

## Week - 1

- Topics :
- Set Theory
  - Set operations
  - Set of sets
  - Binary relation

● Definition of set : A set is a well defined collection of distinct objects of our perception or of our thought, to be conceived as a whole.

Commonly we shall use capital letters  $A, B, C, \dots$  to denote sets and small letters  $a, b, c, \dots$  to denote objects (or elements) of a set.

(i) A set  $S$  is a collection of objects (or elements) which is to be regarded as a single entity.

(ii) A set is comprised of distinct objects (elements) and if  $a$  be an object of, we denote this by  $a \in S$  (read as 'a belongs to S')

(iii) A set is well defined, meaning that if  $S$  be a set and  $a$  be an object, then either  $a$  is definitely in  $S$  ( $a \in S$ ) or  $a$  is definitely not in  $S$ , denoted by  $a \notin S$  (read as 'a does not belong to  $S$ ') )

### ● Example :

1. Let  $A$  be the set of first four natural number. Then

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}.$$

Then,  $2 \in A$ , but  $5 \notin A$ .

2. Let  $B$  be the set of all primes less than 15. Then

$$B = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13\}.$$

Then, say  $5 \in B$ , but  $17 \notin B$ .



## Representation of a set :

Every set is defined by some property  $P$  (say).

Like, in example 1, the property  $P$  can be written as —

$P$ : first four natural number.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So, } A &= \{ x \mid x \text{ follows } P \} \\ &= \{ 1, 2, 3, 4 \}.\end{aligned}$$

In example 2,  $P$ : prime numbers less than 15.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So, } B &= \{ x \mid x \text{ follows } P \} \\ &= \{ 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13 \}\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, let

$$\begin{aligned}C &= \{ x \mid x \text{ is an even number} \\ &\quad \text{and positive.} \} \\ &= \{ 2, 4, 6, \dots \}\end{aligned}$$

● Some useful accepted notations of sets:

$\mathbb{N}$  = the set of all natural numbers

$\mathbb{Z}$  = the set of all integers

$\mathbb{Z}^+$  = the set of all positive integers

$\mathbb{Q}$  = the set of all rational numbers

$\mathbb{Q}^+$  = the set of all ~~total~~ positive rational numbers

$\mathbb{R}$  = the set of all real numbers

$\mathbb{R}^+$  = the set of all positive real numbers

$\mathbb{C}$  = the set of all complex numbers.

$\phi$  = the empty set / Null set  
= the set containing no element.

$\mathcal{U}$  = universal set.

● Subset: let  $S$  be a set. A set  $T$  is said to be a subset of  $S$  if  $x \in T \Rightarrow x \in S$ .

Notation:-  $T \subseteq S$

- Proper Subset: If  $T \subseteq S$  and there exists an element  $x \in S$ , but  $x \notin T$  then  $T$  is called a proper subset of  $S$ .
- Super Set: If  $T \subseteq S$  then we call  $S$  is a super set of  $T$ .

Note: (i) If  $S$  is a non-empty set (i.e.,  $S$  contains at least one element) then  $\phi \subset S$ , i.e.,  $\phi$  is a proper subset of  $S$ .

(ii) Every set is a subset of the universal set.

- Example:  $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$

Note that these are all proper subsets.

For example,  $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  but  $0 \notin \mathbb{N}$ .

Similar for the others.



- Equal Set: Two sets  $S$  and  $T$  are said to be equal ( $S=T$ ) if  $S \subseteq T$  and  $T \subseteq S$ .

Therefore if  $\forall x \in S, x \in T$  and  $\forall y \in T, y \in S$

then  $S=T$ .

- Set Operations:

(I) Union: Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two sets. Then denote union of  $A$  and  $B$  by  $A \cup B$  and is defined by

$$A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

Note that  $A \subseteq A \cup B, B \subseteq A \cup B$

Example: Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$   
 $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$

$$\Rightarrow A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}.$$

(II) Intersection: Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two sets. Then denote intersection of  $A$  and  $B$  by  $A \cap B$  and is defined by

$$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$



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Example: Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$   
 $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$

$$\Rightarrow A \cap B = \{2, 3\}.$$

Note: Two sets  $A, B$  are called disjoint if  $A$  and  $B$  have no common element, we write  $A \cap B = \phi$ .

### ② Properties of Set operations:

$$(I) \quad B \subseteq A \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} A \cup B &= A \\ A \cap B &= B \end{aligned}$$

To show  $A \cup B = A$ :

Take  $A \cup B = X$ . We show that  $X \subseteq A$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then it will imply  $X = A$ .

$$\text{See, } A \subseteq A \cup B \Rightarrow A \subseteq X.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } x \in X &\Rightarrow x \in A \cup B \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in A \quad [ \because B \subseteq A ] \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } X \subseteq A.$$

$$\text{Hence, } A = X.$$

Similarly show,  $A \cap B = B$  if  $B \subseteq A$ .

$$(II) \quad A \cup \phi = A, \quad A \cap \phi = \phi$$

$$(III) \quad A \cup U = U, \quad A \cap U = A.$$

$$(IV) \quad A \cup A = A, \quad A \cap A = A$$

$$(V) \quad A \cup B = B \cup A, \quad (\text{commutative}) \\ A \cap B = B \cap A$$

$$(VI) \quad A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C \quad (\text{associativity}) \\ A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$$

$$(VII) \quad A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

Let's prove (VII). Take  $X = A \cup (B \cap C)$   
 $Y = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

$$\underline{X \subseteq Y}: \quad x \in X \Rightarrow x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } x \in (B \cap C)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } (x \in B \text{ and } x \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x \in A \text{ or } x \in B) \text{ and } (x \in A \text{ or } x \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \cup B \text{ and } x \in A \cup C$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in Y$$

$$\text{So, } X \subseteq Y.$$

$$\underline{Y \subseteq X}: \quad y \in Y \Rightarrow y \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in (A \cup B) \text{ and } y \in (A \cup C)$$

$$\Rightarrow (y \in A \text{ or } y \in B) \text{ and } (y \in A \text{ or } y \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in A \text{ or } (y \in B \text{ and } y \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in A \cup (B \cap C)$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in X.$$

Hence  $Y \subseteq X$ .

Therefore  $Y = X$ .

• Complementation: The complement of a subset  $A$  is a subset of  $U$  denoted by  $A'$  (or  $A^c$ ) and is defined by  $A' = \{x \in U : x \notin A\}$

Example: Let  $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$   
and  $A = \{2, 4\}$ . Then  $A' = \{1, 3, 5\}$ .

