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1 Vectors

Definition 1 (Vectors). Vectors are directed line segments, they have both magnitude and direction. They exist in a “space,” such as the plane \mathbb{R}^2 , ordinary space \mathbb{R}^3 , or an n -dimensional space \mathbb{R}^n .

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- In \mathbb{R}^3 , the vector v can be represented by its components as $v = [v_1, v_2, v_3]$.
- v can also be represented as a line segment with an arrowhead pointing in the direction of v .

Properties Vectors can be combined to form new vectors. Whether we are combining our vectors algebraically (manipulating their components) or geometrically (manipulating their graphs), the following **properties** apply: Let u, v , and w be vectors, and c and d be real numbers, then

$u + v = v + u$	commutative
$(u + v) + w = v + (u + w)$	associative
$c(du) = (cd)u$	associative
$u + 0 = u$	additive identity
$u + (-u) = 0$	additive inverse
$c(u + v) = cu + cv$	distributive
$(c + d)u = cu + du$	distributive
$1u = u$	multiplicative identity

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Representing vectors Row vector:

$$\vec{V} = [2, 3]$$

Column vector:

$$\vec{V} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note 1. Vectors u and v are equivalent if they have the same length and direction.

1.1 Vector properties

Let $\vec{u} = [1, 2]$ and $\vec{v} = [3, 1]$.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} + \vec{v} &= [1, 2] + [3, 1] \\ &= [1 + 3, 2 + 1] \\ &= [4, 3] \end{aligned}$$

Geometrically, this is the “tip to tail” method. Any two vectors define a parallelogram.

Let $\vec{u} = [1, 2]$, and think about $\vec{u} + \vec{u}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u} + \bar{u} &= [1, 2] + [1, 2] \\ &= [2, 4] \\ 2\bar{u} &= 2[1, 2] \\ &= [2, 4]\end{aligned}$$

Also think about multiplying \bar{u} by -1:

$$\begin{aligned}(-1)\bar{u} &= (-1)[1, 2] \\ &= [-1, -2]\end{aligned}$$

This points the vector in the opposite direction, which is considered “antiparallel”. So if the scalar in the multiplication is a negative number, it will point the vector in the other direction (as well as being scaled).

Definition 2 (Scalar multiplication). For constant c and $\bar{V} = [v_1, v_2, v_3]$, then

$$c\bar{V} = [cv_1, cv_2, cv_3]$$

Definition 3 (Vector subtraction).

$$\bar{u} - \bar{v} = \bar{u} + (-\bar{v})$$

So with our existing vectors:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u} - \bar{v} &= \bar{u} + (-\bar{v}) \\ &= [1, 2] + [-3, -1] \\ &= [-2, 1]\end{aligned}$$

The sum and difference is the diagonals of the parallelogram created by adding the vectors.

Note 2. Vector addition is commutative, but vector subtraction is not (it is anticommutative).

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{v} - \bar{u} &= [3, 1] + [-1, -2] \\ &= [2, -1]\end{aligned}$$

Note 3. All of these properties hold true in all dimensions: \mathbb{R}^n .

Concerning the **additive identity**: In \mathbb{R}^3 the “zero vector” is $\bar{0} = [0, 0, 0]$.

How to represent the length of a vector:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u} &= [1, 2] \\ &= \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2} \\ &= \sqrt{5} \\ \|\bar{u}\| &= \sqrt{5}\end{aligned}$$

We use the double bars to represent the length of a vector.

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1.2 Linear combinations and coordinates

Definition 4. \bar{v} is a linear combination of a set of vectors, $\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \dots, \bar{v}_k$, if $\bar{v} = c_1\bar{v}_1, \dots, c_k\bar{v}_k$ for scalars c_i .

Example 1. See *Handout 1*.

Definition 5 (Standard Basis Vectors and Standard Coordinates). In \mathbb{R}^2 : $\bar{e}_1 = [1, 0]$, $\bar{e}_2 = [0, 1]$, these are the standard basis vectors.

Then $\bar{v} = [v_1, v_2]$,

and the standard coordinates of \bar{v} are v_1, v_2 .

1.3 Dot Product

Definition 6 (Dot Product). If $\bar{u} = [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n]$, $\bar{v} = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$, then the **dot product** of \bar{u} with \bar{v} is

$$\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + \dots + u_nv_n$$

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Example 2.

$$\begin{aligned}[2, -1, 7] \cdot [3, 5, -2] &= (2)(3) + (-1)(5) + (7)(-2) \\ &= 6 - 5 - 14 \\ &= -13\end{aligned}$$

Properties of dot products (scalar products) Let $\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w}$ be vectors, and c be a scalar, then

$$\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} = \bar{v} \cdot \bar{u} \quad \text{commutative}$$

$$\bar{u} \cdot (\bar{v} + \bar{w}) = (\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}) + (\bar{u} \cdot \bar{w}) \quad \text{distributive}$$

$$(c\bar{u}) \cdot \bar{v} = c(\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v})$$

$$\bar{0} \cdot \bar{v} = 0$$

$$\bar{v} \cdot \bar{v} = v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2$$

Length In \mathbb{R}^2 : $\|\bar{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2}$

In general: $\|\bar{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \cdots + v_n^2}$

Example 3. If $\bar{v} = [2, -1, 7]$, then the length is

$$\begin{aligned}\|\bar{v}\| &= \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 7^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 1 + 49} \\ &= 3\sqrt{6}\end{aligned}$$

Note 4.

$$\|\bar{v}\| = \sqrt{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{v}}$$

Definition 7. A vector of length 1 is called **unit vector**. For any vector $\bar{v} \neq \bar{0}$: $\frac{\bar{v}}{\|\bar{v}\|}$ is a unit vector in the same direction as \bar{v} .

Note 5.

$$\bar{v} \left(\frac{\|\bar{v}\|}{\|\bar{v}\|} \right) = \|\bar{v}\| \left(\frac{\bar{v}}{\|\bar{v}\|} \right)$$

Example 4. In \mathbb{R}^2 : $\bar{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\bar{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, these are unit vectors.

Important inequalities

- Triangle inequality

The triangle created by the parallelogram of a vector addition, the length of any one side cannot be greater than the sum of the other two sides.

$$\|\bar{u} + \bar{v}\| \leq \|\bar{u}\| + \|\bar{v}\|$$

- Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$|\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}| \leq \|\bar{u}\| \|\bar{v}\|$$

Proof by the Law of Cosines:

$$\begin{aligned}
c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \theta \\
\|\bar{u} - \bar{v}\|^2 &= \|\bar{u}\|^2 + \|\bar{v}\|^2 - 2\|\bar{u}\| \|\bar{v}\| \cos \theta \\
(\bar{u} - \bar{v}) \cdot (\bar{u} - \bar{v}) &= \\
\|\bar{u}\|^2 - 2(\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}) + \|\bar{v}\|^2 &= \\
\|\bar{u}\|^2 - 2(\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}) + \|\bar{v}\|^2 &= \|\bar{u}\|^2 + \|\bar{v}\|^2 - 2\|\bar{u}\| \|\bar{v}\| \cos \theta \\
\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} &= \|\bar{u}\| \|\bar{v}\| \cos \theta \\
|\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}| &= \|\bar{u}\| \|\bar{v}\| |\cos \theta| \\
|\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}| &\leq \|\bar{u}\| \|\bar{v}\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Angle θ between vectors \bar{u} and \bar{v} Excluding the zero vector:

Let $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}}{\|\bar{u}\| \|\bar{v}\|}$$

So, $\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}}{\|\bar{u}\| \|\bar{v}\|} \right)$

Note 6. If $\bar{u}, \bar{v} \neq 0$, then $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, if and only if $\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} = 0$.

$$\bar{u} \perp \bar{v}, \text{ iff } \bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} = 0$$

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1.4 Distance between vectors

Definition 8. The distance between two vectors is the distance between their tips.

If $\bar{u} = [u_1, u_2]$ and $\bar{v} = [v_1, v_2]$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
d(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) &= \sqrt{(u_1 - v_1)^2 + (u_2 - v_2)^2} \\
&= \|\bar{u} - \bar{v}\| \\
&= d(\bar{v}, \bar{u}) \\
&= \|\bar{v} - \bar{u}\|
\end{aligned}$$

Example 5. In \mathbb{R}^3 :

For $\bar{u} = [2, -1, 7]$ and $\bar{v} = [3, 5, -2]$:

Find the distance:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) &= \|\bar{u} - \bar{v}\| \\
 &= \|[(2 - 3), (-1 - 5), (7 + 2)]\| \\
 &= \|[-1, -6, 9]\| \\
 &= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-6)^2 + 9^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{1 + 36 + 81} \\
 &= \sqrt{118}
 \end{aligned}$$

1.5 Projections

Definition 9. Let $proj_{\bar{u}}\bar{v}$ be the vector projection of \bar{v} onto \bar{u} , then the signed length of $proj_{\bar{u}}\bar{v}$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\bar{v}\| \cos \theta &= \|\bar{v}\| \frac{\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}}{\|\bar{v}\| \|\bar{u}\|} \\
 &= \frac{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{u}}{\|\bar{u}\|}
 \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 proj_{\bar{u}}\bar{v} &= \left(\frac{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{u}}{\|\bar{u}\|} \right) \frac{\bar{u}}{\|\bar{u}\|} \\
 &= \left(\frac{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{u}}{\bar{u} \cdot \bar{u}} \right) \bar{u}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note 7. Recall, $\bar{u} \cdot \bar{u} = \|\bar{u}\|^2$

Note 8. Remember, $\frac{\bar{u}}{\|\bar{u}\|}$ is the unit vector.

$$\frac{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{u}}{\|\bar{u}\|} = \bar{v} \frac{\bar{u}}{\|\bar{u}\|}$$

Example 6. For $\bar{u} = [2, 1, -2]$ and $\bar{v} = [3, 0, 8]$, find the projection of \bar{v} onto \bar{u} :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{proj}_{\vec{u}} \vec{v} &= \frac{[3, 0, 8] \cdot [2, 1, -2]}{[2, 1, -2] \cdot [2, 1, -2]} [2, 1, -2] \\
 &= \frac{6 + 0 - 16}{4 + 1 + 4} [2, 1, -2] \\
 &= \frac{-10}{9} [2, 1, -2]
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the coefficient is negative, the angle between the two vectors is more than 90 degrees.

1.6 Lines and planes

See *Handout 2*

Comparing vector and parametric forms:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{x} &= \vec{p} + t\vec{d} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 x &= p_1 + td_1 \\
 y &= p_2 + td_2
 \end{aligned}$$

The solution to this is the line l .

