

# Invertibility and Equations

Thm: Let  $A: X \rightarrow Y$  be linear. Then  $A$  is invertible if and only if for any  $\vec{b} \in Y$  the eqn  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

has a unique solution  $\vec{x} \in X$ .

Pf: ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $A$  invertible.  $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$  solves  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ . Suppose  $\vec{x}_1$  also solves the eqn ( $A\vec{x}_1 = \vec{b}$ ).

Then

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1}A\vec{x}_1 &= A^{-1}\vec{b} \\ \Rightarrow \vec{x}_1 &= \vec{x}. \end{aligned}$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$  has a unique soln  $\forall \vec{y} \in Y$ . Call the unique sol'n associated to  $\vec{y}$   $B(\vec{y}) \in X$ .

Then  $B$  is a function  $B: Y \rightarrow X$ . We check that  $B$  is linear. Let  $\vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_2 \in Y$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$ .

$$\text{Let } \vec{x}_1 = B(\vec{y}_1), \vec{x}_2 = B(\vec{y}_2).$$

$$A(\alpha \vec{x}_1 + \beta \vec{x}_2) = \alpha A\vec{x}_1 + \beta A\vec{x}_2 \\ = \alpha \vec{y}_1 + \beta \vec{y}_2.$$

so  $\alpha \vec{x}_1 + \beta \vec{x}_2$  is the unique solution  $B(\alpha \vec{y}_1 + \beta \vec{y}_2)$ , i.e.  $B$  is linear.

Now, let  $\vec{x} \in X$ ,  $\vec{y} = A\vec{x}$ . By def'n,

$$\vec{x} = B\vec{y}. \text{ So}$$

$$BA\vec{x} = B(\vec{y}) = \vec{x}.$$

$$\Rightarrow BA = I_X.$$

Now let  $\vec{y} \in Y$ , set  $\vec{x} = B\vec{y}$ , so that  $\vec{y} = A\vec{x}$ . Then

$$AB\vec{y} = A\vec{x} = \vec{y}.$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = I_Y. \quad \square$$

Corollary: An  $m \times n$  matrix is invertible if and only if its columns form a basis for  $F^m$  ( $\mathbb{R}^m$  or  $\mathbb{C}^m$ )



## Subspaces

A subspace  $V_0 \subset V$  of  $V$  is a nonempty subset of  $V$  s.t.

$$(i) \quad \forall \vec{u} + \beta \vec{v} \in V_0 \quad \forall \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V_0, \gamma, \beta \in F$$

i.e. A subspace is a subset of  $V$  that is also a vector space w/ the same addition and scaling.  
Condition (i) ensures this.

examples:

1) the trivial subspaces  
 $\{0\}, V$ .

$\emptyset$  is not a subspace

2)  $A: V \rightarrow W$  linear

the nullspace (or kernel) of  $A$  defined by  
 $\text{Null } A \quad \text{Ker } A$

$$\text{Ker } A = \{ \vec{v} \in V : A\vec{v} = \vec{0} \}$$

why is this a subspace?

3)  $A: V \rightarrow W$  linear

The range (or image of  $A$ )

$$\text{Ran } A = \{ \vec{w} \in W : \vec{w} = A\vec{v} \text{ for some } \vec{v} \in V \}$$

4) Given a list of vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r \in V$ , its span  $L(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_r)$  is the set

$$L(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_r) = \left\{ \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_r \vec{v}_r : \alpha_i \in \mathbb{F} \forall i=1, \dots, r \right\}$$

i.e. the collection of all possible linear combinations

If  $A$  is a matrix (i.e.  $A: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ), then  $\text{Ran } A$  is simply the span of the columns  $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n$ .

## Systems of Linear Eqs

$m$  equations,  $n$  unknowns  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

$$\begin{cases} a_{1,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{1,n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{2,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{2,n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{m,n}x_n = b_m \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \dots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & a_{m,2} & \dots & a_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then (\*) becomes  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

Solving (\*) is then equivalent to finding all

$$\vec{x} \text{ s.t. } A\vec{x} = \vec{b}.$$

Another way to write (\*) is

$$x_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n = \vec{b}$$

where  $\vec{a}_k$  is the  $k$ -th col of  $A$ .

$$a_k = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,k} \\ a_{2,k} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m,k} \end{pmatrix}$$

Everything about the system is contained in the augmented matrix

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \dots & a_{1,n} & b_1 \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{2,n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & a_{m,2} & \dots & a_{m,n} & b_m \end{array} \right)$$

Row operations

- 1) Row exchange: interchange two rows of the matrix
- 2) Scaling: scaling a row by a nonzero scalar
- 3) Row replacement: replace  $k$ -th row by its sum with a multiple of the  $j$ -th row for  $k, j$  of our choosing

Clear that 1) and 2) don't alter the set of solutions

For 3): If we apply a type 3 operation, any  $\vec{x}$  that satisfies the old system will satisfy the new system.