Properties: (I)  $(A^c)^c = A$

$$(II) \quad A \cup A^c = U$$

$$(III) \quad A \cap A^c = \emptyset$$

(IV) De Morgan's laws: (i)  $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$   
and (ii)  $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$

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● Proof of De Morgan's law :-

(i) Let  $X = (A \cup B)^c$  and  $Y = A^c \cap B^c$

$X \subseteq Y$ :  $x \in X \Rightarrow x \notin (A \cup B)$   
 $\Rightarrow x \notin A$  and  $x \notin B$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in A^c$  and  $x \in B^c$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in (A^c \cap B^c) = Y$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in Y$   
 $\Rightarrow X \subseteq Y$

$Y \subseteq X$ :  $y \in Y \Rightarrow y \in A^c \cap B^c$   
 $\Rightarrow y \in A^c$  and  $y \in B^c$   
 $\Rightarrow y \notin A$  and  $y \notin B$   
 $\Rightarrow y \notin (A \cup B)$   
 $\Rightarrow y \in (A \cup B)^c = X$   
 $\Rightarrow Y \subseteq X$

therefore  $Y = X$ .



(ii) To show  $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$

$$\underline{(A \cup B)^c \subseteq A^c \cap B^c:}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } a \in (A \cup B)^c &\Rightarrow a \notin (A \cup B) \\ &\Rightarrow a \notin A \text{ and } a \notin B \\ &\Rightarrow a \in A^c \text{ and } a \in B^c \\ &\Rightarrow a \in (A^c \cap B^c) \\ &\Rightarrow (A \cup B)^c \subseteq A^c \cap B^c.\end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{A^c \cup B^c \subseteq (A \cup B)^c:}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } b \in A^c \cup B^c &\Rightarrow b \in A^c \text{ or } b \in B^c \\ &\Rightarrow b \notin A \text{ and } b \notin B \\ &\Rightarrow b \notin (A \cup B) \\ &\Rightarrow b \in (A \cup B)^c \\ &\Rightarrow A^c \cup B^c \subseteq (A \cup B)^c\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c.$

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● Set Difference: For any two sets  $A, B$ ,

we have

$$A - B = \{x \in A \mid x \notin B\}$$

= set of all elements which are in  $A$  but not in  $B$ .

Note that,  $A - B = A \cap B^c$ .

● Theorem:  $A - (B \cap C) = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$

proof:  $a \in A - (B \cap C)$

$$\Rightarrow a \in A \text{ and } a \notin (B \cap C)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in A \text{ and } (a \notin B \text{ or } a \notin C)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a \in A \text{ and } a \notin B) \text{ or } (a \in A \text{ and } a \notin C)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in (A - B) \text{ or } a \in (A - C)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in (A - B) \cup (A - C)$$

Therefore,  $A - (B \cap C) \subseteq (A - B) \cup (A - C)$

In similar way, show that

$$(A - B) \cup (A - C) \subseteq A - (B \cap C)$$

Combining we get the result.

● Theorem :  $A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$

Proof :  $a \in A - (B \cup C)$

$\Rightarrow a \in A$  and  $a \notin (B \cup C)$

$\Rightarrow a \in A$  and  $(a \notin B \text{ and } a \notin C)$

$\Rightarrow (a \in A \text{ and } a \notin B) \text{ and } (a \in A \text{ and } a \notin C)$

$\Rightarrow a \in (A - B) \text{ and } a \in A - C$

$\Rightarrow a \in (A - B) \cap (A - C)$

Therefore  $A - (B \cup C) \subseteq (A - B) \cap (A - C)$

Similarly show that

$(A - B) \cap (A - C) \subseteq A - (B \cup C)$ .

Combining we get,

$$A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C).$$

● Symmetric Difference:


$$A \Delta B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$$

= the set of all elements which belong either to A or to B but not in both.

Note that,  $A \Delta B = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$ .

### ● Venn diagram :

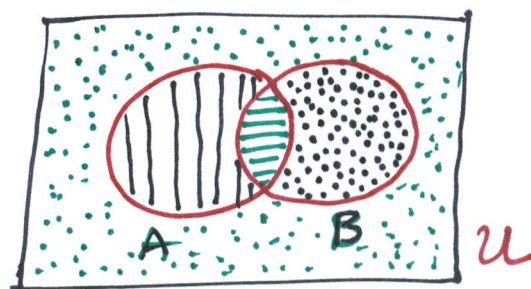
Consider two sets  $A, B$ .

  $\rightarrow (A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

  $\rightarrow A \cap B$

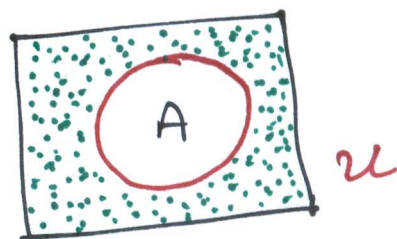
  $\rightarrow A \cap B^c$


  $\rightarrow B \cap A^c$

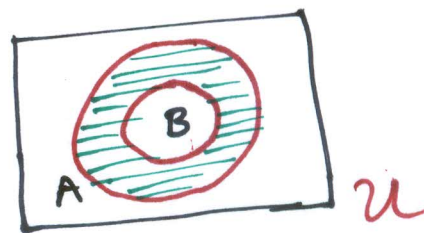


$$A \cup B = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B^c) \cup (B \cap A^c)$$

  $\rightarrow A^c$



  $\rightarrow (A - B)$   
 $= A \cap B^c$





## ● Set of Sets :

Let  $S$  be a set. Then set of sets is the collection of ~~the~~ all subsets of  $S$ . It is also called the power set of  $S$ .

Example:  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .

Then all the set of sets for  $S$  is  $\phi, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}$ .

This collection is called power set of  $S$  and is denoted by  $\text{Pow}(S)$ .

## ● Cardinality of a set :

Let  $S$  be a finite set. Then cardinality of  $S$  is the number of elements in  $S$ . It is denoted by  $|S|$ .

Example:  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$\Rightarrow |S| = 3$$

Note: If  $S$  contains infinitely many elements then we call  $S$  is an infinite set.

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● Remark: Let  $S = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ . Then  
 $| \text{Pow}(S) | = 2^n$ .

We see, that

$$\text{Pow}(S) = \left\{ \{x_1 a_1\} \cup \{x_2 a_2\} \cup \dots \cup \{x_n a_n\} \mid x_i = 0 \text{ or } 1 \right\}.$$

where we denote  $\{x_i a_i\} = \begin{cases} \{a_i\}, & \text{if } x_i = 1 \\ \emptyset, & \text{if } x_i = 0 \end{cases}$

Now, number of distinct binary string of length  $n$  is  $2^n$ .

