

# Linear Algebra I

## Overview notes

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These notes serve as a compact overview of the definitions, propositions, lemmas, corollaries, and theorems given in the lectures. It will be updated regularly (This is Version 6 from November 6, 2020). The proofs, examples, and explanations are provided in the handwritten notes/lectures. The reference book for this course is [B], and we will probably cover Chapters 1,2,3 and 5 during this semester. (Chapter 4 will be part of Linear Algebra II)

If you find any typos in this note, please let me know!

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## References

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## 1 Linear systems

By  $\mathbb{R}$  we will denote the set of real numbers.  $\mathbb{R}$  contains all numbers you usually considered in high school, such as  $1, -1, 0, 2, 3, \frac{3}{8}, \pi, \sqrt{2}, e, \dots$ . There are rigorous definitions of the real numbers, which would be part of a pure mathematics lecture (See for example [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Construction\\_of\\_the\\_real\\_numbers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Construction_of_the_real_numbers)). But in this course, we just assume that they exist and that everyone is familiar with them.

**Definition 1.1.** *i) For real numbers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b \in \mathbb{R}$  an equation of the form*

$$a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$$

*is called a **linear equation**.*

*ii) A finite collection of linear equations is called a **linear system**.*

*iii) A **solution of a linear system** is a simultaneous solution to all of its equations.*

**Definition 1.2.** *The following operations on a linear system are called **elementary row operations**.*

*(R1) Add a multiple of an equation to another.*

*(R2) Multiply an equation with a non-zero number.*

*(R3) Change the order of the equations.*

**Proposition 1.3.** *Applying an elementary row operation to a linear system does not change the set of all solutions of this linear system.*

## 2 Matrices & Vectors

**Definition 2.1.** *i) A  $m \times n$ -matrix is given by an array ( $m$  rows,  $n$  columns) of numbers  $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$*

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} = (a_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq j \leq n}}.$$

*Notation: We often just write  $A = (a_{ij})$  if the size of  $A$ , i.e.  $m$  and  $n$ , are known from context. By  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  we denote the set all of all  $m \times n$ -matrices.*

*ii) A (column-) **vector** of size  $n$  is a  $n \times 1$ -matrix*

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$$

*and the set of all vectors of size  $n$  is denoted by  $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ .*

**Definition 2.2.** For matrices  $A = (a_{ij}), B = (b_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and a real number  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  we define

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= (a_{ij} + b_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} && \text{(Sum of two matrices),} \\ \lambda A &= (\lambda a_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} && \text{(Scalar multiplication).} \end{aligned}$$

In the case  $\lambda = -1$  we write  $(-1)A = -A$  and  $A - B$  means  $A + (-1)B$ .

The matrices  $A$  and  $B$  need to be of the same size, otherwise the sum  $A + B$  is not defined. A special case of the addition of matrices is given by the addition of vectors. For  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix}, v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad u + v = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n + v_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda v = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda v_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda v_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Definition 2.3.** The product of a matrix  $A = (a_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and a vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined by

$$Av = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}v_1 + a_{12}v_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}v_n \\ a_{21}v_1 + a_{22}v_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}v_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}v_1 + a_{m2}v_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}v_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m.$$

We have:  $(m \times n\text{-matrix}) \cdot (\text{vector of size } n) = (\text{vector of size } m)$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** We have for  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

- i)  $A(x + y) = Ax + Ay$ ,
- ii)  $A(\lambda x) = \lambda(Ax)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** For a matrix  $A = (a_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and a vector  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  the matrix

$$(A | b) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (n+1)}$$

is called the **augmented matrix** of the linear system  $Ax = b$ .

The augmented matrix  $(A | b)$  is just the matrix  $A$  where we append the vector  $b$  as a column. The line  $|$  is a useful notation to distinguish between the left- and right-hand side of the corresponding linear system but it has no mathematical meaning. We will view  $(A | b)$  as a usual matrix with  $m$  rows and  $n + 1$  columns.

**Definition 2.6.** The following operations on a matrix are called **elementary row operations**.

- (R1) Add a multiple of one row to another row.
- (R2) Multiply a row with a non-zero number.
- (R3) Interchange two rows.

Applying a row operation to a linear system (Definition 1.2) corresponds to the same row operation (Definition 2.6) on the corresponding augmented matrix of this linear system.

**Definition 2.7.** Two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are called **row equivalent**, if  $B$  can be obtained from  $A$  by elementary row operations. In this case we write

$$A \sim B.$$

Notice that if  $A \sim B$ , then also  $B \sim A$ , i.e.  $A$  can be obtained from  $B$  by elementary row operations.

**Proposition 2.8.** Let  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $b, c \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . If  $(A | b) \sim (B | c)$  then the linear systems  $Ax = b$  and  $Bx = c$  have the same solutions.

**Definition 2.9.** A matrix  $A = (a_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is on **row-reduced echelon form** if

- i) The first non-zero element on each row (if any) is equal to 1.
- ii) If there is a leading 1 in a row, then all rows above contain a leading 1 further to the left.
- iii) If  $a_{ij}$  is the first non-zero element in row  $i$ , then there are no other non-zero elements in the  $j$ -th column.

The first non-zero element in a row of a matrix in row-reduced echelon form is called **pivot element**.