Operation 3 is reversible;

row  $k + \alpha(\text{row } j) \rightarrow \text{row } k$   
 can be reversed by  
 row  $k - \alpha(\text{row } j) \rightarrow \text{row } k$ .

tells us  $S_{\text{old}} \subseteq S_{\text{new}}$

using same argument a reverse op. ,  $S_{\text{new}} \subseteq S_{\text{old}}$ .

$$\Rightarrow S_{\text{new}} = S_{\text{old}}$$

If we use  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  form of the system, we can express these row ops as matrix multiplication

$$\begin{matrix} j \rightarrow \\ k \rightarrow \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & 0 & & & \\ & & \vdots & \ddots & & \\ & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & \ddots \\ 0 & & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} =: E_{jk}$$

multiplication on left by this matrix exchanges row  $j$  and row  $k$

$$E_2 := k \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ 0 & & & a & \\ & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ scales } k\text{-th row by } a$$

$$E_3 := \begin{matrix} j \\ k \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & a & \\ & & & & \ddots \\ 0 & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ adds } a(\text{row } j) \text{ to row } k$$

$$E_1 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = x_1 \vec{e}_1 + x_2 \vec{e}_2 + \dots + x_j \vec{e}_k + x_{j+1} \vec{e}_{j+1} + \dots + x_k \vec{e}_j + \dots + x_n \vec{e}_n$$

same except now  $x_j$  and  $x_k$  are swapped.

Since  $E_1$  does this to each column,  $E_1 A$  exchanges rows  $j$  and  $k$  in  $A$

$$E_3 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ ax_j + x_k \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = x_j \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ a \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Each of these three matrices is invertible.

$E_1$  is its own inverse

$E_2^{-1}$  is obtained by replacing  $a$  with  $1/a$

$E_3^{-1}$  is obtained by replacing  $a$  with  $-a$

If  $E$  is one of these special matrices

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \iff EA\vec{x} = E\vec{b}$$

$(\implies)$  clear

$(\impliedby)$  multiply by  $E^{-1}$ .

So we see row ops don't change set of sol's.

# Row reduction

The main step:

- Find leftmost nonzero column
- if necessary, apply row exchanges to make first entry of this col nonzero  
this entry will be called a pivot (can also scale to make pivot = 1)
- "kill" (make = 0) all nonzero entries below the pivot by adding an appropriate multiple of first row to rows 2, 3, ..., m.

Apply main step to matrix  $A$ , then "forget" the first row; it is now "frozen". Apply main step to remaining rows.

Process terminates after  $\leq m$  main steps.



E.g.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 1 \\ 3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 7 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$\downarrow$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{array}{l} -3R_1 \\ -2R_1 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & 4 \\ 0 & -3 & -4 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

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

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

$$\text{So } x_3 = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 + 2(-2) = -1 \Rightarrow x_2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3(-2) = 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1.$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Instead of back substitution, can do row reduction backwards to clear entries above diagonal

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-2R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right)$$

Def. A matrix is in echelon form if it satisfies:

1) All zero rows are at the bottom

In a nonzero row, call the leftmost nonzero entry the leading entry.

2) For a nonzero row, the leading entry is strictly to the right of leading entry in row above.

The leading entry of each row<sup>(in echelon form)</sup> is called a pivot. These are exactly the same pivots as above.

why are they  
same?

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & \overline{\quad\quad\quad} \\ | & | & * & \overline{\quad\quad\quad} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * & \overline{\quad\quad\quad} \\ | & | & | & 0 & | \\ | & | & | & | & * \end{pmatrix}$$

row reduction yields echelon form

backward row reduction yields reduced echelon form  
(RREF)

→ 3. All pivot entries are 1

4. All entries above a pivot are 0.

example of RREF

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} \boxed{1} & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 5 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

A  $\underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{\text{free}}$

$x_1, x_3, x_5$  are  
pivot variables

solution is easy to read off once in RREF

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 = 1 \\ x_3 + 5x_4 = 2 \\ x_5 = 3 \end{cases}$$

move non-pivot variables to one side

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 1 - 2x_2 \\ x_3 = 2 - 5x_4 \\ x_5 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$A\vec{x} = b$  has solution

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2x_2 \\ x_2 \\ 2 - 5x_4 \\ x_4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$x_2$  and  $x_4$  are free variables

any choice of them yields a valid sol'n,  
and any solution is obtained in this way.

This always works: any pivot entry is  
the only pivot in that row, so a  
pivot variable can always be written  
in terms of the free/nonpivot variables.

E.g.:

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 + 6x_4 - 2x_5 = 1 \\ x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 - x_5 = 2 \\ 4x_1 - 4x_2 + 5x_3 + 7x_4 - x_5 = 6 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & -1 & 6 & -2 & | & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & | & 2 \\ 4 & -4 & 5 & 7 & -1 & | & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & | & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 & 6 & -2 & | & 1 \\ 4 & -4 & 5 & 7 & -1 & | & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\begin{matrix} -2R_1 \\ -4R_1 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 2 & 0 & | & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & | & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & | & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 2 & 0 & | & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+3R_2 \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 9 & -9 \end{array} \right) \quad \text{REF}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} \boxed{1} & -1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & -9 & 9 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -2R_3 \\ +R_3 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} \boxed{1} & -1 & 1 & 0 & 17 & -16 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & -6 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & -9 & 9 \end{array} \right)$$

$$-R_2 \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} \boxed{1} & -1 & 0 & 0 & 23 & -23 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & -6 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & -9 & 9 \end{array} \right)$$

## Analyzing the pivots

Def:  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is consistent if it has a sol'n,  
inconsistent otherwise.

