcircled{1}} 10 \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 20 & 8 \end{array} \right| \\ & \xrightarrow{\text{use } \textcircled{2}} -10 \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 20 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right| = -1000 \end{aligned}$$

3.2 Properties of determinants

- **Thm:** Let A be a square matrix, then $\det A^\top = \det A$.
 $\implies \det A^\top =$ cofactor expansion across the i th row of A^\top
 $=$ cofactor expansion down the i th column of A
 $= \det A$
- **Thm** (Multiplicative property): Let A and B be $n \times n$ square matrices. Then $\det(AB) = \det A \cdot \det B$.
 \implies If A is invertible, then $1 = |I| = |AA^{-1}| = |A||A^{-1}|$. Hence, $|A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|}$.
 \implies In general, $\det(A+B) \neq \det A + \det B$
- **Thm** (Linearity property): Assume that the j th column of $A_{n \times n}$ is allowed to vary $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{a}_{j-1} \ \mathbf{x} \ \mathbf{a}_{j+1} \ \cdots \ \mathbf{a}_n]$. Define the mapping $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $T(\mathbf{x}) = \det A$. Then T is linear: $T(c\mathbf{x}) = cT(\mathbf{x})$ and $T(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = T(\mathbf{x}) + T(\mathbf{y})$.

$$\implies \left| \begin{array}{cc} a_{11} & cx_1 \\ a_{21} & cx_2 \end{array} \right| = c \left| \begin{array}{cc} a_{11} & x_1 \\ a_{21} & x_2 \end{array} \right| \text{ and } \left| \begin{array}{cc} a_{11} & x_1 + y_1 \\ a_{21} & x_2 + y_2 \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{cc} a_{11} & x_1 \\ a_{21} & x_2 \end{array} \right| + \left| \begin{array}{cc} a_{11} & y_1 \\ a_{21} & y_2 \end{array} \right|$$

Ex:

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc} 17 & 17 & 17 \\ 25 & 26 & 25 \\ 55 & 88 & 56 \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 17 & 17+0 & 17 \\ 25 & 25+1 & 25 \\ 55 & 55+33 & 56 \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 17 & 17 & 17 \\ 25 & 25 & 25 \\ 55 & 55 & 56 \end{array} \right| + \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 17 & 0 & 17 \\ 25 & 1 & 25 \\ 55 & 33 & 56 \end{array} \right|$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 17 & 0 & 17+0 \\ 25 & 1 & 25+0 \\ 55 & 33 & 55+1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 17 & 0 & 17 \\ 25 & 1 & 25 \\ 55 & 33 & 55 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 17 & 0 & 0 \\ 25 & 1 & 0 \\ 55 & 33 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 17 & 0 & 0 \\ 25 & 1 & 0 \\ 55 & 33 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 17.$$

- **Def:** Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix and \mathbf{b} is vector in \mathbb{R}^n . Denote

$$A_i(\mathbf{b}) = [\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{a}_{i-1} \quad \mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{a}_{i+1} \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{a}_n]$$

- ♣ **Thm** (Cramer's rule): If $A_{n \times n}$ is invertible, then for each \mathbf{b} in \mathbb{R}^n , the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a unique solution \mathbf{x} with entries

$$x_i = \frac{\det A_i(\mathbf{b})}{\det A}$$

Ex: Consider $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}$. We have got $x_1 = 4$ and $x_2 = 2$ in Chapter 1. Next we use Cramer's rule to check these results.

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 16 & 4 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 16 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

3.3 Volume and linear transformation

Recall: For $A_{2 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, if A is invertible, then $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$

- **Def:** The adjugate (adjoint) of $A_{n \times n}$ is

$$\text{adj}A = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} & \cdots & C_{n1} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & \cdots & C_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{1n} & C_{2n} & \cdots & C_{nn} \end{bmatrix},$$

where $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det A_{ij}$ is the (i, j) -cofactor of A .

Ex: Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, calculate $\text{adj}A$.

Answer: $C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1}\det[d] = d$, $C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2}\det[c] = -c$

$C_{21} = (-1)^{2+1}\det[b] = -b$, $C_{22} = (-1)^{2+2}\det[a] = a$

Hence, $\text{adj}A = \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$

$\implies (A_{2 \times 2})^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{adj}A$

- **Thm** (An inverse formula): Let A be an $n \times n$ invertible matrix. Then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{adj}A$$

\implies The (i, j) entry of A^{-1} is $\frac{C_{ji}}{\det A}$.

Ex: For $A = \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, the area determined by the columns $\begin{bmatrix} k \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is $|k|$.

\implies Moreover, the parallelogram determined by two vectors $\begin{bmatrix} k \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is the same as the parallelogram determined by four points $(0, 0)$, $(k, 0)$, $(0, 1)$ and $(k, 1)$.

- **Thm:** For $A_{n \times n}$, the volume determined by its columns is $|\det A|$.
- **Thm:** Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear mapping with $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$. Then for any region S in \mathbb{R}^n ,

$$\{\text{The volume of } T(S)\} = |\det A| \cdot \{\text{The volume of } S\}.$$

Review of Chapter 3

1. Determinant of $A_{n \times n}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\det A &= a_{i1}C_{i1} + a_{i2}C_{i2} + \cdots + a_{in}C_{in} && \text{(the cofactor expansion across the } i\text{th row)} \\ &= a_{1j}C_{1j} + a_{2j}C_{2j} + \cdots + a_{nj}C_{nj} && \text{(the cofactor expansion down the } j\text{th column)}\end{aligned}$$

2. Properties of determinants:

- ① row operations: three kinds of elementary row operations
- ② transpose: $|A^T| = |A|$
- ③ multiplication: $|AB| = |A| \cdot |B|$
- ④ linearity: $|\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix}| = |\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}| + |\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix}|$

3. Solve $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$:

- ① $\begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$
- ② If A is invertible ($\det A \neq 0$), then $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$
- ③ If A is invertible ($\det A \neq 0$), then the i th entry in \mathbf{x} is $x_i = \frac{\det A_i(\mathbf{b})}{\det A}$

4. Calculate A^{-1} :

- ① $\begin{bmatrix} A & I \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} I & A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$
- ② $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{adj}A$ (this can be used to calculate the (i, j) entry of A^{-1})

5. Matlab code (for the ones who are interested):

Define a vector: `>> b = [1; 2]`

Define a matrix: `>> A = [1, 2; 3, 4]`

Determinant of A : `>> det(A)`

Inverse of A : `>> inv(A)`

Adjoint of A : `>> adjoint(A)`

Solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ if: `>> A\b`

4 Chapter 4

4.1 Vector spaces and subspaces

- **Def:** vector spaces

Ex: \mathbb{R}^n is a vector space with zero object $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times 1}$

Ex: The polynomial space $\mathbb{P}_n = \{\text{all polynomials of the form } p(t) = a_0 + a_1t + \dots + a_nt^n\}$ is a vector space with zero object 0 (constant).

Ex: The matrix space $\mathbb{M}_{m \times n} = \{\text{all } m \times n \text{ matrices } A\}$ is a vector space with zero object $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$

- **Def:** For general vector spaces V and W , a linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ satisfies
 - (i) $T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$ for $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$;
 - (ii) $T(c\mathbf{u}) = cT(\mathbf{u})$ for $\mathbf{u} \in V$.

- **Def:** subspace H of general vector space V

Ex: $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ and V are subspaces of V

Ex: For $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in V$, the spanning set $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ is a subspace of V .

Ex: Determine if $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is in the subspace spanned by $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

\iff Determine if $w \in \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$.

