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Adjoint Theorem and Cramer's Rule

A any $n \times n$ matrix.

$$B = \text{adj}(A) : B_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} |M_{ij}(A)|$$

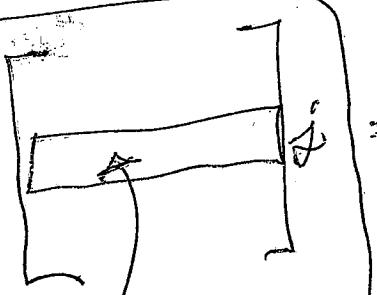
where $M_{ij}(A)$ is the ij minor of A .

Adjoint Theorem. $AB^T = \det(A)I$.

(Thus $\frac{1}{\det(A)} B^T = A^{-1}$ when $\det(A) \neq 0$.)

Proof. $(AB^T)_{ij} = \sum_k A_{ik} (B^T)_{kj} = \sum_k A_{ik} B_{kj}$ note

$$= \sum_k A_{ik} (-1)^{i+k} |M_{jk}(A)|$$



$\det \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & i & \\ & j & \end{bmatrix} = \det \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{The result of putting the} \\ \text{i-th row of } A \text{ into the} \\ \text{j-th row of } A \text{ and leaving} \\ \text{the rest of } A \text{ alone.} \end{array} \right]$

put in
i-th row of A

$\downarrow \det$

$(AB^T)_{ij} = \begin{cases} \det(A) & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$ (det of a matrix
with 2 equal
rows is zero!)

$\Rightarrow (AB^T) = \det(A)I //$

(ii)

Let A be any $n \times n$ matrix
and suppose $\det(A) \neq 0$.

Consider the system of equations
 $A\vec{x} = \vec{k}$ for some const vector \vec{k} .

$$\text{Then } A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = A^{-1} \vec{k} = \frac{1}{|A|} B^T \vec{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_i = \frac{1}{|A|} (B^T \vec{k})_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{|A|} \sum_k (B^T)_{ik} k_k \quad \begin{matrix} (\text{i^{th} row of } B^T \\ \text{dotted with } \vec{k}) \end{matrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|A|} \sum_k (-1)^{i+k} k_k |M_{ki}(A)|$$

CRAMER'S

RULE

$$x_i = \frac{1}{|A|} \det(A(\vec{k}, i))$$

where $A(\vec{k}, i)$ = the matrix
obtained from A by replacing
 i^{th} col of A by \vec{k} .

$$\text{e.g. } \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} k_1 & b \\ k_2 & d \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a & k_1 \\ c & k_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}}$$

e.g. $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & l \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{k} = \begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \\ k_3 \end{pmatrix}$ (iii)

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} k_1 & b & c \\ k_2 & e & f \\ k_3 & h & l \end{vmatrix}}{|A|}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a & d_{11} & c \\ d & d_{22} & f \\ g & d_{33} & l \end{vmatrix}}{|A|}$$

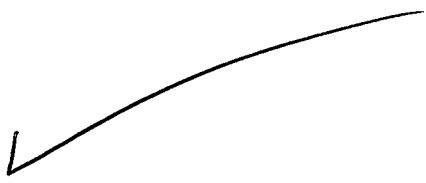
$$x_3 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a & b & d_{11} \\ d & e & d_{22} \\ g & h & d_{33} \end{vmatrix}}{|A|}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad A\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ Note } |A|=1.$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 \end{vmatrix}}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -3 & -2 \end{vmatrix}}{|A|} = 2 - 3 = -1$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{vmatrix}}{|A|} = 2 - 3 = -1$$

$$x_3 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}{|A|} = 3$$



Characteristic Polynomial

(CPI)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\text{tr}(A) = a+d}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} a-\lambda & b \\ c & d-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |B| &= (a-\lambda)(d-\lambda) - bc \\ &= \lambda^2 - (\text{tr}(A))\lambda + (\text{ad} - bc) \end{aligned}$$

$$C_\lambda(A) = \lambda^2 - \text{tr}(A)\lambda + |A|$$

"characteristic poly of A"

$$(\lambda-2)(\lambda-3) = \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6$$

e.g. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

or $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = A$$

Claim: $A^2 = 5A - 6I$

Compare: $\lambda^2 = 5\lambda - 6$

or $\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = 0$

$C_\lambda(A) = 0$

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -10 \\ 5 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$5A - 6I = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -10 \\ 5 & 20 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -10 \\ 5 & 14 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark$$

Thm. If A is 2×2 .

then
$$A^2 = \text{tr}(A)A - \det(A)\mathbb{I}$$

Proof. $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{tr}(A) = a + d$$

$$\det(A) = ad - bc$$

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You do this!

