

Vectors and Matrices

aka Linear Algebra

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1) Vector spaces and vectors

Def. of vector space:

- vectors in V , scalars in field $F = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \dots$
- two operations: vector addition and scalar multiplication . . .
- . . . subject to a number of rules

Def. of sub-vector space:

Non-empty sub-set $W \subset V$ “closed” under vector addition and scalar multiplication.

“Lines, planes etc. through $\mathbf{0} \in V$ ”

Key examples for vector spaces:

$\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n, n \times m$ matrices, function vector spaces

Key concepts in vector spaces:

- **Linear combination:** $\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + \alpha_k \mathbf{v}_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i$

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + 2\beta \\ -2\alpha + 3\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Span:** $\text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k) := \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i \mid \alpha_i \in F \right\}$

$$\text{Span} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + 2\beta \\ -2\alpha + 3\beta \end{pmatrix} \mid \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

The span is a (sub) vector space.

• **Linear independence:** $\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{0} \implies \text{all } \alpha_i = 0$

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + 2\beta \\ -2\alpha + 3\beta \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{0} \implies \alpha = \beta = 0$$

\implies linearly independent

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + 3\beta + \gamma \\ -\alpha - 4\beta - 2\gamma \\ 2\alpha - 4\gamma \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{0}$$

solved for $\alpha = 2, \beta = -1, \gamma = 1 \implies$ linearly dependent

$$\alpha e^x + \beta e^{2x} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} x = 0 : \alpha + \beta = 0 \\ x = 1 : e\alpha + e^2\beta = 0 \end{array} \implies \alpha = \beta = 0$$

$\implies e^x, e^{2x}$ linearly independent

- **Basis:** $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is basis if it is lin. indep. and spans V

Standard unit vectors in $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n$

$$\mathbf{e}_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow i^{\text{th}} \text{ component}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \mathbf{e}_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{e}_i \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{0} \implies \text{all } \alpha_i = 0$$

$\implies \mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$ basis of $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n$

Standard unit vectors in $\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{C}^3$

$$\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{e}_3$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = x \mathbf{i} + y \mathbf{j} + z \mathbf{k}$$

$$\alpha \mathbf{i} + \beta \mathbf{j} + \gamma \mathbf{k} \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{0} \implies \alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0$$

$\implies \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$ basis of $\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{C}^3$

- Every vector is a unique linear combination of a basis.

Vector as linear combination of basis

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ basis of } \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\mathbf{v} := \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \mathbf{v}_1 + \beta \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + 2\beta \\ -\alpha - 3\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \alpha + 2\beta &= 2 \\ \implies -\alpha - 3\beta &= -1 \end{aligned} \quad \implies \alpha = 4, \beta = -1$$

- **Dimension of V** : number of vectors in a basis for V

$$\dim_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}^n) = n$$

real $n \times m$ matrices : dimension = nm

2) Vector spaces \mathbb{R}^n , geometrical applications

- Scalar (dot) product in \mathbb{R}^n

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} := \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i = \delta_{ij} a_i b_j$$

$$\text{Kronecker delta: } \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Length of vector: } |\mathbf{a}| := \sqrt{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{Angle between two vectors: } \cos(\sphericalangle(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})) = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}|} \implies$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos(\sphericalangle(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}))$$

$$\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0} \text{ perpendicular} \iff \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0 \iff \sphericalangle(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Angle between two vectors

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\mathbf{a}| = |\mathbf{b}| = \sqrt{6}, \quad \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 3$$

$$\cos(\sphericalangle(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})) = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}|} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \implies \quad \sphericalangle(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

• Vector product in \mathbb{R}^3

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \\ a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \\ a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} a_j b_k$$

Levi-Civita tensor: $\epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } (i, j, k) = (1, 2, 3), (2, 3, 1), (3, 1, 2) \quad \text{“cyclic permutations”} \\ -1 & \text{if } (i, j, k) = (2, 1, 3), (3, 2, 1), (1, 3, 2) \quad \text{“anti-cyclic permutations”} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Calculating vector products

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Proving vector identities with indices

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}))_i &= \epsilon_{ijk} a_j (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})_k = \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{kmn} a_j b_m c_n \stackrel{(2.16)}{=} (\delta_{im} \delta_{jn} - \delta_{in} \delta_{jm}) a_j b_m c_n \\ &= a_j c_j b_i - a_j b_j c_i = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} b_i - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} c_i = ((\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}) \mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) \mathbf{c})_i \end{aligned}$$

$$(\nabla \times (\nabla f))_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j (\nabla f)_k = \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j \partial_k f = 0$$

Geometrical interpretation:

$|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a}| \cdot |\mathbf{b}| \sin \angle(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \text{area of parallelogram defined by } \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$

$$\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \perp \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$$