\iff Consider the augmented matrix $[\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{w}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

The system above is not consistent, so \mathbf{w} is not in the spanning set.

4.2 Column/Null spaces and linear transformation

- **Def:** $\text{Col}A_{m \times n} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$
 $= \{\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \mathbf{b} = A\mathbf{x} \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$

Ex: Given a set $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2s + 3t \\ r + s - 2t \\ 4r + s \\ 3r - s - t \end{bmatrix} : r, s, t \text{ real} \right\}$. Find A such that $S = \text{Col}A$.

Answer: Note that

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} r + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} s + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} t : r, s, t \text{ real} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

As a result, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex: Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Is \mathbf{b} in $\text{Col}A$?

\iff Determine if $\mathbf{b} \in \text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2\}$

\iff Consider the augmented matrix $[\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \mathbf{b}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

The system is not consistent, so \mathbf{b} is not in $\text{Col}A$.

Ex: Given A as above. Find k such that $\text{Col}A$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^k .

Answer: $k = 3$

• **Def:** $\text{Nul}A_{m \times n} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$

Ex: Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$. Find $\text{Nul}A$.

Answer: Consider the augmented matrix of the homogeneous system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Its solutions are in the form $\begin{cases} x_1 = x_3 + 2x_4 \\ x_2 = -2x_3 - 3x_4 \\ x_3 = x_3 \text{ (free)} \\ x_4 = x_4 \text{ (free)} \end{cases} \iff \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_3 + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_4.$

Hence, $\text{Nul}A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Ex: Given A as above and $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Is \mathbf{u} in $\text{Nul}A$?

Answer:

① One way is to find $\text{Nul}A$ first, and then check if \mathbf{u} is in the spanning set. It will need a lot of calculations.

② The simplest way is to check if $A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$: $A\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, so

\mathbf{u} is in $\text{Nul}A$.

4.3 Linearly independent sets and bases

- **Def:** The set of vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ in V is linearly independent if $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution $c_1 = \dots = c_p = 0$.

Ex: Is the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ in \mathbb{R}^3 linearly independent?

Answer: Consider the augmented matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. There is only the trivial solution, so the set above is a linearly independent set.

Ex: Is the set $\{1, t, t^2\}$ in \mathbb{P}_2 linearly independent?

Answer: Consider the homogeneous equation $c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2t + c_3t^2 = 0$. It has only the trivial solution $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$. So the set is a linear independent set.

- **Def:** Let H be a subspace of V . Then the set $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ is a basis for H if

① \mathcal{B} is a linearly independent set,

② $H = \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$.

Ex: $\mathbb{R}^n = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$. The set $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ is called the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^n .

Ex: $\mathbb{P}_n = \{c_0 + c_1t + c_2t^2 + \dots + c_nt^n : c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n \text{ real}\} = \text{Span}\{1, t, t^2, \dots, t^n\}$.

The set $\{1, t, t^2, \dots, t^n\}$ is called the standard basis for \mathbb{P}_n .

Ex (8 in the textbook): Given the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ in \mathbb{R}^3 .

(1) Is it a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 ?

No, because any basis for \mathbb{R}^3 should contain exactly 3 vectors.

(2) Find a basis for the set spanned by above vectors.

It suffices to find the linearly independent vectors in above set:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -4 & 3 & -5 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{8} & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

So $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for $\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Since there is exactly three vectors in the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, it is also a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

- **Thm** (The spanning set thm): For $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ in V , if v_k is a linear combination of the other vectors, then

$$\text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_p\} = \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_p\}.$$

Ex: According to theorem above, $\text{Span}\{u, 2u\} = \text{Span}\{u\} = \text{Span}\{2u\}$

Ex: $\text{Col}A = \text{Span}\{\text{all the columns}\} = \text{Span}\{\text{pivot columns}\}$

Ex: Find a basis for the set of vectors in the plane $x + 2y + z = 0$.

Answer: Denote the set above by

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} : x + 2y + z = 0 \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} : \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0 \right\} = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We only need to find a basis for $\text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{cases} x = -2y - z \\ y = y \text{ (free)} \\ z = z \text{ (free)} \end{cases} \implies \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} y + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} z.$$

So $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for S .

4.5 Dimension of vector spaces

- **Def:** $\dim V =$ number of vectors in a basis

Ex: $\dim \mathbb{R}^n = n$ with a standard basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$

Ex: $\dim \mathbb{P}_n = n + 1$ with a standard basis $\{1, t, \dots, t^n\}$

- **Thm:** If V is a vector space with a basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$, then
 - (1) any basis for V has exactly p vectors;
 - (2) any set of more than p vectors in V is linearly dependent.

Ex: \mathbb{R}^2 has a standard basis $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ a linearly independent set? No

Is the set above a basis for \mathbb{R}^2 ? No

Ex: \mathbb{P}_1 has a standard basis $\{1, t\}$.

Are the following sets bases for \mathbb{P}_1 ?

$\{1, 1 + t\}$ Yes

$\{2, t\}$ Yes

$\{t, 2 + t\}$ Yes

$\{t, 2t\}$ No, cause one is a scalar multiple of the other one

$\{1, t, 1 + t\}$ No, cause there is more than 2 vectors

Ex: Define a set $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a + 2b \\ 2a + 4b \\ -a - 2b \end{bmatrix} : a, b \text{ real} \right\}$. What is $\dim S$?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Answer: } S &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} a + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} b : a, b \text{ real} \right\} \\ &= \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

So $\dim S = 1$.

Ex: Define a set $T = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} : a + b + c = 0 \right\}$. What is $\dim T$?

$$\text{Answer: } T = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} : \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = 0 \right\} = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -b-c \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} : b, c \text{ real} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} b + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} c : b, c \text{ real} \right\} \\
&= \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

So $\dim T = 2$.

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 5}$. Then

$\dim \text{Col}A = 2$, and $\text{Col}A$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4

$\dim \text{Nul}A = 3$, and $\text{Nul}A$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^5

• **Thm:** If H is a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space V , then

- (1) $\dim H \leq \dim V$;
- (2) H is also a finite-dimensional vector space;
- (3) any basis for H can be extended to a basis for V .

Ex: Given A as above. Then $\text{Col}A$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 . We now check the above three results:

- (1) $\dim \text{Col}A \leq \dim \mathbb{R}^4$ holds;
- (2) holds apparently;

(3) The pivot columns form a basis $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ for $\text{Col}A$.

Now we extend it to a basis for \mathbb{R}^4 : $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

4.6 Rank

For $A_{m \times n} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{a}_n]$, $\text{Col}A = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$.

- **Def:** For $A_{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{r}_m \end{bmatrix}$, the row space is $\text{Row}A = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$, which is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

$$\implies \text{Row}A = \text{Col}A^\top$$

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \mathbf{r}_2 \end{bmatrix}$, then $\text{Row}A = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2\}$.

If we use the three kinds of elementary row operations:

$$A \stackrel{\text{row interchange}}{\sim} A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_2 \\ \mathbf{r}_1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } \text{Row}A_1 = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_1\};$$

$$A \stackrel{\text{scalar multiple}}{\sim} A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c\mathbf{r}_1 \\ \mathbf{r}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } \text{Row}A_2 = \text{Span}\{c\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2\};$$

$$A \stackrel{\text{row replacement}}{\sim} A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \mathbf{r}_2 + c\mathbf{r}_1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } \text{Row}A_3 = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2 + c\mathbf{r}_1\}.$$

The above row spaces are the same: $\text{Row}A = \text{Row}A_1 = \text{Row}A_2 = \text{Row}A_3$.

That is, elementary row operations won't change the row space.

- **Thm:** If matrices A and B are row equivalent, then they have the same row space.

If B is in echelon form, then its non-zero rows form a basis for $\text{Row}A = \text{Row}B$.

Ex: Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Find bases for $\text{Col}A$, $\text{Row}A$ and $\text{Nul}A$.

① echelon form:

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Col}A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Row}A = \text{Span}\{(1, 1, 1, 1, 1), (0, 1, 2, 3, 4), (0, 0, 1, 1, 2)\}$$

② reduced echelon form:

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

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = x_4 + x_5 \\ x_2 = -x_4 \\ x_3 = -x_4 - 2x_5 \\ x_4 = x_4 \text{ (free)} \\ x_5 = x_5 \text{ (free)} \end{cases} \implies \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_4 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_5$$

$$\text{Nul}A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- **Def:** $\text{rank}A = \text{dimCol}A$

Ex: Given A as above. We have

$$\text{dimCol}A = \text{dimRow}A = \text{number of pivot positions} = 3.$$

- ♣ **Thm** (The rank thm): For $A_{m \times n}$, it holds

$$\text{dimCol}A = \text{dimRow}A = \text{rank}A \quad \text{and} \quad \text{rank}A + \text{dimNul}A = n.$$

$$\implies \text{For } (A^\top)_{n \times m}, \quad \text{rank}A^\top + \text{dimNul}A^\top = m, \text{ where}$$

$$\text{rank}A^\top = \text{dimCol}A^\top = \text{dimRow}A = \text{dimCol}A = \text{rank}A.$$

Ex: If the null space of a 7×6 matrix A is 5-dimensional, what are $\text{dimCol}A$ and $\text{dimRow}A$?

Answer: $\text{dimCol}A = \text{dimRow}A = 6 - \text{dimNul}A = 1.$

- **Thm:** Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. Then

$$A \text{ is invertible} \iff \det(A) \neq 0$$

$$\iff A \sim I_n$$

$$\iff \text{dimCol}A = \text{dimRow}A = \text{rank}A = n$$

$$\iff \text{dimNul}A = 0$$

$$\iff \text{Nul}A = \{\mathbf{0}\}$$

$$\iff \text{Col}A = \mathbb{R}^n$$

5 Chapter 5

5.1 Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

- **Def:** eigenvalues and eigenvectors

Ex: Is $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ an eigenvector of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$?

Answer: Calculate $A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = -2\mathbf{x}$.

So \mathbf{x} is an eigenvector of A corresponding to the eigenvalue -2 .

Ex: Is $\lambda = 2$ is an eigenvalue of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$?

Answer: If λ is an eigenvalue, then $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has nontrivial solutions.

Consider the augmented matrix $[A - \lambda I \quad \mathbf{0}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

The system has a free variable, so has nontrivial solutions.

Hence, $\lambda = 2$ is an eigenvalue of A .

♣ **Calculation:**

① Eigenvalues: $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ ($(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has nontrivial solutions)

Ex: Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$. Consider $|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 2 \\ 3 & 8 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 9) = 0$.

So its eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = 2$ and $\lambda_2 = 9$.

② Eigenvectors: nontrivial solutions of $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$

\implies The eigenspace for λ is actually $\text{Nul}(A - \lambda I) \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$

Ex: For $\lambda_1 = 2$, consider $[A - \lambda_1 I \quad \mathbf{0}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

All the nontrivial solutions are of the form $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_2$ except $\mathbf{0}$.

$\left\{ \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_2 : \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0} \right\}$ is called the eigenspace corresponding to $\lambda_1 = 2$.

For $\lambda_2 = 9$, similarly, $[A - \lambda_2 I \quad \mathbf{0}] = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

All the nontrivial solutions are of the form $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} t$ except $\mathbf{0}$.

$\left\{ \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} t : \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0} \right\}$ is called the eigenspace corresponding to $\lambda_2 = 9$.

- **Thm:** The eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are linearly independent.

Ex: Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$. Find its eigenvalues.

Answer: $|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1 - \lambda)(-\lambda)(5 - \lambda) = 0$.

Its eigenvalues are $\lambda = 1, 0, 5$.

- **Thm:** The eigenvalues of a triangular matrix are its diagonals.

- **Thm:** Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. Then

A is invertible $\iff |A| \neq 0$ (i.e. $|A - 0I| \neq 0$) $\iff 0$ is not an eigenvalue of A

A is not invertible $\iff |A| = 0$ (i.e. $|A - 0I| = 0$) $\iff 0$ is an eigenvalue of A

Ex: Without calculation, we know that the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ has eigenvalue 0 cause it is not invertible.

5.2 The characteristic equation

- **Thm** (Properties of determinants): Let A and B be $n \times n$ matrices. Then

① A is invertible $\iff |A| \neq 0 \iff 0$ is not an eigenvalue of A

② $|AB| = |A| \cdot |B|$, $|A^\top| = |A|$, $|A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|}$

③ If A is triangular, then $|A| = a_{11}a_{22} \cdots a_{nn}$ (product of the diagonals)

④ $A = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{row replacement}} B = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 + cr_1 \end{bmatrix}$, then $|B| = |A|$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{row interchange}} B = \begin{bmatrix} r_2 \\ r_1 \end{bmatrix}$, then $|B| = -|A|$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{row scaling}} B = \begin{bmatrix} cr_1 \\ r_2 \end{bmatrix}$, then $|B| = c|A|$

⑤ linearity property (see below)

Ex: $\begin{vmatrix} 18 & 56 \\ 17 & 56 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 17+1 & 56 \\ 17+0 & 56 \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{\text{linearity}}{=} \begin{vmatrix} 17 & 56 \\ 17 & 56 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 56 \\ 0 & 56 \end{vmatrix} = 56$

Ex: If A is of size $n \times n$, then $|cA| = c^n|A|$.

- **Def:** $|A - \lambda I| = 0$: Characteristic equation

$|A - \lambda I|$: Characteristic polynomial (CP)

Ex: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$. Then its characteristic polynomial is

$$\text{CP} = |A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 - \lambda & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda)(6 - \lambda),$$

and its eigenvalues are $\lambda = 1, 4, 6$.

Ex: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$. Then its characteristic polynomial is

$$\text{CP} = |A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 - \lambda & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (4 - \lambda)^2(6 - \lambda),$$

and its eigenvalues are $\lambda = 4, 4, 6$.

- **Def:** The multiplicity of $\lambda = 4$ in the above example is 2.

Ex: For $A_{4 \times 4}$, it has eigenvalues 1,2,2,6. What's its CP?

Answer: CP = $(1 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)^2(6 - \lambda)$

Ex: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 6 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & h & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Find h such that the eigenspace for $\lambda = 5$ is two.

Answer: The eigenspace for $\lambda = 5$ is $\text{Nul}(A - 5I) \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$. It suffices to consider the null space $\text{Nul}(A - 5I)$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 6 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & h & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 6 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h - 6 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenspace is of dimension two if there is two free variables, that is, $h = 6$.

5.3 Diagonalization

- **Def:** similar ($A = PBP^{-1}$)
- **Thm:** If A and B are similar, then they have the same characteristic polynomial and hence the same eigenvalues.

Ex: If $A = PBP^{-1}$ with $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and

$$A^k = PB^kP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3^k & 0 \\ 0 & 2^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- **Def:** diagonalizable ($A = PDP^{-1}$ with D a diagonal matrix)
- ♣ **Thm** (The diagonalization thm): An $n \times n$ matrix is diagonalizable $\iff A$ has n linearly independent eigenvectors.