Comparing the normal and general forms:

Let $\vec{n} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} &= \vec{n} \cdot \vec{p} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 ax + by &= ap_1 + bp_2 \\
 ax + by &= c
 \end{aligned}$$

Remember, $ap_1 + bp_2$ are constants, so we can call them c .

Example 7. See *Handout 1*.

Find an equation for that line that passes through the point $(-3, 2)$ and is parallel to the vector $[2, 1]$.

1. Vector form

$$\bar{x} = \bar{p} + t\bar{d}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Parametric form

$$x = -3 + 2t$$

$$y = 2 + t$$

Example 8. *Cont from previous example*

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3. General form

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

$$x+3 = 2y-4$$

$$x-2y = -7$$

4. Normal form

$$\bar{n} \cdot \bar{x} = \bar{n} \cdot \bar{p}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Making sense of the normal form *See handout 2's graph*

1. Note that $\bar{x} - \bar{p}$ is parallel to the line l .
2. Also, $\bar{n} \perp (\bar{x} - \bar{p})$ by definition of \bar{n} .
3. Then, $\bar{n} \cdot (\bar{x} - \bar{p}) = 0$ by a property of dot products.

We can use the distributive property:

$$\bar{n} \cdot \bar{x} - \bar{n} \cdot \bar{p} = 0$$

$$\bar{n} \cdot \bar{x} = \bar{n} \cdot \bar{p}$$

1.7 Lines in \mathbb{R}^3 *See handout 2*

Vector form

$$\bar{x} = \bar{p} + t\bar{d}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Parametric form

$$x = p_1 + td_1$$

$$y = p_2 + td_2$$

$$z = p_3 + td_3$$

Example 9. *See handout 2*

Find vector and parametric forms for the equation for the line containing the points (2, 4, -3) and (3, -1, 1).

$$\bar{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{d} = \bar{p}_2 - \bar{p}_1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Pick one of the points for our point vector \bar{p} .

1. Vector form

$$\bar{x} = \bar{p} + t\bar{d}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Parametric form

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 2 + t \\y &= 4 - 5t \\z &= -3 + 4t\end{aligned}$$

1.8 Planes in \mathbb{R}^3

See *handout 2*

Normal form Let $\bar{n} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{n} \cdot \bar{x} &= \bar{n} \cdot \bar{p} \\ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

General form

$$\begin{aligned}ax + by + cz &= ap_1 + bp_2 + cp_3 \\ ax + by + cz &= d\end{aligned}$$

We can combine the constants on the right into one single constant, d .

Example 10. See *handout 2*

Find normal and general forms for the equation of the plane orthogonal to the vector $[2,3,4]$ that passes through the point $(2,4,-1)$.

Let $\bar{n} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\bar{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$. We can start off by putting this in the normal form.

1. Normal form

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{n} \cdot \bar{x} &= \bar{n} \cdot \bar{p} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

2. General form

$$\begin{aligned}2x + 3y + 4z &= (2)(2) + (3)(4) + (4)(-1) \\ 2x + 3y + 4z &= 12\end{aligned}$$

Example 11. See *handout 2*

Find a vector form for the plane in the previous example.

Let \bar{u}, \bar{v} be in the plane. Then, $\bar{u} \perp \bar{n}$, $\bar{v} \perp \bar{n}$, so

$$\bar{u} \cdot \bar{n} = 0$$

$$\bar{v} \cdot \bar{n} = 0$$

And, \bar{u} is not parallel to \bar{v} .

Let $\bar{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, where $u_3 = 0$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{n} \cdot \bar{u} &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} &= 0 \\ 2u_1 + 3u_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let $\bar{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Let $\bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ 0 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$, where $v_2 = 0$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{n} \cdot \bar{v} &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ 0 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} &= 0 \\ 2v_1 + 4v_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let $\bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

So the vector form is

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= \bar{p} + s\bar{u} + t\bar{v} \\ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

And our parametric form is

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 2 + 3s + 2t \\y &= 4 - 2s \\z &= -1 - t\end{aligned}$$

2 Systems of Linear Equations

Definition 10. A **linear equation** in the n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is an equation that can be written in the form:

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$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$$

where the coefficients a_1, \dots, a_n and the constant term b is constant.

Definition 11. A finite set of linear equations is a **system of linear equations**. A **solution set** of a system of linear equations is the set of *all* solutions of the system. A system of linear equations is either “consistent” if it has a solution, or it is “inconsistent” if there is no such solution.

Theorem 1. A system of linear equations has **either**

1. A unique solution – consistent
2. Infinitely many solutions – consistent
3. No solution – inconsistent

Definition 12. Two linear systems are said to be **equivalent** if they have the same solution set.

Example 12. See *handout 3, problem 1*

$$\begin{aligned}2x + y &= 8 \\x - 3y &= -3 \\y = 2, x &= 3\end{aligned}$$

Example 13. See *handout 3, problem 2*

Example 14. See *handout 3, problem 1*

Let

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

be the matrix of coefficients, and let

$$\bar{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Be the vector of constants.

Then,

$$[A \mid \bar{b}] = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 8 \\ 1 & -3 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

is called the augmented matrix.