• Triple product in \mathbb{R}^3

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \rangle &= \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = \det(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) = \epsilon_{ijk} a_i b_j c_k \\ &= a_1 b_2 c_3 + a_2 b_3 c_1 + a_3 b_1 c_2 - a_1 b_3 c_2 - a_2 b_1 c_3 - a_3 b_2 c_1 \\ &= \text{volume of parallelepiped defined by } \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow vanishes if two arguments are equal

$$\det(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) \neq 0 \iff \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \text{ basis of } \mathbb{R}^3$$

● Lines in \mathbb{R}^3

vector form

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{q}$$

Cartesian form

$$t = \frac{x - p_x}{q_x} = \frac{y - p_y}{q_y} = \frac{z - p_z}{q_z}$$



Line through two points

$$A = (1, 2, -3)^T, \quad B = (2, -1, 1)^T$$

$$\implies \mathbf{p} = A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{q} = B - A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$t = \frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y-2}{-3} = \frac{z+3}{4}$$

Minimal distance of line from point \mathbf{p}_0 : $d_{\min} = \frac{|(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}_0) \times \mathbf{q}|}{|\mathbf{q}|}$

Minimal distance of two lines $\mathbf{r}_i(t_i) = \mathbf{p}_i + t_i\mathbf{q}_i$:

$$d_{\min} = |(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2) \cdot \mathbf{n}| \quad \mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{q}_1 \times \mathbf{q}_2}{|\mathbf{q}_1 \times \mathbf{q}_2|}$$

• Planes in \mathbb{R}^3

vector form

$$\mathbf{r}(t_1, t_2) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t_1, t_2) \\ y(t_1, t_2) \\ z(t_1, t_2) \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{p} + t_1\mathbf{q} + t_2\mathbf{s}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{s}}{|\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{s}|}$$

$$d = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}$$

Cartesian form

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r} = d$$

$$n_x x + n_y y + n_z z = d$$

Plane through three points

$$A = (2, 1, 0)^T, B = (-1, 2, -1)^T, C = (3, -2, 4)^T$$

$$\mathbf{p} = A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{q} = B - A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{s} = C - A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{s} = (1, 11, 8)^T$$

$$\mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{s}) = 13$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t_1, t_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t_1 \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + t_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow x + 11y + 8z = 13$$

Intersection of line $\mathbf{r}_L(t) = \mathbf{a} + t\mathbf{b}$ and plane $\mathbf{r}_P(t_1, t_2) = \mathbf{p} + t_1\mathbf{q} + t_2\mathbf{s}$:

$$t_{\text{isec}} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{s} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{s} \rangle} \quad \text{with intersection point at } \mathbf{r}_L(t_{\text{isec}})$$

3) Linear maps and matrices

Def. of linear map $f : V \rightarrow W$:

$$(L1) \quad f(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) = f(\mathbf{v}_1) + f(\mathbf{v}_2)$$

$$(L2) \quad f(\alpha \mathbf{v}) = \alpha f(\mathbf{v})$$

Kernel and image of a linear map (sub vector spaces):

$$\text{Ker}(f) = \{\mathbf{v} \in V \mid f(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}\} \subset V$$

