# Linear Algebra CHEAP PROPS

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#### 1. MATRICES AND VECTORS

## 1.1. Basic principles.

<u>Proposition</u> **1.1.1.** If d is a lead column in an augmented matrix [A|d], then there exists no solution to Ax = d for a vector x.

Proposition 1.1.2. If d is not a leading column, and all columns of A are leading, we have

$$[A|d] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & d_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & d_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & d_n \end{bmatrix} \Longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Proposition 1.1.3. For [A|d], if d = 0, then Ax = 0 is homogeneous.

 $\cdot$  If all columns of A are leading, the equation has the trivial solution.

· If some non-leading columns, non-trivial solution.

<u>Proposition</u> 1.1.4. If a homogeneous system Ax = 0 has more unknowns than equations, then the system has a non-trivial solution.

## 1.2. The algebra of matrices.

Proposition 1.2.1. If  $A_{ops}^{row} C$  is reduced echelon format and  $C \neq I$ , then A is not invertible.

Proposition 1.2.2. If A is invertible, then A has only one inverse.

Proposition 1.2.3. If A, B have inverses  $A^{-1}, B^{-1}$ , then AB has inverse  $(AB)^{-1} = A^{-1}B^{-1}$ .

<u>Proposition</u> 1.2.4. If  $E \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$  is elementary and B is any  $n \times p$  matrix, then EB is the matrix obtained by applying to B the same row operations that were applied to I to get E.

Proposition 1.2.5. Elementary matrices are invertible and have elementary matrices as inverses.

Proposition 1.2.6. The following properties for an  $n \times n$  matrix are equivalent:

- $\cdot BA = I$  for some  $n \times n$  matrix B
- $\cdot Ax = 0$  only has the trivial solution
- $\cdot A \xrightarrow{row}{ops} I$
- $\cdot$  A is a product of elementary matrices
- $\cdot A^{-1}$  exists

Proposition 1.2.7. If  $B = A^{-1}$ , then BA = I = AB.

Definition 1.2.8. The transpose of a matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is  $A^t = [a_{ji}]$ . Also,  $(AB)^t = B^t A^t$ .

<u>Definition</u> **1.2.9.** The trace of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is defined as  $\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{jj}$ , or the sum of its diagonal values. The following properties hold for any equal size matrices A, B:

- $\cdot$  trace(AB) = trace(BA)
- $\cdot trace(A+B) = trace(A) + trace(B)$
- $\cdot trace(\lambda A) = \lambda \cdot trace(A)$

### 2. Vector Spaces

## 2.1. Theory.

Definition 2.1.1. A vector space is a set V closed under the following operations:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \cdot Addition: & +: & V \times V & \to & V \\ & & (x,y) & \mapsto & x+y \\ \cdot Scaling: & \cdot: & \mathbb{F} \times V & \to & V \\ & & & (\lambda,x) & \mapsto & \lambda x \end{array}$$

<u>Proposition</u> **2.1.2.** If W is a subset of V over  $\mathbb{F}$  with the following three closure properties:  $0 \in W$ 

 $\cdot u, v \in W \Longrightarrow u + v \in W$ 

$$\cdot u \in W, \lambda \in \mathbb{F} \Longrightarrow \lambda u \in W$$

Then W is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  also, and is termed a subspace of V.

Definition 2.1.3. Let A be any  $m \times n$  matrix. Then  $W = \{x \in \mathbb{F}^n : Ax = 0\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^n$ , termed the nullspace of A.

<u>Definition</u> **2.1.4.** If  $v_1, \ldots, v_n \in V$ , then the set of all linear combinations of  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  is a subspace of V, termed the span of  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$ . Thus  $W = span\{v_i, \ldots, v_n\}$ .

<u>Proposition</u> 2.1.5. Let V be spanned by  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  and take any list  $u_1, \ldots, u_m$  in V. If m > n, there exist scalars  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_m$  not all zero such that  $\lambda_1 u_1, \ldots, \lambda_m u_m = 0$ .

#### 2.2. Linear independence.

Proposition 2.2.1. A list of vectors  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  that has  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{F}$  not all zero and  $\lambda_1 v_1, \ldots, \lambda_n v_n = 0$ is termed linearly dependent. If the only way to have  $\lambda_1 v_1, \ldots, \lambda_n v_n = 0$  is for all  $\lambda_j = 0$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , then the list is linearly independent.