Prop: A system is inconsistent iff there is a  
pivot in the last col of the EF of  
the augmented matrix (i.e. EF has a row  
 $(0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \mid b), b \neq 0$ )

PF:  $\square$

Prop: Consider a system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

1) A sol'n (if it exists) is unique iff  
there are no free variables

2)  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is consistent for all  $\vec{b}$  iff  
EF of  $A$  has a pivot in every row

3)  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a unique sol'n for each  $\vec{b}$   
iff EF of  $A$  has a pivot in every col and row.

Pf:

(1) is immediate, since no free vars means each variable has a fixed value  $x_i = c_i$ .

$$\vec{0}^T \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|ccc} * & * & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & \\ 0 & 0 & & & \end{array} \right)$$

zero rows  
are "pushed down"  
by row reduction

(2) If  $A$  has a pivot in every row,  
then the augmented matrix will not  
have a pivot in last col, so sol'n exists

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} * & \\ * & \\ \vdots & \\ * & \end{array} \right)$$

Converse: Suppose the echelon form  $A_e$  of  $A$  has  
a zero row.

$$A_e = \underbrace{E_N \dots E_2 E_1}_E A$$

if  $A_e$  has a 0 row, then the last row  
must also be 0.



So let  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Then  $A_e \vec{x} = b$  is inconsistent

$$\Rightarrow E^{-1} A_e \vec{x} = E^{-1} \vec{b} \text{ is inconsistent}$$

$\parallel$   
 $A \vec{x}$

why?

Aside: If  $A \vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , then  $EA \vec{x} = E \vec{b}$

If  $E$  is invertible, then converse is true:

$$EA \vec{x} = E \vec{b} \Rightarrow A \vec{x} = \vec{b}.$$

(3) follows from (1) + (2).  $\square$

Then: The reduced echelon form of a matrix  $A$  is unique.

Pf: Suppose  $R$  and  $S$  are both RREF matrices of  $A$  and  $R \neq S$ . Find the first column ( $k$ ) where  $R$  and  $S$  differ. Form the matrix  $R'$  by taking  $k$ -th col of  $R$  and every pivot col to the left of it. Form  $S'$  from  $S$  similarly.

For example if

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$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 7 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 8 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

then

$$R^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In general,

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$$R' = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} I_n & \begin{matrix} r_1 \\ \vdots \\ r_n \end{matrix} \\ \hline 0 & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{matrix} \end{array} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad \left( \begin{array}{c|c} I_n & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \vdots \end{array} \right)$$

if pivot

$$S' = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} I_n & z' \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \text{ or } \left( \begin{array}{c|c} I_n & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \vdots \end{array} \right)$$

$R'$  and  $S'$  are row equivalent, since deleting columns doesn't affect row equivalence.

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View  $R'$  and  $S'$  as augmented matrices.  
 $R'$  and  $S'$  have the same set of solutions since they are row equivalent.  
 $\Rightarrow R' \neq S'$  as they're both inconsistent.

So either  $\vec{r}' = s'$  or they're both inconsistent.

In either case,  $R' = S'$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

Rank: In echelon form, any row or col has at most one pivot.

### 3.1 Conditions about linear independence, bases

Prop: Let  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and let

$A = [\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_m]$  be an  $n \times m$  matrix with cols  $\vec{v}_i, i=1, \dots, m$ . Then

(1)  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$  are lin indp iff echelon form of  $A$  has a pivot in every col.

(2)  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^n$  iff echelon form has pivot in each row

(3)  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  iff EF of  $A$  has a pivot in each col and each row.

Pf:  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are LI iff

$$x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_m \vec{v}_m = \vec{0}$$

has only one solution,  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_m = 0$ . i.e.

$A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has the unique solution  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

this happens iff  $A$  has a pivot in every col. (1)

(2)  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^n$  iff

$$x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_m \vec{v}_m = \vec{b}$$

has a sol'n for every  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

This happens iff  $A$  has a pivot in every row.

(3) Combine (1) and (2).  $\square$

Prop: Any lin indep list  $v_i$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  cannot have more than  $n$  vectors in it.

Pf:  $A = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_m)$   $n \times m$  matrix

Then  $A$  has a pivot in each col.

If  $m > n$ , this is not possible. (Pigeonhole Principle)  $\square$

Prop: Any two bases of  $V$  have the same number of vectors in them.

Pf: Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  be bases of  $V$ . For the sake of concreteness, suppose  $n \leq m$ .

The map  $A: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow V$  defined by

$$A(\vec{e}_k) = \vec{v}_k, \quad k = 1, \dots, n$$

is an isomorphism.

$A^{-1} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is also an isomorphism, so

$A^{-1}\vec{w}_1, \dots, A^{-1}\vec{w}_m$  is a basis.