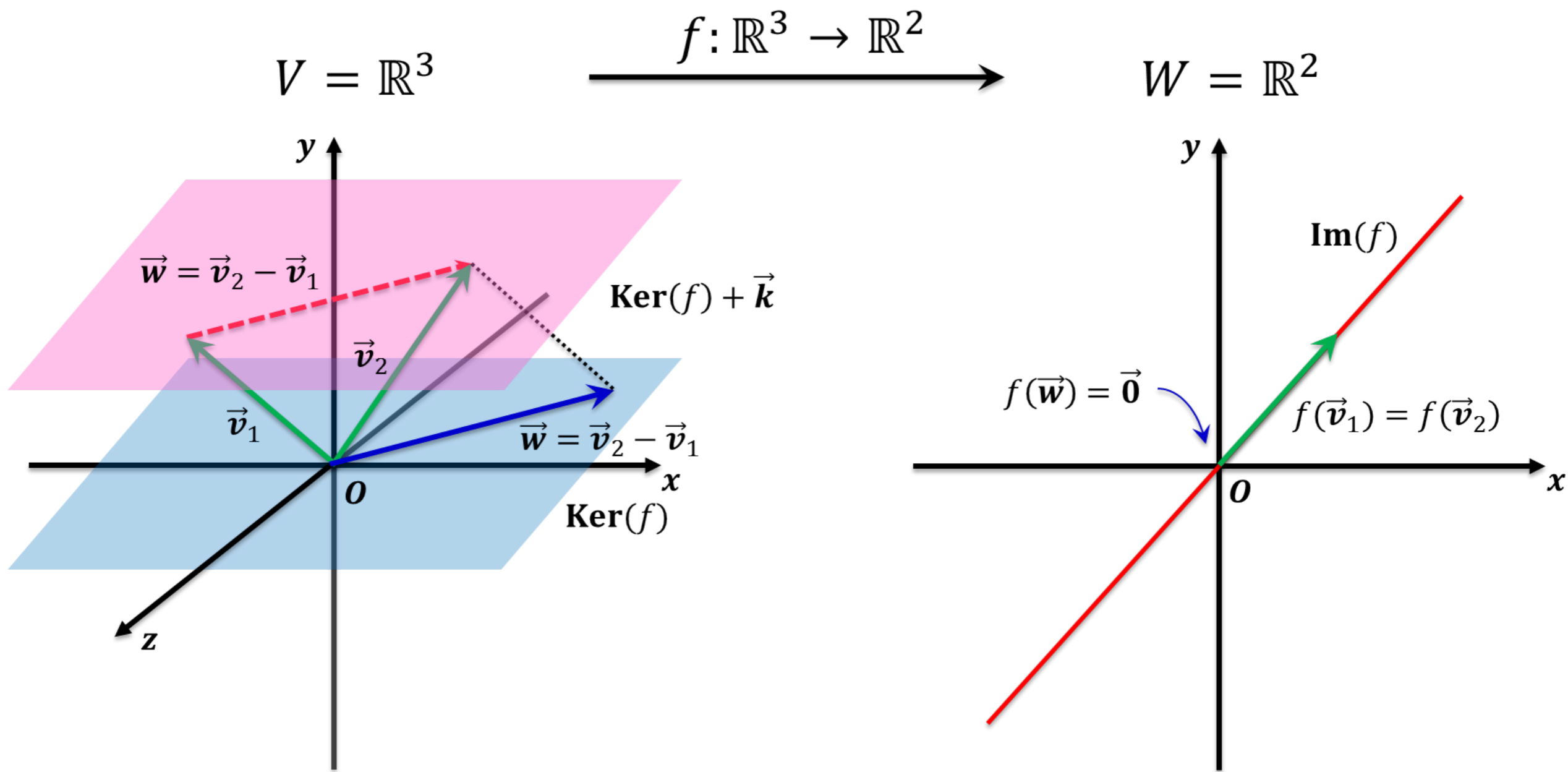
$$\text{Im}(f) = \{f(\mathbf{v}) \mid \mathbf{v} \in V\} \subset W$$

Rank of a linear map:

$$\text{rk}(f) = \dim \text{Im}(f)$$

Dimension formula:

$$\dim \text{Ker}(f) + \text{rk}(f) = \dim(V)$$



Basic matrix properties:

● **$n \times m$ matrix:** $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{pmatrix} \quad A_{ij} = a_{ij}$

● **Row and column vectors:** $\mathbf{A}_i = \begin{pmatrix} A_{i1} \\ \vdots \\ A_{im} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}^j = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ A_{nj} \end{pmatrix}$

● **Multiplication of matrices and vectors:**

$$A\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{A}_n \cdot \mathbf{v} \end{pmatrix} \quad (A\mathbf{v})_i = \sum_{j=1}^m A_{ij}v_j$$

Multiplying matrices and vectors

$$A\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (1, -2)^T \cdot (-1, 5)^T \\ (0, 3)^T \cdot (-1, 5)^T \\ (5, -1)^T \cdot (-1, 5) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -11 \\ 15 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Lin. maps from matrices: $A : F^m \rightarrow F^n$
 $\mathbf{v} \rightarrow A\mathbf{v}$

Every linear map $f : F^m \rightarrow F^n$ given by a matrix A in this way.

How to find A ? $f(\mathbf{e}_j) = \sum_i A_{ij} \mathbf{e}_i$

Matrix for a linear map $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$f(\mathbf{v}) := (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ fixed}$$

$$f(\mathbf{e}_j) = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{e}_j) \mathbf{b} = a_j \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^3 b_i a_j \mathbf{e}_i \implies A_{ij} = b_i a_j$$

- **Unit matrix:** $\mathbb{1}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\mathbb{1}_n)_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$

- **Diagonal matrix:** $D = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & d_n \end{pmatrix} =: \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_n)$

- **Transpose and herm. conjugate:** $(A^T)_{ij} := A_{ji} \quad A^\dagger := (A^T)^*$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ 1 - 2i & -2i \\ 3 + i & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 + 2i & 3 - i \\ -i & 2i & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Symmetric and anti-symmetric:** $A = A^T \quad A = -A^T$

- **Hermitian and anti-hermitian:** $A = A^\dagger \quad A = -A^\dagger$

$$A_{\text{symm}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_{\text{anti-symm}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B_{\text{herm}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 + 4i \\ 3 - 4i & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_{\text{anti-herm}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2i & 2 - 5i \\ -2 - 5i & -i \end{pmatrix}$$

Rank of a matrix:

$\text{rk}(A) = \dim \text{Span}(\mathbf{A}^1, \dots, \mathbf{A}^m) =$ maximal number of lin. indep. column vectors of A

Note: Row rank equals column rank for any matrix.