2.1 Direct methods of solving systems

Example 15. For the system

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$$\begin{aligned} 2x - y &= 3 \\ x + 3y &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

The coefficient matrix A is

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

The constant vector \bar{b} is

$$\bar{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

The augmented matrix is

$$[A \mid \bar{b}] = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

Definition 13 (Row echelon form of a matrix). *See handout 4*

2.2 Gaussian and Gauss-Jordan Elimination

To solve a system of linear equations using Gaussian Elimination:

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- Write out an augmented matrix for the system of linear equations
- Use elementary row operations to reduce the matrix to row echelon form
- Write out a system of equations corresponding to the row echelon matrix
- Use back substitution to find solution(s), if any exist, to the new system of equations

To solve the system of linear equations using Gauss-Jordan Elimination: reduce the augmented matrix to reduced row echelon form

- Write out the system of equations corresponding to the reduced row echelon matrix
- Use back substitution to find solution(s), if any exist, to the new system of equations

Example 16. See *handout 5*

Example 17. See *handout 5*

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2.3 Spanning Sets and Linear Independence

Definition 14 (Linear Combinations of Vectors). Let \vec{V} be a linear combination of the set of vectors $\vec{V}_1, \dots, \vec{V}_k$, if you can write \vec{V} as the sum of scalar multiples of the set of vectors,

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$$\vec{V} = c_1 \vec{V}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{V}_k$$

for constants c_1, \dots, c_k .

Example 18. Is $\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ a linear combination of $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$?

Alternatively, does $\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ have a solution?

Equivalently, does the following system have a solution?

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y &= 8 \\ x - 3y &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 8 \\ 1 & -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} &= R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= R_2 - 2R_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 7 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{7}R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= R_1 + 3R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

So,

$$x = 3 \qquad y = 2$$

Example 19. For what values a, b will $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ be a linear combination of $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$?

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

If and only if,

$$\begin{aligned}
2x + y &= a \\
x - 3y &= b
\end{aligned}$$

So we can solve it using our augmented matrix:

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & a \\ 1 & -3 & b \end{bmatrix} &= R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & b \\ 2 & 1 & a \end{bmatrix} \\
&= R_2 - 2R_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & b \\ 0 & 7 & a - 2b \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{7}R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & b \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{a-2b}{7} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= R_1 + 3R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & b + 3\left(\frac{a-2b}{7}\right) \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{a-2b}{7} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{3a+b}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{a-2b}{7} \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$x = \frac{3a + b}{7}$$

$$y = \frac{a - 2b}{7}$$

So the answer is that any choice of a, b will work. We can say that $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ “span” the plane (\mathbb{R}^2).

Definition 15 (Spanning Sets). If $S = \{\vec{V}_1, \dots, \vec{V}_k\}$ is a set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , then the set of all linear combinations of $\vec{V}_1, \dots, \vec{V}_k$ is called the **span** of $\vec{V}_1, \dots, \vec{V}_k$, or

$$\text{span}(S)$$

If the $\text{span}(S) = \mathbb{R}^n$, then we say S is a **spanning set** of \mathbb{R}^n .

Example 20. Describe the span of S where

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Another way to think about is it, what vectors $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$ are in the span of S ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = x + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

So,

$$x - y = a$$

$$y = b$$

$$3x - 3y = c$$

So we can use our augmented matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & a \\ 0 & 1 & b \\ 3 & -3 & c \end{bmatrix} &= R_3 - 3R_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & a \\ 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & c - 3a \end{bmatrix} \\ &= R_1 + R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & a + b \\ 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & c - 3a \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So this system only has solutions if $c - 3a = 0$ or $c = 3a$. So vectors of the form $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ 3a \end{bmatrix}$ form the span of S .

Note 9. Linear systems of the form

$$\begin{aligned} x - y &= a \\ y &= b \\ 3x - 3y &= 3a \end{aligned}$$

have solutions for a, b arbitrarily. a, b are the free variables, but the third variable must be 3 times a .

2.4 Linear Independence

Definition 16. A set of vectors $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_k$ is **linearly dependent** if there are scalars c_1, \dots, c_k (not all zero), such that

$$c_1\bar{v}_1 + \dots + c_k\bar{v}_k = \bar{0}$$

Otherwise, the set is **linearly independent**.

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Example 21. Decide if the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is linearly independent.

So this is asking if this is true:

$$c_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

for non-trivial constants.

This leads to an augmented matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} &= R_2 - 2R_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= R_1 + R_2 \text{ and } R_3 - R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (-1)R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 + 3c_3 &= 0 \\ c_2 - 3c_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So we can solve for c_3 :

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= -3c_3 \\ c_2 &= 2c_3 \end{aligned}$$

So c_3 is arbitrary, it doesn't have to be 0. So the answer has non-trivial solutions, therefore it is linearly dependent.

$$-3c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is called the “linear dependence relation.”

Note 10. A matrix with all 0s in the rightmost column is called a **homogeneous system of equations**.

Theorem 2. Any set of m vectors in \mathbb{R}^n is linearly dependent if $m > n$.

Example 22. Consider this set of vectors

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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We can tell without doing anything else that these vectors have to be dependent. They are in \mathbb{R}^2 , but there are 3 vectors total. We are guaranteed that there is a non-trivial linear combination that will make the $\bar{0}$.

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

However, it does not guarantee that one of the vectors can be solved as a linear combination of the others:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

has no solution.