Definition 2.2.2. A list  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  is a basis of V provided that

 $\cdot x_1, \ldots, x_n \text{ spans } V$ 

 $\cdot x_1, \ldots, x_n$  is linearly independent

<u>Proposition</u> 2.2.3. If  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  is a basis for V and  $x \in V$ , then there is only one way to write  $\overline{x = \lambda_1 x_1, \ldots, \lambda_n x_n}$ .

<u>Proposition</u> **2.2.4.** Let V be finite dimensional, and W a subspace of V, Then W is finite dimensional and  $\dim(W) \leq \dim(V)$ .

Proposition 2.2.5. Let dim(V) = n, and take  $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in V$ . Then  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  is linearly independent if and only if  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  spans V.

#### 2.3. Rank and basis of a space.

<u>Definition</u> **2.3.1.** Let  $A = [x_1, \ldots, x_n]$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. The space spanned by the columns of A is termed the column space of A, and the dimension of the column space of A is termed the column rank of A.

Proposition 2.3.2. The row rank of A is the column rank of A. This number is termed the rank.

 $\underline{Proposition} \ \mathbf{2.3.3.} \ Suppose \ x_1, \dots, x_n \ is \ a \ basis \ for \ V \ and \ y_1, \dots, y_n \ is \ another \ list \ in \ V. \ Express \\ each \ y_j = \sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij} x_i \ for \ p_{ij} \in \mathbb{F}. \\ Then \ the \ matrix \ P = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & \cdots & p_{1n} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & \cdots & p_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{n1} & p_{n2} & \cdots & p_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \ is \ the \ matrix \ that \ writes \ y_1, \dots, y_n \ in \ terms \ of \ x_1, \dots, x_n.$ 

<u>Proposition</u> **2.3.4.** With regard to above, the list  $y_1, \ldots, y_n$  is a basis for V if and only if  $P^{-1}$  exists.

<u>Proposition</u> **2.3.5.** Let  $x_1, \ldots, x_n, y_1, \ldots, y_n$ , and  $z_1, \ldots, z_n$  be 3 bases for V. Let P write the  $y_i$  in terms of the  $x_i$ , and let Q write the  $z_i$  in terms of the  $y_i$ . Then PQ writes the  $z_i$  in terms of the  $x_i$ .

<u>Proposition</u> 2.3.6. Let V, W be vector spaces with  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  a basis for V and  $y_1, \ldots, y_n$  any list in W. Then there is exactly one linear map  $T: V \to W$  such that  $T(x_j) = y_j$ .

<u>Proposition</u> 2.3.7. [LAGRANGE INTERPOLATION] Suppose V is the vector space of polynomials in  $\overline{t}$  of degree at most n, so  $\dim(V) = n + 1$ . Given the standard basis  $1, t, \ldots, t^n$  of V and a list of distinct scalars  $a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_n \in \mathbb{F}$ , another basis of V is

$$\{p_n(t)\} \quad such that \quad p_j(t) = \prod_{\substack{i=0\\i\neq j}}^n \frac{(t-a_i)}{(a_j-a_i)} \quad where \quad p_j(a_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j\\ 0 & \text{if } i\neq j \end{cases}$$

Given another list of scalars  $b_0, b_1, \ldots, b_n \in \mathbb{F}$ , the unique polynomial of degree at most n-1 that satisfies  $b_j = f(a_j)$  is

$$f(t) = b_0 p_0(t) + b_1 p_1(t) + \dots + b_n p_n(t)$$

## 3. Linear Transformations

## 3.1. Kernel and range.

Definition 3.1.1. Let V, W be vector spaces and  $T: V \to W$  linear. Then

 $\cdot ker(T) = \{x \in V : T(x) = 0\}$ 

 $\cdot range(T) = \{ y \in W : y = T(x) \text{ for some } x \in V \}$ 

Proposition 3.1.2.  $T: V \to W$  is one-to-one if and only if  $ker(T) = \{0\}$ .

Definition **3.1.3.** A linear transformation that is one-to-one and onto is termed an isomorphism.

<u>Proposition</u> **3.1.4.** [DIMENSION THEOREM] Let V, W be vector spaces and  $T: V \to W$  linear. If V is finite dimensional, then  $\dim(V) = \dim(\ker(T)) + \dim(\operatorname{range}(T))$ .

Proposition 3.1.5. Let V, W be vector spaces and  $T: V \to W$  linear. If dim(V) = dim(W) are finite, then T is one-to-one if and only if T is onto.

Proposition **3.1.6.** Let  $T: V \to W$  be linear with  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  a basis for V, and  $y_1, \ldots, y_m$  a basis for W. Let A be the matrix of T using these bases.

<u>Proposition</u> **3.1.7.** Let  $T: V \to W$  be linear with  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  a basis for V, and  $y_1, \ldots, y_m$  a basis for W. Let A be the matrix of T using these bases.

• For 
$$x \in V$$
,  $x \in ker(T) \iff$  the coordinate vector  $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \in$  the nullspace of  $A$ .  
• For  $y \in W$ ,  $y \in range(T) \iff$  the coordinate vector  $\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_m \end{pmatrix} \in$  the column space of  $A$ 

<u>Observation</u> **3.1.8.** With reference to the above definitions:

 $\cdot$  nullity(T) = dim(ker(T))

 $\cdot \operatorname{rank}(T) = \operatorname{dim}(\operatorname{range}(T))$ 

<u>Definition</u> **3.1.9.** [COMPOSITION] Let  $V \xrightarrow{T} W \xrightarrow{S} Z$  with T, S linear using bases  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  for  $V, w_1, \ldots, w_m$  for W, and  $z_1, \ldots, z_p$  for Z. Let A be the matrix of T using the given bases for V and W. Let B be the matrix for S using the given bases for W and Z. Then the matrix for  $S \circ T$  is BA.

#### 3.2. Linear operators.

<u>Definition</u> **3.2.1.** The set  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  of linear operators  $T : V \to W$  is a vector space. Then there exists a linear isomorphism  $\phi : \mathcal{L}(V, W) \to M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$  where  $m = \dim(W)$  and  $n = \dim(V)$ .

- $\cdot \mathcal{L}(V, V) = \mathcal{L}(V)$  is a ring (and a vector space).
- $\cdot M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F}) = M_n(\mathbb{F})$  is a ring.

<u>Definition</u> **3.2.2.** The space  $\mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F}) = V^*$  of linear operators is termed the dual space of V. The linear maps  $\alpha : V \to \mathbb{F}$  are termed linear functionals. Then the dual space is the space of linear functionals on V.

• A basis  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n$  of  $V^*$  is dual to a basis  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  of V.

 $\begin{array}{c} \underline{Proposition} \ \textbf{3.2.3.} \ Let \ V \ be \ a \ vector \ space \ with \ bases \ x_1, \dots, x_n \ and \ y_1, \dots, y_n, \ and \ let \ T : V \to V. \\ \hline \underline{Let \ A \ be \ the \ matrix \ of \ T \ using \ x_1, \dots, x_n.} \\ \underline{Let \ B \ be \ the \ matrix \ of \ T \ using \ y_1, \dots, y_n.} \\ \underline{Let \ P \ be \ the \ matrix \ that \ writes \ y_1, \dots, y_n \ in \ terms \ of \ x_1, \dots, x_n.} \end{array} \right\} \ Then \ B = P^{-1}AP.$ 

Definition **3.2.4.** A linear operator  $T: V \to V$  is nilpotent of order n if  $T^n(x) = 0$  but  $T^{n-1}(x) \neq 0$ for any vector  $x \in V$ .

<u>Definition</u> **3.2.5.** A linear operator  $T: V \to V$  is termed a projection when  $T^2 = T$ .

Proposition 3.2.6. Every linear operator on a finite-dimensional space V over  $\mathbb{F}$  is the root of some polynomial in  $\mathbb{F}[t]$ .

#### 4. Determinants

#### 4.1. Permutations.

 $\underbrace{Definition}_{\sigma: L_n \to L_n.} \text{ A full description is } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \cdots & n \\ \sigma(1) & \sigma(2) & \cdots & \sigma(n) \end{pmatrix}.$ 

<u>Definition</u> **4.1.2.** Every permutation can be factored into distinct cycles. Also, every permutation can be factored into 2-cycles, known as transpositions, which are not unique.

