

Calculus and Elements of linear Algebra I

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6. Matrices

6.2 Solving systems of linear equations

From last week's example lecture:

We want to solve $Ax=b$ with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & -4 & -1 & 5 \\ 3 & -3 & -6 & 3 & 12 \\ 3 & -3 & -6 & 2 & 11 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 21 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix}$$

and we get $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 3 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ after Gaussian elimination

with two pivots ●.

Rank-nullity theorem then states for $A \in M(3 \times 5)$:

$$\text{rank } A = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad m = 5$$

so

$$\text{nullity } A + \underbrace{\text{rank } A}_{=2} = \underbrace{m}_{=5}$$

\Rightarrow nullity $A = 3$, i.e. we have a 3D null space or kernel

We got the solution last week:

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_1 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{v_1} + \lambda_2 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{v_2} + \lambda_3 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}}_{v_3}$$

where v_1, v_2, v_3 are basis vectors to the null space for which $Av = 0$.

Change of basis: let us continue with the example of change of basis from session 26.

First basis to vector space of polynomials of degree ≤ 2 was $E = \{ \underbrace{1}_{e_1}, \underbrace{z}_{e_2}, \underbrace{z^2}_{e_3} \}$

Second basis was $C = \{ \underbrace{2z-1}_{b_1}, \underbrace{2z+1+z^2}_{b_2}, \underbrace{z^2-1}_{b_3} \}$

To transform coordinates $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$ of polynomial $p(z)$ w.r.t. e_1, e_2, e_3 to coordinates y w.r.t. b_1, b_2, b_3 we had to solve:

$$S y = x, \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = S^{-1} x$$

using z as variable here
coordinate vector for b_1 w.r.t. basis E

We got $S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$ by Gaussian elimination

Now, let $p(z) = 2z^2 - z + 4$ with coordinates w.r.t. e_1, e_2, e_3

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{dp}{dz} = p'(z) = 4z - 1$$

Then we get the coordinates w.r.t. basis b_1, b_2, b_3 :

$$y = S^{-1} x = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{7}{3} \\ \frac{11}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So: } p(z) &= -\frac{7}{3}(2z - 1) + \frac{11}{6}(2z + 1 + z^2) + \frac{1}{6}(z^2 - 1) \\ &= -z + 4 + 2z^2 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Recall: Differentiation is represented w.r.t.

e_1, e_2, e_3 by

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{Session 22, part 2})$$

$$e'_1 = 0 \quad e'_2 = 1 \quad e'_3 = 2z$$

Q: What matrix represents differentiation w.r.t. b_1, b_2, b_3 ?

Since

$$y' = S^{-1} x' = S^{-1} \underbrace{D}_{=x'} x = S^{-1} \underbrace{D S S^{-1}}_{=I} x = S^{-1} D S y$$

$$S^{-1} D S = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

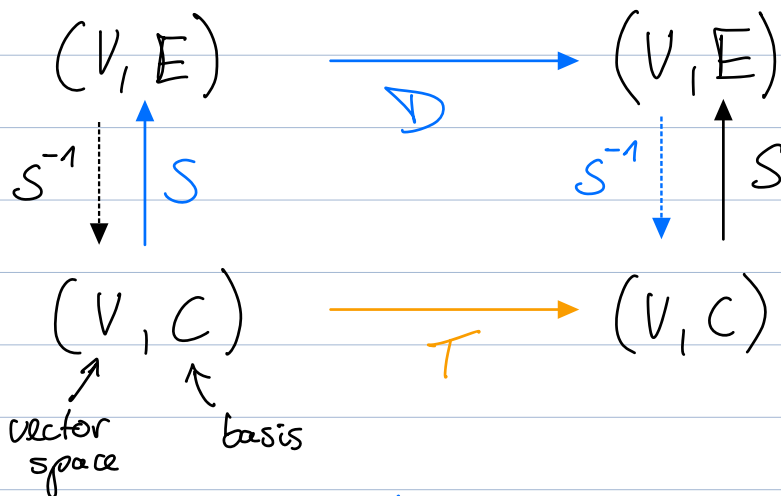
$$S^{-1} D S y = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & -1 & -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{7}{3} \\ \frac{11}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{14}{9} + \frac{1}{9} \\ -\frac{14}{9} + \frac{11}{6} + \frac{1}{18} \\ \frac{14}{9} - \frac{11}{6} - \frac{1}{18} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow p'(z) = \frac{5}{3}(2z-1) + \frac{1}{3}(2z+1+z^2) + \left[-\frac{1}{3}\right](z^2-1)$$

(w.r.t. b_1, b_2, b_3)

$$= 4z - 1 \quad \checkmark$$

We can sketch this in an abstract way:



So, $T = SDS^{-1}$

S changes from basis C to E and S^{-1} from E to C

D and T are operators (e.g. differentiation) on V w.r.t. to the same basis, E and C , respectively.

Important topics for next semester as continuation of Linear Algebra:

Further properties of matrices:

Determinant of a matrix A , $\det(A)$
and
Eigenvalues and eigenvectors, i.e.

$$Av = \lambda v$$

The diagram shows the equation $Av = \lambda v$. A blue arrow points from the word "eigenvector" below to the variable v in the term Av . Another blue arrow points from the word "eigenvector" below to the variable v in the term λv . An orange arrow points from the word "eigenvalue" below to the scalar λ in the term λv .