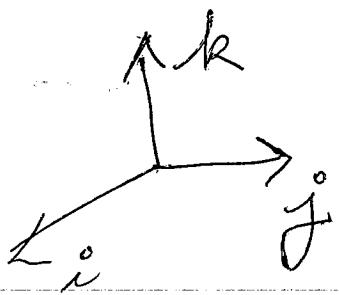


Cayley Hamilton Theorem

says "Any matrix A is
a "root" of its own
characteristic polynomial"."

VC1

Vector Cross Product



$$i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = e_1$$

$$j = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = e_2$$

$$k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = e_3$$

$$i \times j = k$$

$$j \times k = i$$

$$k \times i = j$$

$$i \times i = j \times j = k \times k = 0$$

$$\text{Each } a \times b = -b \times a$$

$$x \times y = -y \times x$$

$$(a+b) \times c = a \times c + b \times c$$

$$(i+j+k) \times j = i \times j + j \times j + k \times j$$

$$\therefore (i+j+k) \times j = k + 0 + (-i)$$

$$= k - i$$

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

$$i+j+k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, j = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v = a_i + b_j + c_k$$

$$w = d_i + e_j + f_k$$

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$$\begin{aligned} i \times j &= k \\ j \times k &= i \\ k \times i &= j \end{aligned}$$

$$v \times w = (a_i + b_j + c_k)(d_i + e_j + f_k)$$

$$= aeij + afik$$

$$bjxi + bfjk$$

$$cdki + cekj$$

$$= (ae - bd)k + (cd - af)j + (bf - ce)i$$

$$= (bf - ce)i + (cd - af)j + (ae - bd)k$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow w \times v = -v \times w$$

$$+ v \times v = 0$$

~~etc~~

Vector Cross Product

(VC3)

is not associative

$$i \times (i \times j) = i \times k = -j$$

+

$$(i \times i) \times j = 0 \times j = 0$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}, \vec{c} = i c_1 + j c_2 + k c_3$$

why?

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b}$$

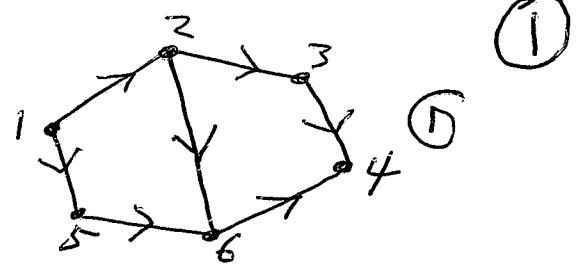
$$= (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{a}$$

Exercise: Show that

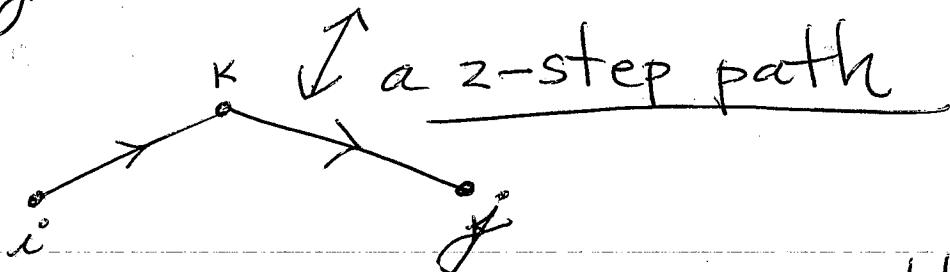
$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}) \vec{a} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) \vec{b}.$$

Some Theory

$$1^{\circ} \quad (A^2)_{ij} = \sum_k A_{ik} A_{kj}$$



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Thus if $1, 2, \dots, n$ are the nodes of a graph ① and

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if there is } \xrightarrow{i} \xrightarrow{j} \text{(an edge from } i \text{ to } j) \\ 0 & \text{if there is no edge from } i \text{ to } j \end{cases}$$

Then $(A^2)_{ij} = \sum \text{ ① for each path}$
 2 step paths
 from i to j
 $= \# \text{ of 2-step paths.}$

$$(A^3)_{ij} = \sum_{k,l} A_{ik} A_{kl} A_{lj} \quad \left. \right\} \begin{matrix} 3 \text{ step paths} \\ \text{etc.} \end{matrix}$$



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2. Theorem. A $n \times n$. The following conditions are equivalent.