Rank of a matrix by inspection

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2 \text{ lin. indep. and } \mathbf{A}_3 = \mathbf{A}_1 + \mathbf{A}_2$$
$$\implies \text{rk}(A) = 2$$

Matrix multiplication:

$$\begin{array}{c} r \times m \quad r \times n \quad n \times m \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \swarrow \\ C = BA := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot \mathbf{A}^1 & \cdots & \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot \mathbf{A}^m \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \mathbf{B}_r \cdot \mathbf{A}^m & \cdots & \mathbf{B}_r \cdot \mathbf{A}^m \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$C_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^n B_{ij} A_{jk} = \mathbf{B}_i \cdot \mathbf{A}^k$$

associative, $A(BC) = (AB)C$, but in general not commutative.

$$\begin{array}{c} 2 \times 3 \\ B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ 3 \times 3 \\ \\ 2 \times 3 \quad 3 \times 3 \quad 2 \times 3 \\ BA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

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

Matrix inverse: For $n \times n$ matrix A

- defined by $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = \mathbb{1}_n$
- exists: A^{-1} exists $\iff \text{rk}(A) = n$
- properties: $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$, $((A)^{-1})^{-1} = A$, $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$

row operations:

(R1) Exchange two rows.

(R2) Add a multiple of one row to another.

(R3) Multiply a row with a non-zero scalar.

upper echelon form:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cdots & \boxed{a_{1j_1}} & & & * \\ & & \boxed{a_{2j_2}} & & \ddots \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & \boxed{a_{rj_r}} & \cdots \\ 0 & & & & & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$\text{rk}(A) = r = (\text{number of steps in upper echelon form})$

Rank of a matrix by Gaussian elimination

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2/2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\implies \text{rk}(A) = 2$$

Inverse of a matrix by Gaussian elimination

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

$$\mathbb{1}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1 : \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + \frac{4}{3}R_2 : \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{rk}(A) = 3$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_3 : \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_3 : \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow \frac{R_2}{3} : \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{3}{2}R_3 : \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{1}_3$$

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & \frac{4}{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & -3 \\ -1 & \frac{4}{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 & -3 \\ 3 & -3 & -3 \\ -1 & \frac{4}{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 & -3 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & \frac{4}{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 & -3 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ \frac{3}{2} & -2 & -\frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1}$$

Relation between linear maps and matrices: $f : V \rightarrow W$

$\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ a basis of V and $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m$ a basis of W

$$f(\mathbf{v}_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} \mathbf{w}_i \quad A = (a_{ij}) \text{ describes } f$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{w}_1 = (1, 2)^T$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{w}_2 = (-1, 1)^T$$

$$B\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = -1\mathbf{v}_1 - 2\mathbf{v}_2, \quad B\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = -1\mathbf{v}_1 + 0\mathbf{v}_2$$

$$\implies B' = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ describes } B \text{ relative to } \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$$

Change of basis:

	basis of V	matrix	
$f : V \rightarrow V$	$\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$	A	$A' = PAP^{-1} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha' = P\alpha \\ \mathbf{v}_j = \sum_i P_{ij} \mathbf{v}'_i \end{array} \right.$
	$\mathbf{v}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}'_n$	A'	

3) Systems of linear equations

- m equations in n variables:

$m \times n$



$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \quad \text{or}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} a_{11}x_1 & + & \cdots & + & a_{1n}x_n & = & b_1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 & + & \cdots & + & a_{mn}x_n & = & b_m \end{array}$$

- associated homogeneous system:

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{or}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} a_{11}x_1 & + & \cdots & + & a_{1n}x_n & = & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 & + & \cdots & + & a_{mn}x_n & = & 0 \end{array}$$

Interpret matrix A as linear map $A : F^n \rightarrow F^m$

solutions of hom. system = $\text{Ker}(A)$

with $\dim \text{Ker}(A) = n - \text{rk}(A)$ free parameters

inhom. system has a solution $\mathbf{x}_0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{b} \in \text{Im}(A)$

solution of inhom. system = $\mathbf{x}_0 + \text{Ker}(A)$

- structure of solution:

(1) $\text{rk}(A) = m$: solution $x_0 + \text{Ker}(A)$

$\dim \text{Ker}(A) = n - m$ free parameters
exists for any \mathbf{b}

(2) $\text{rk}(A) < m$

(a) If $\mathbf{b} \in \text{Im}(A)$: solution $x_0 + \text{Ker}(A)$

$\dim \text{Ker}(A) = n - \text{rk}(A)$ free parameters

(b) If $\mathbf{b} \notin \text{Im}(A)$: no solution

Solving lin. eqs. by explicit calculation

$$\begin{array}{l} E_1 : \quad 2x + 3y - z = -1 \\ E_2 : \quad -x - 2y + z = 3 \\ E_3 : \quad ax + y - 2z = b. \end{array} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \\ a & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} E_1 + E_2 : \quad x + y = 2 \\ E_3 + 2E_2 : \quad (a - 2)x - 3y = b + 6 \end{array} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad (a + 1)x = b + 12$$

$$1) \quad \underline{a \neq -1}: \quad x = \frac{b + 12}{a + 1}, \quad y = \frac{2a - b - 10}{a + 1}, \quad z = \frac{7a - b - 5}{a + 1} \quad (\text{unique})$$

$$2a) \quad \underline{a = -1 \text{ and } b = -12}: \quad x = 2 - y \quad z = 5 + y \quad (\text{line})$$

$$2b) \quad \underline{a = -1 \text{ and } b \neq -12}: \quad \text{no solution}$$

● **Augmented matrix:** $A' = (A|\mathbf{b})$

● **Criterion for existence of solution:** $\mathbf{b} \in \text{Im}(A) \iff \text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(A')$

Solving linear eqs. with row reduction

$$\begin{aligned}x + y - 2z &= 1 \\2x - y + 3z &= 0 \\x - 4y + 9z &= b\end{aligned}$$

$$A' = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & -4 & 9 & b \end{array} \right)$$

1.) Bring A in A' into upper echelon form:

$$A' \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 7 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b+3 \end{array} \right)$$

Solution exists iff $b = -3$

2.) Set $b = -3$:

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

3.) Red block \rightarrow unit matrix: $A'_{\text{fin}} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{7}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ t \end{pmatrix}$

4.) Convert into lin. eqs.:

$$\begin{aligned}x + \frac{1}{3}t &= \frac{1}{3} \\ y - \frac{7}{3}t &= \frac{2}{3}\end{aligned} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{7}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

5) Determinants

Definition: $\det(\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n)$ is

- linear in each argument
- completely anti-symmetric $\implies \det(\dots, \mathbf{a}, \dots, \mathbf{a}, \dots) = 0$
- normalized: $\det(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n) = 1$

Formula for determinant:

$$\det(A) = \det(\mathbf{A}^1, \dots, \mathbf{A}^n) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) a_{\sigma(1)1} \cdots a_{\sigma(n)n} = \epsilon_{i_1 \dots i_n} a_{i_1 1} \cdots a_{i_n n}$$

$n!$ terms, “pick one entry per column and row”

n=2: $\det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{pmatrix} = \epsilon_{ij} a_i b_j = \epsilon_{12} a_1 b_2 + \epsilon_{21} a_2 b_1 = a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1$

n=3: $\det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{pmatrix} = \epsilon_{ijk} a_i b_j c_k = a_1 b_2 c_3 + a_2 b_3 c_1 + a_3 b_1 c_2 - a_2 b_1 c_3 - a_3 b_2 c_1 - a_1 b_3 c_2$
 $= \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \rangle = \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$

Properties of determinant:

- $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$
- $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$
- A has an inverse, $\iff \det(A) \neq 0$
- $\det(PAP^{-1}) = \det(A)$
- $\det(A^{-1}) = (\det(A))^{-1}$

Co-factor matrix: $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{(i,j)})$

$A_{(i,j)}$: A without row i and column j

Expansion by column: $\det(A) = \sum_i (-1)^{i+j} A_{ij} \det(A_{(i,j)})$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= A_{11} \det(A_{(1,1)}) - A_{21} \det(A_{(2,1)}) + A_{31} \det(A_{(3,1)}) \\ &= 2 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} - 1 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2 \cdot 14 - 1 \cdot (-4) + 0 \cdot 2 = 32 \end{aligned}$$

Matrix inverse with determinant: $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} C^T$

Inverse of a 2×2 matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} d & -c \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \quad \det(A) = ad - bc$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

Co-factor method for matrix inverse

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 14 & -4 & 3 \\ 4 & 8 & -6 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \det(A) = 32$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} C^T = \frac{1}{32} \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 4 & 2 \\ -4 & 8 & 4 \\ 3 & -6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Cramer's rule: Solution for $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ where A is $n \times n$, invertible:

$$x_i = \frac{\det(B_{(i)})}{\det(A)} = \frac{\det(\mathbf{A}^1, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{i-1}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}^{i+1}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^n)}{\det(A)}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \det(A) = 32$$

$$B_{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(B_{(1)}) = 22,$$

$$\det(B_{(2)}) = 12$$

$$\det(B_{(3)}) = -9$$

$$\implies \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{32} \begin{pmatrix} 22 \\ 12 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix}$$