Reason: Let $\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n$ be the n linearly independent eigenvectors. Then there must be corresponding eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ such that

$$\begin{cases} A\mathbf{p}_1 = \lambda_1\mathbf{p}_1 \\ \vdots \\ A\mathbf{p}_n = \lambda_n\mathbf{p}_n \end{cases} \implies [A\mathbf{p}_1 \ \cdots \ A\mathbf{p}_n] = [\lambda_1\mathbf{p}_1 \ \cdots \ \lambda_n\mathbf{p}_n]$$

$$\implies A[\mathbf{p}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{p}_n] = [\mathbf{p}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{p}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\implies AP = PD$$

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

with $P = [\mathbf{p}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{p}_n]$ and $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$.

Ex: Is $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ diagonalizable?

Answer: Its eigenvalues are $\lambda = 1, 3$. Next we calculate the corresponding eigenvectors.

For $\lambda_1 = 1$: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_1$. We can choose $\mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

For $\lambda_1 = 3$: $\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_2$. We can choose $\mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Now we get $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $P = [\mathbf{p}_1 \ \mathbf{p}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ such that $A = PDP^{-1}$.

So A is diagonalizable.

- **Thm:** An $n \times n$ matrix with n distinct eigenvalues is diagonalizable.

Ex: Is $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ diagonalizable?

Its CP = $\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)^2(3-\lambda)$. So it has eigenvalues $\lambda = 2, 2, 3$.

For $\lambda = 2$: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_2$. We can choose

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For $\lambda = 3$: $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_2$. We can choose

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can not find \mathbf{p}_3 to get an invertible matrix P . So A is NOT diagonalizable.

Ex: Is $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ diagonalizable?

Its CP = $\begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)^2(3-\lambda)$. So it has eigenvalues $\lambda = 2, 2, 3$.

For $\lambda = 2$: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_2 + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_3$. We

can choose $\mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, which are linearly independent.

For $\lambda = 3$: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_2$. We can

choose $\mathbf{p}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Now we get the invertible matrix $P = [\mathbf{p}_1 \ \mathbf{p}_2 \ \mathbf{p}_3]$ and $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

So A is diagonalizable.

- **Thm:** Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix with distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p$ ($p \leq n$).
 - ① The dimension of the eigenspace for λ_k ($1 \leq k \leq p$) is less than or equal to the multiplicity of λ_k .
 - ②: A is diagonalizable \iff the dimension of the eigenspace for λ_k is equal to the multiplicity of λ_k (i.e., the sum of the dimensions of the eigenspaces is n)

5.4 Eigenvectors and linear transformations

Recall that $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is linear $\iff T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ with $A = [T(\mathbf{e}_1) \ \dots \ T(\mathbf{e}_n)]_{m \times n}$.

- **Def:** If V has a basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ (that is, $\dim V = n$), then any $\mathbf{x} \in V$ is $\mathbf{x} = x_1\mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + x_n\mathbf{b}_n$. Define the coordinate vector

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Ex: Let $V = \mathbb{P}_2$ which has the standard basis $\mathcal{B} = \{1, t, t^2\}$. For the polynomial $p(t) = 3 - t^2$, what is its coordinate vector $[p(t)]_{\mathcal{B}}$?

Answer: $[p(t)]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

- **Def:** Assume that V is a vector space with basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ (i.e., $\dim V = n$), and W is a vector space with basis $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_m\}$ (i.e., $\dim W = m$). Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T : \mathbf{x} & \longrightarrow & T(\mathbf{x}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} & \xrightarrow{A} & [T(\mathbf{x})]_{\mathcal{C}} \end{array}$$

with $A = [[T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} \ \dots \ [T(\mathbf{b}_n)]_{\mathcal{C}}]$ the matrix for T relative to \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} .

In particular, if $V = W$ and $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{C}$, we denote the standard matrix A by $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$.

♣ **Ex:** Let $T : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_1$ be a linear transformation defined by $T(a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2) = a_0 + (a_2 - a_1)t$ for any real numbers a_0, a_1 and a_2 . What is the standard matrix relative to the standard bases for \mathbb{P}_2 and \mathbb{P}_1 ?

Answer:

① Find \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} :

The standard basis for \mathbb{P}_2 is $\mathcal{B} = \{1, t, t^2\}$ and the standard basis for \mathbb{P}_1 is $\mathcal{C} = \{1, t\}$.

② Find $A = [[T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} \ \cdots \ [T(\mathbf{b}_n)]_{\mathcal{C}}]$:

Note that in this example $\mathbf{b}_1 = 1$, $\mathbf{b}_2 = t$ and $\mathbf{b}_3 = t^2$. According to the map T defined above, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{b}_1) &= T(1) = 1 && \text{(in this case } a_0 = 1, a_1 = a_2 = 0), \\ T(\mathbf{b}_2) &= T(t) = -t && \text{(in this case } a_1 = 1, a_0 = a_2 = 0), \\ T(\mathbf{b}_3) &= T(t^2) = t && \text{(in this case } a_2 = 1, a_0 = a_1 = 0), \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} [T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} &= [1]_{\{1,t\}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ [T(\mathbf{b}_2)]_{\mathcal{C}} &= [-t]_{\{1,t\}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ [T(\mathbf{b}_3)]_{\mathcal{C}} &= [t]_{\{1,t\}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we get the standard matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Ex: Let $T : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a linear transformation defined by $T(p(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} p(-1) \\ p(0) \\ p(1) \end{bmatrix}$.

What is the standard matrix relative to the standard bases for \mathbb{P}_2 and \mathbb{R}^3 ?

Answer:

① Find \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} :

The standard basis for \mathbb{P}_2 is $\mathcal{B} = \{1, t, t^2\}$ and the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^3 is $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$.

② Find $A = [[T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} \ \cdots \ [T(\mathbf{b}_n)]_{\mathcal{C}}]$:

$$T(\mathbf{b}_1) = T(1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies [T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\mathbf{b}_2) = T(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies [T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\mathbf{b}_3) = T(t^2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies [T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Ex: If $A_{n \times n} = PDP^{-1}$ is diagonalizable with an invertible matrix $P = [\mathbf{p}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{p}_n]$

and a diagonal matrix $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$, it defines a linear transformation

$$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \quad \text{with} \quad T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}.$$

Define a new basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n\}$ for \mathbb{R}^n . What is the standard matrix $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$?

Answer:

①: Find \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} :

In this example, the domain and codomain are the same, so their bases are the same: $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n\}$ as is given above.

② Find $[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = [[T(\mathbf{p}_1)]_{\mathcal{B}} \ \cdots \ [T(\mathbf{p}_n)]_{\mathcal{B}}]$:

$$T(\mathbf{p}_1) = A\mathbf{p}_1 = \lambda_1\mathbf{p}_1 \implies [T(\mathbf{p}_1)]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\mathbf{p}_2) = A\mathbf{p}_2 = \lambda_2\mathbf{p}_2 \implies [T(\mathbf{p}_2)]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$T(\mathbf{p}_n) = A\mathbf{p}_n = \lambda_n\mathbf{p}_n \implies [T(\mathbf{p}_n)]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } [T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} = D.$$

- **Thm** (Diagonal representation thm): Suppose $A = PDP^{-1}$ with a diagonal matrix D . If \mathcal{B} is the basis for \mathbb{R}^n formed from columns of P , then D is the \mathcal{B} -matrix for the mapping $T : \mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$.

More generally, if $A = PCP^{-1}$ where C may not be a diagonal matrix, and \mathcal{B} is the basis for \mathbb{R}^n formed from columns of P , then C is the \mathcal{B} -matrix for the mapping $T : \mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$.

\implies The standard matrix C can be calculated by $C = P^{-1}AP$.

