

# Linear Algebra, First Part

## Blackboard Notes

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# Chapter 0

## Preface

These are the blackboard notes for the first half of the course

### **Lineare Algebra (401-0131-00L)**

held at the Department of Computer Science at ETH Zürich in HS23. The notes roughly correspond to what I plan to write on the tablet during my lectures (in German for the first half of the course). The actual tablet notes will be made available after each lecture.

In structure and content, the notes are based on the book

*Introduction to Linear Algebra* (Sixth Edition) by Gilbert Strang, Wellesley - Cambridge Press, 2023.

The notes are rather dense and not meant to replace full lecture notes or a book. Mainly, they should free students from the need to copy material from the blackboard. Many additional explanations (and answers to questions) will be given in the lectures. Exercises to practice the material will be published in the course Moodle and are discussed during the exercise classes.

To summarize, these notes do not represent a complete and standalone Linear Algebra course; rather, they are meant to support the lectures and exercise classes.

I also want to point out that Strang's book is *not* part of the course's official material, and there is no need for students to buy the book. With the blackboard notes, exercises, lectures, and exercises classes, the course is self-contained. Strang's book serves as recommended but optional literature.

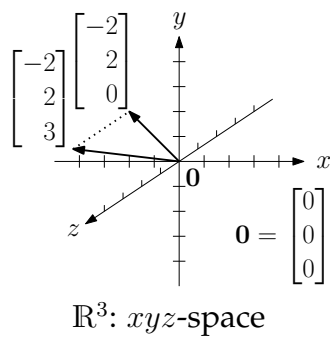
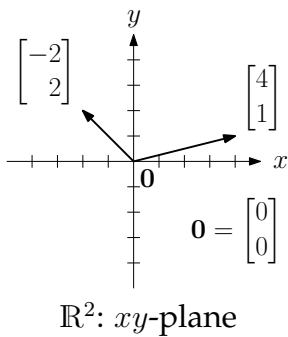
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# Chapter 1

## Vectors and Matrices

### 1.1 Vectors and Linear Combinations

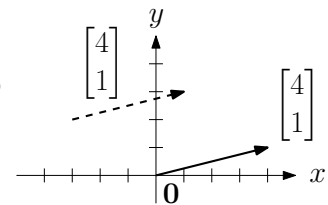
A vector is (for now) an element of  $\mathbb{R}^n$       vector = sequence (tuple) of  $n$  real numbers



$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix}, \dots$$

$\mathbb{R}$ : real numbers  
 $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (natural numbers)  
 $\mathbf{0}$ : zero vector.

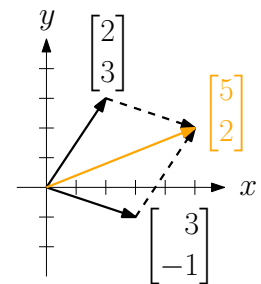
Vector = "movement" : go 4 steps right and 1 step up!



#### 1.1.1 Vector addition: $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$

Combine the movements!

$$\mathbb{R}^2 : \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left| \quad \mathbb{R}^n : \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 + w_1 \\ v_2 + w_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n + w_n \end{bmatrix}$$

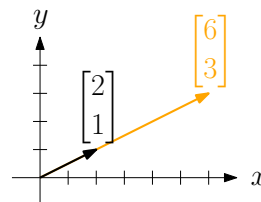


"Parallelogram"

### 1.1.2 Scalar multiplication: $cv$

Move  $c$  times as far! ( $c$ : the scalar)

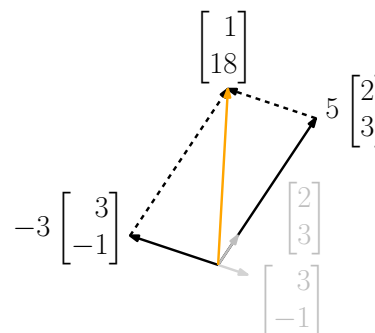
$$\mathbb{R}^2 : 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left| \quad \mathbb{R}^n : c \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} cv_1 \\ cv_2 \\ \vdots \\ cv_n \end{bmatrix}$$



### 1.1.3 (Linear) combination: $cv + dw$

$$5 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here:  $c = 5, d = -3$ .

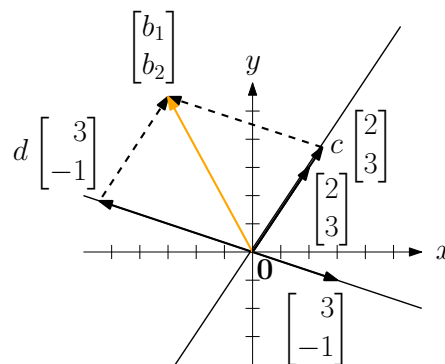


Every vector  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$  is a combination of  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ! *Proof:* we want  $c$  and  $d$  such that

$$c \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

“Column Picture:”

Draw a parallelogram with opposite corners  $0$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  and sides parallel to  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . The other two corners are  $c \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $d \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

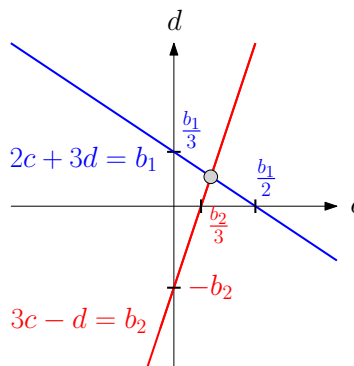


“Row picture:”

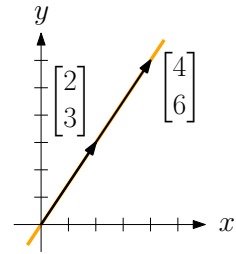
Two equations in two unknowns  $c$  and  $d$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 2c + 3d &= b_1 \\ 3c - d &= b_2 \end{aligned}$$

Draw them as lines in the  $cd$ -plane. The intersection point solves both equations.



Doesn't always work: All combinations of  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  are on a line! (Exercise: What goes wrong in column and row pictures?)



### 1.1.4 Combining more vectors, matrix notation

$$3 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{combination of 3 vectors}} + 2 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{combination of 3 vectors}} - 4 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{combination of 3 vectors}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left| \quad \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{matrix}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{matrix-vector multiplication}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 3 - 1 \cdot 2 - 0 \cdot 4 \\ 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underbrace{c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{v}_n}_{\text{combination of } n \text{ vectors in } \mathbb{R}^m} = \mathbf{b} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{c} m \times n \text{ matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{matrix} \\ n \text{ columns} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ \mathbf{b} \\ | \end{bmatrix}$$

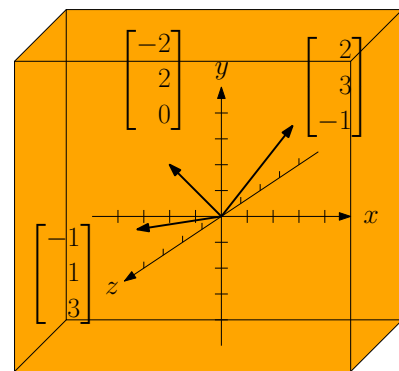
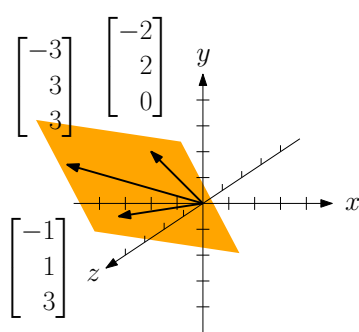
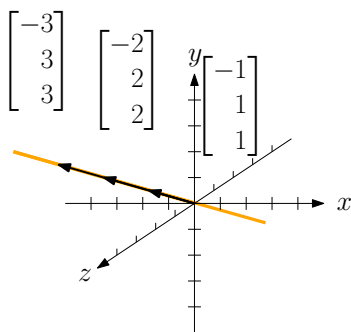
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Matrix: "container for vectors"

$m \times 1$  matrix: a single vector in  $\mathbb{R}^m$

### 1.1.5 Three vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ in $\mathbb{R}^3$

The combinations  $c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3$  form a line (vectors are *collinear*), a plane (vectors are *coplanar*), or the whole space (vectors are *independent*).



## 1.2 Lengths and Angles from Dot Products

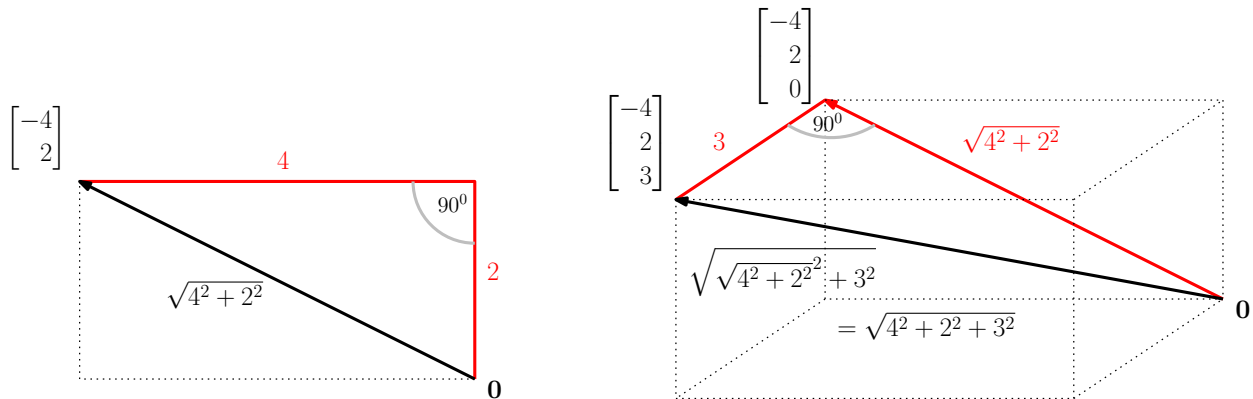
### 1.2.1 Scalar product (or dot product, inner product): $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$

$$\mathbb{R}^2 : \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 6 = 16 \quad \left| \quad \mathbb{R}^n : \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} = v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 + \cdots + v_n w_n.$$

### 1.2.2 Length of a vector: $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}$

$$\mathbb{R}^2 : \left\| \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{20} \quad \left| \quad \mathbb{R}^n : \left\| \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \cdots + v_n^2}$$

Why? Pythagoras!

