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- Dot product
- Length / Norm
- Angle between vectors
- Cauchy-Schwartz and Triangle Inequalities

Today

- Matrices
- Inverse of a matrix
- Dependence and Independence

## (Recall) Linear Combinations

Example  $3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$

We can represent this linear combination as a matrix-vector system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

In general, in  $n$ -dimensional space,

linear combinations of vectors look like

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_m \vec{v}_m = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j \vec{v}_j, \text{ where}$$

- $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m$  are scalars (real numbers)
- $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_m$  are vectors in  $n$ -dimensional space ( $\mathbb{R}^n$ )

In matrix-vector notation, this linear combination can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_m \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: matrix has  
 $n$  rows and  
 $m$  columns.

# Interpretations of the Matrix-Vector System

① as a linear combination of the columns

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 & w_1 \\ v_2 & w_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2)$$
$$\vec{w} = (w_1, w_2)$$
$$\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2)$$

① As the dot product with rows

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 & w_1 \\ v_2 & w_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (v_1, w_1) \cdot (x_1, x_2) \\ (v_2, w_2) \cdot (x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \text{row 1} \cdot \vec{x} \\ \text{row 2} \cdot \vec{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

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As a function

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 & w_1 \\ v_2 & w_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 x_1 + w_1 x_2 \\ v_2 x_1 + w_2 x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑  
Function

↑  
Input

↑  
Output

Denote  $M = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & w_1 \\ v_2 & w_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . We can interpret the matrix-vector system

as a function  $M: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

We write  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$   
(matrices with 2 rows  
and 2 columns)

Inputs are  
ordered pairs of  
real numbers  
(vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

Outputs are also  
ordered pairs of  
real numbers (vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} v_1 & w_1 \\ v_2 & w_2 \end{bmatrix}}_M \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{v_1 x_1 + w_1 x_2}_{b_1} \\ \underbrace{v_2 x_1 + w_2 x_2}_{b_2} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{b}}$$

$$\text{or } M\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

Two types of problems:

- ①  $M$  and  $\vec{x}$  are known; find  $\vec{b}$   
the "forward" problem
- ②  $M$  and  $\vec{b}$  are known; find  $\vec{x}$   
the "inverse" problem

Example. Can you 'design' a matrix  $M$  which performs the following transformation

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[M?]{M} \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inputs                      Outputs

(Switch the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> entries)

Here is such a matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Inverse of a Matrix

From our previous example,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{M} \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{?} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
components  
switched)

Can we undo  
the switching?

In this case, yes!

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_M \left( \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_M \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}}$$

We will say that a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is invertible

if there exists another matrix  $B$  such that

$$B(A\vec{x}) = \vec{x} \text{ for all } \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Notation: The inverse of  $A$  is denoted as  $A^{-1}$ .

\* In our previous example, the switch matrix was its own inverse.

\* Note: Not every matrix is invertible!

Consider the matrix which "transforms"

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{E} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{i.e., erase the 1st entry})$$

Here is such a matrix

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_E \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

This matrix is not invertible

Why is  $E$  not invertible?

Consider the equation  $E\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Consider the "inverse" problem: Given  $\vec{b}$ , we want to find  $\vec{x}$

Case 1 If  $b_1 \neq 0$ , then there is no solution

Case 2 If  $b_1 = 0$ , then there are infinitely many solutions

# Independence and Dependence

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

M is invertible

Columns of M are

$$\vec{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$(\vec{a}_1 = 0\vec{a}_2 + 0\vec{a}_3)$$

## Independence and Dependence

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M is invertible

Columns of M are

independent

no combination except

$$0 \vec{u}_1 + 0 \vec{u}_2 + 0 \vec{u}_3 = \vec{0}$$

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

E is not invertible

Columns of E are

dependent

Other combinations give  $\vec{0}$

for example

$$2 \vec{a}_1 + 0 \vec{a}_2 + 0 \vec{a}_3 = \vec{0}$$

Example (#4 from Problem Set 1.3)

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The matrix  $W$  with those columns is not invertible

Clearly,  $0\vec{w}_1 + 0\vec{w}_2 + 0\vec{w}_3 = \vec{0}$ . But are there other combinations?

We see that  $\vec{w}_2 = \frac{1}{2}\vec{w}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\vec{w}_3$ .

Therefore  $-\frac{1}{2}\vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2 - \frac{1}{2}\vec{w}_3 = \vec{0}$