

Math 290-1 Class 20 — review for midterm 2

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1. For each of the following statements, determine whether it is always, sometimes or never true.

- (a) Let A be a 4×5 matrix with rank 4. There is a 4×3 matrix B and a 3×5 matrix C such that $A = BC$.

Never $\text{im}(A)$ is contained in $\text{im}(B)$, since

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x} \text{ in } \text{im}(A) &\Rightarrow \vec{x} = A\vec{y} = BC\vec{y} = B(C\vec{y}) \text{ for some } \vec{y} \\ &\Rightarrow \vec{x} = B\vec{z} \text{ for some } \vec{z} \text{ (namely } \vec{z} = C\vec{y}) \\ &\Rightarrow \vec{x} \text{ in } \text{im}(B) \end{aligned}$$

But then $\text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{im}(A)) \leq \dim(\text{im}(B)) = \text{rank}(B)$
 $\textcircled{4} \Rightarrow 4 \leq 3$ — false! $\leq \# \text{cols of } B = \textcircled{3}$

- (b) Let V be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 . Then $V = \ker(T)$ for some linear transformation T .

Always

- If $V = \{\vec{0}\}$ then $V = \ker(I_3)$
- If V is a line, then $V = \ker(\text{orthogonal projection onto the plane perp. to } V)$
- If V is a plane, then $V = \ker(\text{orthogonal projection onto the line perp. to } V)$
- If $V = \mathbb{R}^3$, then $V = \ker(\vec{0})$
 \uparrow 3×3 zero matrix

- (c) Let \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} be distinct bases of \mathbb{R}^2 . For every linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, the \mathcal{A} -matrix of T is equal to the \mathcal{B} -matrix of T .

Sometimes

- If $\mathcal{A} = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$ and $\mathcal{B} = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$, then
 $\text{transition mx} = I_2$ $\text{transition mx} = 2I_2$

for all 2×2 matrices A , $I_2^{-1} A I_2 = A$

and $(2I_2)^{-1} A (2I_2) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot I_2^{-1} \cdot A \cdot 2I_2 = A$
 \rightarrow true

- If $\mathcal{A} = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$ and $\mathcal{B} = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$
and $T\left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}\right) = \left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}\right)$ for all $\left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}\right)$ in \mathbb{R}^2
then \mathcal{A} -mx = $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \neq \mathcal{B}$ -mx = $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$ false \leftarrow since $T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

2. For each of the following questions, determine whether it is true or false.

(a) Let \vec{a} and \vec{b} be vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . If \vec{c} is in $\text{span}(\vec{a}, \vec{b})$, then $T(\vec{c})$ is in $\text{span}(T(\vec{a}), T(\vec{b}))$.

True

$$\text{If } \vec{c} = \lambda \vec{a} + \mu \vec{b}$$

$$\text{then } T(\vec{c}) = T(\lambda \vec{a} + \mu \vec{b}) = \lambda T(\vec{a}) + \mu T(\vec{b})$$

by linearity of T .

$$\Rightarrow T(\vec{c}) \text{ is in } \text{span}(T(\vec{a}), T(\vec{b}))$$

(b) The matrices $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ are similar.

False. If they were similar then they'd have the same determinant. Expanding down 3rd column:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & k \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + k \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -2 + 2k$$

$$= \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } k=2 \\ 4 & \text{if } k=3 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \neq \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{not similar}$$

(c) The transition matrix of a basis \mathcal{B} of \mathbb{R}^n is invertible.

True. If $\mathcal{B} = \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ is a basis then

$\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ are LI

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ has a unique solution (namely } \vec{c} = \vec{0} \text{)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \text{ is invertible } \because \text{it's an } n \times n \text{ matrix with rank } n.$$

3. Let k be some number. In terms of k , find the dimension of the image of the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ defined by

$$T(\vec{x}) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & k & k^2 \\ k & 3k^2 & 2k^3 \\ 1 & 3k & 2k^2 \end{pmatrix}}_{:= A} \vec{x}$$

We compute $\text{rank}(A)$, which is equal to $\dim(\text{im } T)$.

Row operations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & k & k^2 \\ k & 3k^2 & 2k^3 \\ 1 & 3k & 2k^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k & k^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3k & 2k^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{II}) - k(\text{I})$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k & k^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2k & k^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{III}) - (\text{I})$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k & k^2 \\ 0 & 2k & k^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \curvearrowright \\ \curvearrowleft \end{matrix} \text{ swap } (\text{II}), (\text{III})$$

If $k \neq 0$ then $\text{rank}(A) = 2 = \dim(\text{im } T)$

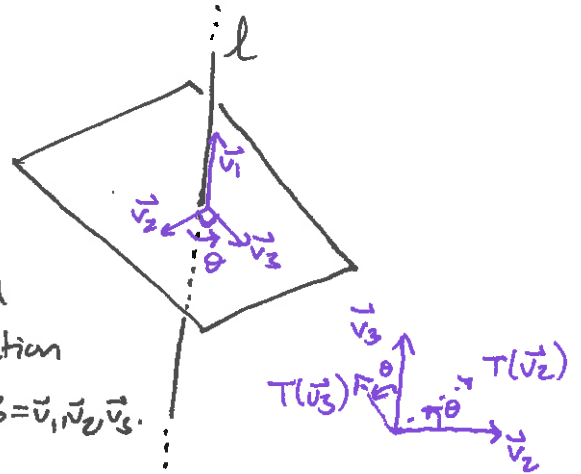
If $k = 0$ then $\text{rank}(A) = 1 = \dim(\text{im } T)$.

4. Let $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the linear transformation defined by rotation by an angle θ about a line l .
Give a geometric description of a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 with respect to which the matrix of T is of the following form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

and find the values of a, b, c and d in this case.

Let \vec{v}_1 be a nonzero vector parallel to l , and let \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 be a basis of the plane orthogonal to l , oriented such that the rotation moves \vec{v}_2 towards \vec{v}_3 ; and let $\mathcal{B} = \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$ with $\vec{v}_2 \perp \vec{v}_3$.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } T(\vec{v}_1) &= \vec{v}_1 \\ T(\vec{v}_2) &= (\cos \theta) \vec{v}_2 + (\sin \theta) \vec{v}_3 \\ T(\vec{v}_3) &= (-\sin \theta) \vec{v}_2 + (\cos \theta) \vec{v}_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{B}\text{-mx of } T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ 0 & -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

For which values of θ is this matrix diagonal?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The } \mathcal{B}\text{-mx is diagonal} \\ \Leftrightarrow (-\sin \theta = 0 \text{ and } \sin \theta = 0) \\ \Leftrightarrow \underline{\underline{\theta = 0}} \text{ or } \underline{\underline{\theta = \pi}} \end{aligned}$$