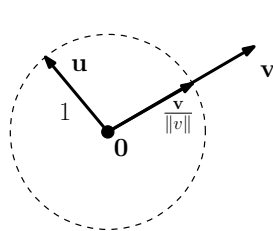


Unit vector:  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 1$ .

For every  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ,

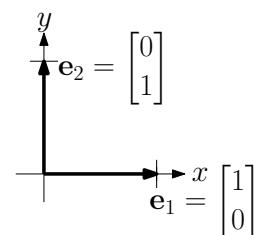
$$\frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$$

is a unit vector.



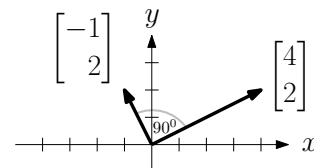
Standard unit vectors:

$$\mathbf{e}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{position } i$$



### 1.2.3 Perpendicular (or orthogonal) vectors: $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$

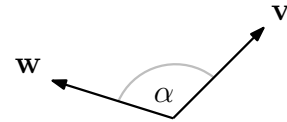
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = -4 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 = 0.$$





Cosine Formula:

$$\cos(\alpha) = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\|} \quad \text{for } \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \neq \mathbf{0}.$$



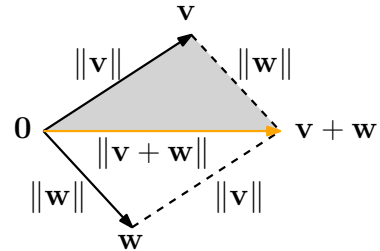
Because  $|\cos(\alpha)| \leq 1$ :

Cauchy-Schwarz inequality: 
$$\underbrace{|\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}|}_{|\cos(\alpha)| \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\|} \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\|.$$

Triangle inequality:

$$\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\|.$$

“From 0 directly to  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$  is shorter than via  $\mathbf{v}$  or  $\mathbf{w}$ .”

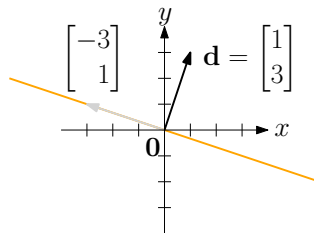


**Hyperplanes.**

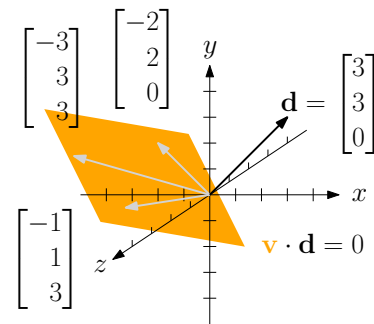
If  $\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{d} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , the set

$$\{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d} = 0\}$$

is a hyperplane: all vectors perpendicular to  $\mathbf{d}$ .



$\mathbb{R}^2$ : a line



$\mathbb{R}^3$ : a plane

### 1.3 Matrices and Their Column Spaces

Matrix with  $m$  rows,  $n$  columns:  $m \times n$  matrix ( $A, B, \dots$ )

$A + B, cA$ :

$$3 \times 2 \text{ matrix : } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left| \quad m \times n \text{ matrix : } \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ 10 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \\ 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$0$  : zero matrix,  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i, j$

Square matrix:  $m = n$ .

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ -3 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 & 7 \\ -3 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$
identity (symbol: $I$ )	diagonal	upper triangular	lower triangular	symmetric
$a_{ii} = 1, a_{ij} = 0$ if $i \neq j$	$a_{ij} = 0$ if $i \neq j$	$a_{ij} = 0$ if $i > j$	$a_{ij} = 0$ if $i < j$	$a_{ij} = a_{ji}$

### 1.3.1 Matrix-vector multiplication

$$\underbrace{7 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + 8 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{combination}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 7 + 2 \cdot 8 \\ 3 \cdot 7 + 4 \cdot 8 \\ 5 \cdot 7 + 6 \cdot 8 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{scalar products}}$$

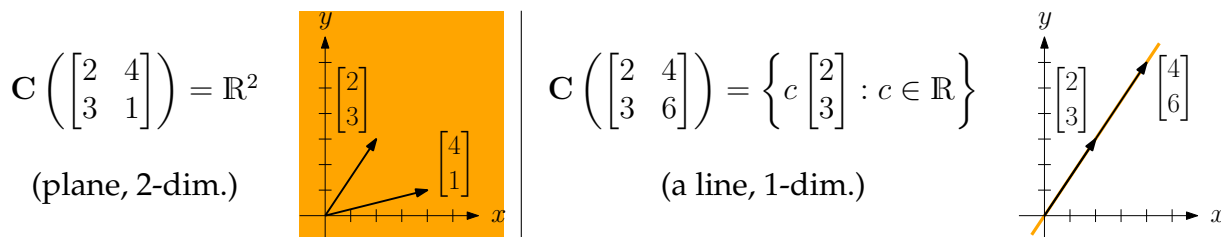
$$A\mathbf{x} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underbrace{x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + x_n\mathbf{v}_n}_{\text{combination}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_{A, \text{ column picture}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{u}_1 & - \\ - & \mathbf{u}_2 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{u}_m & - \end{bmatrix}}_{A, \text{ row picture}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_m \cdot \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{scalar products}}$$

### 1.3.2 Column space: $C(A)$

All combinations (“span”) of the columns. If  $A$  is  $m \times n$ ,

$$C(A) = \{A\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m. \quad \text{Always: } \mathbf{0} \in C(A).$$



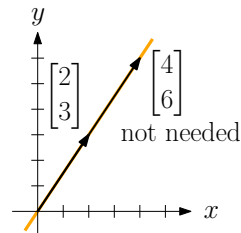
How many columns are needed to span  $C(A)$ ?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

Check  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ ! If  $\mathbf{v}_i$  is a combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{i-1}$ , then  $\mathbf{v}_i$  is *dependent* (not needed): Every combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_i$  is already a combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{i-1}$ . *Proof:*

$$\underbrace{c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + c_i\mathbf{v}_i}_{\text{combination of } \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_i} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + c_{i-1}\mathbf{v}_{i-1} + c_i(\underbrace{d_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + d_{i-1}\mathbf{v}_{i-1}}_{\mathbf{v}_i})$$

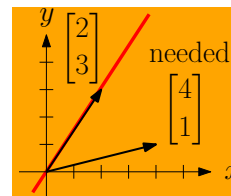
$$= \underbrace{(c_1 + c_id_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + (c_{i-1} + c_id_{i-1})\mathbf{v}_{i-1}}_{\text{combination of } \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{i-1}}$$



Otherwise,  $\mathbf{v}_i$  is *independent* (needed: “adds a dimension.”)

Checking order doesn't matter: we always find the same number of independent columns (3.4).

For  $\mathbf{v}_1$  ( $i = 1$ ):  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{i-1}$  contains no vectors.  $\mathbf{0}$  is the only combination of no vectors. (“The sum of nothing is  $\mathbf{0}$ ”.)



### 1.3.3 (Linear) independence of vectors

Definition: Vectors  $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k$  are...

... (linearly) independent if...

... (linearly) dependent if...

(i) no vector is a combination of the previous ones. Or

(i') some vector is a combination of the previous ones. Or

(ii) no vector is a combination of the other ones. Or

(ii') some vector is a combination of the other ones. Or

(iii) there are no  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  besides  $0, 0, \dots, 0$  such that

(iii') there are some  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  besides  $0, 0, \dots, 0$  such that

$$c_1 \mathbf{w}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{w}_2 + \dots + c_k \mathbf{w}_k = \mathbf{0}.$$

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All say the same (are equivalent): (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii). The opposites also: (i')  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii')  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii').

*Proof:* (i')  $\Rightarrow$  (ii') (if (i') is true, then (ii') is true): clear (“previous ones” are “other ones”).

(ii')  $\Rightarrow$  (iii'): If

$$\mathbf{w}_i = c_1 \mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + c_{i-1} \mathbf{w}_{i-1} + c_{i+1} \mathbf{w}_{i+1} + \dots + c_k \mathbf{w}_k, \quad \leftarrow \text{(ii')}$$

then

$$c_1 \mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + c_{i-1} \mathbf{w}_{i-1} - 1 \mathbf{w}_i + c_{i+1} \mathbf{w}_{i+1} + \dots + c_k \mathbf{w}_k = \mathbf{0}. \quad \leftarrow \text{(iii')}$$

(iii')  $\Rightarrow$  (i'): If there are some  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  besides  $0, 0, \dots, 0$  such that

$$c_1 \mathbf{w}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{w}_2 + \dots + c_k \mathbf{w}_k = \mathbf{0} \quad \leftarrow \text{(iii')}$$

take the *largest*  $i$  such that  $c_i \neq 0$ . Then  $c_1 \mathbf{w}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{w}_2 + \dots + c_i \mathbf{w}_i = \mathbf{0}$  and hence

$$\mathbf{w}_i = -\frac{c_1}{c_i} \mathbf{w}_1 - \dots - \frac{c_{i-1}}{c_i} \mathbf{w}_{i-1}. \quad \leftarrow \text{(i')}$$

The columns of a matrix  $A$  are...