- (a) A is non-singular.
- (b) $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has only trivial soln $\vec{0}$.
- (c) A is rowequiv to $I = I_n$.

Proof. Recall that A non-singular means that There exists A^{-1} such that $A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$.

(i) Suppose A is nonsingular.
 If $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ then $A^{-1}A\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{0} = \vec{0}$
 $\Rightarrow I\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

$$\therefore \boxed{(a) \Rightarrow (b)}$$

Now suppose (b).

Let R = row reduced echelon form of A. If $R \neq I$, then $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has non-zero solutions. So

$$\boxed{(b) \Rightarrow (c)}$$

Now suppose (c). But we know that if $R = I$ then there are invertible elem matrices s.t. $E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_1 A = R = I$.

$$\therefore (E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_1) = A^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{(c) \Rightarrow (a)} \quad \text{So}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \xrightarrow{(a)} & \xrightarrow{(b)} & // \\ (c) & \xleftarrow{} & \end{array}$$

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Corollary. The system of n linear equations in n unknowns
 $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a unique solution if and only if A is non-singular.

Proof. If A non-singular with inverse A^{-1} . Then, given

$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{x} &= \vec{b} \\ \Rightarrow A^{-1}A\vec{x} &= A^{-1}\vec{b} \\ \Rightarrow I\vec{x} &= A^{-1}\vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}. \end{aligned}$$

So $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a unique soln.

Now suppose A singular. Then $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has a non-zero solution \vec{z} . Suppose \vec{w} is any soln to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$. So $A\vec{w} = \vec{b}$

$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{z} &= \vec{0} \\ \text{But then } A(\vec{z} + \vec{w}) &= A\vec{z} + A\vec{w} \\ &= \vec{0} + \vec{b} = \vec{b}. \end{aligned}$$

So $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has many solns.

∴ If $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a unique soln, then A is non-singular //

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Remark. If E is an $n \times n$ elementary matrix and A is any $n \times n$ matrix then $\det(EA) = \det(E)\det(A)$ by direct calculation.

Example. We use 2×2 matrices,

$$(a) \det \begin{bmatrix} (0 & 1) \\ (1 & 0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} (c & d) \\ (a & b) \end{bmatrix} = bc - ad \\ = -(ad - bc) = -\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(b) \text{ Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} (1 & 0) \\ (r_1 & 1) \end{bmatrix} A = \det \begin{bmatrix} (1 & 0) \\ (r_1 & 1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \\ = \det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ r_1 a + r_2 b & r_1 c + r_2 d \end{bmatrix} \\ = a(r_1 b + r_2 d) - b(r_1 a + r_2 c) \\ = ad - bc + (arb - br^2a) \\ = ad - bc = \det(A).$$

$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ r_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1$

(c) More generally

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{R}_1 \\ \vec{R}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{R}_n \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{R}_1 \\ s\vec{R}_1 + \vec{R}_2 \\ \vec{R}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{R}_n \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{R}_1 \\ \vec{R}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{R}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Why?

$$(d) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \det(A) = ad - bc$$

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$$E = \begin{pmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \det(E) = r$$

$$\det(EA) = \det\left(\begin{pmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} ra & rb \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= r \det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= r \det(A)$$

$$= \det(E) \det(A).$$

We know that if $\det(A) \neq 0$ (A any $n \times n$ matrix)
 Then ~~A~~ $A = E_1 E_2 \dots E_k$, a product of elem matrices.
 ∴ If B is any $n \times n$, then

$$\det(AB) = \det(E_1 E_2 \dots E_k B)$$

$$= \det(E_1) \det(E_2 E_3 \dots E_k B)$$

$$= \det(E_1) \det(E_2) \det(E_3 \dots E_k B)$$

$$= \underbrace{\det(E_1) \det(E_2) \dots \det(E_k)}_{\det(A)} \det(B)$$

$$= \det(A) \det(B),$$

Why?

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Theorem. $n \times n$ matrix A
is singular $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) = 0$.

Proof. $R = E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_1 A$ row
reduced echelon form of A .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \det(R) &= \det(E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_1 A) \\ &= \det(E_k) \det(E_{k-1}) \dots \det(E_1) \det(A) \end{aligned}$$

(We know that if E elem matrix
then $\det(EA) = \det(E)\det(A)$.)

Thus $\det(A) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \det(R) = 0$.

A singular $\Rightarrow R$ has a zero row
 $\Rightarrow \det R = 0 \Rightarrow \det A = 0$.

A non-sing $\Rightarrow R = I \Rightarrow \det R = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \det A \neq 0$. //

Note: The argument in this
proof also shows that
 $A_{n \times n}, B_{n \times n} \Rightarrow \det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$.

