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# 1. Solutions of Tutorial Exercises (1):

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## 1.1. Preliminary

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Let  $V$  be a set equipped with two operations,

- Addition:  $+$  :  $V \times V \rightarrow V$ ,  $(u, v) \mapsto u + v$
- Scalar multiplication:  $\cdot$  :  $\mathbb{F} \times V \rightarrow V$ ,  $(\lambda, v) \mapsto \lambda v$  (where  $\mathbb{F} = (\mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C})$ )

such that all ten vector space axioms are satisfied.

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , an element of  $V = \mathbb{F}^n$  is written as a column vector,

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} \\ v_{21} \\ \vdots \\ v_{n1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{F}^n$$

or equivalently as  $v_1 = (v_{11}, v_{21}, \dots, v_{n1})^T$ .

For  $v_i = (v_{i1}, \dots, v_{ni})^T \in V = \mathbb{F}^n$ , and  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{F}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ,

$$v_1 + v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} + v_{12} \\ \vdots \\ v_{n1} + v_{n2} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \lambda_1 v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 v_{11} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_1 v_{n1} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.1)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i v_i = \lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 + \dots + \lambda_k v_k$$

$$= \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} \\ \vdots \\ v_{n1} \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} v_{12} \\ \vdots \\ v_{n2} \end{pmatrix} + \dots + \lambda_k \begin{pmatrix} v_{1k} \\ \vdots \\ v_{nk} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 v_{11} + \lambda_2 v_{12} + \cdots + \lambda_k v_{1k} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_1 v_{n1} + \lambda_2 v_{n2} + \cdots + \lambda_k v_{nk} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i v_{1i} \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i v_{ni} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.2)$$

**Definition 1.1 (Linear combination):**

Given vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$  and scalars  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{F}$ , the vector  $\lambda_1 v_1 + \cdots + \lambda_k v_k$  is called a linear combination.

**Definition 1.2 (Linear independence):**

Vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  are linearly independent if the equation

$$\lambda_1 v_1 + \cdots + \lambda_k v_k = 0$$

implies  $\lambda_1 = \cdots = \lambda_k = 0$ .

**Definition 1.3 (Span):**

The span of  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is,

$$\text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\} = \{\lambda_1 v_1 + \cdots + \lambda_k v_k : \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{F}\}.$$

**Definition 1.4 (Linear map):**

A function  $f : V \rightarrow W$  between vector spaces is linear if,

$$f(u + v) = f(u) + f(v) \quad \forall u, v \in V, \quad (1.3)$$

$$f(\lambda v) = \lambda f(v) \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{F}, \forall v \in V. \quad (1.4)$$

Or

$$f(\lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2) = \lambda_1 f(v_1) + \lambda_2 f(v_2), \quad \forall \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{F}, \forall v_1, v_2 \in V.$$

**Definition 1.5 (Kernel and Image):**

For a linear map  $f : V \rightarrow W$ ,

$$\text{Ker}(f) = \{v \in V : f(v) = 0_W\} \subseteq V, \quad (1.5)$$

$$\text{Im}(f) = \{f(v) : v \in V\} \subseteq W. \quad (1.6)$$

**Definition 1.6 (Basis and dimension):**

A set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is a basis of  $V$  if it is linearly independent and spans  $V$ . The dimension  $\dim(V)$  is the number of vectors in a basis.

**Definition 1.7 (Direct sum):**

$V = U \oplus W$  if every  $v \in V$  can be written uniquely as  $v = u + w$  with  $u \in U, w \in W$ . Equivalently,  $U \cap W = \{0_V\}$  and  $U + W = V$ .

**Lemma 1.1 (Kernel characterization of injectivity):**

A linear map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is,

- Injective  $\iff \text{Ker}(f) = \{0_V\}$ .
- Surjective  $\iff \text{Im}(f) = W$ .

- Bijective  $\iff$  Injective and Surjective.
- Isomorphism  $\iff$  Bijective and linear map.

**Theorem 1.1 (Rank-Nullity Theorem):**

For a linear map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  with  $\dim(V) < \infty$ ,

$$\underbrace{\text{Nullity}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Ker}(f))} + \underbrace{\text{Rank}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Im}(f))} = \dim(V).$$

**Criterion 1.1 (Direct sum criterion):**

For subspaces  $U, W \subseteq V$ ,

$$V = U \oplus W \iff \begin{cases} U \cap W = \{0_V\}, \\ \dim(U) + \dim(W) = \dim(V). \end{cases}$$

**Exercise 1.1:**

Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be the map defined by,

$$f \left( \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} x - 2y \\ x - 2y - 3z \\ 0 \\ x - y - z - t \end{pmatrix}.$$

1. Prove that  $f$  is a linear map.
2. Determine  $\text{Ker}(f)$  and  $\text{Im}(f)$ , giving a basis for each.
3. Decide whether  $f$  is injective, surjective, bijective, or an isomorphism.

**Solution:**

## 1. Proof of Linearity

We verify the conditions of Definition 1.4. Let  $\mathbf{u} = (x, y, z, t)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (x', y', z', t')^T \in \mathbb{R}^4$ , and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Additivity (1.3),**

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) &= f \left( \begin{pmatrix} x + x' \\ y + y' \\ z + z' \\ t + t' \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (x + x') - 2(y + y') \\ (x + x') - 2(y + y') - 3(z + z') \\ 0 \\ (x + x') - (y + y') - (z + z') - (t + t') \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x - 2y \\ x - 2y - 3z \\ 0 \\ x - y - z - t \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x' - 2y' \\ x' - 2y' - 3z' \\ 0 \\ x' - y' - z' - t' \end{pmatrix} \\ &= f(\mathbf{u}) + f(\mathbf{v}). \end{aligned}$$

**Homogeneity (1.4),**

$$f(\lambda \mathbf{u}) = f \left( \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x \\ \lambda y \\ \lambda z \\ \lambda t \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x - 2\lambda y \\ \lambda x - 2\lambda y - 3\lambda z \\ 0 \\ \lambda x - \lambda y - \lambda z - \lambda t \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \lambda \begin{pmatrix} x - 2y \\ x - 2y - 3z \\ 0 \\ x - y - z - t \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \lambda f(\mathbf{u}).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $f$  satisfies both conditions of Definition 1.4 and is linear.

## 2. Determination of $\text{Ker}(f)$ and $\text{Im}(f)$ with their basis

### a) Determination of $\text{Ker}(f)$

By Definition (1.5),

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Ker}(f) &= \left\{ \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid f(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} x - 2y \\ x - 2y - 3z \\ 0 \\ x - y - z - t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}_{W=\mathbb{R}^4} \right\} \\
&= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \begin{cases} x - 2y = 0 & \text{(i)} \\ x - 2y - 3z = 0 & \text{(ii)} \\ 0 = 0 & \text{(iii)} \\ x - y - z - t = 0 & \text{(iv)} \end{cases} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

i. From (i),  $x = 2y$ ;

ii. Substitute into (ii),  $2y - 2y - 3z = 0 \Rightarrow -3z = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0$ ;

iii. Substitute into (iv),  $2y - y - 0 - t = 0 \Rightarrow y - t = 0 \Rightarrow t = y$ .

Thus,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2y \\ y \\ 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix} = y \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

By Definition 1.3,

$$\text{Ker}(f) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

Since

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies \lambda = 0.$$

$$\text{Basis of Ker}(f), \mathcal{B}_{\text{Ker}} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

$$\text{Dimension, Nullity}(f) = 1.$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\dim(\text{Ker}(f))}$

b) Determination of  $\text{Im}(f)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im}(f) &= \left\{ f(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} x - 2y \\ x - 2y - 3z \\ 0 \\ x - y - z - t \end{pmatrix} \middle| \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + z \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \middle| \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

By Definition (1.6),  $\text{Im}(f)$  is spanned by the vectors in the linear combination,

$$\text{Im}(f) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

### Linear independence check

Apply Definition 1.2 to the first three vectors. Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that,

$$\lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}_{W=\mathbb{R}^4}.$$

This yields,

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2 = 0 & \text{(a)} \\ \lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2 - 3\lambda_3 = 0 & \text{(b)} \\ \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 = 0 & \text{(c)} \end{cases} \quad (1.7)$$

- i. From (a),  $\lambda_1 = 2\lambda_2$ ;
- ii. Substitute into (b),  $2\lambda_2 - 2\lambda_2 - 3\lambda_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_3 = 0$ ;
- iii. Substitute into (c),  $2\lambda_2 - \lambda_2 - 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 0$ .

Thus  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$ , so the vectors are linearly independent.

**Basis of  $\text{Im}(f)$ ,**

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{Im}} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

3. Structural Properties: By Lemma 1.1,

- **Injectivity:**  $f$  is injective  $\iff \text{Ker}(f) = \{0_{\mathbb{R}^4}\}$ . Since  $\underbrace{\text{Nullity}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Ker}(f))} = 1 \neq 0$ ,  $f$  is NOT injective.
  - **Surjectivity:**  $f$  is surjective  $\iff \text{Im}(f) = \mathbb{R}^4$ . Since  $\underbrace{\text{Rank}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Im}(f))} = 3 < 4 = \dim(\mathbb{R}^4)$ ,  $f$  is NOT surjective.
  - **Bijectivity:** Since  $f$  is neither injective nor surjective, it is NOT bijective.
  - **Isomorphism:** Since  $f$  is not bijective, it is NOT an isomorphism.
- Rank-Nullity Verification

– Apply Theorem 1.1,

$$\underbrace{\text{Nullity}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Ker}(f))} + \underbrace{\text{Rank}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Im}(f))} = 1 + 3 = 4 = \dim(\mathbb{R}^4).$$

This confirms the Rank-Nullity Theorem for  $f$ .

□

### Exercise 1.2:

Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the map defined by,

$$f \left( \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} x - z \\ 2x + y - 3z \\ -y + 2z \end{pmatrix}.$$

1. Prove that  $f$  is a linear map.

2. Determine the kernel  $\text{Ker}(f)$  and the image  $\text{Im}(f)$ , and give a basis for each.
3. Compute the rank and check if  $f$  is bijective.

**Solution:**

## 1. Proof of Linearity

We verify the conditions of Definition 1.4. Let  $\mathbf{u} = (x, y, z)^T, \mathbf{v} = (x', y', z')^T \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Additivity,**

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) &= f \left( \begin{pmatrix} x + x' \\ y + y' \\ z + z' \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (x + x') - (z + z') \\ 2(x + x') + (y + y') - 3(z + z') \\ -(y + y') + 2(z + z') \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x - z \\ 2x + y - 3z \\ -y + 2z \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x' - z' \\ 2x' + y' - 3z' \\ -y' + 2z' \end{pmatrix} \\ &= f(\mathbf{u}) + f(\mathbf{v}). \end{aligned}$$

**Homogeneity,**

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda \mathbf{u}) &= f \left( \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x \\ \lambda y \\ \lambda z \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x - \lambda z \\ 2\lambda x + \lambda y - 3\lambda z \\ -\lambda y + 2\lambda z \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \lambda \begin{pmatrix} x - z \\ 2x + y - 3z \\ -y + 2z \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \lambda f(\mathbf{u}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $f$  is linear map.

2. Determination of  $\text{Ker}(f)$  and  $\text{Im}(f)$  with their basisa) Determination of  $\text{Ker}(f)$

By Definition 1.5,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ker}(f) &= \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : f(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} x - z \\ 2x + y - 3z \\ -y + 2z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}_{W=\mathbb{R}^3} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \begin{cases} x - z = 0 & (1) \\ 2x + y - 3z = 0 & (2) \\ -y + 2z = 0 & (3) \end{cases} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

i. From equation (1),  $x = z$ ;

ii. From equation (3),  $y = 2z$ ;

iii. Substitute into equation (2),  $2z + 2z - 3z = z = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0$ ;

iv. Thus  $x = 0, y = 0$ .