Ex: Let $T : \mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ with $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$. Define a basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2\}$ with $\mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$. What is the standard matrix $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$?

Answer: According to the thm above, $[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = C = P^{-1}AP$ with

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and thus} \quad P^{-1} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{So } [T]_{\mathcal{B}} = P^{-1}AP = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Appendix B Complex numbers

Question: What is the eigenvalues of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$?

Consider the characteristic polynomial: $|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 1$.

What are the roots of $\lambda^2 + 1 = 0$?

- **Def:** Denote by \mathbf{i} the imaginary unit such that $\mathbf{i}^2 = -1$. A complex number is in the form $z = a + b\mathbf{i}$ with $a = \text{Re}z$ being the real part and $b = \text{Im}z$ being the imaginary part.

Ex: For the complex number $z = 3 + 2\mathbf{i}$, its real part is $\text{Re}z = 3$, and its imaginary part is $\text{Im}z = 2$.

- **Properties:**

① $z_1 = z_2 \iff \text{Re}z_1 = \text{Re}z_2 \text{ and } \text{Im}z_1 = \text{Im}z_2$

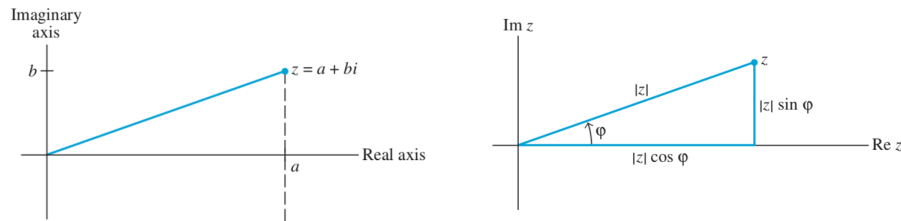
② summation: $(a + b\mathbf{i}) + (c + d\mathbf{i}) = (a + c) + (b + d)\mathbf{i}$

③ multiplication: $(a + b\mathbf{i}) \cdot (c + d\mathbf{i}) = (ac - bd) + (bc + ad)\mathbf{i}$

- ④ the conjugate of $z = a + bi$ is $\bar{z} = a - bi$
- ⑤ the absolute value of $z = a + bi$ is $|z| = \sqrt{z \cdot \bar{z}} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$
- ⑥ the inverse of $z = a + bi$ is $z^{-1} = \frac{1}{z} = \frac{\bar{z}}{z \cdot \bar{z}} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2} \mathbf{i}$

Ex: For $z = 3 + 4i$, we have $\bar{z} = 3 - 4i$, $|z| = 5$, $z^{-1} = \frac{3}{25} - \frac{4}{25}i$.

• **Geometric discription:**



Based on these figures, we get $a = |z| \cos \varphi$ and $b = |z| \sin \varphi$.

Hence, there are two ways to determine a complex number:

- (1) $z = a + bi$
- (2) $z = |z| \cos \varphi + (|z| \sin \varphi) \mathbf{i} = |z| e^{i\varphi}$

Ex: If $z = |z| e^{i\varphi}$, then $z^k = |z|^k e^{ik\varphi} = |z|^k \cos(k\varphi) + |z|^k \sin(k\varphi) \mathbf{i}$

Ex: Find all real and complex roots of the equation $z^8 = 2^8$.

Answer: Assume that $z = |z| e^{i\varphi}$. It then suffices to determine $|z|$ and φ .

Note that $z^8 = |z|^8 \cos(8\varphi) + |z|^8 \sin(8\varphi) \mathbf{i} = 2^8$. Their real (resp. imaginary) parts should be the same, that is

Firstly, $|z|^8 \sin(8\varphi) = 0 \implies 8\varphi = k\pi$ for any integer k .

Secondly, $|z|^8 \cos(8\varphi) = 2^8$. If $8\varphi = k\pi$, $\cos(8\varphi) = \pm 1$. However, $\cos(8\varphi)$ can not be -1 , otherwise we will get a contradiction $-|z|^8 = 2^8$. So we finally get $8\varphi = 2k\pi$, that is, $\varphi = \frac{k\pi}{4}$ such that $\cos(8\varphi) = 1$. Hence, $|z| = 2$.

So $z = 2e^{i\frac{k\pi}{4}}$, k can be any integer.

5.5 Complex eigenvalues

- **Ex:** Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$. What are its eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors?

- ① Find all the eigenvalues: $|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & -2 \\ 1 & 3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 5 = (\lambda - 2)^2 + 1$.
 $\implies A$ has eigenvalues $\lambda = 2 \pm i$

② Find corresponding eigenvectors:

$$\text{For } \lambda_1 = 2 + \mathbf{i}, \quad [A - \lambda_1 I \quad \mathbf{0}] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 - \mathbf{i} & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 - \mathbf{i} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 - \mathbf{i} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\implies \text{Solutions } \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 + \mathbf{i} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_2. \text{ Choose } \mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 + \mathbf{i} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{i}.$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_2 = 2 - \mathbf{i}, \quad [A - \lambda_2 I \quad \mathbf{0}] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 + \mathbf{i} & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 + \mathbf{i} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 + \mathbf{i} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\implies \text{Solutions } \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 - \mathbf{i} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_2. \text{ Choose } \mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 - \mathbf{i} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{i}.$$

\implies In this example, we have $\lambda_2 = \overline{\lambda_1}$ and $\mathbf{p}_2 = \overline{\mathbf{p}_1}$.

\implies If $A\mathbf{p} = \lambda\mathbf{p}$, then $A\overline{\mathbf{p}} = \overline{\lambda}\overline{\mathbf{p}}$. (If λ is an eigenvalue of A , then $\overline{\lambda}$ is also an eigenvalue)

For a real matrix A , its complex eigenvalues occur in conjugate pairs.

- **Ex:** For $A_{2 \times 2}$ given above, consider one of the eigenvalues $\lambda = 2 - \mathbf{i}$ and its corresponding eigenvector $\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{i}$.

Denote $P = [\text{Re}\mathbf{p} \quad \text{Im}\mathbf{p}] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Is there a matrix C such that $A = PCP^{-1}$?

$$\text{Answer: } C = P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \left(= \begin{bmatrix} \text{Re}\lambda & \text{Im}\lambda \\ -\text{Im}\lambda & \text{Re}\lambda \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

- **Thm:** Let A be a real 2×2 matrix with a complex eigenvalue $\lambda = a - b\mathbf{i}$ ($b \neq 0$) and an associated eigenvector \mathbf{p} . Then $A = PCP^{-1}$ with $P = [\text{Re}\mathbf{p} \quad \text{Im}\mathbf{p}]$ and $C = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$.

Ex: For $C = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$ with $|C - \lambda I| = (a - \lambda)^2 + b^2$, its eigenvalues are $\lambda = a \pm b\mathbf{i}$ with $|\lambda| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$. Then

$$C = |\lambda| \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a}{|\lambda|} & -\frac{b}{|\lambda|} \\ \frac{b}{|\lambda|} & \frac{a}{|\lambda|} \end{bmatrix} = |\lambda| \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix},$$

which is a composition of a rotation through the angle θ and a scaling by $|\lambda|$.

Ex: Let $C = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & -1 \\ 1 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$. What are the rotation angle θ and the scaling constant $|\lambda|$?

$$\text{Answer: } |\lambda| = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + 1^2} = 2.$$

The angle θ satisfies $\cos \theta = \frac{a}{|\lambda|} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$. Hence, $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$.

5.7 Applications to differential equations

- For $y'(t) = \lambda y(t)$, $t \geq 0$, all its solutions are in the form $y(t) = ce^{\lambda t}$ with a free parameter c . No matter what c is, $y(t)$ above is a solution of the differential equation.