... independent if ...

... dependent if ...

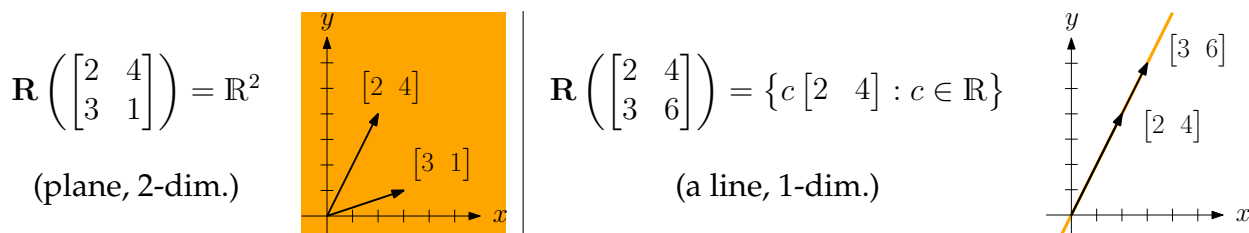
(iii) there is no  $\mathbf{x}$  besides  $\mathbf{0}$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

(iii') there is some  $\mathbf{x}$  besides  $\mathbf{0}$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

### 1.3.4 Rank: $\text{rank}(A) = \text{number of independent columns}$

$$\text{rank} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 2, \quad \text{rank} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 1, \quad \text{rank} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0.$$

**Row space:  $\mathbf{R}(A)$ .** All combinations of the rows



In the examples, number of independent columns = number of independent rows. Coincidence? No (3.5)! Easy case: rank 1.

**Matrices of rank 1.** One independent column.

$$\underbrace{\text{All columns of } A \text{ are multiples of}}_{\neq 0} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_m \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 v_1 & c_2 v_1 & \cdots & c_n v_1 \\ c_1 v_2 & c_2 v_2 & \cdots & c_n v_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_1 v_m & c_2 v_m & \cdots & c_n v_m \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\text{All rows of } A \text{ are multiples of}}_{\neq 0} [c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n]$$

rank 1: some  $c_j v_i \neq 0$

## 1.4 Matrix Multiplication $AB$ and $CR$

$A : m \times k$  matrix;  $B : k \times n$  matrix;  $AB : m \times n$  matrix.

$$AB = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{u}_1 & - \\ - & \mathbf{u}_2 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{u}_m & - \end{bmatrix}}_{A, \text{ row picture}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_{B, \text{ column picture}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_n \\ \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_m \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{u}_m \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_m \cdot \mathbf{v}_n \end{bmatrix}}_{mn \text{ scalar products}}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 1 & 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 0 \\ 3 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 1 & 3 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{"column exchange"}$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 3 & 0 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 4 \\ 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 3 & 1 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{"row exchange"}$$

Square matrices: usually,  $BA \neq AB$  (matrix multiplication is not commutative).  
 General matrices:  $BA$  can be undefined (if  $m \neq n$ ), or of different size than  $AB$ .

Everything is matrix multiplication!

Vector-vector

Matrix-vector:  $\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}}_{2 \times 2} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{2 \times 1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}}_{2 \times 1}$

Scalar (inner) product:  $\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{1 \times 2} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}}_{2 \times 1} = \underbrace{[11]}_{1 \times 1}$

Vector-matrix:  $\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{1 \times 2} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}}_{2 \times 2} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}}_{1 \times 2}$

Outer product:  $\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}}_{2 \times 1} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{1 \times 2} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}}_{2 \times 2} \leftarrow \text{rank 1}$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{u}_1 B & - \\ - & \mathbf{u}_2 B & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{u}_m B & - \end{bmatrix}}_{AB, \text{ row picture}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{u}_1 & - \\ - & \mathbf{u}_2 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{u}_m & - \end{bmatrix}}_{A, \text{ row picture}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & & & | \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ | & & & | \end{bmatrix}}_{B, \text{ column picture}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & & & | \\ A\mathbf{v}_1 & A\mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & A\mathbf{v}_n \\ | & & & | \end{bmatrix}}_{AB, \text{ column picture}}$$

### 1.4.1 Distributivity and associativity

$$A(B + C) = AB + AC \text{ and } (B + C)D = BD + CD \quad (AB)C = A(BC) = ABC.$$

More matrices: brackets don't matter:  $(AB)(CD) = A((BC)D) = \dots = ABCD$ .

Distributivity: easy

Associativity: boring calculations with sums and products involving matrix entries

More matrices: needs proof!

### 1.4.2 $A = CR$

Finding the independent columns, revisited:

$A =$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$	columns of $A$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$
	$\mathbf{v}_1$	$\parallel$	$1\mathbf{v}_1$	$2\mathbf{v}_1$	$\parallel$	$3\mathbf{v}_1$
	$\mathbf{v}_2$	$\parallel$		$\parallel$	$\parallel$	$\parallel$
	$\mathbf{v}_3$	$\parallel$		$1\mathbf{v}_3$	$\parallel$	$-2\mathbf{v}_3$
	$\mathbf{v}_4$	$\parallel$		$\parallel$	$\parallel$	$\parallel$
	independent?		yes	no	yes	no

$$A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_C \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}}_R$$

$C$ : the independent columns

$R$ : how to combine them to get all columns

Rank factorization: if  $A$  has  $r$  independent columns, then  $\underbrace{A}_{m \times n} = \underbrace{C}_{m \times r} \underbrace{R}_{r \times n}$ .

Efficient computation: (3.2)

$R$  is unique: if  $A = CR = CR'$ , then  $C(R - R') = 0 \Rightarrow C\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$  for every column  $\mathbf{w}$  of  $R - R' \Rightarrow \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ , since the columns of  $C$  are independent (1.3.3).

# Chapter 2

## Solving Linear Equations $Ax = b$

### 2.1 Elimination and back substitution

System of  $m$  linear equations in  $n$  unknowns  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ :

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{array} \right\} Ax = b :$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}}_{A, m \times n} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}}_{b \in \mathbb{R}^m}$$

Given  $A$  and  $b$ , find  $x$ !

For now:  $m = n$ ,  $A$  is square matrix.

#### 2.1.1 Back substitution

If  $A$  upper triangular:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 17 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

	equation	substitution	solution
row 3	$7x_3 = 14$		$x_3 = 2$
row 2	$5x_2 + 6x_3 = 17$	$5x_2 + 12 = 17$	$x_2 = 1$
row 1	$2x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 = 19$	$2x_1 + 11 = 19$	$x_1 = 4$

#### 2.1.2 Elimination

General case: Transform  $Ax = b$  to  $Ux = c$  with same solution but upper triangular  $U$  (Gauss elimination). Then back substitution!

## Row Operations

fat number: the **pivot**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 11 & 14 \\ 2 & 8 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 55 \\ 50 \end{bmatrix}$$

subtract 2·(Row 1) from (Row 2):

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 8 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{21}\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 17 \\ 50 \end{bmatrix}$$

subtract 1·(Row 1) from (Row 3):

$$E_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{31}E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 5 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{31}E_{21}\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 17 \\ 31 \end{bmatrix}$$

subtract 1·(Row 2) from (Row 3):

$$E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underbrace{E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}A}_U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underbrace{E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}\mathbf{b}}_c = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 17 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ elimination matrices done!

Less nice case:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 & 14 \\ 2 & 8 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \dots$$

elimination in first column:

$$E_{31}E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 5 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{31}E_{21}\mathbf{b} = \dots$$

can't go on with pivot **0**: exchange rows 2 and 3:

$$P_{23} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underbrace{P_{23}E_{31}E_{21}A}_U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underbrace{P_{23}E_{31}E_{21}\mathbf{b}}_c = \dots$$

↑ permutation matrix done!

Ugly case:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 & 14 \\ 2 & 3 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \dots$$

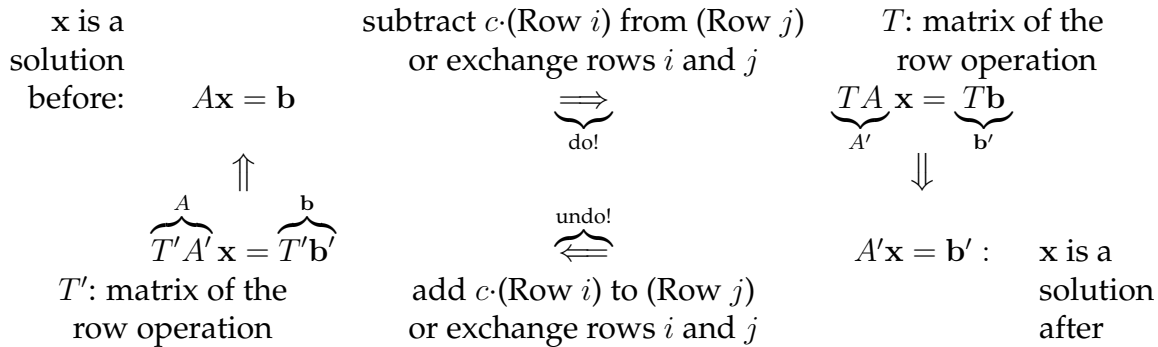
elimination in first column:

$$E_{31}E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{31}E_{21}\mathbf{b} = \dots \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

no row exchange helps, give up for now! also ugly!

## Solving $Ux = c$ also solves $Ax = b$

Same solutions before and after each row operation!



Also holds if  $A$  is non-square.