<u>Definition</u> **4.1.3.** With reference to the permutation  $\sigma$  on  $p = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (x_i - x_j)$ , the parity of  $\sigma$  is

even if  $\sigma(p) = p$ , and odd if  $\sigma(p) = -p$ .

 $\underline{Definition}_{\sigma} \textbf{4.1.4.} \text{ The sign of } \sigma \text{ is denoted as } sgn(\sigma) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is even} \\ -1 & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$ 

This function has the following properties:  $\cdot sgn(\sigma \circ \tau) = sgn(\sigma) \circ sgn(\tau)$  $\cdot sgn(\sigma^k) = (sgn(\sigma))^k$ 

Proposition 4.1.5. Every transposition is odd.

Proposition 4.1.6. If  $A_n$  (an alternating group) is the set of all even permutations on  $L_n$ , and  $B_n$ is the set of all odd permutations on  $L_n$ , the number of elements in  $A_n$  is the number of elements in  $B_n$ , with n > 1. Also,  $A_n + B_n = S_n$ , the set of all permutations on n letters.

 $\underbrace{Definition}_{matrix A is sgn(\sigma) = a_{1\sigma(1)}, a_{2\sigma(2)}, \dots, a_{n\sigma(n)}}_{\sigma(n)}. \text{ then det}(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} sgn(\sigma)a_{1\sigma(1)}, a_{2\sigma(2)}, \dots, a_{n\sigma(n)}.$ 

## 4.2. Properties.

<u>Proposition</u> 4.2.1. If an  $n \times n$  matrix A is upper triangular, then det(A) is the product of all the elements on the diagonal of A.

<u>Proposition</u> 4.2.2. [MULTILINEARITY] Let  $r_1, r_2, \ldots, r_{k-1}, r_{k+1}, \ldots, r_n$  be fixed row vectors in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ .

Then  $T_k : \mathbb{F}^n \to \mathbb{F}$ , defined by  $x \mapsto det \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ \vdots & \ddots & z_{k+1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & z_n \end{bmatrix}$  is linear.

Proposition 4.2.3. [ALTERNATING] If two rows of some  $n \times n$  matrix A are equal, then det(A) = 0.

<u>Proposition</u> **4.2.4.** If  $A \xrightarrow{row}{ops} B$ , then for each row operation:

- $\overline{If R_i \leftrightarrow R_i}$ , then det(A) = -detB.
- If  $\lambda R_i \to R_i$ , then  $det(A) = \frac{1}{\lambda} det(B)$ .
- $\cdot$  Else det(A) = det(B).

Proposition 4.2.5. A is invertible if and only if  $det(A) \neq 0$ .

<u>Proposition</u> **4.2.6.** For two square matrices A and B, det(AB) = det(A)det(B) $det(A) = det(A^{t})$ 

<u>Definition</u> **4.2.7.** The (ij)-minor of some  $n \times n$  matrix A is defined to be the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix obtained by deleting the *i*-th row and *j*-th column.

<u>Definition</u> **4.2.8.** For some matrix A, the classical adjoint is  $A^{adj} = [\alpha_{ij}]$  such that  $\alpha_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} det((A^t)_{ij})$ , where  $A_{ij}$  denotes the (ij) minor of A. Then we have

$$\cdot A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} A^{adj}$$

<u>Proposition</u> **4.2.9.** [LAPLACE EXPANSION] To find the determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix A, we can deconstruct it into smaller  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  determinants by the following formula:

$$\cdot det(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} det(A_{ij})$$

$$\underline{Proposition} \ \mathbf{4.2.10.} \ If \ B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & b_{1(n-1)} & b_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ b_{n-1} & \cdots & b_{(n-1)(n-1)} & b_{(n-1)n} \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \ then \ det(B) = det(B_{nn}).$$

<u>Proposition</u> **4.2.11.** If two matrices A, B both represent some linear operator T, then  $\overline{det(XI - A)} = det(XI - B)$ .

#### 5. Vector space characteristics

#### 5.1. Similarity.

<u>Definition</u> **5.1.1.** A matrix A is similar to a matrix B if there exists some invertible matrix P such that  $B = P^{-1}AP$ .