If, in addition, the initial value is given $y(0) = y_0$, then the constant c is determined and the solution is unique: $y(t) = y_0 e^{\lambda t}$.

If $\lambda < 0$, the solution $y(t)$ will go to 0 as $t \rightarrow +\infty$.

If $\lambda > 0$, the solution $y(t)$ will go to positive or negative infinity as $t \rightarrow +\infty$.

- For a system of linear differential equations

$$\begin{cases} y_1'(t) = \lambda_1 y_1(t) \\ y_2'(t) = \lambda_2 y_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ y_n'(t) = \lambda_n y_n(t) \end{cases} \iff \begin{bmatrix} y_1'(t) \\ y_2'(t) \\ \vdots \\ y_n'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ y_n(t) \end{bmatrix} \iff Y'(t) = DY(t),$$

$$\text{it has solutions } \begin{cases} y_1(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ \vdots \\ y_n(t) = c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \end{cases}$$

- What are the solutions of $X'(t) = AX(t)$ if A is not a diagonal matrix as above?

If $A = PDP^{-1}$, then $X'(t) = PDP^{-1}X(t) \iff [P^{-1}X(t)]' = D[P^{-1}X(t)]$.

Denote $Y(t) = P^{-1}X(t)$, we get $Y'(t) = DY(t)$. Solve this auxiliary equation to get $Y(t)$ and then get $X(t) = PY(t)$.

- ♣ **Ex:** Solve $X'(t) = AX(t)$ with $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $X(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Answer:

- ① Find D and P :

$$|A - \lambda I| = (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 2) \implies \lambda = -1, -2 \implies D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_1 = -1, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_2 \implies \mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_1 = -2, \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_2 \implies \mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

② Solve $Y'(t) = DY(t)$ and get $X(t) = PY(t)$:

Based on D , $\begin{cases} y_1(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \\ y_2(t) = c_2 e^{-2t} \end{cases} \implies Y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$. Hence,

$$X(t) = PY(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} \right) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

$$\implies X(t) = c_1 \mathbf{p}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 \mathbf{p}_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

③ Use $X(0)$ to determine c_1 and c_2 :

Based on the formula above and the initial condition,

$$X(0) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, and get $c_1 = 5$ and $c_2 = -1$.

• **Def:** For $X'(t) = AX(t)$, denote by λ the eigenvalues of A .

1. If $\lambda < 0$, the origin is an attractor/sink.

The direction of greatest attraction is corresponding to the most negative eigenvalue.

2. If $\lambda > 0$, the origin is a repeller/source.

The direction of greatest repulsion is corresponding to the largest positive eigenvalue.

3. If λ has both positive and negative values, the origin is a saddle point.

• If $A_{2 \times 2}$ has a pair of complex eigenvalues λ and $\bar{\lambda}$ with \mathbf{p} and $\bar{\mathbf{p}}$, then

$X(t) = c_1 \mathbf{p} e^{\lambda t} + c_2 \bar{\mathbf{p}} e^{\bar{\lambda} t}$ are complex solutions!

Denote $X_1 = \mathbf{p} e^{\lambda t}$ and $X_2 = \bar{\mathbf{p}} e^{\bar{\lambda} t}$. It holds $X_2 = \overline{X_1}$.

$$\implies \begin{cases} \frac{X_1 + X_2}{2} = \text{Re} [\mathbf{p} e^{\lambda t}] \\ \frac{X_1 - X_2}{2i} = \text{Im} [\mathbf{p} e^{\lambda t}] \end{cases}$$

$\implies X(t) = \tilde{c}_1 \text{Re} [\mathbf{p} e^{\lambda t}] + \tilde{c}_2 \text{Im} [\mathbf{p} e^{\lambda t}]$ are the real solutions!

Ex: Find all the real solutions of $X'(t) = AX(t)$ with $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

① Find all the eigenvalues: $|A - \lambda I| = (\lambda + 2)^2 + 1 \implies \lambda = -2 \pm i$

Since the eigenvalues are complex and form a conjugate pair, we only need to use one of them.

② Choose λ and calculate \mathbf{p} : Choose $\lambda = -2 + \mathbf{i}$, and solve

$$[A - \lambda I \quad \mathbf{0}] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 - \mathbf{i} & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 - \mathbf{i} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 + \mathbf{i} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \mathbf{i} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_2$$

to get $\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \mathbf{i} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{i}$.

③ Calculate $\operatorname{Re} [\mathbf{p}e^{\lambda t}]$ and $\operatorname{Im} [\mathbf{p}e^{\lambda t}]$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p}e^{\lambda t} &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} \right) e^{-2t+it} \\ &= e^{-2t} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} \right) (\cos t + \sin t \mathbf{i}) \\ &= e^{-2t} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cos t - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \sin t \right) + e^{-2t} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sin t + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cos t \right) \mathbf{i} \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \operatorname{Re} [\mathbf{p}e^{\lambda t}] = e^{-2t} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cos t - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \sin t \right)$$

$$\operatorname{Im} [\mathbf{p}e^{\lambda t}] = e^{-2t} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sin t + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cos t \right) \mathbf{i}$$

• In this case, the origin is a spiral point.

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the trajectories of the solution spiral inward if } \operatorname{Re}\lambda < 0 \\ \text{the trajectories of the solution spiral outward if } \operatorname{Re}\lambda > 0 \end{array} \right.$

6 Chapter 6

6.1 Inner product, length, and orthogonality

- **Def:** For two vectors $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$ in \mathbb{R}^n , their inner product is

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & \cdots & u_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = u_1 v_1 + \cdots + u_n v_n$$

\Rightarrow Properties:

- ① $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$, $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$, $(c\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \cdot (c\mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$
- ② $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \geq 0$ for any \mathbf{u} in \mathbb{R}^n ; $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \iff \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$

- **Def:** For $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$ in \mathbb{R}^n , the length (norm) of \mathbf{u} is

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} = \sqrt{u_1^2 + \cdots + u_n^2}$$

\Rightarrow Properties:

- ① If $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 1$, then \mathbf{u} is called a unit vector.
- ② If $\|\mathbf{u}\| \neq 1$, then it can be normalized as $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \mathbf{u}$.

- **Def:** For \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^n , the distance between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} is

$$dist(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|$$

Ex: Given $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Calculate the following quantities.

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 1, \quad \|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5, \quad dist(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\| = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = 5$$

- **Def:** For \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^n , they are orthogonal if $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$.

\Rightarrow Properties:

- ① $\mathbf{0}$ is orthogonal to any vectors in \mathbb{R}^n .
- ② \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal $\iff \|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$

Ex: Given $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$, and

$$\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2 = 1 + 3^2 + 3^2 = 19,$$

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = 1 + 2^2 + 3^2 = 14, \quad \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = (-2)^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 = 5.$$

Hence, it holds $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$.

- **Def:** Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . A vector \mathbf{z} in \mathbb{R}^n is called orthogonal to W if \mathbf{z} is orthogonal to each vector in W . Denote the set

$$W^\perp = \{\mathbf{z} : \mathbf{z} \text{ is orthogonal to } W\}$$

\implies Properties:

- ① W^\perp is also a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n , which is orthogonal to W .
- ② $(\text{Row}A)^\perp = \text{Nul}A = (\text{Col}A^\top)^\perp$

6.2 Orthogonal sets

- **Def:** A set of vectors $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n is an orthogonal set if any two vectors inside are orthogonal.
- **Thm:** An orthogonal set of nonzero vectors is also a linearly independent set.

Ex: The set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is linearly independent, but is not orthogonal.

The set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is both linearly independent and orthogonal.

- **Def:** An orthogonal basis for a subspace W is a basis that is also an orthogonal set.

An orthonormal basis for W is a basis that is also an orthogonal set containing only unit vectors.

Ex: $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis.

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is an orthogonal basis.

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is an orthonormal basis.

- **Thm:** Let $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ be an orthogonal basis for W . Then for each \mathbf{y} in W ,

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p \quad \text{with} \quad c_j = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_j}{\mathbf{u}_j \cdot \mathbf{u}_j}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, p.$$

- **Def:** Given two vectors \mathbf{y} and \mathbf{u} . Rewrite $\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{z}$ such that $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = c\mathbf{u}$ is a scalar multiple of \mathbf{u} , and \mathbf{z} is orthogonal to \mathbf{u} .

Then $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = c\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}}\mathbf{u}$ is the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto \mathbf{u} .

The distance from \mathbf{y} to the line through \mathbf{u} is $\|\mathbf{z}\| = \|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|$.

Ex: Let $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$. What is the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto \mathbf{u} ?

Answer: The projection

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}}\mathbf{u} = \frac{10}{20} \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

such that $\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{z} = 0$. That is $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ and \mathbf{z} are orthogonal.

- **Thm:** The matrix $U = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_p]_{m \times p}$ has orthonormal columns $\iff U^\top U = I$.

Reason:

$$U^\top U = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_p^\top \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_p] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1^\top \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_1^\top \mathbf{u}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_1^\top \mathbf{u}_p \\ \mathbf{u}_1^\top \mathbf{u}_2 & \mathbf{u}_2^\top \mathbf{u}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_2^\top \mathbf{u}_p \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_p^\top \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_p^\top \mathbf{u}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_p^\top \mathbf{u}_p \end{bmatrix} = I$$

6.3 Orthogonal projections

- **Thm** (The orthogonal decomposition thm): Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . Then any vector $\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{z}$ with $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \in W$ and $\mathbf{z} \in W^\perp$.

If W has an orthogonal basis $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$, then the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto W , which is also denoted by $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$, is

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p}{\mathbf{u}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_p} \mathbf{u}_p.$$

\implies **Remark:** If \mathbf{y} is in W , then $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}$ and $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$.

Ex: Given $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$.

Answer: Noting that $\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 0$, $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ is an orthogonal basis for W . Hence, the orthogonal decomposition thm can be used directly:

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2}{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2} \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{3}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{5}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- **Thm** (The best approximation thm): Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . Then the orthogonal projection $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ of \mathbf{y} onto W is the closest point (best approximation) in W to \mathbf{y} . That is,

$$\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\| \leq \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{v}\| \quad \text{for any } \mathbf{v} \in W.$$

$\implies \|\mathbf{z}\| = \|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|$ denotes the distance from \mathbf{y} to W .

- **Ex:** Given $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -9 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

① Is $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ an orthogonal basis? $\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 0$ Yes.

② Find the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$:

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2}{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2} \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{35}{35} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{-28}{14} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

③ Find the closest point to \mathbf{y} in $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$: same as above $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

④ Find the best approximation of \mathbf{y} in $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$: same as above $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

⑤ What is the distance from \mathbf{y} to W ? $\|\mathbf{z}\| = \|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\| = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{40}$

• **Thm:** If $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ is an orthonormal basis for a subspace W in \mathbb{R}^n , then

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1)\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p)\mathbf{u}_p.$$

If $U = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_p]$, then $U^\top U = I$.

6.4 The Gram–Schmidt process

• **Ex:** Let $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2\}$ with $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2\}$ being a basis. To obtain an orthogonal basis for W , define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_1 &= \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_2 &= \mathbf{x}_2 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 \end{aligned}$$

Then $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ is an orthogonal basis for W .

For example, $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_1 &= \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{u}_2 &= \mathbf{x}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and apparently $\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 0$.

♣ **Thm** (The Gram–Schmidt process): Given a basis $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p\}$ for W . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_1 &= \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_2 &= \mathbf{x}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_3 &= \mathbf{x}_3 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_3 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_3 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2}{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2} \mathbf{u}_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\mathbf{u}_p = \mathbf{x}_p - \frac{\mathbf{x}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 - \cdots - \frac{\mathbf{x}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_{p-1}}{\mathbf{u}_{p-1} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{p-1}} \mathbf{u}_{p-1}$$

form an orthogonal basis for W . In addition,

$$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k\} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\} \quad \text{for any } k = 1, 2, \dots, p.$$

- **Ex:** Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 9 \\ 1 & 7 \\ -3 & -5 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$. Then the column space $\text{Col}A = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2\}$ has a basis $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2\}$ since the columns $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2$ of A are linearly independent.

① Find an orthogonal basis for $\text{Col}A$.

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 7 \\ -5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{72}{36} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

② Find an orthonormal basis for $\text{Col}A$.

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}_1\|} \mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}_2\|} \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{5}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

③ Denote a matrix $Q = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2]$, which satisfies $Q^\top Q = I$. If $A = QR$, then

$$R = Q^\top A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} \\ -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{5}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 9 \\ 1 & 7 \\ -3 & -5 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 12 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix},$$

which is a triangular matrix with positive diagonals.

- **Thm** (The QR factorization): If $A_{m \times n}$ has linearly independent columns, then $A = QR$ with columns of $Q_{m \times n}$ forming an orthonormal basis for $\text{Col}A$ and $R_{n \times n}$ being an upper triangular matrix with positive diagonals.

\implies It implies that R is invertible.

6.5 Least-squares problems

If $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has no solution but A has linearly independent columns, then $A = QR$ and

$$Q^\top QR\mathbf{x} = Q^\top \mathbf{b} \iff R\mathbf{x} = Q^\top \mathbf{b} \iff \mathbf{x} = R^{-1}Q^\top \mathbf{b}$$

Apparently, \mathbf{x} above can not be a solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$. What is the meaning of \mathbf{x} ?

- **Def:** A least-squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is a vector $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that

$$\|\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}\| \leq \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\| \quad \text{for any } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

\implies For any $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ in \mathbb{R}^n , $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a}_1x_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{a}_nx_n \in \text{Col}A$. Then

$A\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \text{proj}_{\text{Col}A} \mathbf{b}$ is the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{b} onto $\text{Col}A$
 $\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ is orthogonal to $\text{Col}A$

That is, $\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ is orthogonal to $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{a}_1^\top (\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_n \cdot (\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{a}_n^\top (\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \iff A^\top (\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\iff A^\top A\hat{\mathbf{x}} = A^\top \mathbf{b} \quad (\text{normal equation})$$

- **Thm:** The least-squares solutions of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ coincide with the solutions of the normal equation $A^\top A\hat{\mathbf{x}} = A^\top \mathbf{b}$.

Ex: Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

① Does $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ have solutions? $[A \ \mathbf{b}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ No solution!

② Find the least-squares solutions of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$: Consider $A^\top A\hat{\mathbf{x}} = A^\top \mathbf{b}$.

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 6 & 12 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^T \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

The augmented matrix is $[A^T A \quad A^T \mathbf{b}] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 6 \\ 6 & 12 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, and the solutions are in the form $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 - 2x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ with x_2 being a free parameter.

\implies There are infinitely many least-squares solutions since $A^T A$ is not invertible.

♣ **Ex:** Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the least-squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.

Answer: Consider the normal equation $A^T A \hat{\mathbf{x}} = A^T \mathbf{b}$.

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -11 \\ -11 & 22 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

The augmented matrix is $[A^T A \quad A^T \mathbf{b}] = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -11 & -4 \\ -11 & 22 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, and hence $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

\implies There is a unique least-squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ since $A^T A$ is invertible.