Special case:  $b = 0$  ( $\Rightarrow b' = Tb = 0$ ):

$$Ax = 0 \Leftrightarrow A'x = 0$$

### (In)dependence of columns is preserved

The columns of  $A$  are dependent  $\xLeftrightarrow{1.3.3}$  There is  $x \neq 0$  such that  $Ax = 0$   $\Leftrightarrow$  There is  $x \neq 0$  such that  $A'x = 0$   $\xLeftrightarrow{1.3.3}$  The columns of  $A'$  are dependent

Ugly case in step  $j \Rightarrow$  the first  $j$  columns are dependent

find

$$j = 3 : \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\neq 0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

	equation	substitution	solution
row 3	$0x_3 = 0$		anything goes! $x_3 = 4$
row 2	$4x_2 + 5x_3 = 0$	$4x_2 + 20 = 0$	$x_2 = -5$
row 1	$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$	$x_1 + 2 = 0$	$x_1 = -2$

Also true in the original matrix  $A$ , because (in)dependence of columns is preserved.

### 2.1.3 Elimination succeeds $\Leftrightarrow$ the columns of $A$ are independent

Elimination (allowing row exchanges) succeeds:

- $\Rightarrow U$  has nonzero diagonal elements (pivots).
- $\Rightarrow$  Every column of  $U$  is independent from the previous ones.
- $\Rightarrow$  The columns of  $U$  are independent (1.3.3).
- $\Rightarrow$  The columns of  $A$  are independent (2.1.2).

Elimination fails:

- $\Rightarrow$  The columns of some intermediate matrix are dependent (ugly case)
- $\Rightarrow$  The columns of  $A$  are dependent. (2.1.2).



## 2.2 Elimination Matrices and Inverse Matrices

Elimination:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 11 & 14 \\ 2 & 8 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \text{do!} \\ \longrightarrow \\ \longleftarrow \\ \text{undo!} \end{array} U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\overbrace{E_{32} E_{31} E_{21}}^E A = U \quad E_{ij} : \text{do!}$$

$\uparrow$  subtract 2·(Row 1) from (Row 2)  
 $\uparrow$  subtract 1·(Row 1) from (Row 3)  
 $\uparrow$  subtract 1·(Row 2) from (Row 3)

$$E_{ij}^{-1} : \text{undo!} \quad A = \overbrace{E_{21}^{-1} E_{31}^{-1} E_{32}^{-1}}^{E^{-1}} U$$

$\uparrow$  add 2·(Row 1) to (Row 2)  
 $\uparrow$  add 1·(Row 1) to (Row 3)  
 $\uparrow$  add 1·(Row 2) to (Row 3)

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $M$  is *invertible* if there is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $M^{-1}$  (the inverse of  $M$ ) such that

$$MM^{-1} = M^{-1}M = I \quad \left( I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} M \cdot \dots : \text{do something!} \\ M^{-1} \cdot \dots : \text{undo it!} \\ I \cdot \dots : \text{do nothing!} \end{array} \right.$$

There can only be one inverse: If  $MX = YM = I$ , then  $X = Y$ , because

$$X = IX = (YM)X = Y(MX) = YI = Y.$$

$\uparrow$   
associativity (1.4.1)

Case  $1 \times 1$ :  $M = [x]$ ,  $M^{-1} = [\frac{1}{x}]$  (if  $x \neq 0$ ).

Case  $2 \times 2$ :

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \quad M^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{if } ad - bc \neq 0)$$

### 2.2.1 The Inverse Theorem

Case  $n \times n$ :

$A$ is invertible	(i)
$\Leftrightarrow$	
For every $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a unique solution $\mathbf{x}$	(ii)
$\Leftrightarrow$	
the columns of $A$ are independent	(iii)

*Proof:*

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): if  $A$  is invertible, then

- $A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$  solves  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ :  $A(A^{-1}\mathbf{b}) = (AA^{-1})\mathbf{b} = I\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}$ .

- Uniqueness: If  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , then  $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ :  $A^{-1}\mathbf{b} = A^{-1}(A\mathbf{x}) = (A^{-1}A)\mathbf{x} = I\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): if  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a unique solution ( $\mathbf{0}$ ), the columns of  $A$  are independent (1.3.3).

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): If the columns of  $A$  are independent, elimination succeeds (2.1.3):  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \Leftrightarrow U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$  (and  $U$  has nonzero diagonal elements). Back substitution: unique solution  $\mathbf{x}$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): If  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a unique solution for all  $\mathbf{b}$ , we find  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  such that

$$A\mathbf{v}_1 = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{e}_1}, A\mathbf{v}_2 = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{e}_2}, \dots, A\mathbf{v}_n = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{e}_n} \Rightarrow A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix}}_B = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_I.$$

So  $AB = I$ . Still need  $BA = I$  to conclude that  $B = A^{-1}$ :

- $AI = IA = (AB)A = A(BA)$ , hence  $A(I - BA) = 0$  by distributivity (1.4.1).
- Columns of  $I - BA$ :  $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n$ . Then  $A\mathbf{w}_i = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $i$ .
- The columns of  $A$  are independent by (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). Hence  $\mathbf{w}_i = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $i$ . So  $I - BA = 0$ , meaning  $BA = I$ .

For any two  $n \times n$  matrices  $A, B$ : If  $AB = I$ , then  $BA = I$  (Exercise).

## 2.2.2 The inverse of a product $AB$

If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  and invertible, then  $AB$  is also invertible, and

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}. \quad (\text{"undo" works in reverse order of "do"})$$

*Proof:*  $(AB)(B^{-1}A^{-1}) = A(BB^{-1})A^{-1} = AIA^{-1} = AA^{-1} = I$ .

Works for more matrices:  $(ABC)^{-1} = C^{-1}B^{-1}A^{-1}$ .

## 2.3 Matrix Computations and $A = LU$

### 2.3.1 The cost of elimination

How many operations ( $\cdot, /, +, -$ ) are needed to solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ ?

**Elimination in step  $j$ .** Subtract  $\ell_{ij}$  · (Row  $j$ ) from (Row  $i$ ):

	matrix	number of entries	right-hand side
	$u_{11} \ \cdots$		$c_1$
	$0 \ u_{22} \ \cdots$		$c_2$
	$0 \ 0 \ \ddots$		$c_3$
row $j$	$0 \ 0 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{u}_{jj} \ \cdots \ u_{jn}$	$\leftarrow \ n - j + 1 \quad 1 \rightarrow$	$c_j$
$\vdots$			
row $i$	$0 \ 0 \ \cdots \ \star_{ij} \ \cdots \ \star_{in}$	$\leftarrow \ n - j + 1 \quad 1 \rightarrow$	$\star_i$

op.	where?	for one $i$		for $i = j + 1, \dots, n$	
		$A \rightarrow U$	$\mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{c}$	$A \rightarrow U$	$\mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{c}$
/	$\ell_{ij} = \star_{ij}/u_{jj}$	1		$(n - j)$	
·	$\mathbf{r} = \ell_{ij} \cdot (\text{Row } j)$	$(n - j + 1)$	1	$(n - j)(n - j + 1)$	$(n - j)$
-	$(\text{Row } i) - \mathbf{r}$	$(n - j + 1)$	1	$(n - j)(n - j + 1)$	$(n - j)$

**Elimination in all steps  $j = 1, \dots, n - 1$ .** Apply known formulas (sum of the first integers, sum of the first square numbers):

$A \rightarrow U$ :

- Divisions:  $\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (n - j) = \frac{1}{2}(n^2 - n)$

- Multiplications / Subtractions:  $\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (n - j)(n - j + 1) = \frac{1}{3}(n^3 - n)$

$\mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{c}$ :

- Multiplications / Subtractions:  $\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (n - j) = \frac{1}{2}(n^2 - n)$

Roughly  $\frac{2}{3}n^3$  operations for  $A \rightarrow U$  and  $n^2$  for  $\mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{c}$ .

**Back substitution.** In row  $j$  of  $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$ , substitute the already known values of  $x_{j+1}, \dots, x_n$  into

$$u_{jj}x_j + u_{j,j+1}x_{j+1} + \cdots + u_{jn}x_n = c_j$$

and solve for  $x_j$ :

$$x_j = \frac{1}{u_{jj}} (c_j - u_{j,j+1}x_{j+1} - \cdots - u_{jn}x_n).$$

op.	for one $j$	for $j = n, n - 1, \dots, 1$
/	1	$n$
·	$(n - j)$	$\sum_{j=1}^n (n - j) = \frac{1}{2}(n^2 - n)$
-	$(n - j)$	$\sum_{j=1}^n (n - j) = \frac{1}{2}(n^2 - n)$

Roughly  $n^2$  operations.

Solving  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  (for one or more  $\mathbf{b}$ 's) takes roughly  $\frac{2}{3}n^3$  operations for  $A \rightarrow U$ , and roughly  $2n^2$  operations per  $\mathbf{b}$  ( $\mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{c}$ , back substitution).

### 2.3.2 The great factorization $A = LU$

Elimination:  $A \rightarrow U$  (upper triangular). Assumption for now: no row exchanges!

**Elimination in row  $i$ .** Subtract  $l_{ij}$  · (Row  $j$  of  $U$ ) from (Row  $i$ ):

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{row } j \\
 \vdots \\
 \text{row } i
 \end{array}
 \left|
 \begin{array}{cccccc}
 u_{11} & \cdots & & & & \\
 0 & u_{22} & \cdots & & & \\
 0 & 0 & \ddots & & & \\
 0 & 0 & \cdots & \mathbf{u_{jj}} & \cdots & u_{jn} \\
 \vdots & & & & & \\
 0 & 0 & \cdots & \star_{ij} & \cdots & \star_{in}
 \end{array}
 \right|
 \begin{array}{l}
 \leftarrow \text{finalized (in } U) \\
 \leftarrow \text{finalized (in } U) \\
 \vdots \\
 \leftarrow \text{finalized (in } U)
 \end{array}$$

Happens in steps  $j = 1, \dots, i - 1$ . How does (Row  $i$ ) change in each step?

