

Lecture #9

- Last time
  - Explicit algorithm for computing  $A^{-1}$
  - Characterization of invertible matrices  
(12 criteria & will have some more soon)
  - Useful corollary that "left inverse" = "right inverse" = "inverse"  
i.e. if  $AB = I_n$  or  $BA = I_n$ , then actually both hold and  $B = A^{-1}$ , where  $A$  was an  $n \times n$  matrix
  - invertibility of an  $n \times n$  matrix  
" " invertibility of the corresponding linear transformation  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- Subspaces
  - Null space
  - Column space
  - Basis

Ex 1: Evaluate the inverse of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \mapsto R_3 - 5R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -15 & | & -5 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \mapsto R_3 + 4R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & | & -5 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \mapsto \frac{1}{5}R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -1 & \frac{4}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_2 \mapsto R_2 - 5R_3 \\ R_1 \mapsto R_1 - 3R_3 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & | & 4 & -\frac{12}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 5 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -1 & \frac{4}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 - 2R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -6 & \frac{18}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 5 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -1 & \frac{4}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\text{So:}} \quad A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & \frac{18}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \\ 5 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & \frac{4}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

Q: How would you solve equation  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -5 \\ 10 & 15 \\ 20 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ? (multiply on the left by  $A^{-1}$  per Ex 1) ①

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Ex 2: Are the following matrices invertible or not?

a)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 7 \\ 2 & -4 & 11 \\ 7 & -14 & 18 \end{pmatrix}$

No: 2<sup>nd</sup> column =  $-2 \cdot$  1<sup>st</sup> column

b)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -6 & 13 & -11 \\ -2 & 7 & 11 & 15 \end{pmatrix}$

No: As the columns do not span the entire  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , since any linear combination of these 4 columns has second coordinate = 0.

c)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 & 12 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 13 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 16 \end{pmatrix}$

Yes: It's quite obvious that columns span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

Ex 3: Given 3 vectors  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,

determine if they form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  or not.

Recalling the definition of "basis", we need to verify:

1)  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  - linearly independent set

2) any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is their linear combination.

But from last class we know that both are equivalent to invertibility of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 6 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$ . To check the latter, reduce to echelon form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 6 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & -5 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & -5 \\ 0 & -18 & 19 \\ 0 & -11 & 13 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{18}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{19}{18} \\ 0 & -11 & 13 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 11R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{19}{18} \\ 0 & 0 & 13 - \frac{209}{18} \neq 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

pivot positions

$\Rightarrow A$ -invertible  $\Rightarrow \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  form a basis.

Q: Why there are no one-to-one linear maps  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ ?

(Use that any set of  $> n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly dependent)

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Ex 4: For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  find a basis of Col A and Nul A.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

So, the pivot columns are #1, 2  $\Rightarrow$  the  $1^{\text{st}}$  &  $2^{\text{nd}}$  columns of A form a basis of Col A.

[Indeed, they are clearly lin. indep as one is not a multiple of another, while the  $3^{\text{rd}}$  column is the sum of  $1^{\text{st}}$  &  $2^{\text{nd}}$

On the other hand, solving homog. eq-n  $A\vec{x} = 0$ , we see that  $x_3$  - free variable  $\Rightarrow x_2 = -x_3, x_1 = -x_3 \Rightarrow$  all solutions have form  $\begin{pmatrix} -x_3 \\ -x_3 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Hence,  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis of Nul A.

[One could alternatively take any nonzero multiple of  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ].

Warning: Any non-zero space has infinitely many bases.

In particular, we could also say that

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ or } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ or } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \\ 10 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ -4 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \right\} - \text{bases of Col A.}$$

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### §2.9 Dimension and Rank

The notion of a basis allows one to introduce coordinates:

Def: Suppose  $B = \{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_k\}$  is a basis of a subspace  $H \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

For each  $\vec{x} \in H$ , the coordinates of  $\vec{x}$  relative to the basis  $B$  are the weights  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  such that

$$\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{b}_1 + c_2 \vec{b}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{b}_k$$

The vector

$$[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_k \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

is called the coordinate vector of  $\vec{x}$  (relative to  $B$ ) or the  $B$ -coordinate vector of  $\vec{x}$ .

Example: If  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $\vec{x} = 3\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 \Rightarrow \vec{x} \in \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$

Clearly  $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$  - a basis of  $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ , and  $[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

! Observation: The map  $H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  is a one-to-one correspondence, i.e.

$\vec{x} \mapsto [\vec{x}]_B$   
the elements of the subspace  $H \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  are parametrized by  $\mathbb{R}^k$ .

CLAIM: Any basis of a subspace  $H$  has the same number of elements

Def: The dimension of a non-zero subspace  $H$ , denoted  $\dim(H)$ , is the number of vectors in any basis of  $H$ .

! By default, the dimension of the zero subspace  $\{\vec{0}\}$  is defined to be zero.

Example: In Ex4,  $\dim(\text{Col } A) = 2$  and  $\dim(\text{Null } A) = 1$ .

Def: The rank of a matrix  $A$ , denoted  $\text{rank } A$ , is the dimension of  $\text{Col } A$ .

As the pivot columns form a basis of  $\text{Col } A$ , we obtain

$$\text{rank } A = \# \text{ pivot columns of } A$$

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Q: What about the dimension of  $\text{Nul } A$ ?

A: As follows from last class, we have

$$\dim \text{Nul } A = \# \text{ nonpivot columns}$$

As each column of  $A$  is either a pivot or nonpivot column, we get

$$\text{CLAIM: } \text{rank } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = \# \text{ columns of } A.$$

Evoking the aforementioned one-to-one correspondence b/w  $H$  &  $\mathbb{R}^k$  as well as the criteria for invertibility of a  $k \times k$  matrix, one arrives at:

CLAIM: Let  $H \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a  $k$ -dimensional subspace. Any linearly independent set of exactly  $k$  elements of  $H$  is a basis of  $H$ . Likewise, any set of  $k$  elements of  $H$  that spans  $H$  is a basis of  $H$ .

Using the above concepts, we can now extend the list of criteria for an invertibility of an  $n \times n$  matrix:

CLAIM: Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. The following are equivalent:

- 1)  $A$  - invertible
- 2) The columns of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- 3)  $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^n$
- 4)  $\text{rank } A = n$
- 5)  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 0$
- 6)  $\text{Nul } A = \{ \vec{0} \}$

Q: Does there exist a  $3 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  with  $\text{rank } A = 4$ .

(that's just a rephrased Q from the end of p.2).