So  $m \leq n. \Rightarrow m = n. \square$

Def. This number is called the dimension of  $V$ .

Rank: Any basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has exactly  $n$  vectors in it.

Prop. Any spanning set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  must have at least  $n$  vectors.

Pf. Let  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_m \end{pmatrix}$$

has a pivot in every row (i.e. it has  $n$  pivots.  $\Rightarrow n \leq m. \square$

Revisit RREF uniqueness pf. Pivot cols

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

deleting col can break echelon form,  
but deleting last col is fine.

Prop 3.6: A matrix is invertible iff its echelon form has a pivot in every row and every col.

Pf: we've seen  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a unique sol'n for each  $\vec{b}$  iff echelon form of  $A$  has a pivot in each row and col.

OTOH  $A$  is invertible iff  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has unique sol for each  $\vec{b}$ .  $\square$

Cor: An invertible matrix must be square.

Prop 3.8 If  $A$  ( $n \times n$ ) is left inv, or right inv, then it is invertible.

Pf:  $A$  inv  $\iff A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  unique sol'n for each  $\vec{b}$   
 $\iff A$  has pivot in each row, each col

Suppose  $A$  left inv. Then  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has

$\vec{0}$  as its only solution ( $BA\vec{x} = B\vec{0} \implies \vec{x} = \vec{0}$ ).

So no free vars  $\implies$  each col has pivot.

$A = n \times n$ , so each col has a pivot, so  $A$  is invertible.

Let  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose  $AC = I$ . Let  $\vec{x} = C\vec{b}$ .

$$A\vec{x} = AC\vec{b} = I\vec{b} = \vec{b}$$

So  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  always has sol'n  $\vec{x} = C\vec{b}$ .

So  $A$  has a pivot in every col.  $\square$

Find  $A^{-1}$  by row reduction.

Def: two matrices are row equivalent

if row ops can transform one into the other.

(write  $A \sim B$ ).

$$A = \underbrace{E_N E_{N-1} \dots E_1}_\text{row ops} B.$$

Obs: Any invertible matrix  $A$  is row eq.  
to  $I_n$ .

Algorithm to compute  $A^{-1}$  (if  $A$  is invertible)

- form the  $n \times 2n$  matrix

$$(A \mid I_n)$$

perform row ops to reduce  $A$  to  $I_n$



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

why?  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has solution  $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$  if  $A$  is inv.

Note  $A^{-1}\vec{e}_k$  is the  $k$ -th col of  $A^{-1}$ .

So  $k$ -th col of  $A^{-1}$  is the solution to

$A\vec{x} = \vec{e}_k$ . The above algorithm then

solves  $A\vec{x} = \vec{e}_k$  for each  $k = 1, \dots, n$  simultaneously.



Another way:

Let  $E = E_N \dots E_2 E_1$  be the row ops taking  $A$  to  $I$   
i.e.  $EA = I_n$ . Then  $E = A^{-1}$ , so that  $E I_n = A^{-1}$ .

$$\text{So } E(A | I) = (I_n | A^{-1}). \quad \square$$

Thm:  $A$  invertible  $\Rightarrow A = E_N \dots E_2 E_1$ ,  
each  $E_i$  elementary.

Pf:  $E = A^{-1}$ , so  $A = E^{-1}$

$$A = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \dots E_N^{-1}. \quad \square$$

## Dimension, Finite dimensional space

Def: A vector space is finite-dimensional if it has a finite basis.

Prop. A vector space  $V$  is f.d. iff it has a finite spanning set.

Obs: If  $V$  has basis  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ , then

$$A: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ (or } \mathbb{F}^n)$$

$$A\vec{v}_k = \vec{e}_k, \quad k=1, \dots, n$$

is an isomorphism.

Prop 5.2 Any LI list in a f.d.v.s  $V$  has no more than  $\dim V$  vectors in it.

pf: let  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$  be LI. Let  $A: V \xrightarrow{\mathbb{K}} \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Then  $A\vec{v}_1, \dots, A\vec{v}_m$  is LI in  $\mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow m \leq n$ .  $\square$   
 $\text{dim } V$

Prop 5.3 Any spanning set in a f.d.v.s  $V$  has at least  $\dim V$  vectors in it.

Pf: Let  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m \in V$  span  $V$ .

$A: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  iso. Then  $A\vec{v}_1, \dots, A\vec{v}_m$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  
so  $m \geq n = \dim V$ .  $\square$

Completing an LI system to a basis

Prop 5.4 An LI list of vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r \in V = \text{f.d.v.s}$  can be completed to a basis.

Pf: Let  $n = \dim V$ . Take some  $v_{r+1} \notin \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r\}$ .

Then  $v_1, \dots, v_r, v_{r+1}$  is LI. (why?)

If still not spanning, find some  $v_{r+2}$ , etc.

Process will terminate since an LI list can't have more than  $n = \dim V$  vectors.  $\square$

Then 5.5 let  $V \subseteq W$  be a subspace.  
 $W = \text{f.l.v.s.}$  Then  $V$  is f.d. and  $\dim V \leq \dim W$ .  
Moreover, if  $\dim V = \dim W$ , then  $V = W$ .