Proposition 5.1.2. Similar matrices share the following properties:

- Determinant
   Rank
   Characteristic polynomial
- Eigenvalues
   Trace
   Minimal polynomial
- · Eigenspace dimension of a common eigenvalue

Proposition 5.1.3. Similar matrices represent the same linear operator with different bases.

Proposition 5.1.4. Every  $n \times n$  matrix over  $\mathbb{C}$  is similar to an upper triangular matrix.

## 5.2. Direct sums.

Definition 5.2.1. A vector space V is called the direct sum of U and W if U and W are subspaces of V such that  $U \cap W = \{0\}$  and U + W = V. Then V as the direct sum of U and W is denoted by  $V = U \oplus W$ .

Definition 5.2.2. A set W is a sum of  $W_1, W_2, \ldots, W_k$  provided for each  $x \in W$  there are unique  $x_j \in W_j$  such that  $x = x_1 + \cdots + x_k$ .

Proposition 5.2.3. A sum  $W = W_1 + W_2 + \cdots + W_k$  of subspaces of some vector space V is direct if and only the only way to obtain  $0 = w_1 + \cdots + w_k$  for  $w_i \in W_i$  is by having all  $w_i = 0$ .

Proposition 5.2.4. If  $W = W_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus W_k$ , and if the  $W_i$  have bases  $\beta_i$ , then the set  $\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_k$  is a basis for W.

<u>Proposition</u> 5.2.5. Let  $T: V \to V$  be linear with V over  $\mathbb{F}$ , and  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_k$  be distinct scalars in  $\mathbb{F}$ . then the sum  $W = ker(T - \lambda_1 I) + \cdots + ker(T - \lambda_k I)$  is direct.

#### 5.3. Eigenvalues.

Definition 5.3.1. Given a linear operator  $T: V \to W$ , an eigenvalue for T is a scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $T - \lambda I$  has no inverse.

Definition 5.3.2. If V is finite-dimensional over  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $T: V \to V$  is linear, then some matrix

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

that is upper triangular, will represent T using somes basis for V. That is, there is a basis  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  of V such that

 $T(x_1) = a_{11}$   $T(x_2) = a_{12}x_1 + a_{22}x_2$  $T(x_3) = a_{13}x_1 + a_{23}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 \text{ etc.}$ 

Definition 5.3.3. The trace of a matrix is the sum of its eigenvalues.

<u>Proposition</u> **5.3.4.** Given  $T: V \to V$  linear, and A the matrix representation of T, the following statements are equivalent:

- $\cdot \lambda$  is an eigenvalue of T
- $\cdot ker(T \lambda I)$  is non-zero
- The nullspace of  $T \lambda I$  is non-zero
- $\cdot T_{\lambda}I$  is not one-to-one
- $\cdot T \lambda I$  has no inverse
- $\cdot A \lambda I$  has no inverse
- $\cdot det(A \lambda I) = 0$

Definition 5.3.5. For an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of T,  $ker(T - \lambda I)$  is termed the eigenspace of  $\lambda$ .

Proposition 5.3.6. If dim(V) = n, and  $T: V \to V$  linear, and  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_k$  are distinct eigenvalues for T, then  $k \leq n$ .

<u>Proposition</u> 5.3.7. Let  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_k$  be the distinct eigenvalues of  $T: V \to V$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- $\cdot$  T has diagonal representation
- $\cdot V = ker(T \lambda_1 I) \oplus \cdots \oplus ker(T \lambda_k I)$
- $\cdot dim(V) = dim(ker(T \lambda_1 I)) + \cdots + dim(ker(T \lambda_k I))$

Proposition 5.3.8. If  $T: V \to V$  has dim(V) distinct eigenvalues, then T is diagonalizable.

<u>Proposition</u> **5.3.9.** Some operator  $T: V \to V$  has diagonal representation if and only if the following two conditions hold:

- $\cdot det(XI T)$  is a product of linear factors
- for each eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , the geometric multiplicity equals the algebraic multiplicity

<u>Proposition</u> 5.3.10. An  $n \times n$  matrix A over  $\mathbb{F}$  is similar to a diagonal matrix D if and only if  $\mathbb{F}^n$  has a basis made up of eigenvectors of A.