Therefore,

$$\text{Ker}(f) = \{\mathbf{0}_{V=\mathbb{R}^3}\}.$$

Since

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \not\Rightarrow \lambda = 0$$

Basis,  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{Ker}} = \emptyset$  (the trivial subspace has no basis vectors).

b) Determination of  $\text{Im}(f)$

For  $\mathbf{v} = (x, y, z)^T \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im}(f) &= \left\{ f(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} x - z \\ 2x + y - 3z \\ -y + 2z \end{pmatrix} \mid \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + z \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \mid \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\text{Im}(f) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

**Linear independence check**

Apply Definition 1.2. Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that,

$$\lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0_{W=\mathbb{R}^3}.$$

This gives,

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 - \lambda_3 = 0 & (1) \\ 2\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - 3\lambda_3 = 0 & (2) \\ -\lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3 = 0 & (3) \end{cases}$$

- i. From equation (1),  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_3$ ;
- ii. From equation (3),  $\lambda_2 = 2\lambda_3$ ;
- iii. Substitute into equation (2),  $2\lambda_3 + 2\lambda_3 - 3\lambda_3 = \lambda_3 = 0$ ;
- iv. Thus  $\lambda_3 = 0$ , then  $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 0$ .

So the vectors are linearly independent. Thus,

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{Im}} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ (or any basis of } W = \mathbb{R}^3 \text{)}.$$

### 3. Rank and Bijectivity

$$\mathbf{Rank}, \underbrace{\text{Rank}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Im}(f))} = 3.$$

**Bijectivity check**, By Lemma 1.1,

- **Injectivity:** Since  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{0_{\mathbb{R}^3}\}$ ,  $f$  is injective.
- **Surjectivity:** Since  $\underbrace{\text{Rank}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Im}(f))} = 3$ ,  $\text{Im}(f) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \iff \text{Im}(f) = \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $f$  is surjective.  
since
- **Bijectivity:** Since  $f$  is both injective and surjective, it is bijective.

**(Isomorphism:** Since  $f$  is a bijective linear map, it is an isomorphism.)

- Rank-Nullity Verification

Apply Theorem 1.1,

$$\underbrace{\text{Nullity}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Ker}(f))} + \underbrace{\text{Rank}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Im}(f))} = 0 + 3 = 3 = \dim(\mathbb{R}^3).$$

□

**Exercise 1.3:**

Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the map defined by,

$$f \left( \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} y + z \\ x + y + z \\ x \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Prove that  $f$  is a linear map.
2. Determine the kernel  $\text{Ker}(f)$  and the image  $\text{Im}(f)$ , and give a basis for each.
3. Decide whether  $f$  is an isomorphism and compute its rank.
4. Prove that  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \text{Ker}(f) \oplus \text{Im}(f)$ .

**Solution:**

1. Proof of Linearity

We verify the conditions of Definition 1.4. Let  $\mathbf{u} = (x, y, z)^T, \mathbf{v} = (x', y', z')^T \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Additivity,**

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) &= f \left( \begin{pmatrix} x + x' \\ y + y' \\ z + z' \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (y + y') + (z + z') \\ (x + x') + (y + y') + (z + z') \\ x + x' \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} y + z \\ x + y + z \\ x \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} y' + z' \\ x' + y' + z' \\ x' \end{pmatrix} \\ &= f(\mathbf{u}) + f(\mathbf{v}). \end{aligned}$$

**Homogeneity,**

$$\begin{aligned}
f(\lambda \mathbf{u}) &= f \left( \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x \\ \lambda y \\ \lambda z \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda y + \lambda z \\ \lambda x + \lambda y + \lambda z \\ \lambda x \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \lambda \begin{pmatrix} y + z \\ x + y + z \\ x \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \lambda f(\mathbf{u}).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $f$  is linear map.

**2. Determination of  $\text{Ker}(f)$  and  $\text{Im}(f)$  with their basis****a) Determination of  $\text{Ker}(f)$** 

By Definition (1.5),

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Ker}(f) &= \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid f(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} y + z \\ x + y + z \\ x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0_{W=\mathbb{R}^3} \right\} \\
&= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \begin{cases} y + z = 0 & (1) \\ x + y + z = 0 = 0 & (2) \\ x = 0 = 0 & (3) \end{cases} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

i. From equation (3),  $x = 0$ ;

ii. From equation (1),  $z = -y$ ;

iii. Check equation (2),  $0 + y + (-y) = 0$  (satisfied).

Thus,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \\ -y \end{pmatrix} = y \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Therefore,

$$\text{Ker}(f) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

Since

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies \lambda = 0.$$

Thus,

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{Ker}} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

b) Determination of  $\text{Im}(f)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im}(f) &= \left\{ f(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} y+z \\ x+y+z \\ x \end{pmatrix} \middle| \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ x \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + z \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \middle| \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\text{Im}(f) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

### Linear independence check

Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that,

$$\lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0_{W=\mathbb{R}^3}.$$

This gives,

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \lambda_1 = 0 \end{cases} \implies \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0.$$

Thus the vectors are linearly independent. So,

$$\text{Im}(f) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

$$\text{Basis, } \mathcal{B}_{\text{Im}} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

## 3. Rank and isomorphisme

- **Injectivity:** Since  $\text{Ker}(f) \neq \{0_{V=\mathbb{R}^3}\}$ ,  $f$  is NOT injective.
- **Surjectivity:** Since  $\underbrace{\text{Rank}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Im}(f))} = 2 < 3 = \dim(\mathbb{R}^3)$ ,  $f$  is NOT surjective.
- **Bijectivity:** Not bijective (neither injective nor surjective).

**Isomorphism:** Not an isomorphism.

**Rank,**  $\underbrace{\text{Rank}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Im}(f))} = 2$ .

4. Proof that  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \text{Ker}(f) \oplus \text{Im}(f)$ .

We verify the conditions of Criterion (1.1).

**Method 1**

**Step 1: Trivial intersection.** Let

$$\mathbf{v} \in \text{Ker}(f) \cap \text{Im}(f) = \left\{ \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \mathbf{v} \in \text{Ker}(f), \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v} \in \text{Im}(f) \right\}.$$

Then,

$$\mathbf{v} \in \text{Ker}(f) \Rightarrow \mathbf{v} = x \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x \\ -x \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for some } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\mathbf{v} \in \text{Im}(f) \Rightarrow \mathbf{v} = y \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + z \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ y+z \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for some } y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Equating components,

$$\begin{cases} 0 = z & (1) \\ x = y + z & (2) \\ -x = y & (3) \end{cases}$$

- From equation (1),  $z = 0$ ;
- From equation (2),  $x = y + 0 = y$ ;
- From equation (3),  $-x = y$ .

Thus  $x = y$  and  $-x = y$ , so  $x = -x \Rightarrow x = 0$ , hence  $y = 0$ .

Thus  $\mathbf{v} = 0_{V=\mathbb{R}^3}$ , so  $\text{Ker}(f) \cap \text{Im}(f) = \{0_{V=\mathbb{R}^3}\}$ .

**Step 2: Dimension sum.**

$$\underbrace{\text{Nullity}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Ker}(f))} + \underbrace{\text{Rank}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Im}(f))} = 1 + 2 = 3 = \dim(\mathbb{R}^3).$$

By Criterion 1.1, we conclude  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \text{Ker}(f) \oplus \text{Im}(f)$ .

## Method 2

We verify the conditions of Definition (1.7).

**Step 1:** Show  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \text{Ker}(f) + \text{Im}(f)$ .

We have,

$$\text{Ker}(f) + \text{Im}(f) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

### Linear independence check

For  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_3 = 0, & (1) \\ -\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 0, & (2) \\ \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0. & (3) \end{cases}$$

1. From (1)  $\lambda_3 = 0$ ;
2. Substitute into (2):  $-\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = \lambda_1$ ;
3. Substitute into (3):  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 + \lambda_1 = 0 \Rightarrow 2\lambda_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 0$ ;

So the vectors are linearly independent.

Then the basis of  $\text{Ker}(f) + \text{Im}(f)$  is,

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{Ker}(f)+\text{Im}(f)} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

and therefore

$$\dim(\text{Ker}(f) + \text{Im}(f)) = 3.$$

Since  $\text{Ker}(f) + \text{Im}(f) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  and both have dimension 3,

$$\mathbb{R}^3 = \text{Ker}(f) + \text{Im}(f).$$

**Step 2:** Show  $\text{Ker}(f) \cap \text{Im}(f) = \{\mathbf{0}_{V=\mathbb{R}^3}\}$ .

Using the dimension formula,

$$\dim(\text{Ker}(f) + \text{Im}(f)) = \underbrace{\text{Nullity}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Ker}(f))} + \underbrace{\text{Rank}(f)}_{\dim(\text{Im}(f))} - \dim(\text{Ker}(f) \cap \text{Im}(f)).$$

Substitute known values,

$$3 = 1 + 2 - \dim(\text{Ker}(f) \cap \text{Im}(f)).$$

Thus,

$$\dim(\text{Ker}(f) \cap \text{Im}(f)) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Ker}(f) \cap \text{Im}(f) = \{\mathbf{0}_{V=\mathbb{R}^3}\}.$$

So

$$\mathbb{R}^3 = \text{Ker}(f) \oplus \text{Im}(f).$$

□

#### Exercise 1.4:

Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces,  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  a basis of  $V$ , and  $\{w_1, w_2, w_3\} \subset W$ . Let  $f : V \rightarrow W$  be linear with  $f(v_i) = w_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

- Prove that  $f$  is injective  $\iff \{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$  is linearly independent.

#### Solution:

We prove both directions using Lemma 1.1 and Definition 1.2.

- ( $\implies$ ) **Assume  $f$  is injective.**

Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that,

$$\lambda_1 w_1 + \lambda_2 w_2 + \lambda_3 w_3 = \mathbf{0}_W.$$

Since  $f$  is linear and  $f(v_i) = w_i$ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 + \lambda_3 v_3) &= \lambda_1 f(v_1) + \lambda_2 f(v_2) + \lambda_3 f(v_3) \\ &= \lambda_1 w_1 + \lambda_2 w_2 + \lambda_3 w_3 = \mathbf{0}_W. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 + \lambda_3 v_3 \in \text{Ker}(f)$ .

By Lemma 1.1, injectivity of  $f$  implies  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{\mathbf{0}_V\}$ , so,

$$\lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 + \lambda_3 v_3 = \mathbf{0}_V.$$

Since  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is a basis of  $V$ , it is linearly independent. Therefore,  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$ .

Thus  $\{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$  is linearly independent by Definition 1.2.

- ( $\Leftarrow$ ) **Assume  $\{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$  is linearly independent.**

Let  $v \in \text{Ker}(f)$ . Since  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is a basis of  $V$ , we can write,

$$v = \lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 + \lambda_3 v_3 \quad \text{for some } \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then,

$$f(v) = \lambda_1 w_1 + \lambda_2 w_2 + \lambda_3 w_3 = 0_W.$$

Since  $\{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$  is linearly independent, we must have  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$ . Thus  $v = 0_V$ .

Therefore  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{0_V\}$ , and by Lemma 1.1,  $f$  is injective.

□



## 2. Solutions of Tutorial Exercises (2):

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### 2.1. Basic Definitions

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#### Definition 2.1 (Matrix):

Let  $m, n$  be positive integers. An  $m \times n$  matrix over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  (typically  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ) is a rectangular array of elements from  $\mathbb{F}$  arranged in  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We denote by  $a_{ij}$  the entry in the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column. The set of all  $m \times n$  matrices over  $\mathbb{F}$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ .

#### Remark 2.1 (Matrix Equality):

Two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are equal if and only if,

- They have the same dimensions ( $m \times n$ ).
- Their corresponding entries are equal,  $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $j = 1, \dots, n$ .

#### Definition 2.2 (Matrix Addition):

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{m1} & b_{m2} & \cdots & b_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$  be matrices in  $\mathcal{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ . Their sum  $A + B$  is defined as,

$$A + B = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & a_{12} + b_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} + b_{1n} \\ a_{21} + b_{21} & a_{22} + b_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} + b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} + b_{m1} & a_{m2} + b_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} + b_{mn} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.1)$$

**Definition 2.3 (Scalar Multiplication):**

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$  be a matrix in  $\mathcal{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$  and let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . The scalar product  $\lambda A$  is defined as,

$$\lambda A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda a_{11} & \lambda a_{12} & \cdots & \lambda a_{1n} \\ \lambda a_{21} & \lambda a_{22} & \cdots & \lambda a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda a_{m1} & \lambda a_{m2} & \cdots & \lambda a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.2)$$

**Definition 2.4 (Matrix Multiplication):**

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1p} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \cdots & b_{np} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times p}(\mathbb{F})$ . Their product  $AB$  is defined as the matrix in  $\mathcal{M}_{m \times p}(\mathbb{F})$  whose  $(i, j)$ -entry is  $\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj}$ ,

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{1k}b_{k1} & \sum_{k=1}^n a_{1k}b_{k2} & \cdots & \sum_{k=1}^n a_{1k}b_{kp} \\ \sum_{k=1}^n a_{2k}b_{k1} & \sum_{k=1}^n a_{2k}b_{k2} & \cdots & \sum_{k=1}^n a_{2k}b_{kp} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{k=1}^n a_{mk}b_{k1} & \sum_{k=1}^n a_{mk}b_{k2} & \cdots & \sum_{k=1}^n a_{mk}b_{kp} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.3)$$

**Note:** The number of columns of  $A$  must equal the number of rows of  $B$ .

**Caution:** Matrix multiplication is not commutative in general.

**Definition 2.5 (Transpose of a Matrix):**

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ . The transpose of  $A$ , denoted  $A^T$ , is the  $n \times m$  matrix,

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{m1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{m2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.4)$$

**Definition 2.6 (Square Matrix):**

A matrix  $A$  is square if it has the same number of rows and columns, i.e.,  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ . We denote  $\mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{F}) = \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ .

**Definition 2.7 (Diagonal Matrix):**

A square matrix  $D = \begin{pmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} & \cdots & d_{1n} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} & \cdots & d_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d_{n1} & d_{n2} & \cdots & d_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{F})$  is diagonal if  $d_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ .

**Definition 2.8 (Identity Matrix):**

The  $n \times n$  identity matrix  $I_n$  is the diagonal matrix with 1's on the diagonal and 0's elsewhere,

$$I_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.5)$$

**Definition 2.9 (Symmetric Matrix):**

A square matrix  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{F})$  is symmetric if  $A^T = A$ .

**Definition 2.10 (Upper/Lower Triangular Matrix):**

A square matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{F})$  is,

- Upper triangular if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i > j$
- Lower triangular if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i < j$

**Definition 2.11 (Minor):**

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. The  $(i, j)$ -minor  $M_{ij}$  is the determinant of the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  submatrix obtained by deleting the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column from  $A$ .

**Definition 2.12 (Cofactor Matrix):**

For an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$ , the cofactor matrix  $\text{Cof}(A)$  is defined as,

$$\text{Cof}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \cdots & C_{1n} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & \cdots & C_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{n1} & C_{n2} & \cdots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^{1+1}M_{11} & (-1)^{1+2}M_{12} & \cdots & (-1)^{1+n}M_{1n} \\ (-1)^{2+1}M_{21} & (-1)^{2+2}M_{22} & \cdots & (-1)^{2+n}M_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (-1)^{n+1}M_{n1} & (-1)^{n+2}M_{n2} & \cdots & (-1)^{n+n}M_{nn} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.6)$$

where each element  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j}M_{ij}$ , with  $M_{ij}$  being the  $(i, j)$ -minor of  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.1 (Cofactor Expansion):**

For any fixed row  $i$ ,

$$\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} M_{ij}. \quad (2.7)$$

For any fixed column  $j$ ,

$$\det(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} M_{ij}.$$

$$\text{For } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\det(A) = ad - bc. \quad (2.8)$$

**Theorem 2.2 (Basic Properties):**

Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{F})$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ ,

$$1. \det(I_n) = 1 \text{ where } I_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2. \det(A^T) = \det(A)$$

$$3. \det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$$

$$4. \det(\lambda A) = \lambda^n \det(A)$$

5. If  $A$  is triangular,  $\det(A)$  is the product of its diagonal entries

**Definition 2.13 (Invertible Matrix):**

A square matrix  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{F})$  is invertible (or non-singular) if there exists a matrix  $B \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{F})$  such that,

$$AB = BA = I_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.9)$$

If such  $B$  exists, it is unique and is called the inverse of  $A$ , denoted  $A^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 2.3 (Properties of Matrix Inverses):**

Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{F})$  be invertible and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F} \setminus \{0\}$ ,

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

$$2. (AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

$$3. (A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$$

$$4. (\lambda A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda} A^{-1}$$

$$5. \det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$$

**Theorem 2.4 (Characterization of Invertibility):**

For  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{F})$ , the following are equivalent,

1.  $A$  is invertible

2.  $\det(A) \neq 0$
3. The rows (or columns) of  $A$  are linearly independent
4.  $A$  has rank  $n$

**Theorem 2.5 (Adjugate Formula):**

For  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{F})$ , let  $C_{ij}$  be the  $(i, j)$ -cofactor. The adjugate matrix is,

$$\text{adj}(A) = (\text{Cof}(A))^T = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} & \cdots & C_{n1} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & \cdots & C_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{1n} & C_{2n} & \cdots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.10)$$

If  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , then,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A). \quad (2.11)$$

- For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  with  $\det(A) = ad - bc \neq 0$ ,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.12)$$

- For a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  with  $\det(A) \neq 0$ ,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{pmatrix} a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32} & a_{13}a_{32} - a_{12}a_{33} & a_{12}a_{23} - a_{13}a_{22} \\ a_{23}a_{31} - a_{21}a_{33} & a_{11}a_{33} - a_{13}a_{31} & a_{13}a_{21} - a_{11}a_{23} \\ a_{21}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{31} & a_{12}a_{31} - a_{11}a_{32} & a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\det(A) = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33}$ .

**Definition 2.14 (Basis and Coordinates):**

A basis of a vector space  $V$  is a linearly independent set that spans  $V$ . If  $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ , then every vector  $v \in V$  can be uniquely expressed as,

$$v = x_1v_1 + x_2v_2 + \cdots + x_nv_n.$$

The scalars  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are called the coordinates of  $v$  relative to  $\mathcal{B}$ , and we write,

$$[v]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Definition 2.15 (Matrix of a Linear map):**

Let  $f : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map,  $\mathcal{B}_V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  a basis for  $V$ , and  $\mathcal{B}_W = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}$  a basis for  $W$ . The matrix of  $f$  relative to these bases, denoted  $[f]_{\mathcal{B}_W}^{\mathcal{B}_V}$ , is the  $m \times n$  matrix whose  $j$ -th column is  $[f(v_j)]_{\mathcal{B}_W}$ .

**Theorem 2.6 (Matrix Representation Theorem):**

For any linear map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  with matrix  $A = [f]_{\mathcal{B}_W}^{\mathcal{B}_V}$ , we have,

$$[f(v)]_{\mathcal{B}_W} = A[v]_{\mathcal{B}_V} \quad \text{for all } v \in V. \quad (2.13)$$

**Definition 2.16 (Change-of-Basis Matrix):**

Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $\mathcal{B}' = \{v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n\}$  be two bases for  $V$ . The change-of-basis matrix from  $\mathcal{B}'$  to  $\mathcal{B}$  is,

$$P = [\text{id}]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}'} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} | & | & & | \\ [v'_1]_{\mathcal{B}} & [v'_2]_{\mathcal{B}} & \cdots & [v'_n]_{\mathcal{B}} \\ | & | & & | \end{array} \right), \quad (2.14)$$

where  $\text{id} : V \rightarrow V$  is the identity map.

**Theorem 2.7 (Change of Basis for Vectors):**

For any  $v \in V$ ,

$$[v]_{\mathcal{B}} = P[v]_{\mathcal{B}'}$$

and

$$[v]_{\mathcal{B}'} = P^{-1}[v]_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

**Theorem 2.8 (Change of Basis for Linear maps):**

Let  $f : V \rightarrow V$  be linear, and let  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$  be bases for  $V$ . If  $P$  is the change-of-basis matrix from  $\mathcal{B}'$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ , then,

$$[f]_{\mathcal{B}'}^{\mathcal{B}'} = P^{-1}[f]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}}P. \quad (2.15)$$

**Exercise 2.1:**

Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be the following matrices,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Calculate,

$$B + C, \quad B - C, \quad 2A, \quad A^T, \quad AB, \quad A^2,$$

where  $A^T$  denotes the transpose of  $A$ .

**Solution:**

1. Calculate  $B + C$

By the definition of matrix addition in (2.1), we compute

$$B + C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+0 & 2+(-3) \\ 0+2 & 5+1 \\ -2+8 & 1+0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Calculate  $B - C$

Using the definition of matrix subtraction, which follows from (2.1) and scalar multiplication, we obtain

$$B - C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-0 & 2-(-3) \\ 0-2 & 5-1 \\ -2-8 & 1-0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -2 & 4 \\ -10 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3. Calculate  $2A$

By the definition of scalar multiplication in (2.2), we have

$$2A = 2 \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -2 \\ -6 & 8 & -6 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

4. Calculate  $A^T$  (transpose of  $A$ )

According to the definition of the transpose in (2.4),

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

5. Calculate  $AB$ 

Since  $A$  is  $3 \times 3$  and  $B$  is  $3 \times 2$ , the product  $AB$  is defined by (2.3) and yields a  $3 \times 2$  matrix.