Example 23. See handout 6

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3.1 Subspaces of Matrices

Definition 17. Subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n : A collection S of vectors in \mathbb{R}^n such that

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1. The zero vector $\bar{0}$ is in S
2. If \bar{u}, \bar{v} are both in S , then $\bar{u} + \bar{v}$ are in S
3. If \bar{u} is in S , then any scalar multiple $c\bar{u}$ is in S .

If all are true, then S is a subspace in \mathbb{R}^n

You can combine 2 and 3 above as: If $\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_k$ are in S and c_1, \dots, c_k are scalars, then $c_1\bar{u}_1 + \dots + c_k\bar{u}_k$ is in S . S is closed under linear combinations.

Theorem 3. Let $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_k$ be vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , then $S = \text{span}(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_k)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

Proof:

Recall that the span of a set of vectors $(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_k)$ is the set of all linear combinations of $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_k$.

1. $\bar{0} = 0\bar{v}_1 + \dots + 0\bar{v}_k$, so $\bar{0}$ is in the span S .
2. Let $\bar{u} = c_1\bar{u}_1 + \dots + c_k\bar{u}_k$, then by definition \bar{u} is in the span S . Also, $\bar{v} = d_1\bar{v}_1 + \dots + d_k\bar{v}_k$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u} + \bar{v} &= (c_1\bar{v}_1 + \dots + c_k\bar{v}_k) + (d_1\bar{v}_1 + \dots + d_k\bar{v}_k) \\ &= (c_1 + d_1)\bar{v}_1 + \dots + (c_k + d_k)\bar{v}_k\end{aligned}$$

So $\bar{u} + \bar{v}$ is in the span S .

3. If \bar{u} is in S , then $c\bar{u} = c(c_1\bar{v}_1 + \dots + c_k\bar{v}_k)$, then

$$\begin{aligned}c\bar{u} &= c(c_1\bar{v}_1 + \dots + c_k\bar{v}_k) \\ &= cc_1\bar{v}_1 + \dots + cc_k\bar{v}_k\end{aligned}$$

So $c\bar{u}$ is in S .

Example 24. See *handout 11*

3.2 Nullspace

Example 25. See *handout 11*

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3.3 Column space

3.4 Linear transformations

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Definition 18. The map $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is linear if

$$1. T(\underbrace{\bar{u} + \bar{v}}_{\mathbb{R}^n}) = T(\underbrace{\bar{u}}_{\mathbb{R}^n}) + T(\underbrace{\bar{v}}_{\mathbb{R}^n})$$

$$2. T(c\bar{v}) = cT(\bar{v})$$

Alternatively: $T(c\bar{u} + d\bar{v}) = cT(\bar{u}) + dT(\bar{v})$

For every $\bar{u}, \bar{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $c, d \neq 0$

Theorem 4. See Theorem 3.30 in Poole

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. Then the map defined by $A\bar{x}$ is a linear for $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Proof:

$A(c\bar{u} + d\bar{v}) = cA\bar{u} + dA\bar{v}$ by properties of matrix multiplication.

We can write this as $T_A(\bar{x}) = A\bar{x}$

Theorem 5. See Theorem 3.31 in Poole

Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation. Then there is a $m \times n$ matrix A such that $T = T_A$. Specifically let $\bar{e}_1, \dots, \bar{e}_n$ be the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^n .

This is an important theorem!

$$\bar{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \qquad \bar{e}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So we can find A by:

$$A = [T(\bar{e}_1) \mid \dots \mid T(\bar{e}_n)]_{m \times n}$$

See notes for proof

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= \bar{x}_1\bar{e}_1 + \dots + \bar{x}_n\bar{e}_n \\ T(\bar{x}) &= T(\bar{x}_1\bar{e}_1 + \dots + \bar{x}_n\bar{e}_n) \\ &= \bar{x}_1T(\bar{e}_1) + \dots + \bar{x}_nT(\bar{e}_n) \\ &= [T(\bar{e}_1) \quad \dots \quad T(\bar{e}_n)] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \\ T(\bar{x}) &= A\bar{x} \end{aligned}$$

Example 26. See handout 14

Example 27. See handout 14, example 3

Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the projection of the vector \bar{v} onto the line ℓ through the origin.

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Show that T is a linear transformation.

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Let $\hat{d} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix}$ be a direction vector for ℓ , where $\|\hat{d}\| = \sqrt{d_1^2 + d_2^2}$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} T(\bar{v}) &= \text{proj}_{\hat{d}} \bar{v} \\ &= \left(\frac{\bar{v} \cdot \hat{d}}{\|\hat{d}\|^2} \right) \hat{d} \end{aligned}$$

So our strategy is to find $T(\bar{e}_1)$ and $T(\bar{e}_2)$.

$$\begin{aligned} T(\bar{e}_1) &= \text{proj}_{\hat{d}} \bar{e}_1 \\ &= \left(\frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix}}{\|\hat{d}\|^2} \right) \hat{d} \\ &= d_1 \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} d_1^2 \\ d_1 d_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(\bar{e}_2) &= \text{proj}_{\hat{d}} \bar{e}_2 \\ &= \left(\frac{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix}}{1} \right) \hat{d} \\ &= d_2 \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} d_1 d_2 \\ d_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So the standard matrix of T is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} d_1^2 & d_1 d_2 \\ d_1 d_2 & d_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So, the projection onto a line through the origin is a linear transformation.