Therefore,  $| \text{Pow}(S) | = 2^n$ .

● Partition of a Set:

Let  $A$  be a non-empty set. Then a collection of sets  $\mathcal{F} = \{A_i \mid i \in I\}$ , where  $I$  is an index set, forms a partition of  $A$  if

$$(i) \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i = A$$

$$(ii) A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \text{ if } i \neq j$$

## ● Cartesian Product :

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two non-empty sets. Then cartesian product of  $A$  and  $B$  is denoted by  $A \times B$  and is defined by

$$A \times B = \{ (a, b) \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B \}.$$

Example :  $A = \{ 1, 2, 3 \}$   
 $B = \{ 2, 5 \}$

Then  $A \times B = \{ (1, 2), (1, 5), (2, 2), (2, 5), (3, 2), (3, 5) \}.$

Note : If  $|A| = n$  and  $|B| = m$  then,  
 $|A \times B| = nm.$

## ● Relation :

Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two non-empty sets. A relation  $f$  is a subset of  $S \times T.$

Therefore, a relation  $\rho$  between  $S$  and  $T$  is the rule that associate some or all the elements of  $S$  with elements of  $T$ .

Example:  $S = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$   
 $T = \{11, 12, 13, 14\}$

Define a relation  $\rho$  between  $S$  and  $T$  by:

$$(s, t) \in \rho \quad \underline{\text{or}} \quad \text{we write } s \rho t$$

iff  $s$  is a divisor of  $t$ .

$$\Rightarrow \rho = \{(2, 12), (2, 14), (3, 12), (4, 12)\}$$

$$\underline{\subseteq} S \times T.$$

### • Binary relation:

If  $\rho$  is a relation between  $S$  and  $S$  i.e.,  $\rho \subseteq S \times S$  then  $\rho$  is a binary relation on  $S$ .



Example: let  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .

Define a binary relation ' $<$ ' on  $S$   
by  $(a, b) \in < \underline{\text{or}} a < b$  iff  
 $a$  is less than  $b$ .

Therefore  $< = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3)\}$ .

Example: Consider the set  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Define a binary relation '=' on  $\mathbb{R}$   
by  $(a, b) \in = \underline{\text{or}} a = b$  iff  
 $a$  is equal to  $b$ .

Therefore, see,  $(1, 1) \in =$ ,  
 $(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}) \in =$

Also,  $= \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

Example: Consider the set  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Define a binary relation  $\ell$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$   
by,

$$\ell = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \mid a+b \text{ is even}\}$$

For example,  $(1, 1), (1, 3), (0, 4) \in \ell$ .

Note that  $\ell$  is an infinite set.

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● Types of binary relations : let  $S \neq \emptyset$  and  $\rho \subseteq S \times S$ .

1) Reflexive relation :

$\rho$  is reflexive relation on  $S$  if  $(a, a) \in \rho \quad \forall a \in S$ . (i.e.  $a \rho a \quad \forall a \in S$ )

Example : let  $S = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\rho = \{(a, b) : a + b \text{ is even}\}$ .

Then  $(a, a) \in \rho \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$  as

$a + a = 2a$  is even.

So,  $\rho$  is reflexive.

2) Symmetric relation :

$\rho$  is symmetric relation on  $S$

if  $(a, b) \in \rho \Rightarrow (b, a) \in \rho$ .

(i.e.  $a \rho b \Rightarrow b \rho a$ ).

Example : let  $S = \mathbb{R}$  and

$\rho = \{(a, b) : a = b\}$ .

Then  $(a, b) \in \rho \Rightarrow a = b \Rightarrow b = a$   
 $\Rightarrow b \rho a$   
 $\Rightarrow (b, a) \in \rho$

So,  $\rho$  is symmetric.

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Example: Let  $S = \mathbb{R}$  and

$$r = \{(a, b) : a < b\}$$

Then  $(1, 3) \in r$  but  $(3, 1) \notin r$

$\Rightarrow r$  is not symmetric.

3) Transitive relation:

$r$  is transitive relation on  $S$

if  $(a, b) \in r$  and  $(b, c) \in r \Rightarrow$   
 $(a, c) \in r$ . (i.e.,  $a < b$  and  $b < c$   
 $\Rightarrow a < c$ )

Example: Let  $S = \mathbb{R}$  and

$$r = \{(a, b) : a < b\}.$$

Then  $(a, b) \in r, (b, c) \in r$

$$\Rightarrow a < b \text{ and } b < c$$

$$\Rightarrow a < b < c \Rightarrow a < c$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, c) \in r$$

So,  $r$  is transitive.

## ● Equivalence Relation :

A relation  $\rho$  is called an equivalence relation if  $\rho$  is:

- (i) reflexive
- (ii) symmetric
- (iii) transitive.

Example : let  $S = \mathbb{Z}$ . Define a

relation  $\rho = \{ (a, b) \in S \times S \mid a-b \text{ is divisible by } 5 \}$ .

(i) reflexive:  $(a, a) \in \rho \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$

as  $a-a=0$  is divisible by 5.

(ii) Symmetric : let  $(a, b) \in \rho$ . Then

$(a-b)$  is divisible by 5

$\Rightarrow a-b = 5k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow b-a = 5(-k)$

$\Rightarrow b-a$  is divisible by 5

$\Rightarrow (b, a) \in \rho$ .



(iii) Transitive: let  $(a, b) \in \ell$ ,  $(b, c) \in \ell$

$\Rightarrow (a-b)$  is divisible by 5 and  
 $(b-c)$  is divisible by 5

$\Rightarrow a-b = 5k_1$  and  $b-c = 5k_2$   
for some integers  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow (a-b) + (b-c) = 5(k_1 + k_2)$

$\Rightarrow a-c = 5(k_1 + k_2)$

$\Rightarrow (a-c)$  is divisible by 5.

So,  $(a, c) \in \ell$ .

Hence  $\ell$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Example: let  $S = \mathbb{Z}$ .

let  $\ell = \{ (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : a+b \text{ is even} \}$

Then (i)  $(a, a) \in \ell$  as  $a+a=2a$  is even

(ii)  $(a, b) \in \ell \Rightarrow (b, a) \in \ell$

(iii)  $(a, b) \in \ell$ ,  $(b, c) \in \ell \Rightarrow$

~~then~~  $(a, c) \in \ell$

## WEEK-2 LECTURE NOTE

Topics : Equivalence relation  
Mapping  
Permutation  
Binary Composition  
Groupoid

### • Equivalence class :

Let  $\rho$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $S \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $a \in S$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}(a)$  be a subset of  $S$  defined by

$$[a] = \mathcal{C}(a) = \{ b \in S : (a, b) \in \rho \}.$$

Therefore,  $\mathcal{C}(a)$  is the set of those elements  $x$  of  $S$  such that  $(a, x) \in \rho$ .