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 & \text{(Row } i \text{) of } A & \text{initially} \\
 - & l_{i1} \cdot \text{(Row 1) of } U & \text{step 1} \\
 - & l_{i2} \cdot \text{(Row 2) of } U & \text{step 2} \\
 & \vdots & \\
 - & l_{i,i-1} \cdot \text{(Row } i-1 \text{) of } U & \text{step } i-1 \\
 = & \text{(Row } i \text{) of } U & \text{in the end}
 \end{array}$$

(Row  $i$ ) of  $A$  is a combination of the first  $i$  rows of  $U$ . Matrix notation:

$$\text{(Row } i \text{) of } A = \underbrace{[l_{i1} \quad l_{i2} \quad \cdots \quad l_{i,i-1} \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad \cdots \quad 0]}_{\text{row vector}} U.$$

$$A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ l_{21} & 1 & & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \\ l_{n1} & \cdots & l_{n,n-1} & 1 & \end{bmatrix}}_{L, \text{ lower triangular}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & \cdots & u_{1n} \\ & u_{22} & \cdots & u_{2n} \\ & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & u_{nn} \end{bmatrix}}_{U, \text{ upper triangular}}$$

In this notation, we omit 0's above/below the diagonal.

## 2.4 Permutations and Transposes

$A = LU$  fails if there are row exchanges. Is there a fix?

Fact: Reordering the rows of a matrix  $S$  reorders the rows of  $SA$  in the same way:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{w}_1 & - \\ - & \mathbf{w}_2 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{w}_m & - \end{bmatrix}}_S A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{w}_1 A & - \\ - & \mathbf{w}_2 A & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{w}_m A & - \end{bmatrix}}_{SA} \quad \text{Example:} \quad \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{w}_2 & - \\ - & \mathbf{w}_1 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{w}_m & - \end{bmatrix}}_{S'} A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{w}_2 A & - \\ - & \mathbf{w}_1 A & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{w}_m A & - \end{bmatrix}}_{S'A}$$

exchange rows 1, 2 of  $S \rightarrow S'$

Permutation matrix  $P$ : reordering (*permutation*) of the rows of  $I$ .

$PA$ : permutation of the rows of  $IA = A$ .

$Px$ : permutation of the the entries of  $x$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \searrow \\ \rightarrow \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $P, P'$  are permutation matrices, then also  $PP'$ : reordering twice is another reordering.

There are  $n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot n$  permutation matrices ( $n \times n$ ), since  $n$  things can be ordered in  $n!$  ways:

$n$	$n!$	orderings
1	1	1
2	2	12, 21
3	6	123, 132, 213, 231, 312, 321
4	24	1234, 1243, ...

### 2.4.1 The $PA = LU$ factorization

Idea: move all row exchanges to the beginning ( $A \rightarrow PA$ ), then we can eliminate without row exchanges ( $PA = LU$ ).

Notation:  $E_j$  : do all elimination steps in column  $j$   
 $P_{k,\ell}$  : exchange rows  $k$  and  $\ell$

Example ( $\uparrow$  : move row exchange up!):

$A \rightarrow U$		$PA = LU$	
$E_1$	$P_{2,5}$	$P_{2,5}$	$P_{2,5}$ exchange rows 2 and 5
$P_{2,5}\uparrow$	$E_1$	$E_1$	$P_{3,4}$ and then rows 3 and 4
$E_2$	$E_2$	$P_{3,4}\uparrow$	$E_1$
$P_{3,4}$	$P_{3,4}\uparrow$	$E_2$	$E_2$
1	2	3	$\leftarrow$ move

$$\begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{u}_{jj} & - \\ - & * & - \\ - & * & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & * & - \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{P_{k,\ell}} & \begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{u}_{jj} & - \\ - & * & - \\ - & * & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & * & - \end{bmatrix} \\ \downarrow E_j & & \downarrow E_j \\ \begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{u}_{jj} & - \\ - & 0 & - \\ - & 0 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & 0 & - \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{P_{k,\ell}} & \begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{u}_{jj} & - \\ - & 0 & - \\ - & 0 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & 0 & - \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Why it works:

$E_j$   
 $P_{k,\ell}$  has the same effect as  $E_j$  if  $k, \ell > j$ .

## 2.4.2 The transpose of $A$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \text{reflection along " \ " } \rightarrow \quad A^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow$   $A_{23}$   $\uparrow$   $(A^\top)_{32}$

row  $i$  of  $A$  = column  $i$  of  $A^\top$        $A_{ij} = (A^\top)_{ji}$       Scalar product:  
 column  $j$  of  $A$  = row  $j$  of  $A^\top$        $(A^\top)^\top = A$        $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \underbrace{\mathbf{v}^\top}_{1 \times n} \underbrace{\mathbf{w}}_{n \times 1}$

**Transpose of a product:**  $(AB)^\top = B^\top A^\top$

$$AB \quad \leftarrow \text{reflection along " \ " } \rightarrow \quad B^\top A^\top :$$

$$\underbrace{\left( \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \mathbf{u}_1 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{u}_2 & \text{---} \\ & \vdots & \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{u}_m & \text{---} \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_B \right)}_{\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j}^{(AB)_{ij}} \quad = \quad \underbrace{\left( \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \mathbf{v}_1 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{v}_2 & \text{---} \\ & \vdots & \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{v}_n & \text{---} \end{bmatrix}}_{B^\top} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_m \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_{A^\top} \right)}_{\mathbf{v}_j \cdot \mathbf{u}_i}^{(B^\top A^\top)_{ji}}$$

Works for more matrices:  $(ABC)^\top = C^\top B^\top A^\top$ .

**Transpose of the inverse:**  $(A^{-1})^\top = (A^\top)^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 AA^{-1} &= I \\
 \Downarrow \\
 (A^{-1})^\top A^\top &= (AA^{-1})^\top = I^\top = I \\
 \Downarrow \\
 (A^{-1})^\top &\text{ is the inverse of } A^\top
 \end{aligned}$$

Permutation matrix:  $P^{-1} = P^\top$ .      Rows of  $P$ :  $\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n$  (reordering of rows of  $I$ ).

Each  $\mathbf{p}_i$  has a single 1 at a different position  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_i = 1, \mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .

$$\underbrace{\left( \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \mathbf{p}_1 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{p}_2 & \text{---} \\ & \vdots & \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{p}_n & \text{---} \end{bmatrix}}_{P, \text{ row picture}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{p}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{p}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_{P^\top, \text{ column picture}} \right)}_{\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_j} = I_{ij} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad PP^\top = I.$$

### 2.4.3 Symmetric matrices

$S$  is symmetric if  $S = S^T$  (such  $S$  must be square).

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 & 7 \\ -3 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $S$  is symmetric, then also  $S^{-1}$  (if it exists):

$$(S^{-1})^T = (S^T)^{-1} = S^{-1}.$$

For every matrix  $A$ , both  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$  are symmetric:

$$(A^T A)^T = A^T (A^T)^T = A^T A, \quad (AA^T)^T = (A^T)^T A^T = AA^T.$$

### 2.4.4 Symmetric LU-factorization

Normal elimination step:

subtract 2·(Row 1)  
from (Row 2)

$$\underbrace{E_{21}}_{L^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}}_{A, \text{ symmetric}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_U$$

$$U = L^{-1}A$$

$$A = LU$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$D = L^{-1}A(L^T)^{-1}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$A = LDL^T$$

Now add this extra step:

subtract 2·(Column 1)  
from (Column 2)

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_U \underbrace{E_{21}^T}_{(L^{-1})^T} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{D, \text{ diagonal}}$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$D = U(L^{-1})^T$$

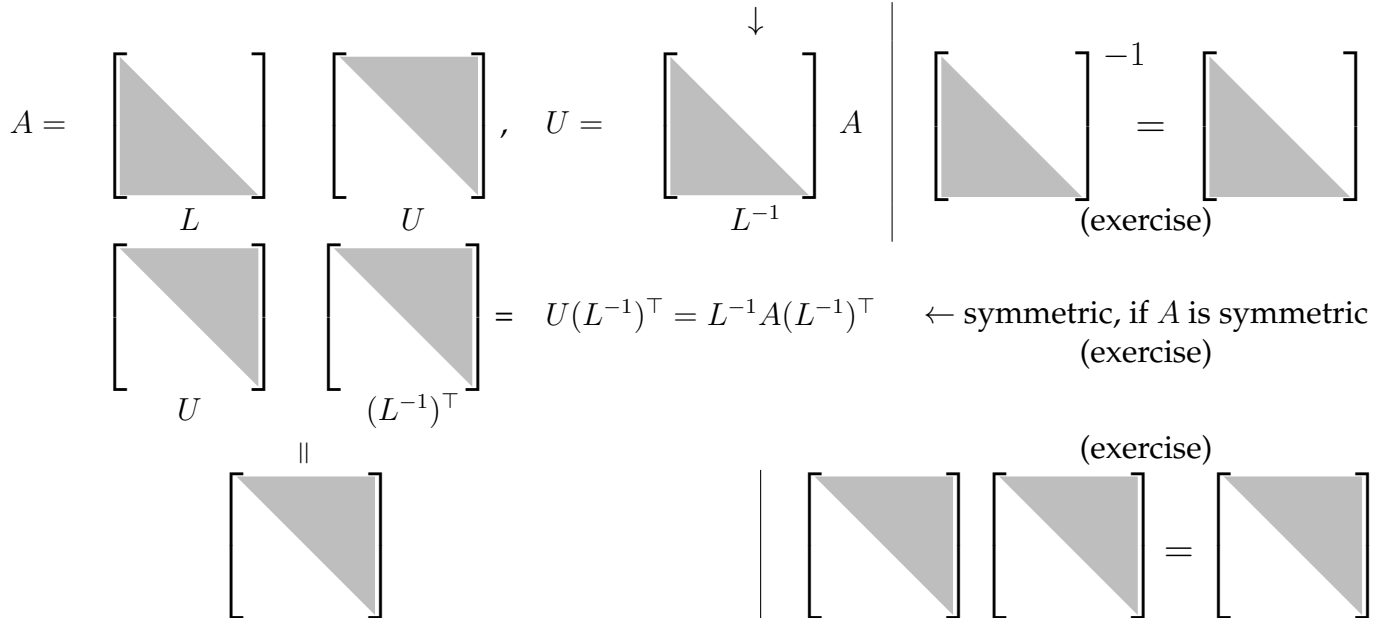
$$= U(L^T)^{-1}$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$U = DL^T$$