Example 28. Special case:

Project \bar{v} , in the plane, onto the x -axis.

$$\text{Let } \bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

We can drop this to the x -axis, and see that

$$T(\bar{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{d} &= \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \bar{e}_1\end{aligned}$$

We can use our standard matrix we found in the previous example. Note that $d_1 = 1$ and $d_2 = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \begin{bmatrix} d_1^2 & d_1 d_2 \\ d_1 d_2 & d_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Example 29. Another special case:

Project \bar{v} , in the plane, onto the line $y = x$.

We can use our standard matrix we found in the previous example.

Let $\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$, and

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{d} &= \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\|\hat{d}\| &= \sqrt{a^2 + a^2} \\ &= d\sqrt{2a^2} \\ &= |a|d\sqrt{2} \\ &= 1 \\ |a| &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\hat{d} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(\vec{v}) &= A\vec{v} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x + y \\ x + y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x+y}{2} \\ \frac{x+y}{2} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Both components equal the average of the components in the original vector. This is important in statistics.

Example 30. Derive the formula for $\cos(\alpha + \beta)$ and $\sin(\alpha + \beta)$.

Recall the rotation matrix from *Example 1 on Handout 14* that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(\vec{v}) &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & -\sin \beta \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta \cos \alpha - \sin \beta \sin \alpha \\ \sin \beta \cos \alpha + \cos \beta \sin \alpha \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha + \beta) \\ \sin(\alpha + \beta) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So, since the components of equal vectors are equal to each other:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(\alpha + \beta) &= \cos \beta \cos \alpha - \sin \beta \sin \alpha \\ \sin(\alpha + \beta) &= \sin \beta \cos \alpha + \cos \beta \sin \alpha \end{aligned}$$

However, usually the text book will rearrange this:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(\alpha + \beta) &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta \\ \sin(\alpha + \beta) &= \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta \end{aligned}$$

We can also find the difference of the angles by thinking about

$$\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos(\alpha + (-\beta))$$

$$\cos(-\beta) = \cos \beta$$

$$\sin(-\beta) = -\sin \beta$$

Example 31. Additional questions for *example 3 on Handout 14*:

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Recall: $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ and $T(\bar{v}) = A\bar{v}$.

1. What is the range of the projection?

The line ℓ is the range. Since every vector gets projected onto ℓ , that is the range.

2. Is the line ℓ a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 ?

Yes! Recall that spaces need to include the zero vector $\bar{0}$.

- The line ℓ contains the point $(0, 0)$.
- If $\bar{u} \in \ell$, then $\bar{u} + \bar{v} \in \ell$.
- If $\bar{u} \in \ell$, then $c\bar{u} \in \ell$.

3. Find a basis for the subspace ℓ .

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\bar{u} = a\hat{d}$$

$$\bar{v} = b\hat{d}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{u} + \bar{v} &= a\hat{d} + b\hat{d} \\ &= (a + b)\hat{d} \end{aligned}$$

So, $(a + b)\hat{d} \in \ell$.

$$\begin{aligned} c\bar{u} &= c(a\hat{d}) \\ &= (ca)\hat{d} \end{aligned}$$

and, $(ca)\hat{d} \in \ell$.

4. Describe the column space of A . Recall:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} d_1^2 & d_1 d_2 \\ d_1 d_2 & d_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The answer is the line ℓ .

$$A\bar{v} = \bar{b}$$

A big takeaway: the range of T is the column space of A .

Lets find the column space of A , using the augmented matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} [A | \bar{b}] &= \begin{bmatrix} d_1^2 & d_1 d_2 & a \\ d_1 d_2 & d_2^2 & b \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (d_2)R_1, (d_1)R_2 \begin{bmatrix} d_1^2 d_2 & d_1 d_2^2 & d_2 a \\ d_1^2 d_2 & d_1 d_2^2 & d_1 b \end{bmatrix} \\ &= R_2 - R_1 \begin{bmatrix} d_1^2 d_2 & d_1 d_2^2 & d_2 a \\ 0 & 0 & d_1 b - d_2 a \end{bmatrix} \\ d_1 b &= d_2 a \\ b &= \frac{d_2}{d_1} a \end{aligned}$$

Notice that this is a line through the origin with a slope of $m = \frac{d_2}{d_1}$, which is the line ℓ . So the column space of the matrix A is the same as the range of T . The basis for the column space is the same as the basis of the range of T .

$$\text{Col}(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

5. What is the rank of A ?

The $\text{Rank}(A) = \dim(\text{Col}(A)) = \dim(\text{Row}(A))$, so the rank is 1.

6. Describe the null space of A . We are looking for $A\bar{v} = \bar{0}$.

Any vector that is orthogonal to ℓ and passes through the origin will be projected to the zero vector. This is the line ℓ_2 where the slope is $m = -\frac{d_1}{d_2}$.

So lets show this analytically:

$$\begin{aligned} [A | \bar{0}] &= \begin{bmatrix} d_1^2 & d_1 d_2 & 0 \\ d_1 d_2 & d_2^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} d_1^2 d_2 & d_1 d_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ d_1 x + d_2 y &= 0 \\ y &= -\frac{d_1}{d_2} x \end{aligned}$$

7. Find a basis for the null space $\text{Null}(A)$.

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} d_2 \\ -d_1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Example 32. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ with a standard matrix A , and $S : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ with a standard matrix B .

$$\begin{aligned} S(T(\bar{v})) &= S(B\bar{v}) \\ &= A(B\bar{v}) \\ &= (AB)\bar{v} \\ &= (S \circ T)(\bar{v}) \end{aligned}$$

3.5 Composition of linear transformations

Definition 19. If $S(\bar{u}) = A\bar{u}$ and $T(\bar{v}) = B\bar{v}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} S(T(\bar{v})) &= (S \circ T)(\bar{v}) \\ &= AB\bar{v} \end{aligned}$$

and AB is the standard matrix for this composition $(S \circ T)(\bar{v})$.