Note that  $\mathcal{C}(a)$  is a non-empty subset of  $S$  since  $a \in \mathcal{C}(a)$ .

$\mathcal{C}(a)$  is said to be the  $\rho$ -equivalence class of  $a$ .

• Theorem: let  $\rho$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $S$  and  $a, b \in S$ . Then  $\mathcal{U}(a) = \mathcal{U}(b)$  or  $\mathcal{U}(a) \cap \mathcal{U}(b) = \emptyset$ .

proof: case 1:  $(a, b) \in \rho$  then  $\mathcal{U}(a) = \mathcal{U}(b)$ .

$\mathcal{U}(a) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(b)$ : let  $x \in \mathcal{U}(a)$

$\Rightarrow (a, x) \in \rho$  and by hypothesis  $(a, b) \in \rho$

$\Rightarrow (a, x) \in \rho$  and  $(b, a) \in \rho$

$\Rightarrow (b, x) \in \rho$  (transitivity) (Symmetry)

$\Rightarrow x \in \mathcal{U}(a) \cap \mathcal{U}(b)$ .

Therefore,  $\mathcal{U}(a) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(b)$ .

Similarly, show that  $\mathcal{U}(b) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(a)$

Hence  $\mathcal{U}(a) = \mathcal{U}(b)$ .

case 2:  $(a, b) \notin \rho$  then  $\mathcal{U}(a) \cap \mathcal{U}(b) = \emptyset$ .

Suppose,  $\mathcal{U}(a) \cap \mathcal{U}(b) \neq \emptyset$ .

$$\text{Let } x \in \mathcal{U}(a) \cap \mathcal{U}(b)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \mathcal{U}(a) \text{ and } x \in \mathcal{U}(b)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, x) \in \rho \text{ and } (b, x) \in \rho$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, x) \in \rho \text{ and } (x, b) \in \rho$$

(symmetry)

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) \in \rho \quad (\text{transitivity})$$

So, we arrive at a contradiction that  $(a, b) \in \rho$ .

$$\text{Hence, } \mathcal{U}(a) \cap \mathcal{U}(b) = \emptyset.$$



• Theorem: An equivalence relation  $\rho$  on a set  $S$  determines a partition of  $S$ . Conversely, each partition of  $S$  yields an equivalence relation on  $S$ .

We will see this by an example. Then the proof follows.



Example: Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  = the set of integers.

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Define

$$\ell = \{ (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : (a-b) \text{ is divisible by } n, \text{ i.e., } n | (a-b) \}$$

Equivalently, we write

$$a \bmod n = b \bmod n.$$

i.e.,  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , ' $\equiv$ ' is called congruent.

$$\begin{aligned} [0] = \ell(0) &= \{ \text{the set of integers divisible by } n \} \\ &= \{ 0, \pm n, \pm 2n, \dots \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [1] = \ell(1) &= \{ \text{the set of integers which have remainder 1 when divisible by } n, \text{ i.e., all } x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } n | (x-1) \} \\ &= \{ 1, 1 \pm n, 1 \pm 2n, \dots \} \end{aligned}$$

$\vdots$

$$\begin{aligned} [n-1] = \ell(n-1) &= \{ \text{the set of integers which have remainder } (n-1) \text{ when divisible by } n \} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \{ (n-1), (n-1) \pm n, (n-1) \pm 2n, \dots \}$$

Note that,  $u(0) \cup u(1) \cup \dots \cup u(n-1)$   
 $= \mathbb{Z}$ .

We denote,  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_n &= \{ u(0), u(1), \dots, u(n-1) \} \\ &= \{ [0], [1], \dots, [n-1] \} \end{aligned}$$

= collection of all disjoint equivalence classes of the relation  $\rho$ .

We also, call this relation as ' $\equiv \text{mod } n$ ' (congruent modulo  $n$ ).

For  $n=5$  we have,

$$\mathbb{Z}_5 = \{ [0], [1], \dots, [4] \}$$

= collection of all disjoint equivalence classes of the relation "congruent modulo  $n$ ".

Proof: Let  $\ell$  be an equivalence relation on  $S$ . Then for any  $a, b \in S$  we have  $cl(a) \cap cl(b) = \emptyset \iff cl(a) = cl(b)$ .

Also,  $cl(a) = cl(b)$  if and only if  $(a, b) \in \ell$ .

Therefore,  $\bigcup_{\text{disjoint}} cl(a) = S$

$\Rightarrow \ell$ -equivalence classes (distinct) forms a partition of  $S$ .

Conversely, let  $P$  be a partition on  $S$ .

Consider the relation  $\ell$  on  $S$  such that  $(a, b) \in \ell$  if and only if  $a, b$  belong to one and the same subset of partition  $P$ .

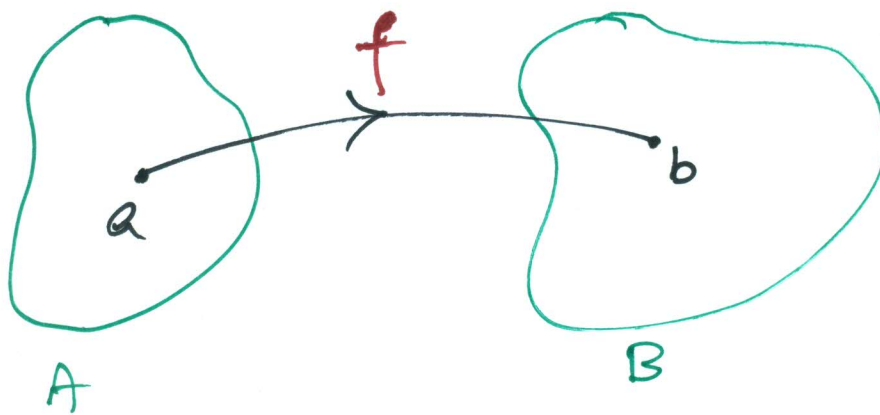
Then it is easy to verify that  $\ell$  is an equivalence relation on  $S$ .

Hence proved.



① Mapping: Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two non-empty sets. A mapping  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  is a rule that assigns to each element  $x$  of  $A$  a definite element  $y$  in  $B$ .