6) Scalar product

Definition: $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}(\mathbb{C})$ satisfying

(S1) $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$, for a real scalar product, $F = \mathbb{R}$

$\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle^*$, for a hermitian scalar product, $F = \mathbb{C}$

(S2) $\langle \mathbf{v}, \alpha \mathbf{u} + \beta \mathbf{w} \rangle = \alpha \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + \beta \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$

(S3) $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle > 0$ if $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$

Norm (length): $|\mathbf{v}| := \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}$

Examples of scalar products

(a) Standard scalar product in \mathbb{R}^n

$$\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle := \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i w_i$$

(b) Standard scalar product in \mathbb{C}^n

$$\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle := \mathbf{v}^\dagger \mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^* w_i$$

$$|\mathbf{v}|^2 = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i|^2$$

(c) real $n \times n$ matrices

$$\langle A, B \rangle := \text{tr}(A^T B) = \sum_{ij} A_{ij} B_{ij}$$

Ortho-normal basis: basis $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_n$ of V with $\langle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$

Examples of ON basis

(a) $\mathbf{e}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_j = \delta_{ij} \implies \mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$ ON basis of $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n$

(b) $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ON basis of \mathbb{R}^2 w.r.t. dot product

(c) $\boldsymbol{\nu}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ i \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\nu}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2i \end{pmatrix}$ ON basis of \mathbb{C}^2 , $\boldsymbol{\nu}_i^\dagger \boldsymbol{\nu}_j = \delta_{ij}$

Properties of ortho-normal basis:

● **coordinates:** $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i \iff \alpha_i = \langle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i, \mathbf{v} \rangle$

Real case: $\mathbf{v} = (2, -3)^T = \alpha_1 \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 + \alpha_2 \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2$

$$\implies \alpha_1 = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \alpha_2 = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Complex case: $\mathbf{v} = (2, -3)^T = \beta_1 \boldsymbol{\nu}_1 + \beta_2 \boldsymbol{\nu}_2$

$$\Rightarrow \beta_1 = \boldsymbol{\nu}_1^\dagger \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ i \end{pmatrix}^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{4+3i}{\sqrt{5}}, \quad \beta_2 = \boldsymbol{\nu}_2^\dagger \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2i \end{pmatrix}^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2-6i}{\sqrt{5}}$$

● **Scalar product:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \sum_i \alpha_i \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i, & \alpha_i &= \langle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i, \mathbf{v} \rangle \\ \mathbf{w} &= \sum_i \beta_i \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i, & \beta_i &= \langle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i, \mathbf{w} \rangle \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \sum_i \alpha_i^* \beta_i = \sum_i \langle \mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i \rangle \langle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i, \mathbf{w} \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{v}^\dagger \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = 13 \quad |\beta_1|^2 + |\beta_2|^2 = \left| \frac{4+3i}{\sqrt{5}} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{2-6i}{\sqrt{5}} \right|^2 = 13$$

● **Matrix elements:** $f(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_j) = \sum_i A_{ij} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i \iff A_{ij} = \langle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i, f(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_j) \rangle$

Gram-Schmidt procedure: Start with basis $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$:

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1}{|\mathbf{v}_1|}, \quad \mathbf{v}'_k = \mathbf{v}_k - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \langle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i, \mathbf{v}_k \rangle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i, \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_k = \frac{\mathbf{v}'_k}{|\mathbf{v}'_k|}$$

$\implies \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_n$ is an ON basis

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1}{|\mathbf{v}_1|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}'_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \langle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{v}'_2}{|\mathbf{v}'_2|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}'_3 = \mathbf{v}_3 - \langle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1, \mathbf{v}_3 \rangle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 - \langle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2, \mathbf{v}_3 \rangle \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{7}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3 = \frac{\mathbf{v}'_3}{|\mathbf{v}'_3|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Every (finite-dimensional) vector space with scalar product has an ortho-normal basis.