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 + (-1) \cdot (-2) & 0 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 5 + (-1) \cdot 1 \\ (-3) \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 0 + (-3) \cdot (-2) & (-3) \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 5 + (-3) \cdot 1 \\ 0 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot (-2) & 0 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 + 0 + 2 & 0 + 5 - 1 \\ -3 + 0 + 6 & -6 + 20 - 3 \\ 0 + 0 - 2 & 0 + 10 + 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 11 \\ -2 & 11 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

6. Calculate  $A^2$ 

By repeated application of matrix multiplication, we compute

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 &= A \cdot A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot (-3) & 1 \cdot 4 + (-1) \cdot 2 & 1 \cdot (-3) + (-1) \cdot 1 \\ 4 \cdot (-3) & (-3) \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 4 + (-3) \cdot 2 & (-3) \cdot (-1) + 4 \cdot (-3) + (-3) \cdot 1 \\ 2 \cdot (-3) & 2 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 2 & 2 \cdot (-3) + 1 \cdot 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2 & -4 \\ -12 & 7 & -12 \\ -6 & 10 & -5 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Exercise 2.2:**

Calculate the determinants of the following matrices,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 11 \\ -8 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 0 & -5 & 15 \\ -2 & 7 & 3 & 0 \\ 8 & 14 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -21 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Solution:**

1. Determinant of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 11 \\ -8 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

Using formula (2.8) for the determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix,

$$\det(A) = 7 \cdot 4 - 11 \cdot (-8) = 28 + 88 = 116.$$

2. Determinant of  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$

We compute using cofactor expansion along the first row as stated in (2.7),

$$\begin{aligned} \det(B) &= 1 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 \end{pmatrix} - 0 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 7 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 1 \cdot (4 \cdot 7 - 5 \cdot 6) + 2 \cdot (3 \cdot 6 - 4 \cdot 5) \\ &= 1 \cdot (28 - 30) + 2 \cdot (18 - 20) = 1 \cdot (-2) + 2 \cdot (-2) \\ &= -2 - 4 = -6. \end{aligned}$$

3. Determinant of  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 0 & -5 & 15 \\ -2 & 7 & 3 & 0 \\ 8 & 14 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -21 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

We expand along the first row using (2.7),

$$\det(C) = 10 \cdot C_{11} + 0 \cdot C_{12} + (-5) \cdot C_{13} + 15 \cdot C_{14}, \quad (2.16)$$

where  $C_{ij}$  are cofactors defined in (2.6). We compute each required cofactor,

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= (-1)^{1+1} \det \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 3 & 0 \\ 14 & 0 & 2 \\ -21 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 3 & 0 \\ 14 & 0 & 2 \\ -21 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 7 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 2 \\ -21 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 0 \\ -21 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 7 \cdot (0 \cdot (-1) - 2 \cdot 1) - 3 \cdot (14 \cdot (-1) - 2 \cdot (-21)) \\ &= 7 \cdot (-2) - 3 \cdot (-14 + 42) = -14 - 3 \cdot 28 = -14 - 84 = -98, \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{13} &= (-1)^{1+3} \det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 7 & 0 \\ 8 & 14 & 2 \\ 0 & -21 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 7 & 0 \\ 8 & 14 & 2 \\ 0 & -21 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -2 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 2 \\ -21 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - 7 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 14 \\ 0 & -21 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -2 \cdot (14 \cdot (-1) - 2 \cdot (-21)) - 7 \cdot (8 \cdot (-1) - 2 \cdot 0) \\ &= -2 \cdot (-14 + 42) - 7 \cdot (-8) = -2 \cdot 28 + 56 = -56 + 56 = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{14} &= (-1)^{1+4} \det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 7 & 3 \\ 8 & 14 & 0 \\ 0 & -21 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = -\det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 7 & 3 \\ 8 & 14 & 0 \\ 0 & -21 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\left[ -2 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 0 \\ -21 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - 7 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 14 \\ 0 & -21 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= -[-2 \cdot (14 \cdot 1 - 0 \cdot (-21)) - 7 \cdot (8 \cdot 1 - 0 \cdot 0) + 3 \cdot (8 \cdot (-21) - 14 \cdot 0)] \\ &= -[-2 \cdot 14 - 7 \cdot 8 + 3 \cdot (-168)] = -[-28 - 56 - 504] = -(-588) = 588. \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

Substituting the values from (2.17), (2.18), and (2.19) into (2.16), we obtain

$$\det(C) = 10 \cdot (-98) + (-5) \cdot 0 + 15 \cdot 588 = -980 + 0 + 8820 = 7840.$$

□

### Exercise 2.3:

Calculate the inverse of the following matrices,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### Solution:

$$1. \text{ Inverse of } B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We compute the determinant using cofactor expansion along the first row as in (2.7),

$$\begin{aligned} \det(B) &= 1 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 1 \cdot (2 \cdot (-1) - (-1) \cdot (-2)) - 2 \cdot (1 \cdot (-1) - (-1) \cdot (-2)) + 1 \cdot (1 \cdot (-2) - 2 \cdot (-2)) \\ &= 1 \cdot (-2 - 2) - 2 \cdot (-1 - 2) + 1 \cdot (-2 + 4) = 1 \cdot (-4) - 2 \cdot (-3) + 1 \cdot 2 \\ &= -4 + 6 + 2 = 4. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\det(B) \neq 0$ , the inverse exists. We compute the matrix of cofactors as defined in (2.6),

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cof}(B) &= \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & - \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & + \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\ - \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & + \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & - \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\ + \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & - \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & + \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cdot (-1) - (-1) \cdot (-2) & - (1 \cdot (-1) - (-1) \cdot (-2)) & 1 \cdot (-2) - 2 \cdot (-2) \\ - (2 \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot (-2)) & 1 \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot (-2) & - (1 \cdot (-2) - 2 \cdot (-2)) \\ 2 \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot 2 & - (1 \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot 1) & 1 \cdot 2 - 2 \cdot 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -4 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

The adjugate matrix, by definition (2.10),

$$\text{adj}(B) = (\text{Cof}(B))^T = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & -4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Finally, applying the adjugate formula (2.11),

$$B^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(B)} \text{adj}(B) = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & -4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Inverse of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

First, we compute the determinant using (2.8),

$$\det(A) = 2 \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot 1 = -2 - 1 = -3.$$

Since  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , the matrix is invertible.

Cofactor matrix,

$$\text{Cof}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} +(-1) & -(1) \\ -(1) & +(2) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Adjugate,

$$\text{adj}(A) = (\text{Cof}(A))^T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Inverse,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A) = \frac{1}{-3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

#### Exercise 2.4:

Consider the matrices,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (1) Calculate  $A + B$ ,  $A - B$ ,  $2A$ .
- (2) Calculate, if possible,  $AB$ ,  $BA$ ,  $A^2$ ,  $A^3$ .
- (3) Calculate  $A^T$  and  $B^T$ .
- (4) Calculate  $A^{-1}$ .
- (5) Calculate  $A^3 - 4A^2 + 2A - 17I$ ; then conclude that  $A$  is invertible and give  $A^{-1}$ .

**Solution:**

1. Calculate  $A + B$ ,  $A - B$ ,  $2A$

By the definitions of matrix addition and scalar multiplication,

$$A + B = \begin{pmatrix} 2+1 & -1+3 & 2+5 \\ 3+1 & 1+2 & -1+4 \\ 4+1 & 2+1 & 1+3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 7 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 \\ 5 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.20)$$

$$A - B = \begin{pmatrix} 2-1 & -1-3 & 2-5 \\ 3-1 & 1-2 & -1-4 \\ 4-1 & 2-1 & 1-3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.21)$$

$$2A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 4 \\ 6 & 2 & -2 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.22)$$

2. Calculate  $AB$ ,  $BA$ ,  $A^2$ ,  $A^3$

We compute each product using the definition of matrix multiplication (2.3).

•  $AB$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 & 2 \cdot 3 + (-1) \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 1 & 2 \cdot 5 + (-1) \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 3 \\ 3 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 1 & 3 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 2 + (-1) \cdot 1 & 3 \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot 4 + (-1) \cdot 3 \\ 4 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 & 4 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1 & 4 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2-1+2 & 6-2+2 & 10-4+6 \\ 3+1-1 & 9+2-1 & 15+4-3 \\ 4+2+1 & 12+4+1 & 20+8+3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 & 12 \\ 3 & 10 & 16 \\ 7 & 17 & 31 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

•  $BA$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} BA &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 3 + 5 \cdot 4 & 1 \cdot (-1) + 3 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 2 & 1 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot (-1) + 5 \cdot 1 \\ 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 4 & 1 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 2 & 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot (-1) + 4 \cdot 1 \\ 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 4 & 1 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 2 & 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot (-1) + 3 \cdot 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2+9+20 & -1+3+10 & 2-3+5 \\ 2+6+16 & -1+2+8 & 2-2+4 \\ 2+3+12 & -1+1+6 & 2-1+3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 31 & 12 & 4 \\ 24 & 9 & 4 \\ 17 & 6 & 4 \end{pmatrix} (\neq AB). \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet A^2 = A \cdot A,$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cdot 2 + (-1) \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 4 & 2 \cdot (-1) + (-1) \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 & 2 \cdot 2 + (-1) \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 1 \\ 3 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 3 + (-1) \cdot 4 & 3 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 2 & 3 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot (-1) + (-1) \cdot 1 \\ 4 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 4 & 4 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 & 4 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 - 3 + 8 & -2 - 1 + 4 & 4 + 1 + 2 \\ 6 + 3 - 4 & -3 + 1 - 2 & 6 - 1 - 1 \\ 8 + 6 + 4 & -4 + 2 + 2 & 8 - 2 + 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 1 & 7 \\ 5 & -4 & 4 \\ 18 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

$$\bullet A^3 = A^2 \cdot A,$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 1 & 7 \\ 5 & -4 & 4 \\ 18 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 9 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 3 + 7 \cdot 4 & 9 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot 1 + 7 \cdot 2 & 9 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot (-1) + 7 \cdot 1 \\ 5 \cdot 2 + (-4) \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 4 & 5 \cdot (-1) + (-4) \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 2 & 5 \cdot 2 + (-4) \cdot (-1) + 4 \cdot 1 \\ 18 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 3 + 7 \cdot 4 & 18 \cdot (-1) + 0 \cdot 1 + 7 \cdot 2 & 18 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot (-1) + 7 \cdot 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 18 + 3 + 28 & -9 + 1 + 14 & 18 - 1 + 7 \\ 10 - 12 + 16 & -5 - 4 + 8 & 10 + 4 + 4 \\ 36 + 0 + 28 & -18 + 0 + 14 & 36 + 0 + 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 49 & 6 & 24 \\ 14 & -1 & 18 \\ 64 & -4 & 43 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

3. Calculate  $A^T$  and  $B^T$

By the definition of the transpose (2.4),

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

4. Calculate  $A^{-1}$

First, compute  $\det(A)$  using cofactor expansion along the first row as in (2.7),

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= 2 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - (-1) \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2 \cdot (1 \cdot 1 - (-1) \cdot 2) + 1 \cdot (3 \cdot 1 - (-1) \cdot 4) + 2 \cdot (3 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot 4) \\ &= 2 \cdot (1 + 2) + 1 \cdot (3 + 4) + 2 \cdot (6 - 4) \\ &= 2 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 7 + 2 \cdot 2 = 6 + 7 + 4 = 17 \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now compute the matrix of cofactors as defined in (2.6),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cof}(A) &= \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} +\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & -\det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & +\det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ -\det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & +\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & -\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ +\det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & -\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & +\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 - (-1) \cdot 2 & -(3 \cdot 1 - (-1) \cdot 4) & 3 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot 4 \\ -((-1) \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 2) & 2 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 4 & -(2 \cdot 2 - (-1) \cdot 4) \\ (-1) \cdot (-1) - 2 \cdot 1 & -(2 \cdot (-1) - 2 \cdot 3) & 2 \cdot 1 - (-1) \cdot 3 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -7 & 2 \\ 5 & -6 & -8 \\ -1 & 8 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

The adjugate matrix, by (2.10), is,

$$\text{adj}(A) = \text{Cof}(A)^T = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & -1 \\ -7 & -6 & 8 \\ 2 & -8 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Finally, by the adjugate formula (2.11),

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A) = \frac{1}{17} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & -1 \\ -7 & -6 & 8 \\ 2 & -8 & 5 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.25)$$

5. Calculate  $A^3 - 4A^2 + 2A - 17I$

From (2.24), (2.23), (2.20) and (2.5) we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
4A^2 &= 4 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 1 & 7 \\ 5 & -4 & 4 \\ 18 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 36 & 4 & 28 \\ 20 & -16 & 16 \\ 72 & 0 & 28 \end{pmatrix}, \\
2A &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 4 \\ 6 & 2 & -2 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \\
17I &= \begin{pmatrix} 17 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 17 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 17 \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$A^3 - 4A^2 + 2A - 17I = \begin{pmatrix} 49 & 6 & 24 \\ 14 & -1 & 18 \\ 64 & -4 & 43 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 36 & 4 & 28 \\ 20 & -16 & 16 \\ 72 & 0 & 28 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 4 \\ 6 & 2 & -2 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \begin{pmatrix} 17 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 17 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 17 \end{pmatrix} \\
& = \begin{pmatrix} 49 - 36 + 4 - 17 & 6 - 4 - 2 - 0 & 24 - 28 + 4 - 0 \\ 14 - 20 + 6 - 0 & -1 + 16 + 2 - 17 & 18 - 16 - 2 - 0 \\ 64 - 72 + 8 - 0 & -4 - 0 + 4 - 0 & 43 - 28 + 2 - 17 \end{pmatrix} \\
& = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $A^3 - 4A^2 + 2A - 17I = 0$ .