## 5.4. The characteristic polynomial.

<u>Definition</u> **5.4.1.** Let A be an  $n \times n$  matrix over  $\mathbb{F}$ . Let X be indeterminate. Then the characteristic polynomial of A is det(XI - A).

<u>Proposition</u> 5.4.2. If matrices A and B both represent some operator  $T: V \to V$  that is linear, then det(XI - B) = det(XI - A).

<u>Proposition</u> **5.4.3.** If  $T: V \to V$  is linear and has characteristic polynomial  $det(XI - T) = (X - \lambda)^{\ell}g(X)$ , where  $\ell \ge 1$  and  $g(\lambda) \ne 0$ , then  $dim(ker(T - \lambda I)) \le \ell$ .

 $\cdot dim(ker(T - \lambda I))$  is the geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda$ 

·  $\ell$  is the algebraic multiplicity of  $\lambda$ 

<u>Proposition</u> 5.4.4. [CAYLEY-HAMILTON THEOREM] If A is an  $n \times n$  matrix over  $\mathbb{C}$ , and f(X) = det(XI - A), then f(A) = 0.

## 5.5. T-invariant subspaces.

<u>Definition</u> 5.5.1. If  $T: V \to V$  is linear and W is a subspace of V, then W is T-invariant when  $x \in W \Longrightarrow T(x) \in W$ .

Proposition 5.5.2. If  $S \circ T = T \circ S$ , then ker(T) and range(S) are T-invariant.

<u>Proposition</u> 5.5.3. If W is a T-invariant subspace of  $T: V \to V$ , then the restriction of T to W is the operation  $T|_W = S: W \to W$  defined by  $x \mapsto T(x)$ .

<u>Proposition</u> 5.5.4. If  $T: V \to V$  is linear and W is T-invariant, and  $T|_W = S: W \to W$ , then  $\overline{\det(XI-S)}$  divides  $\det(XI-T)$ . That is, the characteristic polynomial of the restriction divides the characteristic polynomial of the operator that it restricts.

#### Proposition 6.0.0. The following diagram commutes.

#### 6. Proofs

**Theorem 6.1.** [DIMENSION THEOREM] If V over  $\mathbb{F}$  is finite-dimensional and  $T: V \to W$  is linear, then  $\dim(V) = \dim(\ker(T)) + \dim(\operatorname{range}(T))$ .

Proof:

Let  $x_1, \ldots x_n$  be a basis for ker(T). Extend this to a basis for  $V, x_1, \ldots, x_n, y_1, \ldots, y_m$ . Then dim(V) = n + m. Check that  $T(y_1), \ldots, T(y_m)$  is a basis for range(T). Check that  $T(y_1), \ldots, T(y_m)$  is linearly independent. Let  $\lambda_1 T(y_1) + \dots + \lambda_m T(y_m) = 0$  for  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{F}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .  $T(\lambda_1 y_1 + \dots + \lambda_m y_m) = 0$  $\lambda_1 y_1 + \dots + \lambda_m y_m \in ker(T)$ Hence we can write  $\lambda_1 y_1 + \cdots + \lambda_m y_m = \mu_1 x_1 + \cdots + \mu_n x_n$  for some  $\mu_i \in \mathbb{F}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then  $\lambda_1 y_1 + \dots + \lambda_m y_m - \mu_1 x_1 - \dots - \mu_n x_n = 0$ Since  $x_1, \ldots, x_n, y_1, \ldots, y_m$  is a basis for V, all  $\lambda_i = 0$  and all  $\mu_i = 0$ . Hence  $T(y_1), \ldots, T(y_m)$  is linearly independent. Check that  $T(y_1), \ldots, T(y_m)$  spans range(T). Let  $z \in range(T)$ . Then z = T(x) for some  $x \in V$ . Then  $x = \lambda_1 y_1 + \dots + \lambda_m y_m + \mu_1 x_1 + \dots + \mu_n x_n$ Then z = T(x) $= \lambda_1 T(y_1) + \dots + \lambda_m T(y_m) + T(\mu_1 x_1 + \dots + \mu_n x_n)$  $=\lambda_1 T(y_1) + \dots + \lambda_m T(y_m)$ 

**Theorem 6.2.** Let  $V \xrightarrow{T} W \xrightarrow{S} Z$  with T, S linear using bases  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  for  $V, w_1, \ldots, w_m$  for W, and  $z_1, \ldots, z_p$  for Z. Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be the matrix of T using the given bases for V and W. Let  $B = [b_{ki}]$  be the matrix of S using the given bases for W and Z.