Adjoint map: For $f : V \rightarrow V$ adjoint map $f^\dagger : V \rightarrow V$ is defined by

$$\langle \mathbf{v}, f\mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle f^\dagger \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V$$

$$f \text{ self-adjoint: } f = f^\dagger$$

For ortho-normal basis $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n$, $A_{ij} = \langle \epsilon_i, f(\epsilon_j) \rangle \implies \langle \epsilon_i, f^\dagger(\epsilon_j) \rangle = (A^\dagger)_{ij}$

$$f = f^\dagger \iff A = A^\dagger$$

Orthogonal and unitary maps: $f : V \rightarrow V$ satisfying

$$\langle f(\mathbf{v}), f(\mathbf{w}) \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \text{ for all } \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V \iff f^\dagger f = \text{id} \iff f^{-1} = f^\dagger$$

is called orthogonal (real scalar product) or unitary (complex scalar product)

For ortho-normal basis $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n$, $A_{ij} = \langle \epsilon_i, f(\epsilon_j) \rangle \implies$

$$A^\dagger A = \mathbb{1} \iff A^{-1} = A^\dagger \iff (\mathbf{A}^i)^\dagger \mathbf{A}^j = \delta_{ij}$$

(Real case: $\dagger \rightarrow T$)

Real case: orthogonal matrices

$$A^T A = \mathbb{1} \iff A^{-1} = A^T \iff \mathbf{A}^i \cdot \mathbf{A}^j = \delta_{ij} \iff (A\mathbf{v}) \cdot (A\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} \text{ for all } \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$$
$$\implies \det(A) = \pm 1$$

$A^T A = \mathbb{1}$ and $\det(A) = +1$: **rotations**

$A^T A = \mathbb{1}$ and $\det(A) = -1$: **rotations combined with reflections**

2d rotations

$$R(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \text{ rotation by angle } \theta$$

$$R(\theta_1)R(\theta_2) = R(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

$$R(\theta)^{-1} = R(\theta)^T = R(-\theta)$$

3d rotations

$$R_1(\theta_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_1 & -\sin \theta_1 \\ 0 & \sin \theta_1 & \cos \theta_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad R_2(\theta_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_2 & 0 & -\sin \theta_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \theta_2 & 0 & \cos \theta_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad R_3(\theta_3) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_3 & -\sin \theta_3 & 0 \\ \sin \theta_3 & \cos \theta_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

θ_1 around x θ_2 around y θ_3 around z

$$R(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = R_1(\theta_1)R_2(\theta_2)R_3(\theta_3) \quad \text{general 3d rotation}$$

Complex case: unitary matrices

$$A^\dagger A = \mathbb{1} \iff A^{-1} = A^\dagger \iff (\mathbf{A}^i)^\dagger \mathbf{A}^j = \delta_{ij} \iff (A\mathbf{v})^\dagger (A\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{v}^\dagger \mathbf{w} \text{ for all } \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$$
$$\implies |\det(A)| = 1$$

$A^\dagger A = \mathbb{1}$ and $\det(A) = 1$: **special unitary matrices**

$A^\dagger A = \mathbb{1}$ and $\det(A) \neq 1$: **special unitary matrices times a phase**

2d special unitary matrices

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\beta^* & \alpha^* \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

6) Eigenvectors and eigenvalues

Def. of eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

λ eigenvalue of $A : V \rightarrow V \iff$ There is a $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ with $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$

Then \mathbf{v} is called eigenvector.

Characteristic polynomial:

$$\chi_A(\lambda) := \det(A - \lambda\mathbb{1}) = (-1)^n \lambda^n + (-1)^{n-1} \text{tr}(A) \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + \det(A)$$

To find eigenvalues: solve $\chi_A(\lambda) = 0$

To find eigenvectors: solve $(A - \lambda\mathbb{1})\mathbf{v} = 0$ for each λ

Key statement:

A can be diagonalized \iff A has a basis $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ of eigenvectors

diagonalization: $P = (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) \quad P^{-1}AP = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$

Useful statements for hermitian matrices:

- All eigenvalues are real.
- Eigenvectors for different eigenvalues are orthogonal.
- There exists an ortho-normal basis of eigenvectors.

Eigenvectors and eigenvalues for hermitian matrices

Recall: $\langle \mathbf{v}, A\mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle A\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$ for A hermitian

$$A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v} \implies$$

$$\lambda\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \lambda\mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, A\mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle A\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \lambda\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \lambda^* \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \implies \lambda = \lambda^*$$

$$A\mathbf{v}_1 = \lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1, A\mathbf{v}_2 = \lambda_2\mathbf{v}_2, \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \implies$$

$$\lambda_1\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle = \langle \lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle = \langle A\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}_1, A\mathbf{v}_2 \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}_1, \lambda_2\mathbf{v}_2 \rangle = \lambda_2\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle$$

$$\implies \langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle = 0$$

Diagonalization of symmetric matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \chi_A(\lambda) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2-\lambda & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \lambda(\lambda-1)(\lambda-3)$$

$$\implies \lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_3 = 3$$

$$\underline{\lambda_1 = 0}: \quad (A - 0\mathbb{1})\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x-y \\ -x+2y-z \\ -y+z \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{0} \quad \iff x = y = z$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1, 1, 1)^T \quad \text{so that} \quad \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_1 = 1$$