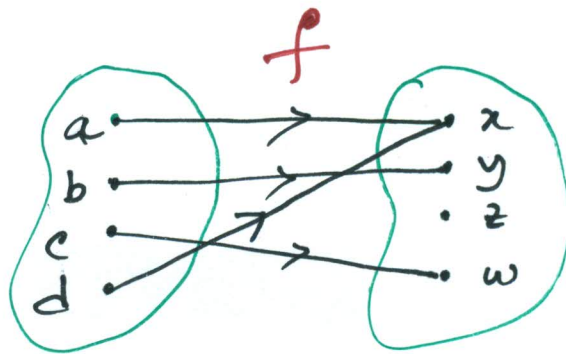
Definition: Suppose that to each element in a set  $A$  is assigned by some manner or rule, a unique element of a set  $B$ . We call such assignment a mapping (function).



each element of  $A$  is assigned by some definite element of  $B$  by the rule " $f$ ". We write it as  $f: A \rightarrow B$  in short.



● Example : (i)

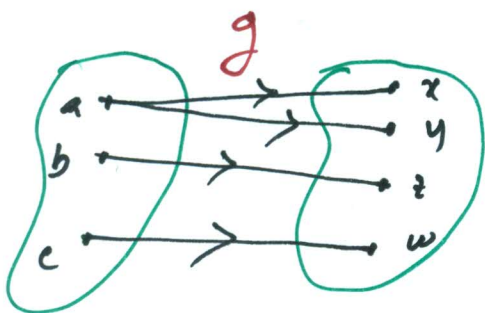


$$A = \{a, b, c, d\}$$

$$B = \{x, y, z, w\}$$

This is a mapping.

(ii)



$$A = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$B = \{x, y, z, w\}$$

This is not a mapping as the element

$a \in A$  has two assignment  $x$  and  $y \in B$ .

● Range, Domain : Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$

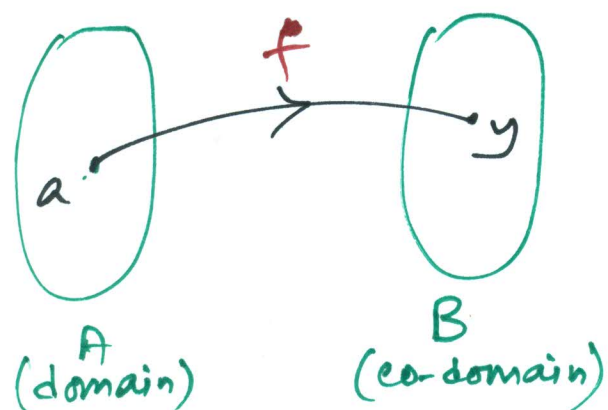
be a mapping then  $A$  is called the domain of  $f$  and the range of  $f$  is defined as

$$\text{Range}(f) = R(f) = \{ b \in B : \exists a \in A \text{ such that } f(a) = b \}$$

Therefore,  $R(f) \subseteq B$ .

Therefore in Example (i), domain of  $f$  is  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $R(f) = \{x, y, w\} \subseteq B$ .

We call  $B$  as the co-domain of  $f$ .



We write,  $y = f(a)$

We call,

$y$  = image of 'a'

$a$  = pre-image of 'y'

$$\underline{f : A \rightarrow B.}$$

We note that,  $\text{Range}(f) \subseteq \text{co-domain}$ .

● Example: Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined

by  $f(x) = x^2$ .

So,  $f(1) = f(-1) = 1$

$f(2) = f(-2) = 4$

So, domain = co-domain =  $\mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Range}(f) &= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq 0\} \\ &= \mathbb{R}^+. \end{aligned}$$

## ● One-to-One (injective) mapping :

A function or mapping  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be injective (or one-to-one) if each pair of ~~disj~~ distinct elements of  $A$ , their  $f$ -images are distinct.

That is, if  $x_1 \neq x_2$  in  $A$  then  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$  in  $B$ .

Example : (i)  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = x$ . Then  $f$  is one to one.

(ii)  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = x^2$ . Then  $f$  is not one to one. Since 2 and -2 have same image 4.

## • Onto (surjective) mapping :

A mapping  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be surjective or onto if  $f(A) = B$  i.e.,  $\text{Range}(f) = R(f) = \text{co-domain} = B$ .

That is, for every  $b \in B$ , there exists an element  $a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = b$ .

Example: (i)  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined

by  $f(x) = 2x$ . Then  $f$  is onto.

Because for every  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  (co-domain) we have  $\frac{y}{2} \in \mathbb{R}$  (domain) such that  $f(\frac{y}{2}) = y$ . So,  $R(f) = \mathbb{R}$ .

(ii)  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = x^2$ . Then  $f$  is not onto.

Ans, for  $(-2) \in \mathbb{R}$  (co-domain), there is no  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  (domain) such that  $f(x) = -2$ . So,  $R(f) = \mathbb{R}^+ \subset \mathbb{R}$ .



## • Bijjective function or mapping :

If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is both one-to-one and onto then  $f$  is a bijective mapping.

That is, for every pre-image there is a unique image and vice versa.

• Example : (i)  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = 2x$ . Then we saw that  $f$  is onto. Again if  $x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow 2x_1 \neq 2x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ . Therefore  $f$  is one-to-one. Hence  $f$  is a bijective mapping.

(ii)  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = x$ . Then  $f$  is a bijective mapping.

## • Inverse mapping:

If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a bijection, then for every  $x \in A$ ,  $\exists$  unique  $y \in B$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .

Let  $g$  be a mapping such that  $g: B \rightarrow A$  and  $g(y) = x$  ~~iff~~ iff  $f(x) = y$ .

Then we call  $g$  is the inverse mapping of  $f$  and denote it by  $f^{-1}$ .

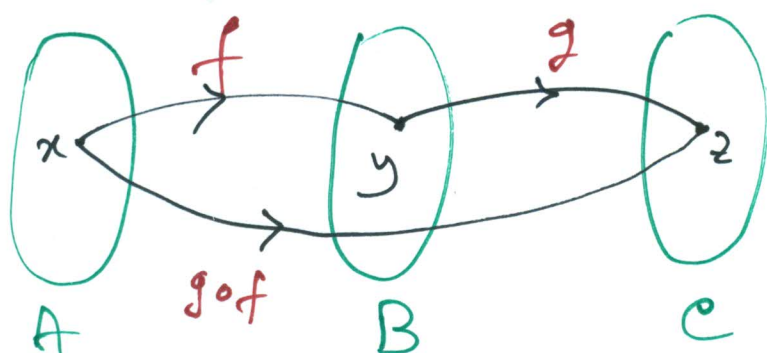
Example: (i)  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = 2x$ . Then  $f^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined as  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x}{2}$ .