This implies that  $A^3 = 4A^2 - 2A + 17I$ . Multiply both sides by  $A^{-1}$  (if it exists) to get  $A^2 = 4A - 2I + 17A^{-1}$ , so

$$17A^{-1} = A^2 - 4A + 2I.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
A^{-1} &= \frac{1}{17}(A^2 - 4A + 2I) \\
&= \frac{1}{17} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 1 & 7 \\ 5 & -4 & 4 \\ 18 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} - 4 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{17} \begin{pmatrix} 9 - 8 + 2 & 1 + 4 & 7 - 8 \\ 5 - 12 & -4 - 4 + 2 & 4 + 4 \\ 18 - 16 & -8 & 7 - 4 + 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{17} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & -1 \\ -7 & -6 & 8 \\ 2 & -8 & 5 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

which is consistent with our previous computation in (2.25).

□

### Exercise 2.5:

Let,

$$A_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & \alpha \\ \alpha & -8 & 12 \\ 3 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(1) Calculate, if possible,  $A_\alpha^2$ ,  $2A_\alpha$ , and  $\det(A_\alpha^2)$ .

(2) For  $\alpha = 6$ , find real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  such that,

$$A_6^2 = aA_6 + bI_3, \quad \text{where } I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(3) Deduce that  $A_6$  is invertible and give  $A_6^{-1}$ .

(4) If  $\alpha = 6 \pm \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$ ,  $A_\alpha$  invertible? Explain your conclusion.

**Solution:**

1. Compute  $A_\alpha^2$ ,  $2A_\alpha$ , and  $\det(A_\alpha^2)$

First, compute  $A_\alpha^2$  using matrix multiplication (2.3),

$$\begin{aligned} A_\alpha^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & \alpha \\ \alpha & -8 & 12 \\ 3 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & \alpha \\ \alpha & -8 & 12 \\ 3 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 3\alpha + 3\alpha & -3 + 24 - 3\alpha & \alpha - 36 + 4\alpha \\ \alpha - 8\alpha + 36 & -3\alpha + 64 - 36 & \alpha^2 - 96 + 48 \\ 3 - 3\alpha + 12 & -9 + 24 - 12 & 3\alpha - 36 + 16 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 21 - 3\alpha & 5\alpha - 36 \\ 36 - 7\alpha & 28 - 3\alpha & \alpha^2 - 48 \\ 15 - 3\alpha & 3 & 3\alpha - 20 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

Next, by scalar multiplication (2.2),

$$2A_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -6 & 2\alpha \\ 2\alpha & -16 & 24 \\ 6 & -6 & 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now, by the property  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$  from Theorem 2.2, we have  $\det(A_\alpha^2) = (\det(A_\alpha))^2$ . So compute  $\det(A_\alpha)$  first using cofactor expansion,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A_\alpha) &= 1 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 12 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} - (-3) \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 12 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & -8 \\ 3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 1 \cdot ((-8) \cdot 4 - 12 \cdot (-3)) + 3 \cdot (\alpha \cdot 4 - 12 \cdot 3) + \alpha \cdot (\alpha \cdot (-3) - (-8) \cdot 3) \\ &= 1 \cdot (-32 + 36) + 3 \cdot (4\alpha - 36) + \alpha \cdot (-3\alpha + 24) \\ &= 4 + 12\alpha - 108 - 3\alpha^2 + 24\alpha = -3\alpha^2 + 36\alpha - 104. \end{aligned} \quad (2.27)$$

Thus,

$$\det(A_\alpha^2) = (-3\alpha^2 + 36\alpha - 104)^2$$

2. For  $\alpha = 6$ , find  $a, b$  such that  $A_6^2 = aA_6 + bI$

Substitute  $\alpha = 6$  into (2.26) and (2.27),

$$\begin{aligned} A_6 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 6 & -8 & 12 \\ 3 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \\ A_6^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 21 - 18 & 30 - 36 \\ 36 - 42 & 28 - 18 & 36 - 48 \\ 15 - 18 & 3 & 18 - 20 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -6 \\ -6 & 10 & -12 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.28)$$

We want  $a, b$  such that

$$A_6^2 = aA_6 + bI = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 6 & -8 & 12 \\ 3 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a+b & -3a & 6a \\ 6a & -8a+b & 12a \\ 3a & -3a & 4a+b \end{pmatrix}.$$

Equating with  $A_6^2$  from (2.28) gives the system,

$$-3a = 3 \quad (1,2) \Rightarrow a = -1$$

$$-8a + b = 10 \quad (2,2) \Rightarrow -8(-1) + b = 10 \Rightarrow 8 + b = 10 \Rightarrow b = 2$$

Thus,  $a = -1, b = 2$ . So,

$$A_6^2 = -A_6 + 2I.$$

3. Deduce that  $A_6$  is invertible and find  $A_6^{-1}$

From the equation  $A_6^2 = -A_6 + 2I$ , rearrange,

$$A_6^2 + A_6 = 2I \quad \Rightarrow \quad A_6(A_6 + I) = 2I.$$

Thus,

$$A_6 \cdot \frac{1}{2}(A_6 + I) = I.$$

By the definition (2.13) (of the inverse), this shows that  $A_6$  is invertible with inverse

$$\begin{aligned} A_6^{-1} &= \frac{1}{2}(A_6 + I) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 6 & -8 & 12 \\ 3 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 \\ 6 & -7 & 12 \\ 3 & -3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{3}{2} & 3 \\ 3 & -\frac{7}{2} & 6 \\ \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

4. We have

$$\det(A_\alpha) = -3\alpha^2 + 36\alpha - 10.$$

For  $\alpha = 6 \pm \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$ ,

$$\det(A_\alpha) = 0,$$

then  $A_\alpha$  is not invertible, and  $A_\alpha^{-1}$  does not exist.

□

### Exercise 2.6:

Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by,

$$f \left( \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} x + y \\ x + z + 2y \end{pmatrix},$$

with bases,

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad \mathcal{B}' = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

- Find the matrix representing  $f$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$ .

**Solution:**

- Matrix of the linear map  $f$

Apply  $f$  to each vector in  $\mathcal{B}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1+1 \\ 1+0+2 \cdot 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \\ f \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0+1 \\ 0+(-1)+2 \cdot 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ f \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1+2 \\ 1+1+2 \cdot 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Now express each image in terms of basis  $\mathcal{B}'$ . For a vector  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ , we want coefficients  $\alpha, \beta$  such that

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}.$$

This gives the system,

$$\begin{cases} \alpha = a \\ \alpha + \beta = b \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha = a \\ \beta = b - a \end{cases}.$$

Thus,

- For  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\alpha = 2, \beta = 3 - 2 = 1$ .
- For  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\alpha = 1, \beta = 1 - 1 = 0$ .
- For  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\alpha = 3, \beta = 6 - 3 = 3$ .

Therefore, by Definition (2.13), the matrix representing  $f$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$  is,

$$[f]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}'} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**Exercise 2.7:**

Let  $\mathbb{R}_2[X] = \{a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2\}$  be the vector space of real polynomials of degree at most 2, and let  $\mathcal{B} = (1, X, X^2)$  be its canonical basis. Consider the map,

$$f : \mathbb{R}_2[X] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_2[X], \quad f(P) = (1 + X)P'(X).$$

- (1) Prove that  $f$  is a linear map.
- (2) Prove that the matrix of  $f$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$  is,

$$[f]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (3) Let  $\mathcal{B}' = \{1, 1 + X, (1 + X)^2\}$ . Find the matrix  $[f]_{\mathcal{B}'}^{\mathcal{B}'}$  of  $f$  with respect to the basis  $\mathcal{B}'$ .

**Solution:**

1. Prove that  $f$  is linear

Let  $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}_2[X]$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then, by the linearity of the derivative,

$$\begin{aligned} f(P + \lambda Q) &= (1 + X)(P + \lambda Q)'(X) = (1 + X)(P' + \lambda Q')(X) \\ &= (1 + X)P'(X) + \lambda(1 + X)Q'(X) = f(P) + \lambda f(Q). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f$  is linear.

2. Matrix of  $f$  with respect to the canonical basis  $\mathcal{B} = (v_1 = 1, v_2 = X, v_3 = X^2)$

Apply  $f$  to each basis vector,

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= (1 + X) \cdot 0 = 0 \\ &= 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot X + 0 \cdot X^2 \\ &= \lambda_1 \cdot v_1 + \lambda_2 \cdot v_2 + \lambda_3 \cdot v_3 \\ &\implies \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0, \\ f(X) &= (1 + X) \cdot 1 = 1 + X \\ &= 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot X + 0 \cdot X^2 \\ &= \lambda'_1 \cdot v_1 + \lambda'_2 \cdot v_2 + \lambda'_3 \cdot v_3 \\ &\implies \lambda'_1 = \lambda'_2 = 1, \lambda'_3 = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f(X^2) &= (1 + X) \cdot 2X = 2X + 2X^2 \\
&= 0 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot X + 2 \cdot X^2 \\
&= \lambda_1'' \cdot v_1 + \lambda_2'' \cdot v_2 + \lambda_3'' \cdot v_3 \\
&\implies \lambda_2'' = \lambda_3'' = 2, \lambda_1'' = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, by Definition (2.13), the matrix of  $f$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$  is,

$$[f]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_1' & \lambda_1'' \\ \lambda_2 & \lambda_2' & \lambda_2'' \\ \lambda_3 & \lambda_3' & \lambda_3'' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.29)$$

3. Matrix of  $f$  with respect to the basis  $\mathcal{B}' = \{1, 1 + X, (1 + X)^2\}$

### Method 1,

First, note that  $(1 + X)^2 = 1 + 2X + X^2$ . So the basis vectors are,

$$b_1 = 1, \quad b_2 = 1 + X, \quad b_3 = 1 + 2X + X^2.$$

We need to compute  $f(b_1)$ ,  $f(b_2)$ ,  $f(b_3)$  and express them in terms of  $\mathcal{B}'$ .