Pf: If  $V = \{0\}$ , done.  $\checkmark$

otherwise let  $v_1$  be a nonzero vector in  $V$ .

If this doesn't span  $V$ , find  $v_2 \notin \text{span}(v_1)$ .

Continue process:

at each step, list is lin. indep.

Eventually must stop, since length of list  $\leq \dim W$ .

(can't keep finding vectors not in  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_r)$ ).

Result is  $v_1, \dots, v_n = \text{spanning}$ , L.I.  $\square$

## General sol'n of linear systems

Def:  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is homogeneous if  $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$ .

i.e. the system is of the form  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

For  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , the associated homogeneous system is  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

Thm 6.1 Suppose  $\vec{x}_1$  satisfies  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  ( $A: V \rightarrow W$ )  
(i.e.  $A\vec{x}_1 = \vec{b}$ ). Let

$$H = \{ \vec{x} \in V : A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \}$$

Then the set

$$\vec{x}_1 + H := \{ \vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_h : \vec{x}_h \in H \}$$

is the set of all sol'ns to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{General} \\ \text{sol'n} \\ \text{of } A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{General} \\ \text{sol'n} \\ \text{of } A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \end{array} + \begin{array}{l} \text{Particular} \\ \text{sol'n of } A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \end{array} \right)$$

Pf: Suppose  $\vec{x}_1$  is s.t.  $A\vec{x}_1 = \vec{b}$ . Suppose  $\vec{x}_h$  is s.t.

$$A\vec{x}_h = \vec{0}. \text{ Then}$$

$$A(\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_h) = A\vec{x}_1 + A\vec{x}_h = A\vec{x}_1 = \vec{b}.$$

so  $\vec{x}_1 + H \subseteq \text{all sol'ns to } A\vec{x} = \vec{b}.$

Suppose  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ . Set  $\vec{x}_h := \vec{x} - \vec{x}_p$ .

$$A\vec{x}_h = A(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_p) = A\vec{x} - A\vec{x}_p = \vec{b} - \vec{b} = \vec{0}.$$

So  $\vec{x}_h \in H$ . So any sol'n of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  can be written as  $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_p + \vec{x}_h$ , w/  $\vec{x}_h \in H$ .  $\square$

Ex:

$$\begin{matrix} & A & & \vec{b} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & -9 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & -8 \end{pmatrix} & \vec{x} = & \begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ 6 \\ 8 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$S = \left\{ \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_5 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, x_3, x_5 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Suppose we were handed this solution and asked to check if it solves the system.

Can check that  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  solves  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

Check that  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  each satisfy  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

This would show each  $\vec{x} \in S$  solves  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

$$S = \left\{ \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Can also show each  $\vec{x} \in S$  solves  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

Are these all of the sol's? Row reduction  
wouldn't lead you to this formula.

Need more theory to prove this gives all  
solutions.

# Fundamental subspaces of a matrix

$A: V \rightarrow W$  linear

$$\ker A = \text{Null } A := \{ \vec{v} \in V : A\vec{v} = \vec{0} \} \subset V$$

$$\text{Ran } A := \{ \vec{w} \in W : w = A\vec{v} \text{ for some } \vec{v} \in V \} \subset W$$

In other words,  $\ker A$  is the set of solutions to the homogeneous eqn  $A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ .

$\text{Ran } A$  is the set of  $\vec{b}$  for which  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is consistent.

Let  $A$  be a matrix (i.e.  $A: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$ ).

Any  $\vec{w} \in \text{Ran } A$  can be written as a linear combination of the cols of  $A$ . So  $\text{Ran } A$  is sometimes called the column space (when  $A: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$ )

Can also define  $\text{Ran } A^T$  and  $\text{Ker } A^T$ .  
row space                      left nullspace

$\text{Ran } A, \ker A, \text{Ran } A^T, \ker A^T$   
"the fundamental subspaces"



Def: Let  $A = m \times n$ .

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

### Computing Fund. spaces and rank

Let  $A$  be a matrix,  $A_e$  its echelon form.

- Thm:
1. The pivot cols of  $A$  gives a basis for  $\text{Ran } A$
  2. The pivot rows of  $A_e$  gives a basis for  $\text{Ran } A^T$ .
  3. A basis for  $\ker A$  can be found by solving  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

Ex:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{-3} & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$A$   $A_e$

The pivot columns  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  form a basis for  $\text{col } A$  ( $\text{Ran } A$ )

from  $A$

The pivot rows

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$   
form a basis for the row space  $\text{Ran } A^T$ .

To compute  $\ker A$ , compute  $A_{re}$

$$A_{re} = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$x_2, x_4, x_5$  free

$$x_1 = -x_2 - \frac{1}{3}x_5$$

$$x_3 = -x_4 - \frac{1}{3}x_5$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 - \frac{1}{3}x_5 \\ x_2 \\ -x_4 - \frac{1}{3}x_5 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_5 \begin{pmatrix} -1/3 \\ 0 \\ -1/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

form a basis for  $\ker A$

no shortcut for finding  $\ker A^T$ ; need to solve  $A^T \vec{x} = \vec{0}$

- why does this always give a basis for  $\ker A$ ?