We note that,  $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , i.e.,

$$f^{-1}(2x) = x \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

## • Composition of mappings :

Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$  be two mappings. Then the composite mapping  $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$  is defined as  $g \circ f(a) = g(f(a))$  for all  $a \in A$ .



$$\text{So, } z = g(y), \quad y = f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow z = g(f(x)) = g \circ f(x).$$

• We show  $g \circ f = h: A \rightarrow C$  is one to one if  $g$  and  $f$  are both one to one.

$$\text{Let } h(x_1) = h(x_2) \Rightarrow g(f(x_1)) = g(f(x_2))$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_1) = f(x_2) \quad \text{as } g \text{ is one-to-one}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \quad \text{as } f \text{ is one-to-one}$$

$$\text{So, } h(x_1) = h(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

Hence  $h = g \circ f$  is one-to-one.

## ② Permutation :-

Let  $S$  be a non-empty finite set. Any bijective mapping  $f: S \rightarrow S$  is called a permutation.

Suppose  $S = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ .

Define  $f: S \rightarrow S$  by,

$$a_1 \rightarrow f(a_1), a_2 \rightarrow f(a_2), \dots, a_n \rightarrow f(a_n)$$

a bijection. This permutation  $f$  is denoted as

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ f(a_1) & f(a_2) & \dots & f(a_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We note that } S &= \{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \\ &= \{f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)\} \end{aligned}$$

as  $f$  is a bijection.

② Example: Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Define

$$f: S \rightarrow S \text{ by } f(2)=1, f(1)=3, \\ f(3)=4, f(4)=2. \text{ Then we}$$

$$\text{write it as } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$



## • Inverse permutation :-

Consider a permutation  $f: S \rightarrow S$

$$\text{by } f = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ f(a_1) & f(a_2) & \dots & f(a_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } f^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} f(a_1) & f(a_2) & \dots & f(a_n) \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

• Example : let  $f: S \rightarrow S$  with

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \text{ by}$$

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ then}$$

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

## • Composition of permutations :-

Consider two permutations  $f: S \rightarrow S$

$$\text{by } f = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ f(a_1) & f(a_2) & \dots & f(a_n) \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$g: S \rightarrow S \text{ by } g = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ g(a_1) & g(a_2) & \dots & g(a_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

then  $f \circ g: S \rightarrow S$  is defined by,

$$f \circ g = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ f(g(a_1)) & f(g(a_2)) & \dots & f(g(a_n)) \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $g \circ f = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ g(f(a_1)) & g(f(a_2)) & \dots & g(f(a_n)) \end{pmatrix}$ .

We note that  $f \circ g$ ,  $g \circ f$  are both bijective.

② Example:

Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Define

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g \circ f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad f \circ g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that  $g \circ f \neq f \circ g$ .

Thus 'o' (composition) operation is not commutative.

③ Cycle: Let  $S = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ . A permutation  $f: S \rightarrow S$  is said to be a cycle of length  $r$ , or an  $r$ -cycle if there are  $r$  elements  $a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}, \dots, a_{i_r}$  in  $S$  such that  $f(a_{i_1}) = a_{i_2}$ ,  $f(a_{i_2}) = a_{i_3}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $f(a_{i_{r-1}}) = a_{i_r}$ ,  $f(a_{i_r}) = a_{i_1}$  and  $f(a_j) = a_j$  for all  $j \neq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r$ . The cycle is denoted by  $(a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}, \dots, a_{i_r})$ .

- Example: Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

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

Then  $f = (2, 3, 4)$ . So,  $f$  is a cycle of length 3.

- Transposition: A cycle of length 2 is called a transposition.

- Example: (i)  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = (3, 4)$  is a transposition.

$$(ii) \quad f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = (1)(2)(3)(4)$$

where  $(a_1)$  is a 1-length cycle can be written as

$$(a_1) = (a_1, a_2)(a_2, a_1).$$

$$(iii) \quad (a_1, a_2, a_3)$$

$$= (a_1, a_3)(a_1, a_2). \quad (\text{composition of permutations})$$

$$(iv) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (1, 2, 3, 5) (4, 6)$$

$$= (1, 5) (1, 3) (1, 2) (4, 6)$$

So, can be written as composition of transpositions.

Definition: A permutation is said to be even if it can be written as the product of an even number of transpositions, and odd if it can be written as the product of an odd number of transpositions.



## Equipotent sets :-

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two sets. Then  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be equipotent ~~then~~ if and only if  $\exists$  a bijective mapping  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .

Define a relation ' $\sim$ ' over all sets such that  $A \sim B$  iff  $\exists f: A \rightarrow B$  is a bijective mapping.

(i) Reflexive: Define  $f: A \rightarrow A$  by  $f(x) = x \quad \forall x \in A$ .

Then  $f$  is a bijection. Therefore  $A \sim A$ .

(ii) Symmetric: Let  $A \sim B$ . Then

$\exists f: A \rightarrow B$  such that  $f$  is a bijection. Then  $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$  exists. Also,  $f^{-1}$  is a bijection. Hence  $B \sim A$ .

(iii) Transitive: Let  $A \sim B$  and  $B \sim C$ .

Then  $\exists$  bijective functions  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$ . Then the composition function  $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$  is also a bijection. Then  $A \sim C$ .

Therefore ' $\sim$ ' is an equivalence relation.

### ① Enumerable (Denumerable):

A set  $A$  is enumerable if  $\exists$  a bijection  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , i.e.,  $A \sim \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\mathbb{N}$  = set of all ~~natural~~ natural numbers.

### ② Countable sets:

A set  $A$  is countable if  $A$  is either finite or  $A$  is ~~enum~~ enumerable. That is, if  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$   
 $\stackrel{\text{or}}{=} A \sim \mathbb{N}$  then  $A$  is countable.

Example: (i) The  $\mathbb{Z}$  is enumerable, as  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{1-n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

is a bijection.

(ii) The set  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable.  
(Exercise).

## ● Binary Composition :-

Let  $A$  be a non-empty set. A binary composition (or a binary operation) on  $A$  is a mapping  $f : A \times A \rightarrow A$ .

The commonly used symbols for binary composition are  $*$ ,  $+$ ,  $\cdot$ ,  $\oplus$ ,  $\odot$ .

● Example: Let  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ , then define

$$+ : A \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \text{ by } a + b = a + b$$

where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\text{So, } 2 + 3 = 5.$$

## ● Closure property of binary composition :

Consider a binary composition  $* : A \times A \rightarrow A$ . Then  $a * b \in A$  for any  $a, b \in A$ . This is called the closure property of  $*$ .

## ● Commutative : Consider $* : A \times A \rightarrow A$

be a binary composition.

If  $a * b = b * a$  for all  $a, b \in A$  then  $*$  is called commutative.



● Example: (i) let  $*$ :  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by

$$a * b = (a+b) \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Then  $a * b = b * a$  as  $a+b = b+a$   
for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . (commutative)

(ii) let  $*$ :  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{by } a * b = a - b \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Then  $a * b \neq b * a$  for every  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$   
(not commutative)

● Note: Commutativity is also called  
abelian.

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● Associative: let  $*$ :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$  be a  
binary composition. Then  $*$  is called  
associative if  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$   
for all  $a, b, c \in A$ .

● Example: (i) let  $\odot$ :  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  
defined as  $a \odot b = a \cdot b$ ,  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
Then  $\odot$  is commutative and associative  
(check)



$$(ii) M_2(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Define,  $+$  :  $M_2(\mathbb{R}) \times M_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{R})$

$$\text{by } \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a+x & b+y \\ c+z & d+w \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $+$  is associative, ~~but not~~ and commutative. (check).

Define,  $\odot$  :  $M_2(\mathbb{R}) \times M_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{R})$

$$\text{by } \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \odot \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax+bz & ay+bw \\ cx+dz & cy+dw \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $\odot$  is associative, but not commutative (check).

(iii) Consider a set  $S \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}(S) = \{ \text{all possible subsets of } S \}$

Define  $\cup$  :  $\mathcal{P}(S) \times \mathcal{P}(S) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S)$

by  $A \cup B = \text{the union of } A \text{ and } B$

and  $\cap$  :  $\mathcal{P}(S) \times \mathcal{P}(S) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S)$

by  $A \cap B = \text{the intersection of } A \text{ and } B.$

Then,  $A \cup B = B \cup A \Rightarrow ' \cup '$  is commutative.

$$(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C) \text{ for all } A, B, C \in \mathcal{P}(S).$$

$\Rightarrow ' \cup '$  is associative.

$' \cap '$  is also commutative and associative. (check).

(iv) Consider  $n=5$  and

$$\mathbb{Z}_5 = \{ [0], [1], [2], [3], [4] \},$$

where  $[0] = \{ 5n : n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$

$$[1] = \{ 5n + 1 : n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

$$[2] = \{ 5n + 2 : n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

$$[3] = \{ 5n + 3 : n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

$$[4] = \{ 5n + 4 : n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

are the equivalence classes of the relation  $\equiv$  defined by

$$(a, b) \in \equiv \text{ iff } a \equiv b \pmod{5}, \text{ i.e.,}$$

$$5 \mid (a - b).$$

Define a binary composition '+' over  $\mathbb{Z}_5$  by

$$[a] + [b] = [a+b] = [(a+b) \bmod 5].$$

Composition table :

+	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
[0]	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
[1]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[0]
[2]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[0]	[1]
[3]	[3]	[4]	[0]	[1]	[2]
[4]	[4]	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]

The composition of 'addition modulo 5' is commutative and associative.

Define 'x' over  $\mathbb{Z}_5$  by

$$[a] \times [b] = [a \cdot b \bmod 5]$$

See 'x' is commutative.

Is it associative?

(check)

x	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
[0]	[0]	[0]	[0]	[0]	[0]
[1]	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
[2]	[0]	[2]	[4]	[1]	[3]
[3]	[0]	[3]	[1]	[4]	[2]
[4]	[0]	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]



## ● Groupoid :-

Let  $G$  be a non-empty set on which a binary composition (operator)  $*$  is defined, i.e.,  $*$  :  $G \times G \rightarrow G$  is a mapping. Then the algebraic system  $(G, *)$  is said to be a groupoid.

- Example : (i)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is a groupoid where '+' is the addition operation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .  
(ii)  $(\mathbb{Z}, -)$  is a groupoid where '-' is the subtraction operation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .  
(iii)  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}, \cdot)$  are all groupoid.

## ● Commutative Groupoid :

Let  $(G, *)$  be a groupoid. It is called a commutative groupoid if  $a * b = b * a$  for all  $a, b \in G$ .



⑥ Let  $(G, *)$  be a groupoid.

(i) We call an element ' $e$ '  $\in G$  identity element if and only if

$$a * e = e * a = a \quad \forall a \in G.$$

(ii) If  $a * e = a$  for all  $a \in G$  then  $e$  is called right identity in  $(G, *)$ .

(iii) If  $e * a = a$  for all  $a \in G$  then  $e$  is called left identity in  $(G, *)$ .

(iv) Let  $e \in G$  be an identity element of  $(G, *)$ . A element  $a$  in  $G$  is said to be invertible if there exists an element  $a'$  in  $G$  such that

$$a' * a = a * a' = e.$$

Then  $a'$  is said to be an inverse of  $a$  in the group.

## ● Semigroup :

Let  $(G, *)$  be a groupoid. Then it is a semigroup iff

- (closure property i.e., groupoid)
- (i)  $a * b \in G \quad \forall a, b \in G$
- (ii)  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$   
 $\forall a, b, c \in G.$
- (associativity property)

## ● Monoid :

Let  $(G, *)$  be a groupoid. Then it is a monoid iff

- (closure prop. i.e., groupoid)
- (i)  $a * b \in G \quad \forall a, b \in G$
- (ii)  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c \quad \forall a, b, c \in G$
- (associativity prop. i.e., semigroup)
- (iii)  $\exists$  an element  $e \in G$  s.t.  
 $e * a = a * e$  for all  $a \in G.$
- (existence of identity element)

Example : (i)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$

$(\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, \cdot)$  are all semigroup as well as monoid.

(ii)  $(\mathbb{Z}, -)$  is not a semigroup.

## ② Quasigroup:

A groupoid  $(G, *)$  is said to be a quasigroup if for any two elements  $a, b \in G$ , each equation  $a * x = b$  and  $y * a = b$  has a unique solution.