Compute,

$$\begin{aligned}
f(b_1) &= f(1) = 0 = 0 \cdot b_1 + 0 \cdot b_2 + 0 \cdot b_3 \\
&= \lambda_1 \cdot b_1 + \lambda_2 \cdot b_2 + \lambda_3 \cdot b_3 \\
&\implies \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0, \\
f(b_2) &= f(1 + X) = (1 + X) \cdot 1 = 1 + X \\
&= 0 \cdot b_1 + 1 \cdot b_2 + 0 \cdot b_3 \\
&= \lambda_1' \cdot b_1 + \lambda_2' \cdot b_2 + \lambda_3' \cdot b_3 \\
&\implies \lambda_1' = \lambda_3' = 0, \lambda_2' = 1, \\
f(b_3) &= f(1 + 2X + X^2) = (1 + X) \cdot (2 + 2X) \\
&= 2(1 + X)(1 + X) \\
&= 2(1 + X)^2 = 2b_3 \\
&= \lambda_1'' \cdot b_1 + \lambda_2'' \cdot b_2 + \lambda_3'' \cdot b_3 \\
&\implies \lambda_1'' = \lambda_2'' = 0, \lambda_3'' = 2.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the coordinates are,

- $f(b_1) = 0 = 0 \cdot b_1 + 0 \cdot b_2 + 0 \cdot b_3$
- $f(b_2) = b_2 = 0 \cdot b_1 + 1 \cdot b_2 + 0 \cdot b_3$
- $f(b_3) = 2b_3 = 0 \cdot b_1 + 0 \cdot b_2 + 2 \cdot b_3$

Therefore, by Definition (2.13), the matrix of  $f$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}'$  is,

$$[f]_{\mathcal{B}'}^{\mathcal{B}'} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_1' & \lambda_1'' \\ \lambda_2 & \lambda_2' & \lambda_2'' \\ \lambda_3 & \lambda_3' & \lambda_3'' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.30)$$

**Method 2: Change-of-basis formula.**

Let  $\mathcal{B} = (1, X, X^2)$  be the canonical basis. We have from (2.29)

$$[f]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

First, find the change-of-basis matrix from  $\mathcal{B}' = \{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$  to  $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ , denoted  $P = [\text{id}]_{\mathcal{B}'}^{\mathcal{B}}$  as in (2.14). The columns of  $P$  are the coordinates of the vectors of  $\mathcal{B}'$  relative to  $\mathcal{B}$ .

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 = 1 &= 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot X + 0 \cdot X^2 = 1 \cdot v_1 + 0 \cdot v_2 + 0 \cdot v_3, \\ 1 + X &= 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot X + 0 \cdot X^2 = 1 \cdot v_1 + 1 \cdot v_2 + 0 \cdot v_3, \\ (1 + X)^2 &= 1 + 2X + X^2 = 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot X + 1 \cdot X^2 = 1 \cdot v_1 + 2 \cdot v_2 + 1 \cdot v_3. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Next, compute the inverse  $P^{-1}$  using the adjugate formula (2.11).

Since  $P$  is upper triangular, the determinant is the product of diagonal elements,

$$\det(P) = 1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1.$$

We compute the cofactors as in (2.6),

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cof}(P) &= \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} +\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & -\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & +\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ -\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & +\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & -\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ +\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} & -\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} & +\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot (1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 0) & -1 \cdot (0 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 0) & 1 \cdot (0 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 0) \\ -1 \cdot (1 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 0) & 1 \cdot (1 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 0) & -1 \cdot (1 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 0) \\ 1 \cdot (1 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot 1) & -1 \cdot (1 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot 0) & 1 \cdot (1 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 0) \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the cofactor matrix is,

$$\text{Cof}(P) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The adjugate matrix is the transpose of the cofactor matrix,

$$\text{adj}(P) = \text{Cof}(P)^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $\det(P) = 1$ , we have,

$$P^{-1} = \frac{1}{1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now, by the change-of-basis formula for linear maps (2.15),

$$[f]_{\mathcal{B}'}^{\mathcal{B}'} = P^{-1}[f]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}}P.$$

Compute  $[f]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}}P$ ,

$$[f]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}}P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then multiply by  $P^{-1}$ ,

$$[f]_{\mathcal{B}'}^{\mathcal{B}'} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, the matrix of  $f$  with respect to the basis  $\mathcal{B}'$  is,

$$[f]_{\mathcal{B}'}^{\mathcal{B}'} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$







### 3.2. Cramer's Rule

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{F})$  be an invertible matrix ( $\det A \neq 0$ ), and let  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{F}^n$ .

For each  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , denote by  $A_j$  the matrix obtained from  $A$  by replacing its  $j$ th column with  $\mathbf{b}$ ,

$$A_j = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1,j-1} & b_1 & a_{1,j+1} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \cdots & a_{2,j-1} & b_2 & a_{2,j+1} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{n,j-1} & b_n & a_{n,j+1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix},$$

Then the unique solution  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T$  of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is given by

$$x_j = \frac{\det A_j}{\det A}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

#### Example 3.1:

Consider the  $3 \times 3$  linear system,

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 = b_2 \\ a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 = b_3 \end{cases}$$

The coefficient matrix and vectors are,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .

We construct,

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ b_2 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ b_3 & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & b_1 & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & b_2 & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & b_3 & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & b_2 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Using the formula for  $3 \times 3$  determinants,

$$\det(A) = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33},$$

$$\det(A_1) = b_1 a_{22} a_{33} + a_{12} a_{23} b_3 + a_{13} b_2 a_{32} - a_{13} a_{22} b_3 - b_1 a_{23} a_{32} - a_{12} b_2 a_{33},$$

$$\det(A_2) = a_{11} b_2 a_{33} + b_1 a_{23} a_{31} + a_{13} a_{21} b_3 - a_{13} b_2 a_{31} - a_{11} a_{23} b_3 - b_1 a_{21} a_{33},$$

$$\det(A_3) = a_{11} a_{22} b_3 + a_{12} b_2 a_{31} + b_1 a_{21} a_{32} - b_1 a_{22} a_{31} - a_{11} b_2 a_{32} - a_{12} a_{21} b_3.$$

Then by Cramer's rule,

$$x_1 = \frac{\det(A_1)}{\det(A)}, \quad x_2 = \frac{\det(A_2)}{\det(A)}, \quad x_3 = \frac{\det(A_3)}{\det(A)}.$$

**Exercise 3.1:**

Solve the system of  $2 \times 2$  linear equations using Cramer's Rule, if applicable

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 5x_2 = 11, \\ -3x_1 + x_2 = -4, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} 2x_1 + 6x_2 = 22 \\ -x_1 + 5x_2 = 53, \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

- Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

First compute

$$\det(A) = (2)(1) - (5)(-3) = 2 + 15 = 17 \neq 0.$$

so Cramer's rule applies.

- Construct the modified matrices

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 5 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 11 \\ -3 & -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Their determinants are

$$\det(A_1) = (11)(1) - (5)(-4) = 11 + 20 = 31,$$

$$\det(A_2) = (2)(-4) - (11)(-3) = -8 + 33 = 25.$$

- Apply Cramer's Rule,

$$x_1 = \frac{\det(A_1)}{\det(A)} = \frac{31}{17}, \quad x_2 = \frac{\det(A_2)}{\det(A)} = \frac{25}{17}.$$

**Verification**

$$2 \left( \frac{31}{17} \right) + 5 \left( \frac{25}{17} \right) = \frac{62 + 125}{17} = \frac{187}{17} = 11 \quad \checkmark,$$

$$-3 \left( \frac{31}{17} \right) + \frac{25}{17} = \frac{-93 + 25}{17} = \frac{-68}{17} = -4 \quad \checkmark.$$

□

**Solution:**

- Define

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 22 \\ 53 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\det(A) = (2)(5) - (6)(-1) = 10 + 6 = 16 \neq 0.$$

Since  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , Cramer's Rule is applicable.

- Now form

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 22 & 6 \\ 53 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 22 \\ -1 & 53 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute

$$\det(A_1) = (22)(5) - (6)(53) = 110 - 318 = -208,$$

$$\det(A_2) = (2)(53) - (22)(-1) = 106 + 22 = 128.$$

- Apply Cramer's Rule,

$$x_1 = \frac{\det(A_1)}{\det(A)} = \frac{-208}{16} = -13, \quad x_2 = \frac{\det(A_2)}{\det(A)} = \frac{128}{16} = 8.$$

**Verification**

$$2(-13) + 6(8) = -26 + 48 = 22 \quad \checkmark,$$

$$-(-13) + 5(8) = 13 + 40 = 53 \quad \checkmark.$$

□

### Exercise 3.2:

Solve the system of  $3 \times 3$  linear equations using Cramer's Rule, if applicable

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 = -12, \\ x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = -4, \\ -4x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 14, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} 5x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 16, \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 = 2, \\ 4x_1 - 5x_2 + 6x_3 = 7. \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

- The coefficient matrix and constant vector are,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ -4 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute  $\det A$  by expansion along the first row,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= 2 \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2[(-1)(1) - (-1)(3)] - 3[(1)(1) - (-1)(-4)] - [(1)(3) - (-1)(-4)] \\ &= 2(-1 + 3) - 3(1 - 4) - (3 - 4) \\ &= 2(2) - 3(-3) - (-1) = 4 + 9 + 1 = 14 \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , Cramer's Rule is applicable.

- Define the modified matrices,

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -12 & 3 & -1 \\ -4 & -1 & -1 \\ 14 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -12 & -1 \\ 1 & -4 & -1 \\ -4 & 14 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & -12 \\ 1 & -1 & -4 \\ -4 & 3 & 14 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute each determinant via cofactor expansion,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A_1) &= (-12) \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \det \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ 14 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \det \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ 14 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (-12)[(-1)(1) - (-1)(3)] - 3[(-4)(1) - (-1)(14)] - [(-4)(3) - (-1)(14)] \\ &= (-12)(-1 + 3) - 3(-4 + 14) - (-12 + 14) \\ &= (-12)(2) - 3(10) - (2) = -24 - 30 - 2 = -56. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A_2) &= 2 \det \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ 14 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - (-12) \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -4 & 14 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2[(-4)(1) - (-1)(14)] + 12[(1)(1) - (-1)(-4)] - [(1)(14) - (-4)(-4)] \\ &= 2(-4 + 14) + 12(1 - 4) - (14 - 16) \\ &= 2(10) + 12(-3) - (-2) = 20 - 36 + 2 = -14. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A_3) &= 2 \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 3 & 14 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -4 & 14 \end{pmatrix} + (-12) \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2[(-1)(14) - (-4)(3)] - 3[(1)(14) - (-4)(-4)] - 12[(1)(3) - (-1)(-4)] \\ &= 2(-14 + 12) - 3(14 - 16) - 12(3 - 4) \\ &= 2(-2) - 3(-2) - 12(-1) = -4 + 6 + 12 = 14. \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore,

$$x_1 = \frac{\det(A_1)}{\det(A)} = \frac{-56}{14} = -4, \quad x_2 = \frac{\det(A_2)}{\det(A)} = \frac{-14}{14} = -1, \quad x_3 = \frac{\det(A_3)}{\det(A)} = \frac{14}{14} = 1.$$

**Verification**

$$2(-4) + 3(-1) - 1 = -8 - 3 - 1 = -12 \quad \checkmark,$$

$$-4 - (-1) - 1 = -4 + 1 - 1 = -4 \quad \checkmark,$$

$$-4(-4) + 3(-1) + 1 = 16 - 3 + 1 = 14 \quad \checkmark.$$

□

**Solution:**

- Set

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & -5 \\ 4 & -5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute  $\det(A)$  using cofactor expansion along first row,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= 5 \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} - (-2) \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 5[(3)(6) - (-5)(-5)] + 2[(2)(6) - (-5)(4)] + 3[(2)(-5) - (3)(4)] \\ &= 5(18 - 25) + 2(12 + 20) + 3(-10 - 12) \\ &= 5(-7) + 2(32) + 3(-22) = -35 + 64 - 66 = -37 \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , Cramer's Rule is applicable.