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Example 33. Show that reflection in the plane about the x -axis is a linear transformation.

See notes for drawing

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

$$\begin{aligned} T(\bar{e}_1) &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \bar{e}_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(\bar{e}_2) &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -\bar{e}_2 \end{aligned}$$

So the standard matrix for T is

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

Since we found a matrix that implements the transformation, that means that reflection about the x -axis must be linear.

Example 34. Let $F_x : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a reflection about the x -axis. Let $R_\theta : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a rotation by θ . Find the standard matrix for $R_{60 \text{ deg}}(F_x(\bar{v}))$.

See notes for drawing

$$\begin{aligned} R_{60 \text{ deg}} &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos 60 & -\sin 60 \\ \sin 60 & \cos 60 \end{bmatrix} \\ F_x &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ R_{60} \circ F_x &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \bar{v} \end{aligned}$$

This is the standard matrix for reflection about the x -axis followed by rotation of 60 degrees.

Example 35. Find the standard matrix that rotates by 60 degrees, then reflects about the x -axis. This is reverse order of the previous problem.

$$\begin{aligned} F_x(R_{60}(\bar{v})) &= (F_x \circ R_{60})(\bar{v}) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This is the standard matrix for $(F_x \circ R_{60})(\bar{v})$.

3.6 Inverses of linear transformations

Definition 20. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation, then T^{-1} is the inverse linear transformation, if

$$\begin{aligned} T^{-1}(T(\bar{v})) &= \bar{v} \\ T(T^{-1}(\bar{v})) &= \bar{v} \end{aligned}$$

Let A be the standard matrix of T , then T has an inverse T^{-1} if and only if A has an inverse. Furthermore, the standard matrix of the inverse T^{-1} is A^{-1} .

$$\begin{aligned} T^{-1}(T(\bar{v})) &= T^{-1}(A\bar{v}) \\ &= A^{-1}(A\bar{v}) \\ &= (A^{-1}A)\bar{v} \\ &= I\bar{v} \\ &= \bar{v} \end{aligned}$$

Example 36. Let $R_{60} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a rotation by 60 degrees. What is the inverse R_{60}^{-1} ?

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We are looking for something that rotates by a negative 60 degrees.

$$\begin{aligned} R_{60}^{-1} &= R_{-60} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(-60) & -\sin(-60) \\ \sin(-60) & \cos(-60) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(60) & \sin(60) \\ -\sin(60) & \cos(60) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Lets check

$$\begin{aligned} R_{60}^{-1}(R_{60}(\bar{v})) &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Example 37. Find the inverse of the reflection F_x . We are looking for F_x^{-1} . Since the reflection happening a second time returns the vector to its original position, it is its own inverse. The standard matrix is

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

You can check this by multiplying it by itself, and it returns the identity matrix I .

Example 38. Does projection onto the line ℓ (through the origin) have an inverse (in the plane)? $P_\ell: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$.

See notes for drawing.

The standard matrix of P_ℓ is

$$P_\ell = \begin{bmatrix} d_1^2 & d_1 d_2 \\ d_1 d_2 & d_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where $\hat{d} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix}$ is a unit direction vector for ℓ .

Since there is an infinite number of vectors that will project to the new vector on ℓ , so there is no inverse. Also, since the standard matrix P_ℓ is invertible, P_ℓ^{-1} does not exist.

Example 39. *See problem 26 in 3.6 of Poole*

If the angle between ℓ and the positive x -axis is θ , show that the matrix of F_ℓ is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & -\cos 2\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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We can rotate the entire plane so it is then a reflection about the x -axis.

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_\theta(F_x(R_\theta^{-1}(\bar{v}))) &= R_\theta(F_x(R_{-\theta}(\bar{v}))) \\
 &= (R_\theta \circ F_x \circ R_{-\theta})(\bar{v}) \\
 &= F_\ell(\bar{v}) \\
 &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{standard matrix of } F_\ell} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta & 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta & \sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & -\cos 2\theta \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Aside 1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos 2\theta &= \cos(\theta + \theta) \\
 &= \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

4 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Definition 21. Let A be a $n \times n$ matrix. A scalar λ is an eigenvalue of the matrix A if there is a non-zero vector \bar{v} such that

$$A\bar{v} = \lambda\bar{v}$$

where \bar{v} is an eigenvector associated with λ .

Eigenvector can be abbreviated e-vector, and eigenvalue can be abbreviated e-value.

Note 11. If λ is real, then the new vector will be parallel to the original vector. It is possible that λ is complex.

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Example 40. Show that $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and find its eigenvalue.

$$\begin{aligned} A\bar{v} &= \lambda\bar{v} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ is an e-vector with an e-value of $\lambda = 4$.

Example 41. Show that $\lambda_1 = -2$ and $\lambda_2 = 5$ are e-values of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and find associated e-vectors.