Then the matrix for  $S \circ T$  is BA.

Proof:

$$S \circ T(v_j) = S(T(v_j)) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n$$
$$= S\left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij}w_i\right)$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} \left(S(w_i)\right)$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} \left(\sum_{k=1}^p b_{ki}z_k\right)$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^p \left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij}b_{ki}\right) z_k$$

This is then the matrix for  $S \circ T$  using the given bases for V, Z. Then we see that BA is the matrix for  $S \circ T$ . **Theorem 6.3.** [ALTERNATING] If two rows of some  $n \times n$  matrix A are equal, then det(A) = 0.

 $\frac{Proof:}{For \ sanity \ of \ notation, \ say \ row \ 1 = row \ 2.}$ Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \cdots & b_n \\ b_1 & b_2 & \cdots & b_n \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$ 

 $\begin{bmatrix} a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$ Let  $A_n$  be the set of even permutations, of which there are  $\frac{n!}{2}$ . Let  $\tau = (1 \ 2)$ .

As  $\sigma$  runs over  $A_n$ ,  $\sigma \circ \tau$  runs over the odd permutations.

$$So \ det(A) = \left(\sum_{\sigma \in A_n} b_{\sigma(1)} b_{\sigma(2)} a_{3\sigma(3)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)}\right) - \left(\sum_{\sigma \notin A_n} b_{\sigma(1)} b_{\sigma(2)} a_{3\sigma(3)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)}\right)$$
$$= \left(\sum_{\sigma \in A_n} b_{\sigma(1)} b_{\sigma(2)} a_{3\sigma(3)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)}\right) - \left(\sum_{\sigma \in A_n} b_{\sigma(\tau(1))} b_{\sigma(\tau(2))} a_{3\sigma(\tau(3))} \cdots a_{n\sigma(\tau(n))}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{\sigma \in A_n} b_{\sigma(1)} b_{\sigma(2)} a_{3\sigma(3)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)} - \sum_{\sigma \in A_n} b_{\sigma(2)} b_{\sigma(1)} a_{3\sigma(3)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)}$$
$$= 0$$

**Theorem 6.4.** An  $n \times n$  matrix A is invertible if and only if its determinant is nonzero.

 $\frac{Proof:}{If \ A \ is \ invertible, \ then \ A \xrightarrow{row}{ops} I.}$ Since  $det(I) = 1 \neq 0$ , then  $det(A) \neq 0$ .

If A is not invertible, then  $A \frac{row}{ops} B$ , where B is upper triangular such that its last row is 0. Since det(B) = 0, det(A) = 0.

**Theorem 6.5.** Let  $T: V \to V$  be linear and  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n$  be distinct scalars in  $\mathbb{F}$ . Then the sum  $W = ker(T - \lambda_1 I) + \cdots + ker(T - \lambda_n I)$  is direct.

Proof:

This proof is by induction on n. Evidently, this works for n = 1. Suppose that the sum of  $ker(T - \lambda_j I)$ 's is direct when fewer than k distinct  $\lambda_j$ 's are used. Let  $W = ker(T - \lambda_1 I) + \dots + ker(T - \lambda_k I)$ . Let  $0 = x_1 + \dots + x_k$  for  $x_j \in ker(T - \lambda_j I)$  for all j such that  $1 \leq j \leq k$ . Apply T to the above equation:  $0 = T(x_1) + \dots + T(x_k)$   $= \lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_k x_k$ Multiply the equation two lines above by  $\lambda_1$  to get:  $0 = \lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_1 x_k$ Subtract to get  $(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)x_2 + \dots + (\lambda_k - \lambda_1)x_k = 0$ . By the induction hypothesis, conclude that all  $(\lambda_j - \lambda_1)x_j = 0$  for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, k$ . Since the  $\lambda_j$ 's are distinct, conclude that  $x_j = 0$  for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, k$ . Look at the initial equation to deduce that  $x_1 = 0$ .