

## Midterm!

- Midterm 1: Thursday, 7–8:15pm
  - in 23 Psych if your last name starts with A or B
  - in **Foellinger Auditorium** if your last name starts with C, D, ..., Z
  - bring a picture ID and show it when turning in the exam

## Review

- A **vector space** is a set  $V$  of vectors which can be added and scaled (without leaving the space!); subject to the “usual” rules.
- $W \subseteq V$  is a **subspace** of  $V$  if it is a vector space itself; that is,
  - $W$  contains the zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$ ,
  - $W$  is closed under addition, (i.e. if  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in W$  then  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \in W$ )
  - $W$  is closed under scaling. (i.e. if  $\mathbf{u} \in W$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $c\mathbf{u} \in W$ )
- $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$  is always a subspace of  $V$ . ( $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m$  are vectors in  $V$ )

**Example 1.** Is  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2a-b & 0 \\ b & 3 \end{bmatrix} : a, b \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \right\}$  a subspace of  $M_{2 \times 2}$ , the space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices?

**Solution.** No,  $W$  does not contain the zero “vector”.

**Example 2.** Is  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2a-b & 0 \\ b & 3a \end{bmatrix} : a, b \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \right\}$  a subspace of  $M_{2 \times 2}$ , the space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices?

**Solution.** Write “vectors” in  $W$  in the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2a-b & 0 \\ b & 3a \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

to see that

$$W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Like any span,  $W$  is a vector space.

**Example 3.** Are the following sets vector spaces?

(a)  $W_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a + 3b = 0, 2a - c = 1 \right\}$

No,  $W_1$  does not contain  $\mathbf{0}$ .

(b)  $W_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a+c & -2b \\ b+3c & c \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \right\}$

Yes,  $W_2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

Hence,  $W_2$  is a subspace of the vector space  $\text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}$  of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

(c)  $W_3 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a+c & -2b \\ b+3c & c+7 \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \right\}$  (more complicated)

We still have  $W_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} + \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

Hence,  $W_3$  is a subspace if and only if  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the span. (We can answer such questions!)

Equivalently (why?!), we have to check whether  $\begin{bmatrix} a+c & -2b \\ b+3c & c+7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has solutions  $a, b, c$ .

There is no solution ( $-2b = 0$  implies  $b = 0$ , then  $b + 3c = 0$  implies  $c = 0$ ; this contradicts  $c + 7 = 0$ ).

(d)  $W_4 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} : ab \geq 0 \right\}$

No. For instance,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  is not in  $W_4$ .

(e)  $W_5$  is the set of all polynomials  $p(t)$  such that  $p'(2) = 1$ .

No.  $W_5$  does not contain the zero polynomial.

(f)  $W_6$  is the set of all polynomials  $p(t)$  such that  $p'(2) = 0$ .

Yes. If  $p'(2) = 0$  and  $q'(2) = 0$ , then  $(p+q)'(2) = p'(2) + q'(2) = 0$ . Likewise for scaling.

Hence,  $W_6$  is a subspace of the vector space of all polynomials.

# What we learned before vector spaces

## Linear systems

- Systems of equations can be written as  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 - 2x_2 & = & -1 \\ -x_1 + 3x_2 & = & 3 \end{array} \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sometimes, we represent the system by its augmented matrix.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

- A linear system has either
  - no solution (such a system is called **inconsistent**),  
 $\iff$  echelon form contains row  $[0 \ \dots \ 0 \mid b]$  with  $b \neq 0$
  - one unique solution,  
 $\iff$  system is consistent and has no free variables
  - infinitely many solutions.  
 $\iff$  system is consistent and has at least one free variable
- We know different techniques for solving systems  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .
  - Gaussian elimination on  $[A \ \mathbf{b}]$
  - LU decomposition  $A = LU$
  - using matrix inverse,  $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$

## Matrices and vectors

- A **linear combination** of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m$  is of the form

$$c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_m\mathbf{v}_m.$$

- $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$  is the set of all such linear combinations.
  - Spans are always vector spaces.
  - For instance, a span in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  can be  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ , a line, a plane, or  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- The **transpose**  $A^T$  of a matrix  $A$  has rows and columns flipped.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $(A+B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$
- An  $m \times n$  **matrix**  $A$  has  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns.
- The product  $A\mathbf{x}$  of **matrix times vector** is

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{a}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \dots + x_n\mathbf{a}_n.$$

- Different interpretations of the product of **matrix times matrix**:
  - column interpretation

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+3c & b & c \\ d+3f & e & f \\ g+3i & h & i \end{bmatrix}$$

- row interpretation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 3a+g & 3b+h & 3c+i \end{bmatrix}$$

- row-column rule

$$(AB)_{i,j} = (\text{row } i \text{ of } A) \cdot (\text{col } j \text{ of } B)$$

- The **inverse**  $A^{-1}$  of  $A$  is characterized by  $A^{-1}A = I$  (or  $AA^{-1} = I$ ).

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

- Can compute  $A^{-1}$  using Gauss–Jordan method.

$$[A \ I] \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} [I \ A^{-1}]$$

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

- $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

- An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible

- $\iff A$  has  $n$  pivots

- $\iff Ax = b$  has a unique solution

(if true for one  $b$ , then true for all  $b$ )

## Gaussian elimination

- **Gaussian elimination** can bring any matrix into an **echelon form**.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

It proceeds by **elementary row operations**:

- **(replacement)** Add one row to a multiple of another row.
- **(interchange)** Interchange two rows.
- **(scaling)** Multiply all entries in a row by a nonzero constant.
- Each elementary row operation can be encoded as multiplication with an **elementary matrix**.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e-a & f-b & g-c & h-d \\ i & j & k & l \end{bmatrix}$$

- We can continue row reduction to obtain the (unique) RREF.

## Using Gaussian elimination

Gaussian elimination and row reductions allow us:

- solve systems of linear systems

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 3 & -6 & 4 & -5 \\ 3 & -7 & 8 & 8 & 9 \\ 3 & -9 & 12 & 6 & 15 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & -24 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = -24 + 2x_3 \\ x_2 = -7 + 2x_3 \\ x_3 \text{ free} \\ x_4 = 4 \end{cases}$$

- compute the LU decomposition  $A = LU$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ 2 & 1 & \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -8 & -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- compute the inverse of a matrix

to find  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{3}{2} & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , we use Gauss–Jordan:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- determine whether a vector is a linear combination of other vectors

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear combination of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  if and only if

the system corresponding to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is consistent.

(Each solution  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$  gives a linear combination  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .)