

HW 4 due now.

Quiz 4: Tuesday, beginning of class.

Today: HW4 Discussion.



Problem 1: For any $m \times n$ matrix A , the function $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ defined by $\vec{x} \mapsto A\vec{x}$ is "linear," i.e. sends parallelograms to parallelograms.

Proof: Let $A = (\vec{a}_1 \cdots \vec{a}_n)$ where

$\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$ are the "column vectors."

For any $\vec{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ we define

$$A\vec{u} := u_1\vec{a}_1 + u_2\vec{a}_2 + \cdots + u_n\vec{a}_n.$$

If $\vec{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$, then we have

$$s\vec{u} + t\vec{v} = (su_1 + tv_1, \dots, su_n + tv_n)$$

and hence

$$A(s\vec{u} + t\vec{v}) = (su_1 + tv_1)\vec{a}_1 + \dots + (su_n + tv_n)\vec{a}_n.$$

On the other hand,

$$sA\vec{u} + tA\vec{v}$$

$$= s(u_1\vec{a}_1 + \dots + u_n\vec{a}_n) + t(v_1\vec{a}_1 + \dots + v_n\vec{a}_n).$$

Are these two expressions the same?

Yes ✓



This fact is important because we (secretly) use it to compute the product of matrices.

Recall: let A be $k \times l$
 B $l \times m$
 C $m \times n$.

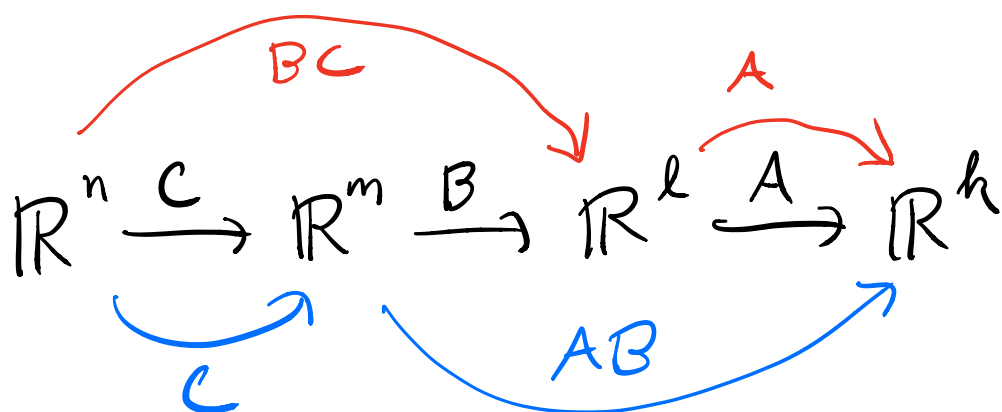
so that AB is $k \times m$
 BC is $l \times n$.

The matrices $A(BC)$ & $(AB)C$ are both defined & have shape $h \times n$.

Claim: $A(BC) = (AB)C$.

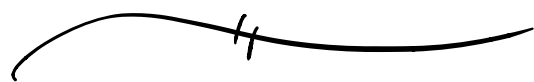
"matrix multiplication is associative."

The proof of this is a picture:



You get to the same place either way.

[we will see next week that the associative property is surprisingly useful.]



Example from Problem 2:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Compute product $\vec{y}^T A \vec{x}$ in two different ways:

$$\bullet A \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{y}^T (A \vec{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 6$$

$$\bullet \vec{y}^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\vec{y}^T A) \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 6$$

SAME!



Problem 3: Special Matrices.

Find 2×2 matrices with special properties.

(a) $N \neq 0, N^2 = 0$.

Easiest example: $N = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

Jargon: We say N is a "nilpotent" matrix if $N \neq 0$ but $N^m = 0$

for some m . General picture:

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & * \\ 0 & \ddots & \\ \underbrace{0 \quad \dots \quad 0}_m & & \end{pmatrix} \Bigg\} m$$

Then always have $N^m = 0$.

(b) $F \neq I, F^2 = I$.

Claim: $F_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & -\cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$ works.

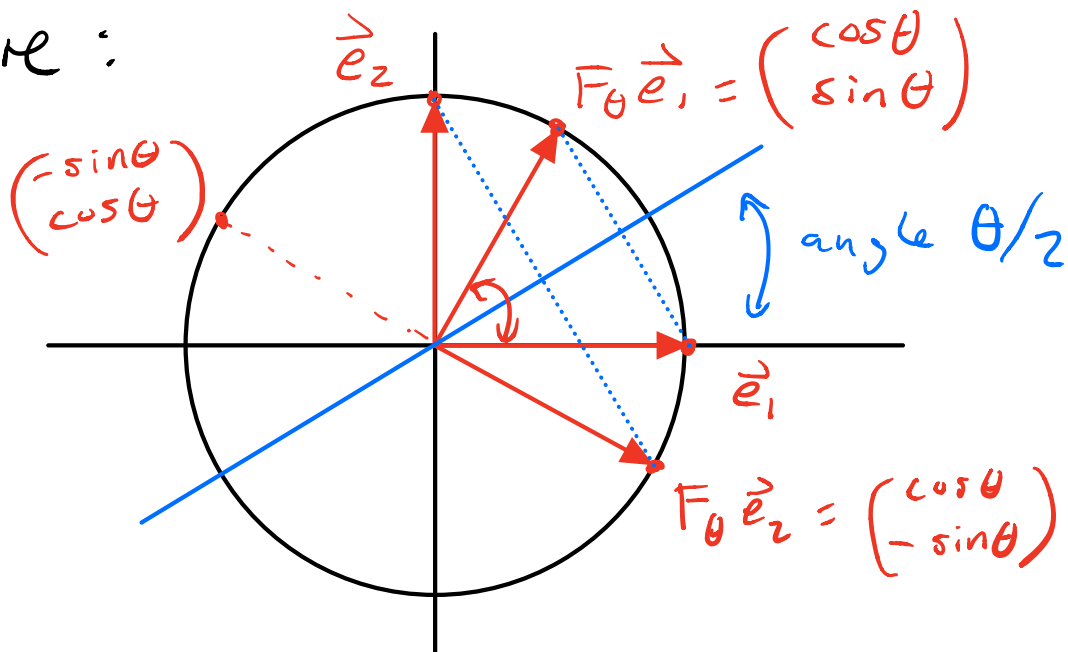
Check:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_\theta^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & -\cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & -\cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta & \cos\theta\sin\theta - \cos\theta\sin\theta \\ \cos\theta\sin\theta - \cos\theta\sin\theta & \sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

Why did that happen?

Because F_θ is a reflection matrix.

Picture:



This is the reflection across the line with angle $\theta/2$. Hence

$$F_{\theta}^2 = \text{reflect twice} \\ = \text{do nothing} = \mathbf{I}.$$

Examples:

$$F_{0^\circ} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \text{reflect across } x\text{-axis}.$$

$$F_{180^\circ} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \text{reflect across } y\text{-axis}.$$

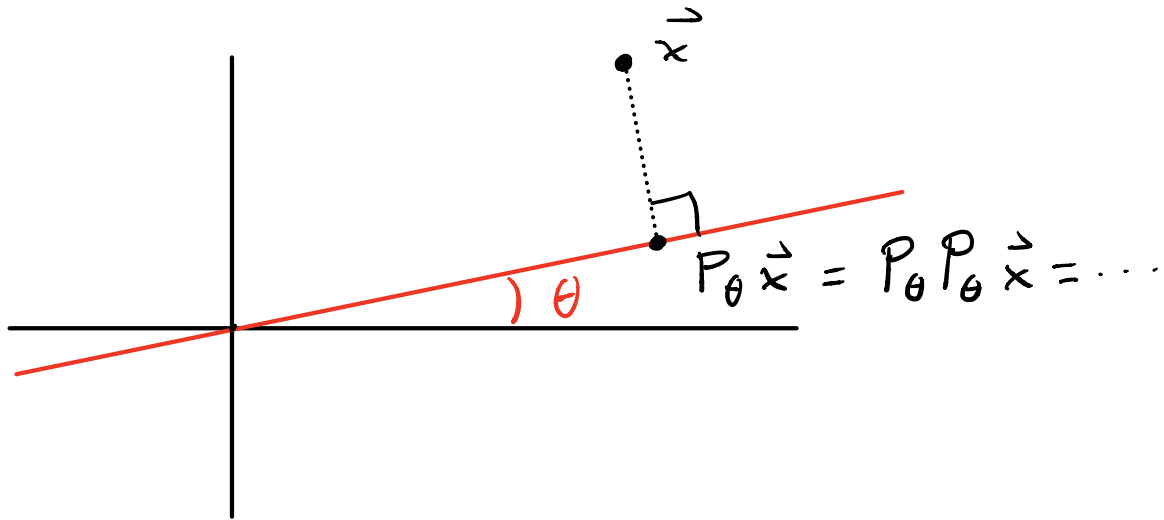
$$\langle c \rangle \quad P \neq 0, P \neq \mathbf{I}, P^2 = P.$$

$$\text{Claim: } P_{\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} (\cos \theta \quad \sin \theta)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

works.

Why? We will see next week
that this is the matrix that projects
onto the line of slope θ :



It's not 0 or I . And we
must have

$$P_\theta^2 = P_\theta$$

Because projecting twice is the
same as projecting once!

[Check if you want.]

(d) Rotation by 90° .

Problem 4: Compute an inverse.

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(A | I) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{RREF} \rightsquigarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right) = (I | B)$$

Claim: $AB = BA = I$, so that

$$B = A^{-1} = \text{the inverse of } A.$$

See solutions for a check.

What is it good for? Consider:

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = a, \\ x + 2y + 2z = b, \\ x + 3y + 4z = c. \end{cases}$$

Write this as a matrix equation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

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

Multiply on the left by the inverse:

$$\cancel{A^{-1}A} \vec{x} = A^{-1} \vec{b}$$

$$I \vec{x} = A^{-1} \vec{b}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2a - b \\ -2a + 3b - c \\ a - 2b + c \end{pmatrix}$$

We just solved infinitely many systems of equations!

We "inverted the system."



Why does the method work?

$$(A | I) \rightarrow (I | A^{-1}) ?$$

Let's look at a 2×2 matrix:

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

Want to find $B = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ so

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

But recall:

$$A(\text{jth col } B) = \text{jth col } AB.$$

So $AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ becomes two

linear systems:

$$A(\text{1st col } B) = \text{1st col } I$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A(\text{2nd col } B) = \text{2nd col } I$$

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

We can solve these two systems separately to compute $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ & $\begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & | & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} a + 0c = -1 \\ 0a + c = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/2 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} b + 0 = 1 \\ 0 + d = -1/2 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

We conclude that the inverse matrix is

$$A^{-1} = B = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

TRICK: We can save time by solving both systems simultaneously:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1/2 \end{array} \right)$$

just don't draw these bars

$$(A | I) \rightsquigarrow (I | A^{-1})$$



Sometimes it goes wrong.

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

TRY to compute  $A^{-1}$ :

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

OOPS!

There is no pivot in the 3rd row! This means that the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is

NOT INVERTIBLE!



But I claim that we could have predicted this without doing any computations.

Observe that the 2nd & 3rd columns of  $A$  are equal, which gives us a nontrivial column relation

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

$$0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

But this can be factored:

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

Thus we have  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  for some nonzero vector  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ .

Theorem (Problem 5b): If  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  for some  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$  then  $A^{-1}$  does not exist.

Proof: Suppose that  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  and  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ . If  $A^{-1}$  were to exist then we would have

$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{x} &= \vec{0} \\ \implies A^{-1}A\vec{x} &= A^{-1}\vec{0} \\ \implies \vec{x} &= \vec{0} \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction.

Therefore  $A^{-1}$  does not exist.  $\equiv$