After solving  $A\vec{x} = 0$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{some entries} \\ \text{free, others written} \\ \text{in terms of free vars} \end{array}$$

To make free entries 0, need to set corresponding free var to 0. i.e. the vectors obtained are lin indep. This list of vectors also spans  $\ker A$  (it's a complete description for solutions of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ ). So we have a basis for  $\ker A$ .

- Pivot cols give basis for  $\text{ran } A$ :

Notice: pivot cols of  $A$  give a basis for  $\text{Ran } A$ . why?

Row ops are invertible

$$EA = E(\vec{a}_1 \dots \vec{a}_n) = (E\vec{a}_1 \dots E\vec{a}_n)$$

$E$  inv, so  $E$  preserves linear independence

→ pivot cols of  $A$  are lin indep.

$A_{re} = EA$ ,  $E$  invertible.

let  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r$  be the pivot cols of  $A$ .  
let  $\vec{v}$  be any other col of  $A$ .

There are scalars  $\alpha_i$  s.t.

$$E\vec{v} = \alpha_1 E\vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_r E\vec{v}_r. \text{ why?}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v} = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_r \vec{v}_r.$$

So pivot cols span  $\text{Ran } A$ .

- $\text{Ran } A^T$  (row space)

- the pivot rows of  $A_e$  are lin indep

$$\begin{matrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_4 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $w_1, \dots, w_r$  be the pivot rows of  $A_e$ .

Consider  $\alpha_1 w_1 + \dots + \alpha_r w_r = 0$ .  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$

$\alpha_1$  must be 0.  $\alpha_2$  must be 0, and so on.

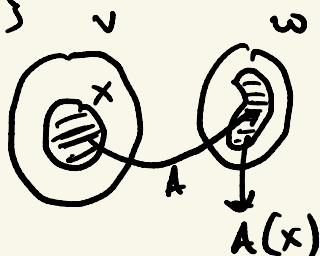
- pivot rows span  $\text{Ran } A^T$

claim: row ops do not change row space

For a map  $A$  and a set  $X \subseteq \text{domain } A$  define

$$A(X) := \{ A(x) : x \in X \}$$

"the image of  $X$  under  $A$ "

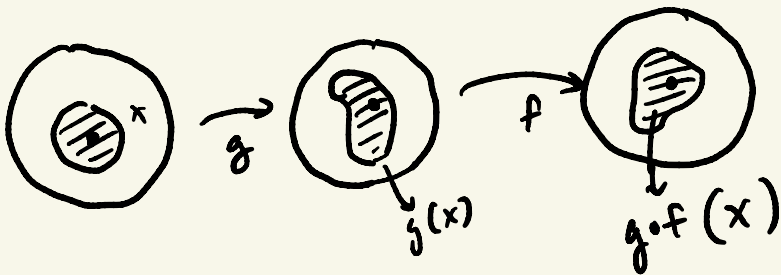


$A_e = EA$ ,  $E$   $m \times m$ , invertible

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ran } A_e^T &= \text{Ran}((EA)^T) \\ &= \text{Ran}(A^T E^T) = A^T (\text{Ran } E^T) \end{aligned}$$

$\downarrow$   
why?

$$= A^T(\mathbb{R}^m) = \text{Ran } A^T. \quad \square$$



$$\begin{aligned} &\{ f(g(x)) : x \in X \} \\ &\quad \parallel \\ &\{ f(y) : y \in g(X) \} \end{aligned}$$

## Thm 7.1 (Rank Thm)

$$\text{rank } A = \text{rank } A^T$$

"col rank = row rank"

Pf.  $\text{rank } A = \# \text{ pivots in } A$   
 $\text{rank } A^T = \# \text{ pivots in } A. \quad \square$

## Thm 7.2 (Rank-nullity Thm)

Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}$  (i.e.  $A: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$ , linear). Then

- 1)  $\dim \ker A + \dim \text{Ran } A = n$  (dimension of domain)  
(rank  $A$ )
- 2)  $\dim \ker A^T + \text{rank } A = m$

Pf.  $\dim \ker A = \# \text{ of free vars}$   
 $\text{rank } A = \# \text{ of pivots}$

$$(\# \text{ free vars}) + (\# \text{ pivots}) = \# \text{ cols} = n.$$

part (2) is part (1) applied to  $A^T$  plus the previous thm.

Ex: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & -9 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ 6 \\ 8 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

$A$   $\vec{b}$

We saw that

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, s, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

satisfies  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ . Are these all solns?

these two vectors lie in  $\ker A$ , are lin indep (why?)

Perform one iteration of "main step" in row red:

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

already 3 pivots, so  $\text{rank } A \geq 3$  (can see it's equal 3, but don't need to know that).

$$\text{rank } A + \dim \ker A = 5 \quad - \text{rank } A \leq 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim \ker A = 5 - \text{rank } A \leq 2.$$

So  $\ker A$  contains no more than 2 lin indep.  
 we found 2 lin indep vectors in  $\ker A$ ,  
 so we have a basis at our hands.

Thm 7.3  $A \in M_{m \times n}$ .