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Vector Spaces

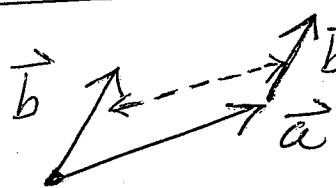
First the standard example.

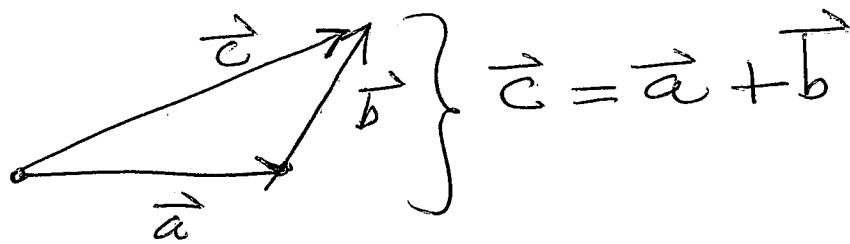
$$\mathbb{R}^n = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \vec{a} \mid a_i \text{ are real numbers} \right\}$$

$(\vec{a} + \vec{b})_i = a_i + b_i$ }
 $(c\vec{a})_i = ca_i$ }
 $\vec{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ }

$\vec{e}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ↑ in the
*i*th place

Familiar Geometry


 "A vector is a quantity with magnitude and direction. "



In \mathbb{R}^3 : $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ }
 $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ is perpendicular to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

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Fact: $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow$

$x \in S$ means

" x is a member of S "

$$\vec{a} = a_1 \vec{e}_1 + a_2 \vec{e}_2 + \dots + a_n \vec{e}_n$$

Proof. $a_1 \vec{e}_1 + a_2 \vec{e}_2 + \dots + a_n \vec{e}_n$

$$= a_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \dots + a_n \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ a_2 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ a_3 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \vec{a} \quad //$$

Fact. $\sum_{k=1}^n a_k \vec{e}_k = \vec{0} \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = \dots = 0.$

Proof. $\sum_{k=1}^n a_k \vec{e}_k = \vec{a}. \text{ So } \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \vec{e}_k = \vec{0}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow a_i = 0 \text{ for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. //$

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Vector Space Axioms

V is a set with operations
+ , scalar multiplication.

Scalars = \mathbb{R} = the real numbers.

(later we will use other scalars.)

$$x, y \in V \Rightarrow x+y \in V. \quad [C_2]$$

$$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, x \in V \Rightarrow \alpha x \in V. \quad [C_1]$$

$$A1. \quad x+y = y+x \quad \forall x, y \in V$$

$$A2. \quad (x+y)+z = x+(y+z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in V.$$

$$A3. \quad \exists 0 \in V \text{ s.t. } x+0=x \quad \forall x \in V.$$

$$A4. \quad x \in V \Rightarrow \exists -x \in V \text{ s.t. } x+(-x)=0.$$

$$A5. \quad \alpha(x+y) = \alpha x + \alpha y \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}; x, y \in V.$$

$$A6. \quad (\alpha+\beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}; x \in V.$$

$$A7. \quad (\alpha\beta)x = \alpha(\beta x) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}; x \in V.$$

$$A8. \quad 1 \cdot x = x \quad \forall x \in V.$$

Examples. (a) $\mathbb{R}^n \ni \vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$ and usual operations.

(b) $\{n \times m \text{ matrices}\} = \mathcal{M}(n, m).$

+ = addition of matrices
scalar \times matrix as usual $(\alpha A)_{ij} = \alpha A_{ij}$.

(c) $C[a, b] = \text{all real valued continuous functions } f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x).$$

$$(\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x).$$

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Remarks

(a) $\mathbb{R}^n = V$

vector space over \mathbb{R} .

$\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$.

$\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n$ dot product

$\|\vec{a}\| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2} = \sqrt{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}}$ is

the length of the vector \vec{a} .

We say $\vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$ (\vec{a} is perpendicular to \vec{b})
when $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$.

(b) $M(n, m) \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$

e.g. $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow (a, b, c, d)$

This correspondence is an example of an isomorphism of vector spaces.

(c) $C[a, b] = \{f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ continuous}\}$

Think of f as $\{f(x) \mid x \in [a, b]\}$ but written "in order". Then you see that f is a generalization of a vector in \mathbb{R}^n .

(d) Let $V_n = \{f: \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \quad x = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$(kf)(x) = kf(x) \quad x = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Show V_n is a vector space isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^n .