**Theorem 2.10.** Every matrix  $A$  is row equivalent to a unique matrix  $B$  on row-reduced echelon form and we write

$$B = \text{rref}(A).$$

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a matrix. The **rank**  $\text{rk}(A)$  of  $A$  is the number of pivot elements in  $\text{rref}(A)$ .

### 3 Sets & Functions

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two sets.

- i) A **function**  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a rule, assigning to each element  $x \in X$  an element  $f(x) \in Y$ . This is also denoted by

$$\begin{aligned} f : X &\longrightarrow Y \\ x &\longmapsto f(x). \end{aligned}$$

- ii) For  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  the set  $X$  is called the **domain of  $f$**  and  $Y$  is called the **codomain of  $f$** .

A function is also sometimes called a **map**. These two names (for the exact same mathematical object) are used interchangeably in the literature.

**Definition 3.2.** For a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  the **image of  $f$**  is defined by

$$\text{im}(f) = \{y \in Y \mid \exists x \in X : y = f(x)\}.$$

Another notation is  $\text{im}(f) = f(X)$ . The image is a subset of  $Y$ , i.e.  $\text{im}(f) \subset Y$ .

**Definition 3.3.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called

- i) **injective** if  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$  whenever  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . ( $x_1, x_2 \in X$ )
- ii) **surjective** if  $\text{im}(f) = Y$ .
- iii) **bijective** if it is injective and surjective.

## 4 Linear maps

**Definition 4.1.** A function  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a **linear map** if for all  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

- i)  $F(u + v) = F(u) + F(v)$ ,
- ii)  $F(\lambda u) = \lambda F(u)$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear map. Then there exists a unique matrix  $[F] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , such that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we have

$$F(x) = [F]x.$$

Here the left-hand side is the evaluation of the function  $F$  at  $x$  and the right-hand side is the multiplication of the matrix  $[F]$  with the vector  $x$ .

**Definition 4.3.** The matrix  $[F]$  in Theorem 4.2 is called **the matrix of F**.

## 5 Linear maps in geometry

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- i) The **dot product** of  $u$  and  $v$  is defined by

$$u \bullet v = u_1 v_1 + \cdots + u_n v_n.$$

- ii)  $u$  and  $v$  are called **orthogonal** if  $u \bullet v = 0$ .

- iii) The **norm** of  $u$  is defined by

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{u \bullet u} = \sqrt{u_1^2 + \cdots + u_n^2}.$$

**Proposition 5.2.** The dot product satisfies the following properties for all  $u, v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ :

- i)  $u \bullet v = v \bullet u$ ,
- ii)  $u \bullet (v + w) = u \bullet v + u \bullet w$ ,
- iii)  $u \bullet (\lambda v) = \lambda(u \bullet v)$ .

**Definition 5.3.** Let  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $u \neq 0$ . We define the **orthogonal projection**  $P_u$  onto the line spanned by  $u$  as

$$P_u : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$x \longmapsto \frac{u \bullet x}{u \bullet u} u.$$

**Proposition 5.4.**  $P_u : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear map.

**Definition 5.5.** Let  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $u \neq 0$ . We define the **reflection**  $\rho_u$  along the line spanned by  $u$  as

$$\rho_u : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$x \longmapsto 2 \frac{u \bullet x}{u \bullet u} u - x.$$

**Proposition 5.6.**  $\rho_u : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear map.

**Definition 5.7.** For  $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}$  the counterclockwise **rotation by an angle**  $\varphi$  (in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) is given by

$$\text{rot}_\varphi : \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$x \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\varphi) & -\sin(\varphi) \\ \sin(\varphi) & \cos(\varphi) \end{pmatrix} x.$$

## 6 Composition of linear maps & Matrix multiplication

**Theorem 6.1.** If  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $G : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  are linear, then  $GF : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  is linear.

**Definition 6.2.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m}$  and  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , where  $B$  has the columns  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , i.e.

$$B = \left( \begin{array}{c|ccc|c} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ v_1 & \dots & & & v_n \\ & & & & \end{array} \right).$$

Then the **product of  $A$  and  $B$**  is the  $l \times n$ -matrix with columns  $Av_1, \dots, Av_n \in \mathbb{R}^l$ , i.e.

$$A \cdot B = \left( \begin{array}{c|ccc|c} & & & & \\ Av_1 & \dots & & & Av_n \\ & & & & \end{array} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times n}.$$

**Theorem 6.3.** Let  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $G : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  be linear maps. Then the matrix of  $GF$  is given by the product of the matrices of  $G$  and  $F$ , i.e.

$$[GF] = [G] \cdot [F].$$

**Proposition 6.4.** For all  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m}$ ,  $B, D \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

- i)  $A \cdot I_m = I_l \cdot A = A$ , where  $I_m$  denotes the  $m \times m$ -identity matrix.
- ii)  $(A \cdot B) \cdot C = A \cdot (B \cdot C)$ .
- iii)  $A \cdot (B + D) = A \cdot B + A \cdot D$ .
- iv)  $(B + D) \cdot C = B \cdot C + D \cdot C$ .
- v)  $\lambda(A \cdot B) = (\lambda A) \cdot B = A \cdot (\lambda B)$ .