The general picture:

product of elimination matrices



$D = U(L^{-1})^T$  is upper triangular and symmetric  $\Rightarrow D$  is diagonal.

$$D = L^{-1}A(L^{-1})^T \rightarrow \boxed{A = LDL^T}$$

# Chapter 3

## The Four Fundamental Subspaces

### 3.1 Vector Spaces and Subspaces

#### 3.1.1 Examples of vector spaces

There is more than  $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3, \dots$

Vector space: (abstract) concept of things that we can do with vectors

$\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3, \dots$ : examples.

concept	number type	vector space
things that we can do with...	... numbers: calculations! $a + b, a - b, a \cdot b, a/b$	... vectors: combinations! $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}, c \cdot \mathbf{v}$
examples	$\mathbb{N}$ (natural numbers) $\mathbb{Z}$ (integers) $\mathbb{Q}$ (rational numbers) $\mathbb{R}$ (real numbers) $\mathbb{C}$ (complex numbers) $\{0, 1\}$ (bits) $\vdots$	$\mathbb{R}^2$ $\mathbb{R}^3$ $\mathbb{C}^3$ (complex vectors) $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ ( $2 \times 2$ matrices; $A + B, cA$ (1.3)) $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ (functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ) $\{0, 1\}^n$ (bit vectors) $\vdots$

We mostly (but not only) care about  $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3, \dots$  and their subspaces.

#### 3.1.2 Subspaces of vector spaces

$V$ : vector space. **Subspace**: nonempty  $U \subseteq V$  satisfying: if  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in U$  and  $c$  is a scalar, then

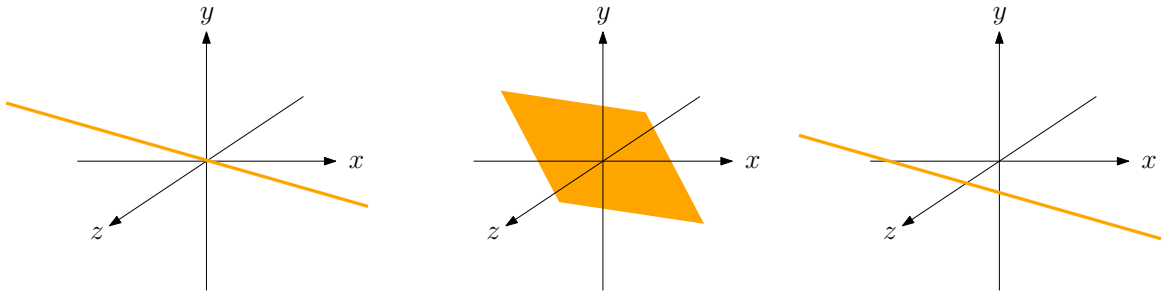
$$(i) \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \in U \quad (ii) c\mathbf{v} \in U.$$

Every subspace  $U$  contains  $\mathbf{0}$ : take some  $\mathbf{u} \in U$ , then  $0\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0} \in U$  by (ii).

Smallest subspace:  $U = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

Largest subspace:  $U = V$ .





subspaces: line through 0

plane through 0

not a subspace: misses 0

A subspace of a vector space is itself a vector space.

Two subspaces of  $V = \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ :

$U_1$ : all symmetric matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$

$U_2$ : all diagonal matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$

### 3.1.3 The column space of $A$

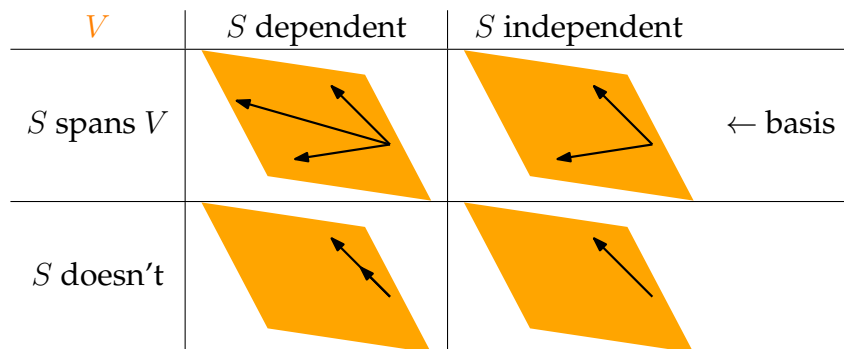
$$C(A) = \{Ax : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ : If  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in C(A)$  and  $c$  a scalar, then  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}$  and  $A\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{w}$  for some  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Hence,

$$(i) \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = A(\underbrace{\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^n}) \in C(A) \quad (ii) c\mathbf{v} = A(\underbrace{c\mathbf{x}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^n}) \in C(A)$$

### 3.1.4 The columns of $A$ span the vector space $C(A)$

Span, Basis	Example
$V$ : vector space	$C(A)$
$S$ : sequence of vectors in $V$	the columns of $A$
$S$ spans $V$ : $V =$ all combinations of $S$	the columns span $C(A)$
$S$ basis of $V$ : $S$ independent, $S$ spans $V$	the independent columns: basis of $C(A)$





General case:  $R$  is  $(r \times n)$ .

$\mathbf{x}_I$ : vector of the  $r$  variables for  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_r$

$\mathbf{x}_F$ : vector of the  $n - r$  other variables (free variables)

$$R\mathbf{x} = I\mathbf{x}_I + F\mathbf{x}_F = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_I = -F\mathbf{x}_F$$

$n - r$  special solutions: set the free variables  $\mathbf{x}_F$  to  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{n-r}$

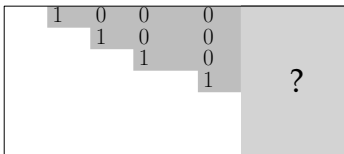
general	example
$r \times n$	$2 \times 4$
$\mathbf{x}_F$	$\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$
$\mathbf{x}_I$	$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$

$\mathbf{x}$  every solution... is a combination of the  $n - r$  special **independent** solutions. Since they span  $N(R)$ , they are a basis.

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{x}_F \\ \mathbf{x}_I \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{x}_F \\ -F\mathbf{x}_F \end{matrix} = (\mathbf{x}_F)_1 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 \\ -F\mathbf{e}_1 \end{pmatrix} + (\mathbf{x}_F)_2 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_2 \\ -F\mathbf{e}_2 \end{pmatrix} + \dots + (\mathbf{x}_F)_{n-r} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_{n-r} \\ -F\mathbf{e}_{n-r} \end{pmatrix}$$

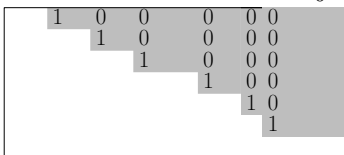
### 3.2.1 Elimination column by column: the steps from $A$ to $R_0$

For  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ :  
 $k$  columns done:

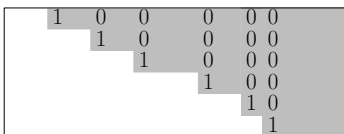


$\rightarrow k + 1$  columns done

$n$  columns done:  $R_0$

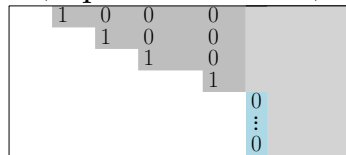


remove zero rows:  $R$

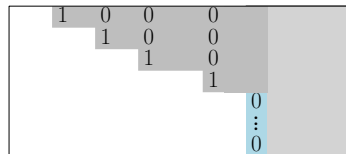


$k \rightarrow k + 1$  (row operations)

Case 1: only 0's in blue (dependent column)



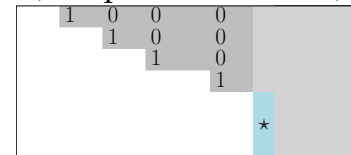
$k + 1$  columns done:



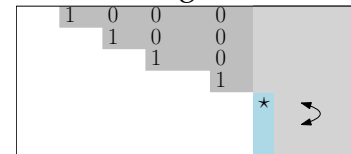
new row operation  $\rightarrow$

also above pivot  $\rightarrow$

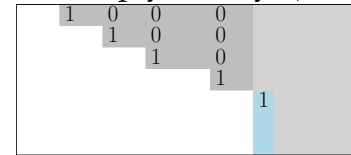
Case 2: some  $\star \neq 0$  in blue (independent column)



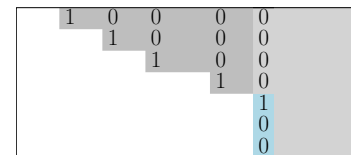
exchange rows:



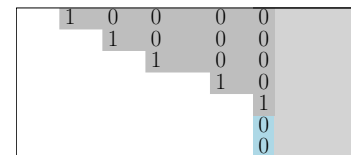
multiply row by  $1/\star$ :



eliminate in column  $k + 1$ :



$k + 1$  columns done:



### 3.2.2 The matrix factorization $A = CR$ and the nullspace

$A \rightarrow R_0 \rightarrow R$  gives the same  $R$  as in  $A = CR$  (1.4.2):