- Define

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 16 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & -5 \\ 7 & -5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 16 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & -5 \\ 4 & 7 & 6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 & 16 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & -5 & 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute determinants,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A_1) &= 16 \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} - (-2) \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 7 & 6 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 7 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 16[(3)(6) - (-5)(-5)] + 2[(2)(6) - (-5)(7)] + 3[(2)(-5) - (3)(7)] \\ &= 16(18 - 25) + 2(12 + 35) + 3(-10 - 21) \\ &= 16(-7) + 2(47) + 3(-31) = -112 + 94 - 93 = -111. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A_2) &= 5 \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 7 & 6 \end{pmatrix} - 16 \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 5[(2)(6) - (-5)(7)] - 16[(2)(6) - (-5)(4)] + 3[(2)(7) - (2)(4)] \\ &= 5(12 + 35) - 16(12 + 20) + 3(14 - 8) \\ &= 5(47) - 16(32) + 3(6) = 235 - 512 + 18 = -259. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A_3) &= 5 \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -5 & 7 \end{pmatrix} - (-2) \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix} + 16 \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 5[(3)(7) - (2)(-5)] + 2[(2)(7) - (2)(4)] + 16[(2)(-5) - (3)(4)] \\ &= 5(21 + 10) + 2(14 - 8) + 16(-10 - 12) \\ &= 5(31) + 2(6) + 16(-22) = 155 + 12 - 352 = -185. \end{aligned}$$

- Thus

$$x_1 = \frac{\det(A_1)}{\det(A)} = \frac{-111}{-37} = 3, \quad x_2 = \frac{\det(A_2)}{\det(A)} = \frac{-259}{-37} = 7, \quad x_3 = \frac{\det(A_3)}{\det(A)} = \frac{-185}{-37} = 5.$$

**Verification**

$$5(3) - 2(7) + 3(5) = 15 - 14 + 15 = 16 \quad \checkmark,$$

$$2(3) + 3(7) - 5(5) = 6 + 21 - 25 = 2 \quad \checkmark,$$

$$4(3) - 5(7) + 6(5) = 12 - 35 + 30 = 7 \quad \checkmark.$$

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# 4. Solutions of Tutorial Exercises (4):

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## 4.1. Definitions and Notation

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Let  $\mathbb{F}$  denote either the real field  $\mathbb{R}$  or the complex field  $\mathbb{C}$ , and let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with entries in  $\mathbb{F}$ .

### Definition 4.1 (Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors):

A scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  is called an *eigenvalue* of  $A$  if there exists a non-zero vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{F}^n$  such that,

$$A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}.$$

The vector  $\mathbf{v}$  is called an *eigenvector* corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

### Definition 4.2 (Spectrum):

The set of all eigenvalues of a matrix  $A$  is called its *spectrum*, denoted by,

$$\text{Spec}(A) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{F} : \exists \mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0} \text{ such that } A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}\}.$$

### Definition 4.3 (Eigenspace):

For an eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \text{Spec}(A)$ , the *eigenspace* associated with  $\lambda$  is,

$$E_\lambda(A) = \text{Ker}(A - \lambda I_n) = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{F}^n : (A - \lambda I_n)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}\}.$$

This is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^n$  containing all eigenvectors for  $\lambda$  together with the zero vector.

### Definition 4.4 (Characteristic Polynomial):

The *characteristic polynomial* of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is,

$$p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_n).$$

This is a monic polynomial of degree  $n$  in  $\lambda$ .

By the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra, when  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $p_A(\lambda)$  factors completely as

$$p_A(\lambda) = (-1)^n \prod_{i=1}^k (\lambda - \lambda_i)^{m_i},$$

where  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  are the distinct eigenvalues, and  $m_i$  are positive integers summing to  $n$ .

## 4.2. Multiplicities, Diagonalizability and Trigonalizability

### Definition 4.5 (Algebraic Multiplicity):

The *algebraic multiplicity* of an eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \text{Spec}(A)$ , denoted  $a_A(\lambda)$ , is its multiplicity as a root of the characteristic polynomial  $p_A(\lambda)$ .

### Definition 4.6 (Geometric Multiplicity):

The *geometric multiplicity* of  $\lambda \in \text{Spec}(A)$ , denoted  $g_A(\lambda)$ , is,

$$g_A(\lambda) = \dim E_\lambda(A) = \underbrace{\text{Nullity}(A - \lambda I_n)}_{\dim \text{Ker}(A - \lambda I_n)} = n - \underbrace{\text{Rank}(A - \lambda I_n)}_{\dim(\text{Im}(A - \lambda I_n))}.$$

### Theorem 4.1 (Relation Between Multiplicities):

For any eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \text{Spec}(A)$ , we have,

$$1 \leq g_A(\lambda) \leq a_A(\lambda) \leq n.$$

### Definition 4.7 (Diagonalizability):

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is *diagonalizable* over  $\mathbb{F}$  if there exists an invertible matrix  $P \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{F})$  such that,

$$P^{-1}AP = \text{Diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are eigenvalues of  $A$  (not necessarily distinct).

Equivalently,  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if  $\mathbb{F}^n$  has a basis consisting entirely of eigenvectors of  $A$ .

### Theorem 4.2:

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ . If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are distinct eigenvalues of  $A$ , then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

### Theorem 4.3 (Diagonalizability Criterion):

A matrix  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}$  if and only if for every eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \text{Spec}(A)$ , we have,

$$g_A(\lambda) = a_A(\lambda).$$

Moreover, if  $A$  is diagonalizable, then,

$$\mathbb{C}^n = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \text{Spec}(A)} E_\lambda(A),$$

where the direct sum is taken over all distinct eigenvalues.

### Theorem 4.4 (Trace and Determinant Relations):

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  (counted with algebraic multiplicity). Then,

$$\text{Trace}(A) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n,$$

$$\det(A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_n.$$

**Definition 4.8 (Trigonalizable Matrix):**

A matrix  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is *trigonalizable* (or *triangularizable*) if there exists an invertible matrix  $P \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is upper triangular.

**Theorem 4.5 (Trigonalizability Theorem):**

Every complex square matrix is trigonalizable. That is, for any  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ , there exists an invertible matrix  $P$  such that,

$$P^{-1}AP = T = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & * & \cdots & * \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & * \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are the eigenvalues of  $A$  (not necessarily distinct).

**Remark 4.1 (Trigonalizability vs Diagonalizability):** • *Diagonalizable*  $\Rightarrow$  *Trigonalizable*  
(since diagonal matrices are a special case of triangular matrices)

- *Trigonalizable*  $\not\Rightarrow$  *Diagonalizable* (e.g., matrix  $B_4$  in the exercises)
- Over  $\mathbb{C}$ , all matrices are trigonalizable, but not all are diagonalizable
- Over  $\mathbb{R}$ , a matrix is trigonalizable only if all its eigenvalues are real (otherwise, complex eigenvalues are needed)

**Theorem 4.6 (Trigonalization via Basis Completion):**

Any matrix  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  can be trigonalized by completing a basis of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  to an  $A$ -invariant flag. That is, there exists a basis  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  such that for each  $k = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$Av_k \in \text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$$

**Computational Methods for Trigonalization**

To trigonalize a matrix  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  (i.e., put it in upper triangular form), follow these steps,

1. **Compute eigenvalues:** Find all eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  of  $A$  with their algebraic multiplicities.
2. **Find eigenvectors and generalized eigenvectors:** For each eigenvalue  $\lambda$  with algebraic multiplicity  $m$ ,
  - a. Find ordinary eigenvectors by solving  $(A - \lambda I)v = 0$ .
  - b. If the number of linearly independent eigenvectors is less than  $m$ , find generalized eigenvectors by solving,

- $(A - \lambda I)^2 v = 0$  for vectors not in  $\text{Ker}(A - \lambda I)$
- Continue until  $(A - \lambda I)^k v = 0$  for the smallest  $k$  giving new vectors
- Build Jordan chains: if  $(A - \lambda I)v_{i+1} = v_i$ , then  $v_{i+1}$  is a generalized eigenvector

3. **Construct Jordan chains:** For each eigenvalue, arrange vectors in chains,

$$v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p \quad \text{with} \quad (A - \lambda I)v_1 = 0, (A - \lambda I)v_2 = v_1, \dots, (A - \lambda I)v_p = v_{p-1}$$

4. **Order the basis:** Arrange all vectors (from all eigenvalues) in a single ordered basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  such that,

- For each eigenvalue, complete its chain before moving to the next eigenvalue
- Typically order eigenvalues by increasing real part or magnitude
- Within each chain, order vectors from "most eigen" to "most generalized"

5. **Form the change-of-basis matrix:** Construct  $P$  as the matrix whose columns are the vectors of  $\mathcal{B}$ ,

$$P = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \cdots \ v_n]$$

6. **Compute the triangular form:** Calculate  $T = P^{-1}AP$ , which will be upper triangular.

**Exercise 4.1 (Spectral Analysis of Four Matrices):**

Consider the following matrices over  $\mathbb{C}$ ,

$$B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$B_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -6 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For each matrix  $B_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ),

- (1) Compute the characteristic polynomial  $p_{B_i}(\lambda) = \det(B_i - \lambda I)$  and express it in fully factorized form.
- (2) Determine all eigenvalues  $\lambda \in \text{Spec}(B_i)$ . For each eigenvalue, compute its algebraic multiplicity  $a_{B_i}(\lambda)$ .
- (3) For each eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , find a basis of the eigenspace

$$E_\lambda(B_i) = \text{Ker}(B_i - \lambda I) = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^3 : (B_i - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}\}$$

and compute its geometric multiplicity

$$g_{B_i}(\lambda) = \dim E_\lambda(B_i).$$

- (4) If  $B_i$  is diagonalizable, determine a diagonal matrix  $D_i = P^{-1}B_iP$  that is similar to  $B_i$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{Matrix } B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

## (1) Characteristic Polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} p_{B_1}(\lambda) &= \det(B_1 - \lambda I_2) \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda & -1 \\ 2 & 4 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (1 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda) - (-1)(2) \\ &= (1 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda) + 2 \\ &= 4 - 4\lambda - \lambda + \lambda^2 + 2 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6. \end{aligned}$$

To factor this quadratic polynomial, we solve  $\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = 0$ ,

$$\lambda = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 24}}{2} = \frac{5 \pm 1}{2} = \begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 3, \\ \lambda_2 = 2. \end{cases}$$

Thus, the characteristic polynomial in fully factored form is,

$$p_{B_1}(\lambda) = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3).$$

## (2) Eigenvalues and Their Multiplicities

- $\lambda_1 = 2$ : Algebraic multiplicity  $a_{B_1}(2) = 1$
- $\lambda_2 = 3$ : Algebraic multiplicity  $a_{B_1}(3) = 1$

## (3) Eigenvectors and Geometric Multiplicities

- **For**  $\lambda = 2$ ,

$$B_1 - 2I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 - 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We solve  $(B_1 - 2I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This gives the equation  $-v_1 - v_2 = 0$ , or  $v_1 = -v_2$ . So,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ -v_1 \end{pmatrix} = v_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_1 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Thus,  $E_2(B_1) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $g_{B_1}(2) = \dim E_2(B_1) = 1$ .

- For  $\lambda = 3$ ,

$$B_1 - 3I = \begin{pmatrix} 1-3 & -1 \\ 2 & 4-3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We solve  $(B_1 - 3I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This gives the equation  $-2v_1 - v_2 = 0$ , or  $v_2 = -2v_1$ . So,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ -2v_1 \end{pmatrix} = v_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_1 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Thus,  $E_3(B_1) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $g_{B_1}(3) = \dim E_3(B_1) = 1$ .

#### (4) Diagonalizability Check

- For  $\lambda = 2$ :  $a_{B_1}(2) = 1 = g_{B_1}(2)$
- For  $\lambda = 3$ :  $a_{B_1}(3) = 1 = g_{B_1}(3)$

Since  $g_{B_1}(\lambda) = a_{B_1}(\lambda)$  for all eigenvalues,  $B_1$  is diagonalizable.