$$\underline{\lambda_2 = 1}: \quad (A - 1\mathbb{1})\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -y \\ -x+y-z \\ -y \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{0} \quad \iff y = 0, \quad x = -z$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1, 0, 1)^T \quad \text{so that} \quad \mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{v}_2 = 1$$

$$\underline{\lambda_3 = 3}: \quad (A - 3\mathbb{1})\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2x-y \\ -x-y-z \\ -y-2z \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{0} \quad \iff y = -2x, \quad z = x$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1, -2, 1)^T \quad \text{so that} \quad \mathbf{v}_3^T \mathbf{v}_3 = 1$$

$$P = (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix} \implies P^T A P = \text{diag}(0, 1, 3)$$

Diagonalization of hermitian matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2i \\ -2i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \chi_A(\lambda) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2i \\ -2i & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 1)$$

$$\implies \lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = -1$$

$$\underline{\lambda_1 = 3}: \quad (A - 3\mathbb{1})\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2i \\ -2i & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{0} \quad \iff x = iy$$

$$\implies \mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(i, 1)^T \quad \text{so that} \quad \mathbf{v}_1^\dagger \mathbf{v}_1 = 1$$

$$\underline{\lambda_2 = -1}: \quad (A + \mathbb{1})\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2i \\ -2i & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{0} \quad \iff x = -iy$$

$$\implies \mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-i, 1)^T \quad \text{so that} \quad \mathbf{v}_2^\dagger \mathbf{v}_2 = 1$$

$$U = (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \implies U^\dagger A U = \text{diag}(3, -1)$$

Note: A, B simultaneously diagonalizable $\iff [A, B] = 0$

Functions of matrices:

$$g(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots$$

$$g(A) = a_0\mathbb{1}_n + a_1A + a_2A^2 + \dots$$

- Evaluation by diagonalizing: $P^{-1}AP = \hat{A} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$

$$\implies g(A) = P \text{diag}(g(\lambda_1), \dots, g(\lambda_n)) P^{-1}$$

Function of a matrix by diagonalization

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

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U^\dagger AU = \text{diag}(3, -1)$$

$$g(x) = x^n \implies g(A) = U \text{diag}(3^n, (-1)^n) U^\dagger$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^n + 3^n & -i((-1)^n - 3^n) \\ i((-1)^n - 3^n) & (-1)^n + 3^n \end{pmatrix}$$

Function of a matrix by explicit evaluation: Pauli matrices

$$\text{Pauli matrices: } \sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3)^T \quad \mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = a_i \sigma_i.$$

$$\sigma_i \sigma_j = \mathbb{1}_2 \delta_{ij} + i \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k \quad \Longrightarrow \quad (\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})^{2n} = |\mathbf{a}|^{2n} \mathbb{1}_2, \quad (\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})^{2n+1} = |\mathbf{a}|^{2n} \mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

$$a = i \theta \mathbf{n} \quad \text{with} \quad |\mathbf{n}| = 1 :$$

$$U := \exp(i \theta \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i \theta)^n}{n!} (\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})^n = \cos(\theta) \mathbb{1}_2 + i \sin(\theta) \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

Quadratic forms: $q(\mathbf{x}) := \sum_{i,j=1}^n Q_{ij}x_ix_j = \mathbf{x}^T Q \mathbf{x}$

● **diagonalization:** $Q \mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \quad P^T = (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$
 $PQP^T = \hat{Q} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \quad \mathbf{y} = P\mathbf{x}$

$$\implies q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T P^T \hat{Q} P \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}^T \hat{Q} \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i^2$$

● **quadratic curves and surfaces:**

All points \mathbf{x} satisfying $q(\mathbf{x}) = c$, $c > 0$ constant

all λ_i equal: circle/sphere

all $\lambda_i > 0$: ellipse/ellipsoid

otherwise: hyperbola/hyperboloid

● **for ellipse/ellipsoid:** direction of semi-axes: \mathbf{v}_i

length of semi-axes: $\sqrt{\frac{c}{\lambda_i}}$

$$q(\mathbf{x}) = x_1^2 - 2x_2x_1 + 2x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 2x_2x_3 = \mathbf{x}^T \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{=A} \mathbf{x} \stackrel{!}{=} 1$$

$$P = (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix} \quad P^T A P = \text{diag}(0, 1, 3) \quad \mathbf{y} = P^T \mathbf{x}$$

$$\implies q = y_2^2 + 3y_3^2 \stackrel{!}{=} 1$$

cylindric in direction \mathbf{v}_1 with ellipse cross section in direction $\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$

length of \mathbf{v}_2 half-axis: 1

length of \mathbf{v}_3 half-axis: $1/\sqrt{3}$

Good luck!