Then  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a solution for each  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$   
 iff  $A^T \vec{x} = 0$  has only the trivial solution.

PF. Statement (1)  $\iff$  A has pivot in each row  
 (i.e.  $\text{rank } A = m$ ).  $A^T$  is  $n \times m$ . Statement (2)  
 $\iff$  A has a pivot in each col (i.e.  $n$  pivots).

So (1) and (2) are both equivalent to  
 saying A has  $n$  pivots.  $\square$



## 7.4 Completion of an LI list to a basis

The proof for being able to complete a LI list to a basis doesn't provide a practical algorithm to construct the basis.

Notice: if  $A_{re} \in M_{m \times n}$  is in reduced ech. form, then the nonzero rows can be completed to a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

e.g.  $A_{re} = \begin{pmatrix} \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \downarrow \\ & 1 & & & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & & & \\ & & & 1 & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{insert three new rows here}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & 0 & 0 & * & 0 & * \\ \downarrow & & & & & & \\ & \downarrow & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

if  $k$ -th col is not a pivot col, then add  $\vec{e}_k^T$  after row  $\# k-1$ . The new matrix is in echelon form.

i.e. can complete rows to a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
by adding standard basis vectors in right spots.

Claim: the same vectors that complete rows of  $A$  to a basis also complete the rows of  $A$  to a basis.

Suppose  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} v_1^T \\ \vdots \\ v_r^T \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} i\text{-th row of } A \\ \text{is } v_i \end{array}$$

Complete rows of  $A$  to basis<sup>of  $\mathbb{R}^n$</sup>  by adding  
 $v_{r+1}, \dots, v_n$ .

$$\text{Let } \tilde{A} := \begin{pmatrix} v_1^T \\ \vdots \\ v_r^T \\ v_{r+1}^T \\ \vdots \\ v_n^T \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $\hat{A}_{re}$  be  $A_{re}$  with  $v_{r+1}^T, \dots, v_n^T$  added as rows.

$$\tilde{A}_{re} = E \hat{A}, \quad E = \text{product of elementary matrices}$$

$$\hat{A} = E^{-1} \tilde{A}_e, \quad \Leftrightarrow \hat{A} \text{ invertible.}$$

$\downarrow$  inv     $\downarrow$  inv

$\downarrow$   
rows of  $\tilde{A}$  form basis  
of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

## 8. Matrix of a linear map *enhanced* Change of coords

- For  $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  linear, the matrix  $[A]$  and  $A$  itself were viewed as the same
- For  $A: V \rightarrow W$ , must be careful  
    ↑  
    general

Let  $V$  be a vector space,  $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$   
basis for  $V$ .

For each  $\vec{v} \in V$ , there is a unique  
 $n$ -tuple of numbers  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  s.t.

$$\vec{v} = x_1 \vec{b}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{b}_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \vec{b}_k$$

$(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  are called the coordinates  
of  $\vec{v}$  wrt  $\mathcal{B}$ .

$$[\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} := \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ (or } \mathbb{C}^n)$$

↗ coordinate vector

Note: the map  $\vec{v} \mapsto [\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  is an isomorphism

In fact, it is the unique isomorphism s.t.

$$C: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$C(\vec{b}_i) = \vec{e}_i, i=1, \dots, n.$$

Def. Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  linear.

$\mathcal{A} = \{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$  basis for  $V$

$\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_m\}$  basis for  $W$

The matrix of  $T$  wrt  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  is the matrix  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{A}}$  whose  $k$ -th col is

$$[T\vec{a}_k]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$\text{Let } \vec{v} \in V. \quad \vec{v} = [\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{A},1} \vec{a}_1 \\ + \dots + [\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{A},n} \vec{a}_n$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n [\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{A},k} \vec{a}_k$$

$$T\vec{v} = \sum_{k=1}^n [\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{A},k} T\vec{a}_k$$

$$[T\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n [\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{A},k} T\vec{a}_k \right]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n [\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{L},k} [T \vec{a}_k]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$= [T]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{L}} [\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{L}}$$

$$[T\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [T]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{L}} [\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{L}}$$

Suppose  $T_1: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $T_2: Y \rightarrow Z$  linear maps  
 $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$  bases for  $X, Y, Z$  resp.  $\mathcal{L} = \{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_L\}$

$$[T_2 \underbrace{T_1 \vec{a}_i}_{\in Y}]_{\mathcal{C}} = [T_2]_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{B}} [T_1 \vec{a}_i]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

so  $i$ -th col of  $T_2 T_1$  is exactly

$$[T_2]_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{B}} \text{ times } [T_1 \vec{a}_i]_{\mathcal{B}} \\ \parallel \\ i\text{-th col of } [T_1]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{L}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{[T_2 T_1]_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{L}} = [T_2]_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{B}} [T_1]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{L}}} \quad (*)$$

### 8.3 Change of coords

$\mathcal{A} = \{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$ ,  $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$  bases of  $V$ .

let  $I: V \rightarrow V$  be the identity.

$[I]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{A}}$  is not necessarily the identity matrix.  
if  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A}$ , then it is, but otherwise no.

$[I]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{A}}$  takes a vector in  $\mathcal{A}$  coords and produces coords in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

$[I]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{A}}$  has  $[\vec{a}_k]_{\mathcal{B}}$  as its  $k$ -th col.

Obs:  $[I]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{A}} = ([I]_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}})^{-1}$  (apply  $*$ )

Ex (standard basis:

let  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ .  $\mathcal{A} = \{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$   
 $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$

$[I]_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow k$ -th col is  $[I\vec{b}_k]_{\mathcal{S}} = [\vec{b}_k]_{\mathcal{S}} = \vec{b}_k$

$[I]_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{B}}$  is the matrix  $B = [\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n]$

$$[I]_{BS} = B^{-1}$$

e.g.  $B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$$[I]_{SB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  has coordinates  $(1, 0)$  wrt  $B$

$$[I]_{SB} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the coordinates of any vector wrt standard basis are just the entries of the vector itself

$$[I]_{BS} = [I]_{SB}^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{1}{3} \left( \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .



Ex:  $\mathbb{P}_1$

$$\mathcal{A} = \{1, 1+x\}, \quad \mathcal{B} = \{1+2x, 1-2x\}$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \{1, x\}$$

to compute  $[I]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{A}}$ , use  $[I]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{A}} = [I]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{S}} [I]_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{A}}$

$$[I]_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} =: A \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$[I]_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} =: B \quad = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[I]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{A}} = [I]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{S}} [I]_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{A}} = B^{-1}A = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[I]_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}} = A^{-1}B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex:}} \quad V = \mathbb{P}_3 \quad S = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$$

$$T: \mathbb{P}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_3$$

$$T(p) = p'$$

$$T(1) = 0$$

$$T(x) = 1$$

$$T(x^2) = 2x$$

$$T(x^3) = 3x^2$$

$$[T]_{SS} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 & x^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ x \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{Let } p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

$$[p]_S = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[T(p)]_S = [T]_{SS} [p]_S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ 2a_2 \\ 3a_3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ x \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{matrix} \rightarrow a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 + 0x^3$$

$$\ker T? \quad \text{ran } T?$$

## Matrix of a transformation and change of coords

$T: V \rightarrow W$  linear

$\mathcal{L}, \tilde{\mathcal{L}}$  bases of  $V$

$\mathcal{B}, \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  bases of  $W$

$$[T]_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}\mathcal{L}} = [I]_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}\mathcal{B}} [T]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{L}} [I]_{\mathcal{L}\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}$$

$T: \underset{\mathcal{L}}{V} \rightarrow \underset{\mathcal{B}}{W}$

$S := [\cdot]_{\mathcal{L}} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  iso

$R := [\cdot]_{\mathcal{B}} : W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  iso

$$R \circ T \circ S^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

i.e.  $\underset{\text{"A"}}{R T S^{-1}}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix

Rank thm  $\Rightarrow \dim \ker A + \dim \text{ran } A = n$

Note:  $T: V \rightarrow W, S: U \xrightarrow{\cong} V$

Then  $\ker T \cong \ker TS$

$\text{ran } T \cong \text{ran } TS$

Let  $v_1, \dots, v_r$  be a basis for  $\ker T$ .

$S^{-1}v_1, \dots, S^{-1}v_r$  each lie in  $\ker TS$

They are lin indep.

Let  $u \in \ker TS$ . Then  $TSu = \vec{0}$   
 $T(Su) = \vec{0}$

$Su \in \ker T$ .  $Su = \alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_r v_r$

$$u = \alpha_1 S^{-1}v_1 + \dots + \alpha_r S^{-1}v_r$$

$$u \in \text{span} \{ S^{-1}v_i \}_{i=1, \dots, r}$$

Do similar thing for range.

Conclude  $\dim \ker A = \dim \ker T$

$$\dim \text{ran } T = \dim \text{Ran } A.$$

So rank-nullity theorem works for general  
 $T: V \rightarrow W$ ,  $W, V$  f.d.v.s

$$\mathcal{L} = \{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\} \quad T: V \rightarrow V \text{ linear}$$

$[\mathcal{T}]_{\mathcal{L}\mathcal{L}}$  same basis for "inputs" and "outputs"

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n\} \text{ another basis}$$

$$[\mathcal{T}]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}} = [\mathcal{I}]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{L}} [\mathcal{T}]_{\mathcal{L}\mathcal{L}} [\mathcal{I}]_{\mathcal{L}\mathcal{B}}$$

$$Q := [\mathcal{I}]_{\mathcal{L}\mathcal{B}}$$

$$[\mathcal{T}]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}} = Q^{-1} [\mathcal{T}]_{\mathcal{L}\mathcal{L}} Q$$

Def. A matrix  $A$  is similar to a matrix  $B$  if there is an invertible  $Q$  s.t.

$$A = Q^{-1} B Q.$$

Note. similarity is an equivalence relation.

1)  $A$  is similar to itself

2)  $A \sim B \Rightarrow B \sim A$

3)  $A \sim B, B \sim C \Rightarrow A \sim C$

Similar matrices can be thought of as different matrix representations of the same operator  $T$ .