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} A = CR \\ A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | & | & | & | \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{v}_3 & \mathbf{v}_4 & \mathbf{v}_5 & \mathbf{v}_6 & \mathbf{v}_7 \\ | & | & | & | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \\ \downarrow \\ R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & r_{12} & 0 & r_{14} & r_{15} & 0 & r_{17} \\ & & 1 & r_{24} & r_{25} & 0 & r_{27} \\ & & & & & 1 & r_{37} \end{bmatrix} \end{array} & \xrightarrow{(*)} & \begin{array}{c} \text{elimination } A \rightarrow R_0 \\ R_0 = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | & | & | & | \\ \mathbf{e}_1 & \mathbf{w}_2 & \mathbf{e}_2 & \mathbf{w}_4 & \mathbf{w}_5 & \mathbf{e}_3 & \mathbf{w}_7 \\ | & | & | & | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \\ \downarrow \\ R_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & r_{12} & 0 & r_{14} & r_{15} & 0 & r_{17} \\ & & 1 & r_{24} & r_{25} & 0 & r_{27} \\ & & & & & 1 & r_{37} \end{bmatrix} \end{array}
 \end{array}$$
  

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{14} \\ 0 \\ r_{24} \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} : \quad \boxed{\mathbf{v}_4 = r_{14}\mathbf{v}_1 + r_{24}\mathbf{v}_3} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0} \stackrel{(2.1.2)}{\Leftrightarrow} R_0\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{w}_4 = r_{14}\mathbf{e}_1 + r_{24}\mathbf{e}_2} \quad (*)$$

### 3.3 The Complete Solution to $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

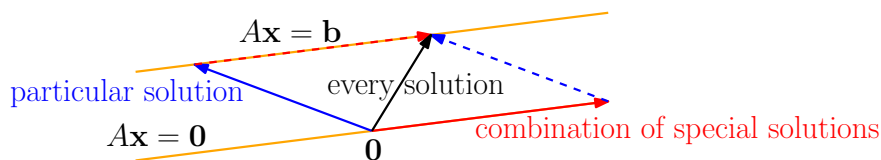
As in (2.1.2), apply row operations also to  $\mathbf{b}$  ( $A \rightarrow R_0, \mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{c}$ ). Solutions don't change:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \Leftrightarrow R_0\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c} \Leftrightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} R\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d} \\ 0 = * \\ \vdots \\ 0 = * \end{array} \right\} \mathbf{c} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{If some } * \neq 0, \text{ no solution!} \\ \text{Otherwise, solve} \\ R\mathbf{x} = I\mathbf{x}_I + F\mathbf{x}_F = \mathbf{d} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_I = \mathbf{d} - F\mathbf{x}_F \end{array}$$

Particular solution:

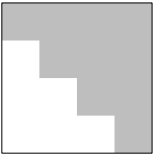


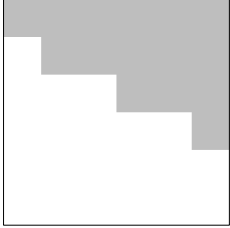
set the free variables  $\mathbf{x}_F$  to 0

$\mathbf{x}$	every solution...	... is a particular solution of $R\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}$ , plus a combination of the $n - r$ special solutions of $R\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$
$\mathbf{x}_F$	$\mathbf{x}_F$	$\mathbf{0}$
$\mathbf{x}_I$	$\mathbf{d} - F\mathbf{x}_F$	$\mathbf{d} + (\mathbf{x}_F)_1 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 \\ -F\mathbf{e}_1 \end{pmatrix} + (\mathbf{x}_F)_2 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_2 \\ -F\mathbf{e}_2 \end{pmatrix} + \dots + (\mathbf{x}_F)_{n-r} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_{n-r} \\ -F\mathbf{e}_{n-r} \end{pmatrix}$



### 3.3.1 Number of solutions of $Ax = b$

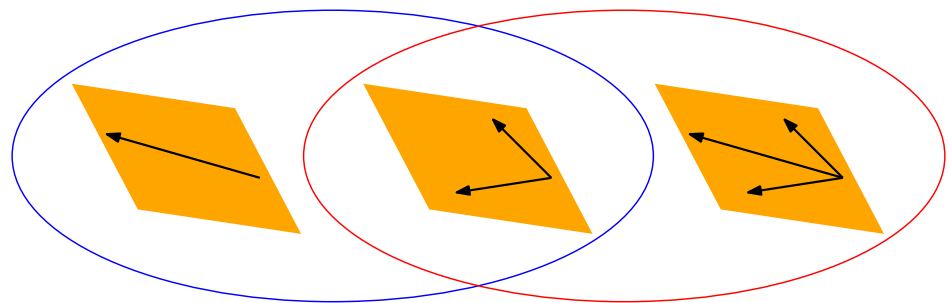
$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{rank (number of independent columns)} = r \\
 \downarrow \\
 Ax = b \rightarrow R_0x = c \rightarrow Rx = d \\
 \uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\
 (m \times n) \qquad (m \times n) \qquad (r \times n)
 \end{array}
 \left|
 \begin{array}{l}
 r \leq n \\
 \downarrow \\
 r \leq \min(m, n) \quad \text{full rank: } r = \min(m, n) \\
 \uparrow \\
 r \leq m
 \end{array}
 \right.$$

$R_0$	$r = n$ (full rank)	$r < n$ (dependent columns)	
$r = m$ (full rank)	invertible  1 solution	underdetermined  $\infty$ many solutions	$\leftarrow$ free variables
$r < m$ (zero rows)	overdetermined  0 or 1 solution	 0 or $\infty$ many solutions depending on $c$ (if some $\star \neq 0$ , then 0)	$\leftarrow$ free variables

### 3.4 Independence, Basis, and Dimension

$V$ : vector space

$S$ : sequence of vectors in  $V$



independent

basis of  $V$

spans  $V$

$e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  (columns of  $I$ ): standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

The columns of *any* invertible  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  are a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . They are independent and spanning: for every  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $Ax = b$  has a solution (2.2.1).

If  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ , then every  $v \in V$  is a *unique* combination.

*Proof:* if  $\mathbf{v} = a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{v}_n = b_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + b_n\mathbf{v}_n$ , then  $\mathbf{0} = (a_1 - b_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + (a_n - b_n)\mathbf{v}_n$ . By independence,  $a_1 - b_1 = \dots = a_n - b_n = 0$ .

Every basis of  $V$  has the same number of vectors.  
This number is the dimension  $\dim(V)$  of  $V$ .

*Proof (by contradiction):*

Suppose there is a basis  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m$  and a larger basis  $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n$ . A basis spans  $V \Rightarrow$  each  $\mathbf{w}_j$  is a combination of the  $\mathbf{v}_i$ 's:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathbf{w}_j & = & * \mathbf{v}_1 & + & * \mathbf{v}_2 & + \dots + & * \mathbf{v}_m \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & \text{vector } \mathbf{x}_j & & \text{with } m \text{ numbers} & & \end{array}$$

Matrix notation:

$$\underbrace{[\mathbf{w}_1 \quad \mathbf{w}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{w}_n]}_B = \underbrace{[\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{v}_m]}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{x}_1 & \mathbf{x}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{x}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_{X, m \times n}$$

$\text{rank}(X) \leq \min(m, n) = m < n$ , so the columns of  $X$  are dependent (3.3.1): there is  $\mathbf{c} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that  $X\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$ . Then  $B\mathbf{c} = AX\mathbf{c} = A\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow c_1\mathbf{w}_1 + c_2\mathbf{w}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{w}_n = \mathbf{0}$ , so the  $\mathbf{w}_j$ 's are dependent and *not* a basis. Contradiction!

Works for all vector spaces, not only (subspaces of)  $\mathbb{R}^n$ : consider  $A, B$  as  $1 \times m, 1 \times n$  with vector entries (column vectors, or other objects).

### 3.4.1 Bases (for Matrix Spaces)

vector space	basis	dimension
$\mathbb{R}^n$	$\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$	$n$
all $2 \times 2$ matrices $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	4
diagonal matrices $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	2
symmetric matrices $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	3
$\{0\}$	$\emptyset$ (empty set)	0

There are no independent vectors in  $\{0\}$ , so the basis must be empty.  $0$  is a combination of  $\emptyset$  (sum of nothing = 0).

### 3.5 Dimensions of the Four Subspaces

$A$ :  $m \times n$  matrix ( $m$  rows,  $n$  columns).

This section:

subspace	of	definition	dimension
$C(A)$	$\mathbb{R}^m$	combinations of the columns of $A$	$r = \text{rank}(A)$
$R(A) = C(A^\top)$	$\mathbb{R}^n$	combinations of the rows of $A =$ columns of $A^\top$	$r$
$N(A)$	$\mathbb{R}^n$	solutions of $Ax = \mathbf{0}$	$n - r$
$N(A^\top)$	$\mathbb{R}^m$	solutions of $A^\top y = \mathbf{0}$	$m - r$

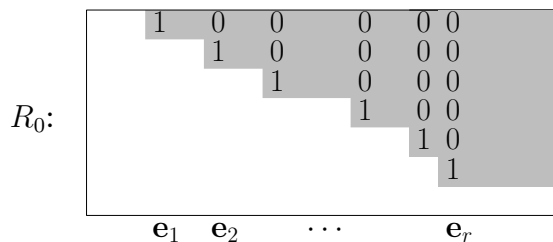
**Row space**  $R(A) = C(A^\top)$

Gauss-Jordan:  $A \rightarrow R_0$  by row operations:

- subtract  $c \cdot (\text{Row } i)$  from  $(\text{Row } j)$
- exchange  $(\text{Row } i)$  and  $(\text{Row } j)$
- multiply  $(\text{Row } i)$  with  $c \neq 0$

Exercise: Row operations don't change the row space!

$$R(A) = R(R_0).$$



$r$  independent rows that span the row space:  
basis of  $R(R_0)$

$$\dim(R(A)) = \dim(R(R_0)) = r$$

zero rows

For every matrix: Number of independent rows = number of independent columns!

We knew this for rank-1 matrices ( $r = 1$ ): (1.3.4)

**Nullspace**  $N(A)$

Gauss-Jordan:  $A \rightarrow R_0 \rightarrow R$  (remove zero rows of  $R_0$ ).

Row operations don't change the nullspace (2.1.2):

$$Ax = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow R_0x = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow Rx = \mathbf{0}$$

$$N(A) = N(R).$$

Already found a basis of  $N(R)$  with  $n - r$  vectors (3.2).

$$\dim(N(A)) = n - r.$$

**Left nullspace**  $N(A^\top)$

As previously shown for every matrix:  $\dim(\text{nullspace}) = \text{number of columns} - \text{rank}$ .

Apply this to  $A^\top$ :

$$\dim N(A^\top) = m - \dim(C(A^\top)) = m - r.$$

Why "left"? : all solutions of  $A^\top y = \mathbf{0} =$  all solutions of  $y^\top A = \mathbf{0}^\top$ .

# Chapter 4

## Orthogonality

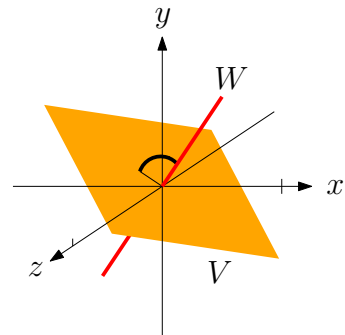
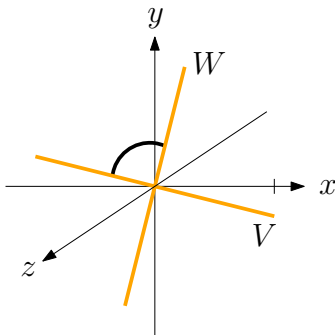
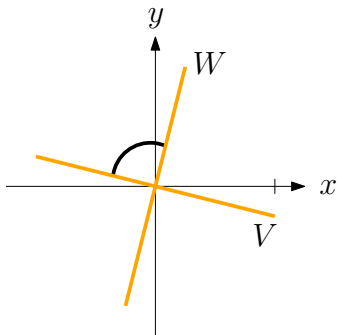
### 4.1 Orthogonality of vectors and subspaces

Recall (1.2.3, 2.4.2):  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are perpendicular or orthogonal if  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{w} = 0$ .

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{w}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{w}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}} = 0.$$



Two subspaces  $V$  and  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal if  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$  for **all**  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  and **all**  $\mathbf{w} \in W$ .



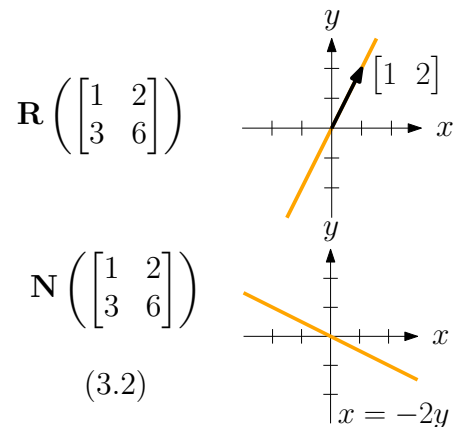
If  $A$  is  $m \times n$ :

- $\mathbf{N}(A)$  and  $\mathbf{R}(A) = \mathbf{C}(A^\top)$  are orthogonal in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- $\mathbf{N}(A^\top)$  and  $\mathbf{R}(A^\top) = \mathbf{C}(A)$  are orthogonal in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

*Proof.*  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{N}(A) \Leftrightarrow A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ .       $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{C}(A^\top) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{w} = A^\top \mathbf{x}$ .  
Then

$$\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v}^\top (A^\top \mathbf{x}) \stackrel{(1.4.1)}{=} (\mathbf{v}^\top A^\top) \mathbf{x} \stackrel{(2.4.2)}{=} \underbrace{(A\mathbf{v})^\top}_{\mathbf{0}^\top} \mathbf{x} = 0.$$

Same for  $\mathbf{N}(A^\top)$  and  $\mathbf{C}(A)$ .





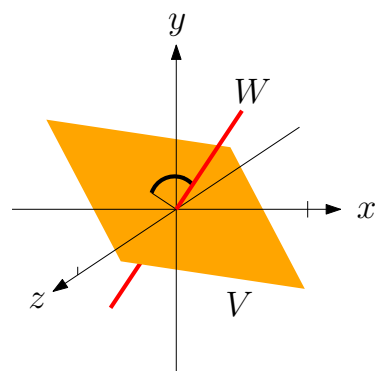
Exercise: If  $V$  and  $W$  are orthogonal,  $V \cap W = \{0\}$  (only the zero vector is in both).

If  $V$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $V \cap W = \{0\}$ , then  $\dim(V) + \dim(W) \leq n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $k = \dim(V)$ ,  $\ell = \dim(W)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  a basis of  $V$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_\ell$  a basis of  $W$ . Want to show: these  $k + \ell$  vectors are independent.

Suppose  $\underbrace{c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_k\mathbf{v}_k}_{\mathbf{v} \in V} + \underbrace{d_1\mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + d_\ell\mathbf{w}_\ell}_{\mathbf{w} \in W (\Rightarrow -\mathbf{w} \in W)} = \mathbf{0}$ . Then

$\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{w} \in V \cap W$ , so  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ .  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  and  $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_\ell$  are independent  $\Rightarrow c_1, \dots, c_k = 0$  and  $d_1, \dots, d_\ell = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_\ell$  are independent (1.3.3)  $\Rightarrow k + \ell \leq n$ .



$\dim(V) = 2, \dim(W) = 1$

### 4.1.1 Orthogonal complement $V^\perp$

$V$  subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

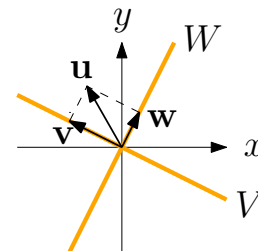
Definition:  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is orthogonal to  $V$  if  $\mathbf{w}$  is orthogonal to all vectors in  $V$ .

$V^\perp$ : all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that are orthogonal to  $V$ .

Exercise:  $V^\perp$  is a subspace.

Let  $V, W$  be orthogonal subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The following statements are equivalent.

	$V = \mathbf{N}(A), W = \mathbf{R}(A) = \mathbf{C}(A^\top)$
(i) $W = V^\perp$	true
(ii) $\dim(V) + \dim(W) = n$	$\uparrow$ true: $(n - r) + r = n$ (3.5)
(iii) every $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be written as $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$ with <i>unique</i> vectors $\mathbf{v} \in V, \mathbf{w} \in W$	$\downarrow$ true



*Proof:*  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  a basis of  $V$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_\ell$  a basis of  $W$ .

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Observation:  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  orthogonal to  $V \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{w}$  orthogonal to  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$ . Let  $A$  be the matrix with rows  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$ . Then  $V = \mathbf{C}(A^\top)$  (dimension  $k$ ) and  $W = V^\perp = \mathbf{N}(A)$  (dimension  $n - k$ , 3.5).

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): As previously seen,  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_\ell$  are independent. Since  $k + \ell = n$ , they are a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . So

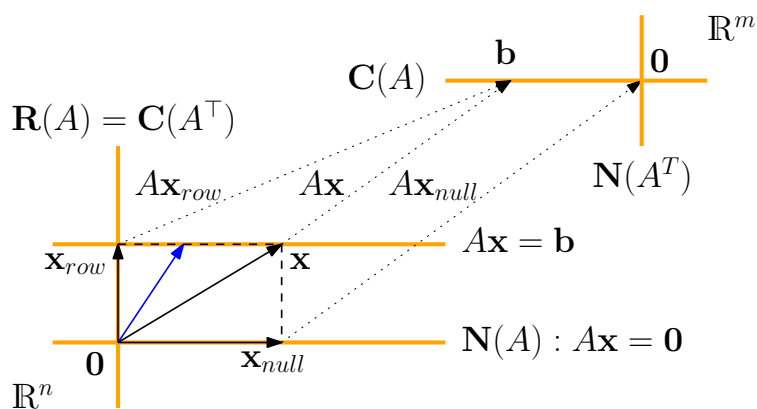
$$\mathbf{u} = \underbrace{c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_k\mathbf{v}_k}_{\mathbf{v}} + \underbrace{d_1\mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + d_\ell\mathbf{w}_\ell}_{\mathbf{w}}$$

with unique scalars (3.4)  $\Rightarrow$  unique  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ .

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): We need that  $W$  contains *all* vectors orthogonal to  $V$ . Let  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be orthogonal to  $V$ . We can write  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$  with  $\mathbf{v} \in V, \mathbf{w} \in W$ . Multiplying with  $\mathbf{v}$  from the left,

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{v}^\top}_{0} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{v} + \underbrace{\mathbf{v}^\top}_{0} \mathbf{w} \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{w} \in W.$$

## 4.1.2 The big picture



(3.3): Solutions of  $Ax = b$  = particular solution of  $Ax = b$  + solutions of  $Ax = 0$

(4.1):  $\mathbf{N}(A)$  and  $\mathbf{C}(A^T)$ ,  $\mathbf{N}(A^T)$  and  $\mathbf{C}(A)$  are orthogonal subspaces...

(4.1.1): ...and orthogonal complements. For  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_{row} + \mathbf{x}_{null}$  (row space and nullspace components). If  $Ax = b$ , then  $A\mathbf{x}_{row} = b$ ,  $A\mathbf{x}_{null} = 0$ .

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