• **Thm:** $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a unique least-squares solution

$\iff A^T A$ is invertible

$\iff A$ has linearly independent columns

Remark: In this case, A has linearly independent columns, then $A = QR$ and

$$A^T A = (QR)^T (QR) = R^T Q^T QR = R^T R$$

is also invertible since R is invertible. Then the unique least-squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b} = (R^T R)^{-1} R^T Q^T \mathbf{b} = R^{-1} Q^T \mathbf{b},$$

which answers the question proposed at the beginning of this lesson.

6.7 Inner product spaces

- **Def:** An inner product on a general vector space V is a function $\langle u, v \rangle$ such that
 1. $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle$, $\langle \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$, $\langle c\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, c\mathbf{v} \rangle = c\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$
 2. $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = 0$ iff $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$

A vector space equipped with an inner product is called an inner product space.

Ex: \mathbb{R}^n with $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{v}$

Ex: \mathbb{P}_2 : Define an inner product by evaluation at $-1, 0, 1$

$$\langle p(t), q(t) \rangle = p(-1)q(-1) + p(0)q(0) + p(1)q(1)$$

For example, let $x_1(t) = 1 + t$ and $x_2(t) = 1 - t$. Then

$$\langle x_1(t), x_2(t) \rangle = x_1(-1)x_2(-1) + x_1(0)x_2(0) + x_1(1)x_2(1) = 1$$

$$\langle x_1(t), x_1(t) \rangle = 0 + 1 + 4 = 5$$

$$\implies \text{norm(length): } \|x_1(t)\| = \sqrt{\langle x_1(t), x_1(t) \rangle} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\implies \text{distance between } x_1(t) \text{ and } x_2(t): \|x_1(t) - x_2(t)\| = \sqrt{\langle 2t, 2t \rangle} = \sqrt{4 + 0 + 4} = \sqrt{8}$$

- Gram-Schmidt process: basis $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p\} \rightarrow$ orthogonal basis $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle} \mathbf{u}_1$$

⋮

$$\mathbf{x}_p = \mathbf{x}_p - \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle} \mathbf{u}_1 - \dots - \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{u}_{p-1} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_{p-1}, \mathbf{u}_{p-1} \rangle} \mathbf{u}_{p-1}$$

Ex: As above, transform $\{x_1(t), x_2(t)\}$ into an orthogonal basis $\{u_1(t), u_2(t)\}$.

Answer: $u_1(t) = x_1(t) = 1 + t$

$$u_2(t) = x_2(t) - \frac{\langle x_2(t), u_1(t) \rangle}{\langle u_1(t), u_1(t) \rangle} u_1(t) = (1 - t) - \frac{1}{5}(1 + t) = \frac{4}{5} - \frac{6}{5}t$$

- Best approximation: W has an orthogonal basis $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$, then for any vector \mathbf{y} , $\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{z}$ with

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle} \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + \frac{\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}_p \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_p, \mathbf{u}_p \rangle} \mathbf{u}_p$$

Ex: As above, find the best approximation of $y(t) = t^2$ in $W = \{x_1(t), x_2(t)\}$.

Answer: ① Find an orthogonal basis: $\{x_1(t), x_2(t)\} \rightarrow \{u_1(t), u_2(t)\}$

② Find the best approximation (orthogonal projection)

$$\widehat{y}(t) = \frac{\langle y(t), u_1(t) \rangle}{\langle u_1(t), u_1(t) \rangle} u_1(t) + \frac{\langle y(t), u_2(t) \rangle}{\langle u_2(t), u_2(t) \rangle} u_2(t) = \frac{2}{5}(1+t) + \frac{8/5}{24/5} \left(\frac{4}{5} - \frac{6}{5}t \right) = \frac{2}{3}.$$

• **Thm** (The Cauchy–Schwarz inequality): $|\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|$

Reason: $|\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle| = |\langle c\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{v} \rangle| = |c\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle| = \|c\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|$

• **Thm** (The triangle inequality): $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| + \|\mathbf{v}\|$

♣ **Ex:** Let $V = C[-1, 1]$ be the space of all continuous functions on $[-1, 1]$. Define an inner product

$$\langle p(t), q(t) \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 p(t)q(t)dt.$$

Let $x_1(t) = 1$ and $x_2(t) = 2t - 1$. Then $\langle x_1(t), x_2(t) \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 (2t - 1)dt = -2 \neq 0$.

That is, $\{x_1, x_2\}$ are linearly independent but not orthogonal.

Find an orthogonal basis for $W = \text{Span}\{x_1, x_2\}$:

$$p_1(t) = x_1(t) = 1$$

$$p_2(t) = x_2(t) - \frac{\langle x_2(t), p_1(t) \rangle}{\langle p_1(t), p_1(t) \rangle} p_1(t) = (2t - 1) - \frac{-2}{2} 1 = 2t$$

Then $\{1, 2t\}$ is an orthogonal basis for W .

7 Chapter 7

7.1 Diagonalization of symmetric matrices

- **Def:** A symmetric matrix is a square matrix such that $A^\top = A$.

Ex: Are the following matrices symmetric?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Yes} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ No} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & d & e \\ c & e & f \end{bmatrix} \text{ Yes}$$

- **Def:** P is an orthogonal matrix if $P^{-1} = P^\top$, that is, columns of P are orthonormal.

Ex: Are the following matrices orthogonal matrices?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Yes} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ No} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Yes} \implies P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Def:** A is called orthogonally diagonalizable if $A = PDP^\top$ with an orthogonal matrix P and a diagonal matrix D .

- **Thm** A is orthogonally diagonalizable $\iff A$ is symmetric ($A^\top = A$)

Ex: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 4 \\ -2 & 6 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ with distinct eigenvalues $-2, 7$.

Decompose A such that $A = PDP^\top$:

① Find linearly independent eigenvectors:

$$\text{For } \lambda_1 = -2, [A - \lambda_1 I \quad \mathbf{0}] = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 4 & 0 \\ -2 & 8 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{It has solutions } \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_3. \text{ We can choose the first eigenvector } \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_2 = 7, [A - \lambda_2 I \quad \mathbf{0}] = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 & 4 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & \frac{1}{2} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{It has solutions } \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_2 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_3.$$

$$\text{We can choose another two eigenvectors } \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

② Find orthogonal eigenvectors:

Note that $\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = 0$, $\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = 0$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = -1$. Based on the Gram–Schmidt process:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u}_1 &= \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{u}_2 &= \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{u}_3 &= \mathbf{v}_3 - \frac{\mathbf{v}_3 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2}{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2} \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{-1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

③ Find orthonormal eigenvectors:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{p}_1 &= \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}_1\|} \mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{p}_2 &= \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}_2\|} \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{p}_3 &= \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}_3\|} \mathbf{u}_3 = \frac{5}{3\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{3\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Then $P = [\mathbf{p}_1 \ \mathbf{p}_2 \ \mathbf{p}_3]$ and $D = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ such that $A = PDP^\top$.

• **Spectral decomposition** of $A = PDP^\top$ with $P = [\mathbf{p}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{p}_n]$:

$$A = [\mathbf{p}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{p}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{p}_n^\top \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_1 \mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{p}_1^\top + \cdots + \lambda_n \mathbf{p}_n \mathbf{p}_n^\top$$

\implies Matrices $\mathbf{p}_i \mathbf{p}_i^\top$ above are called projection matrices:

$$(\mathbf{p}_i \mathbf{p}_i^\top) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p}_i (\mathbf{p}_i^\top \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{p}_i (\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{p}_i}{\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_i} \mathbf{p}_i$$