##### a) Diagonalization Matrix

We can construct  $P_1$  using the eigenvectors as columns,

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then,

$$D_1 = P_1^{-1} B_1 P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Matrix } B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

### 1. Characteristic Polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} p_{B_2}(\lambda) &= \det(B_2 - \lambda I_3) \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

We compute this determinant using cofactor expansion along the first row,

$$\begin{aligned} p_{B_2}(\lambda) &= (-\lambda) \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} - 0 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} + (-2) \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2-\lambda \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (-\lambda) \cdot [(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 1 \cdot 0] - 0 - 2 \cdot [1 \cdot 0 - (2-\lambda) \cdot 1] \\ &= (-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 2[-(2-\lambda)] \\ &= -\lambda(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda) + 2(2-\lambda) \\ &= (2-\lambda)[- \lambda(3-\lambda) + 2] \\ &= (2-\lambda)[- \lambda(3-\lambda) + 2] \\ &= (2-\lambda)[-3\lambda + \lambda^2 + 2] \\ &= (2-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2) \\ &= (2-\lambda)(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2) \\ &= -(\lambda - 2)^2(\lambda - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the characteristic polynomial in fully factored form is,

$$p_{B_2}(\lambda) = -(\lambda - 2)^2(\lambda - 1).$$

### 2. Eigenvalues and Their Multiplicities

- $\lambda_1 = 1$ : Algebraic multiplicity  $a_{B_2}(1) = 1$
- $\lambda_2 = 2$ : Algebraic multiplicity  $a_{B_2}(2) = 2$

### 3. Eigenvectors and Geometric Multiplicities

- **For**  $\lambda = 1$ ,

$$B_2 - I = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We solve  $(B_2 - I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  by row reduction,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R'_1 \leftarrow -R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R'_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R'_1 \\ R'_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R'_1 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This gives the system,

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 + 2v_3 &= 0 \Rightarrow v_1 = -2v_3, \\ v_2 - v_3 &= 0 \Rightarrow v_2 = v_3. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2v_3 \\ v_3 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}, = v_3 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_3 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Thus,  $E_1(B_2) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $g_{B_2}(1) = \dim E_1(B_2) = 1$ .

- For  $\lambda = 2$ ,

$$B_2 - 2I = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We solve  $(B_2 - 2I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  by row reduction,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R'_1 \leftarrow -\frac{1}{2}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R'_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R'_1 \\ R'_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R'_1 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This gives the equation  $v_1 + v_3 = 0$ , or  $v_1 = -v_3$ . The variables  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  are free (with  $v_3$  determining  $v_1$ ). So,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -v_3 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}, = v_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + v_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2, v_3 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

### Linear independence check

Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that,

$$\lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This gives,

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 0 \\ -\lambda_2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0.$$

- Thus,  $E_2(B_2) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $g_{B_2}(2) = \dim E_2(B_2) = 2$ .

#### 4. Diagonalizability Check

- For  $\lambda = 1$ :  $a_{B_2}(1) = 1 = g_{B_2}(1)$
- For  $\lambda = 2$ :  $a_{B_2}(2) = 2 = g_{B_2}(2)$

Since  $g_{B_2}(\lambda) = a_{B_2}(\lambda)$  for all eigenvalues,  $B_2$  is diagonalizable.

##### a) Diagonalization Matrix

We can construct  $P_2$  using the eigenvectors as columns,

$$P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then,

$$D_2 = P_2^{-1} B_2 P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Matrix } B_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -6 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

### 1. Characteristic Polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} p_{B_3}(\lambda) &= \det(B_3 - \lambda I_3) \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -6 - \lambda & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

We compute this determinant using cofactor expansion along the second column (since it contains two zeros, which simplifies computation),

$$\begin{aligned} p_{B_3}(\lambda) &= 0 \cdot C_{12} + (-6 - \lambda) \cdot C_{22} + 0 \cdot C_{32} \\ &= (-6 - \lambda) \cdot (-1)^{2+2} \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 1 \\ 5 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (-6 - \lambda) \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 1 \\ 5 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (-6 - \lambda) \cdot [(4 - \lambda)(-\lambda) - 1 \cdot 5] \\ &= (-6 - \lambda) \cdot [-\lambda(4 - \lambda) - 5] \\ &= (-6 - \lambda) \cdot [-4\lambda + \lambda^2 - 5] \\ &= (-6 - \lambda) \cdot (\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5) \\ &= (-6 - \lambda) \cdot (\lambda - 5)(\lambda + 1) \quad (\text{since } \lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5 = (\lambda - 5)(\lambda + 1)) \\ &= -(\lambda + 6)(\lambda - 5)(\lambda + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the characteristic polynomial in fully factored form is,

$$p_{B_3}(\lambda) = -(\lambda + 6)(\lambda - 5)(\lambda + 1).$$

### 2. Eigenvalues and Their Multiplicities

- $\lambda_1 = -6$ : Algebraic multiplicity  $a_{B_3}(-6) = 1$
- $\lambda_2 = 5$ : Algebraic multiplicity  $a_{B_3}(5) = 1$
- $\lambda_3 = -1$ : Algebraic multiplicity  $a_{B_3}(-1) = 1$

### 3. Eigenvectors and Geometric Multiplicities

- **For**  $\lambda = -6$ ,

$$B_3 + 6I = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We solve  $(B_3 + 6I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  by row reduction,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} &\xrightarrow{R'_1 \leftarrow -\frac{1}{10}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{10} \\ -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R'_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R'_1 \\ R'_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 5R'_1 \end{array}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{10} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{19}{10} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{11}{2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{R''_2 \leftarrow -\frac{10}{19}R'_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{10} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{11}{2} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R''_1 \leftarrow R'_1 - \frac{1}{10}R''_2 \\ R''_3 \leftarrow R'_3 - \frac{11}{2}R''_2 \end{array}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

This gives the system,

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= 0, \\ v_3 &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

with  $v_2$  free. So,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, = v_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Thus,  $E_{-6}(B_3) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $g_{B_3}(-6) = \dim E_{-6}(B_3) = 1$ .

• For  $\lambda = 5$ ,

$$B_3 - 5I = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -11 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We solve  $(B_3 - 5I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  by row reduction,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -11 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix} &\xrightarrow{R'_1 \leftarrow -R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -11 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R'_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R'_1 \\ R'_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 5R'_1 \end{array}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -11 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{R''_2 \leftarrow -\frac{1}{11}R'_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{11} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

This gives the system,

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 - v_3 &= 0 \Rightarrow v_1 = v_3, \\ v_2 + \frac{3}{11}v_3 &= 0 \Rightarrow v_2 = -\frac{3}{11}v_3. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_3 \\ -\frac{3}{11}v_3 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}, = v_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{3}{11} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_3 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

To get integer coordinates, multiply by 11,

$$\mathbf{v} = v_3 \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ -3 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_3 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Thus,  $E_5(B_3) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ -3 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $g_{B_3}(5) = \dim E_5(B_3) = 1$ .

• For  $\lambda = -1$ ,

$$B_3 + I = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -5 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We solve  $(B_3 + I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  by row reduction,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -5 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R'_1 \leftarrow -\frac{1}{5}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} \\ -1 & -5 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R'_2 \leftarrow -R_2 + R'_1 \\ R'_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 5R'_1 \end{array}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & -5 & -\frac{9}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{R''_2 \leftarrow -\frac{1}{5}R'_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{9}{25} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This gives the system,

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 + \frac{1}{5}v_3 &= 0 \Rightarrow v_1 = -\frac{1}{5}v_3, \\ v_2 + \frac{19}{25}v_3 &= 0 \Rightarrow v_2 = -\frac{19}{25}v_3. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{5}v_3 \\ -\frac{19}{25}v_3 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = v_3 \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{5} \\ -\frac{19}{25} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_3 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Multiply by  $-25$ ,

$$\mathbf{v} = v_3 \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 9 \\ -25 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_3 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Thus,  $E_{-1}(B_3) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 9 \\ -25 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $g_{B_3}(-1) = \dim E_{-1}(B_3) = 1$ .

#### 4. Diagonalizability Check

- For  $\lambda = -6$ :  $a_{B_3}(-6) = 1 = g_{B_3}(-6)$
- For  $\lambda = 5$ :  $a_{B_3}(5) = 1 = g_{B_3}(5)$

- For  $\lambda = -1$ :  $a_{B_3}(-1) = 1 = g_{B_3}(-1)$

Since  $g_{B_3}(\lambda) = a_{B_3}(\lambda)$  for all eigenvalues,  $B_3$  is diagonalizable.

#### 5. Diagonalization Matrix

We can construct  $P_3$  using the eigenvectors as columns,

$$P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 11 & 5 \\ 1 & -3 & 9 \\ 0 & 11 & -25 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then,

$$P_3^{-1} B_3 P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Matrix } B_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

### 1. Characteristic Polynomial

Since  $B_4$  is upper triangular, its eigenvalues are exactly its diagonal entries. The characteristic polynomial is,

$$\begin{aligned} p_{B_4}(\lambda) &= \det(B_4 - \lambda I_3) \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (2 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda) \quad (\text{product of diagonal entries}) \\ &= (2 - \lambda)^2(4 - \lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the characteristic polynomial in fully factored form is,

$$p_{B_4}(\lambda) = (2 - \lambda)^2(4 - \lambda).$$

### 2. Eigenvalues and Their Multiplicities

- $\lambda_1 = 2$ : Algebraic multiplicity  $a_{B_4}(2) = 2$
- $\lambda_2 = 4$ : Algebraic multiplicity  $a_{B_4}(4) = 1$

### 3. Eigenvectors and Geometric Multiplicities

- **For**  $\lambda = 2$ ,

$$B_4 - 2I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We solve  $(B_4 - 2I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  by row reduction,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} &\xrightarrow{R'_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R'_1 \leftarrow \frac{1}{4}R_1 \\ R'_2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{R''_1 \leftarrow R'_1 - \frac{3}{2}R'_2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

This gives the system,

$$\begin{aligned} v_2 &= 0, \\ v_3 &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

with  $v_1$  free. So,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = v_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_1 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Thus,  $E_2(B_4) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $g_{B_4}(2) = \dim E_2(B_4) = 1$ .

- For  $\lambda = 4$ ,

$$B_4 - 4I = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We solve  $(B_4 - 4I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  by row reduction,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_2' \leftarrow -\frac{1}{2}R_2]{R_1' \leftarrow -\frac{1}{2}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1'' \leftarrow R_1' + 2R_2'} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This gives the system,

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 - 5v_3 &= 0 \Rightarrow v_1 = 5v_3, \\ v_2 - v_3 &= 0 \Rightarrow v_2 = v_3. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5v_3 \\ v_3 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = v_3 \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_3 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Thus,  $E_4(B_4) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $g_{B_4}(4) = \dim E_4(B_4) = 1$ .

#### 4. Diagonalizability Check

- For  $\lambda = 2$ :  $a_{B_4}(2) = 2$ , but  $g_{B_4}(2) = 1$
- For  $\lambda = 4$ :  $a_{B_4}(4) = 1 = g_{B_4}(4)$

Since  $g_{B_4}(2) < a_{B_4}(2)$ ,  $B_4$  is **not** diagonalizable.

#### b) Why $B_4$ is Not Diagonalizable

For  $B_4$  to be diagonalizable, we would need three linearly independent eigenvectors (since it's a  $3 \times 3$  matrix). However, we only found,

- One eigenvector for  $\lambda = 2$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

- One eigenvector for  $\lambda = 4$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

This gives only two linearly independent eigenvectors, which is insufficient to form a basis for  $\mathbb{C}^3$ .

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