We'll start with $\lambda_1 = -2$:

$$\begin{aligned} A\bar{v}_1 &= -2\bar{v}_1 \\ A\bar{v}_1 + 2\bar{v}_1 &= \bar{0} \\ A\bar{v}_1 + 2I\bar{v}_1 &= \bar{0} \\ (A + 2I)\bar{v}_1 &= \bar{0} \end{aligned}$$

So \bar{v}_1 is in the null space of $A + 2I$.

Aside 2.

$$\begin{aligned} 2I &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A + 2I &= A - \lambda I \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

We are looking for \bar{v} that is in the null space.

$$\begin{aligned} [A + 2I \quad \bar{0}] &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ 4x + 3y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let $\bar{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$, then $\bar{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ is an e-vector for $\lambda_1 = -2$. We can check this by

$$\begin{aligned} A\bar{v}_1 &= -2\bar{v}_1 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} &= -2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Example 42. See handout 16

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Example 43. See handout 16 example 2

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5 Determinants

See handout 18

5.1 Cofactor expansion

Example 44. See handout 18 example at end on cofactors

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5.2 Invertibility

Definition 22. If a matrix A is full rank and square ($n \times n$), then it will row reduce to the identity matrix $I_{n \times n}$. Therefore,

- The matrix is invertible.

$$[A \mid I] \rightarrow [I \mid A^{-1}]$$

- The determinant is non-zero.

Less than full rank $n \times n$ matrices row reduce to a row of zeros at the bottom of the matrix. Therefore,

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- It will have a zero determinant.
- It will not be invertible.

Theorem 6. The $n \times n$ matrix A is invertible if and only if $\det(A) \neq 0$.

See more theorems in handout 18

5.3 Cramer's rule

Definition 23. See *handout 18*

Let A be an invertible $n \times n$ matrix, and let \bar{b} be any vector in \mathbb{R}^n . Then the unique solution \bar{x} of the system $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ is given by

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

for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Note that $A_i(\bar{b})$ is created by replacing the i th column of A with the vector \bar{b} .

Example 45. See *handout 18, example on Cramer's rule*

5.4 Determinants and Eigenvalues

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To find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

1. Find λ such that $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.
2. Substitute into the equation

$$[A - \lambda I]\bar{v} = \bar{0}$$

and solve for \bar{v} .

Example 46. See *handout 19 example 1*

Example 47. See *handout 19 example 2a/b*

Example 48. See *handout 19 example 3*

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Example 49. See *handout 19 example 4*

5.5 Similarity and Diagonalization

Definition 24. For $n \times n$ matrices A and B , A is **similar** to B , written $A \sim B$, if an invertible $n \times n$ matrix P exists such that

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$$P^{-1}AP = B$$

Definition 25. An $n \times n$ matrix A is **diagonalizable** if there is a diagonal matrix D that is similar to A .

Theorem 7. The $n \times n$ matrix A is diagonalizable if and only if A has n linearly independent eigenvectors. (Deficient matrices need not apply!)

Example 50. See *handout 20 example 1*

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Theorem 8. Let P be the matrix whose columns are independent eigenvectors of matrix A . Then the entries of diagonal matrix $D = P^{-1}AP$ are the eigenvalues of A .

Proof:

Let P be an invertible matrix of eigenvectors of $A_{n \times n}$. Let \bar{P}_j be the j th column of vector P .

$$P = [\bar{P}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \bar{P}_n]$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} P^{-1}P &= P^{-1}[\bar{P}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \bar{P}_n] \\ &= [P^{-1}\bar{P}_1 \quad \cdots \quad P^{-1}\bar{P}_n] \\ &= [\bar{e}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \bar{e}_n] \\ &= I_{n \times n} \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} P^{-1}AP &= P^{-1}A[\bar{P}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \bar{P}_n] \\ &= P^{-1}[A\bar{P}_1 \quad \cdots \quad A\bar{P}_n] \\ &= P^{-1}[\lambda_1\bar{P}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \lambda_n\bar{P}_n] \\ &= [\lambda_1P^{-1}\bar{P}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \lambda_nP^{-1}\bar{P}_n] \\ &= [\lambda_1\bar{e}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \lambda_n\bar{e}_n] \\ &= \lambda I_{n \times n} \end{aligned}$$

Where $\lambda I_{n \times n}$ is the corresponding eigenvalues along the diagonal of I . So, $A \sim D$ where the diagonal entries of D are the corresponding eigenvalues.

Example 51. See *handout 20 example 3*

Example 52. See *handout 20 example 4*

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6 Distance and approximation

6.1 Least squares approximation

See *handout 21*

Recall our $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ problem, where A is a $m \times m$ matrix, and \bar{x} is what we're solving for.

Recognizing that $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ has no solution for most *overdetermined* systems, we transform the problem into a related (but different) problem,

$$A^T A \bar{x} = A^T \bar{b}$$

Note 12. Overdetermined systems are when we have more equations than variables. It is also certain

| that we don't have a solution because we have too many constraints on the variables.

We are only considering the case where A is full rank, $\text{rank}(A) < \min\{m, n\}$ for skinny matrices, $m > n$, $\text{rank}(A) \leq n$, where A is full rank if $\text{rank}(A) = n$, if and only if the columns of A form a linearly independent set.

$$\text{rank}(A^T A) = \text{rank}(A A^T) = \text{rank}(A) = n$$

\tilde{x} is called the *least squares approximation* for $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$.

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