② Example:  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  is a quasigroup, as  $a + x = b$  and  $y + a = b$  has a unique solution which is  $(b - a) \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## ② Group:

Let  $G$  be a non-empty set and  $*$  be a binary operation on  $G$ . Then  $(G, *)$  is called a group iff

- (closure) (i)  $a * b \in G \quad \forall a, b \in G$  (Groupoid)
- (associativity) (ii)  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c \quad \forall a, b, c \in G$  (Semigroup)
- (identity) (iii)  $\exists e \in G$  such that  $e * a = a * e = a \quad \forall a \in G$ . (Monoid)
- (inverse) (iv) For every  $a \in G$ ,  $\exists a' \in G$  such that  $a * a' = a' * a = e$ .



## ② Abelian Group :

Let  $(G, *)$  be a group. Then it is called a commutative group or an abelian group if

$$\underline{a * b = b * a \quad \forall a, b \in G.}$$

## ③ Example :

(i)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{C}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  are all abelian group.

(ii)  $(M_2(\mathbb{R}), \cdot)$  is group but not a commutative or abelian group.



## Week-3

- Topics:
- Group
  - Order of an element
  - Subgroups
  - Cyclic group
  - Subgroup operations

**Group:** A non-empty set  $G$  is said to form a group with respect to a binary composition  $*$ , if following properties is satisfied.

(i) Closure property:—  $a * b \in G \quad \forall a, b \in G$ .

(ii) Associative property:—

$$a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c \quad \forall a, b, c \in G$$

(iii) Existence of identity:—

$$\exists e \in G \text{ s.t. } e * a = a * e = a \quad \forall a \in G$$

(iv) Existence of inverse:—

$$\forall a \in G, \exists b \in G \text{ s.t. } a * b = b * a = e.$$

The element  $b$  is said to be an inverse of  $a$ .

The group is denoted by the symbol  $(G, *)$

## Abelian group or Commutative group

A group  $(G, *)$  is said to be an abelian group if  $a * b = b * a \quad \forall a, b \in G$ .

### Examples.

1)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is a group.

(i)  $a + b \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

(ii)  $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c \quad \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$

(iii)  $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0 + a = a + 0 = a \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$

(iv)  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \exists -a \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{s.t.}$

$$a + (-a) = (-a) + a = 0$$

$(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is abelian group since

$$a + b = b + a \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

2)  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  is an abelian group

3)  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  is an abelian group

**Finite group:** A group  $(G, *)$  is said to be finite group if  $|G| = \text{finite}$ .

### Examples.

1) Let  $S = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$  where  $\omega^3 = 1$ .

Then  $S$  is an abelian group with respect

to multiplication.

The composition table for the set is

	1	$\omega$	$\omega^2$
1	1	$\omega$	$\omega^2$
$\omega$	$\omega$	$\omega^2$	1
$\omega^2$	$\omega^2$	1	$\omega$

- (i) From table the set  $S$  is closed under multiplication.
  - (ii) Multiplication is associative on  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ . Hence multiplication is associative on  $S$ .
  - (iii) 1 is the identity element.
  - (iv) The inverse of 1 is 1, the inverse of  $\omega$  is  $\omega^2$ , the inverse of  $\omega^2$  is  $\omega$ .
  - (v) The table is symmetric about the principal diagonal. Therefore multiplication is commutative on  $S$ .
- $|S| = 3$  therefore  $S$  is a finite abelian group.



2: Let  $S = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$  where  $i = \sqrt{-1}, i^4 = 1$

Then  $(S, \cdot)$  is an abelian group.

$\cdot$	1	-1	i	-i
1	1	-1	i	-i
-1	-1	1	-i	i
i	i	-i	-1	1
-i	-i	i	1	-1

Composition table

- (i)  $S$  is closed under multiplication
- (ii) Multiplication is associative on  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ . Therefore multiplication is associative on  $S$ .
- (iii) 1 is the identity element.
- (iv) Inverse of 1, -1, i, -i are 1, -1, -i, i respectively
- (v) The table is symmetric about the principal diagonal. Therefore multiplication is commutative on  $S$ .



# Permutation group or Symmetric group $S_n$

Let  $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$

A permutation on  $S$  is a bijective map  $f: S \rightarrow S$ .

If  $f$  is a permutation on  $S$  then

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ f(a_1) & f(a_2) & \dots & f(a_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

For simplicity let us take  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Let  $P$  be the set of all permutations on the set  $S$ .

Let ' $\circ$ ' be composition of function.

Now we show that  $(P, \circ)$  is a group.

(i) Let  $f, g \in P$  then  $f \circ g$  is also a permutation on  $S$  because composition of two bijective function is a bijective function. Therefore  $f \circ g \in P$

(ii) Since composition of mapping

is associative therefore

$$g \circ (f \circ h) = (g \circ f) \circ h \quad \forall f, g, h \in P$$

(iii) The identity permutation

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \\ 1 & 2 & \dots & n \end{pmatrix} \in P \text{ and it is}$$

the identity element because

$$e \circ f = f \circ e = f \quad \forall f \in P.$$

(iv) Let  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \\ i_1 & i_2 & \dots & i_n \end{pmatrix} \in P$ , where

$$i_k = f(k), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Then  $f^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} i_1 & i_2 & \dots & i_n \\ 1 & 2 & \dots & n \end{pmatrix} \in P$  and

$f^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $f$  since

$$f^{-1} \circ f = f \circ f^{-1} = e.$$

## Properties of group

Theorem: Identity element in a group  $(G, *)$  is unique.

Proof: Let  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  be two identity element in  $G$ .

$$\text{Then } a * e_1 = e_1 * a = a \quad \forall a \in G$$

$$a * e_2 = e_2 * a = a \quad \forall a \in G$$

$$e_2 * e_1 = e_2 \quad (\text{by property of } e_1) \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$e_2 * e_1 = e_1 \quad (\text{by property of } e_2) \text{ --- (2)}$$

By equations (1) and (2)  $e_2 = e_1$ .

Theorem: In a group  $(G, *)$  each element has only one inverse.

Proof: If possible let  $b, c$  be two inverse of  $a$ .

$$\text{Then } a * b = b * a = e \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } a * c = c * a = e \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{By equation (1) } c * (a * b) = c$$

$$\Rightarrow (c * a) * b = e$$

$$\Rightarrow e * b = c$$

$$\Rightarrow b=c.$$

Hence inverse is unique.

**Theorem!** In a group  $(G, *)$ ,  
 $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$  for all  $a, b \in G$ .

**Proof!** Let  $d = a * b$  and  $d' = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} d * d' &= (a * b) * (b^{-1} * a^{-1}) \\ &= a * (b * b^{-1}) * a^{-1} \\ &= a * e * a^{-1} = a * a^{-1} = e \quad - (1) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$d' * d = e \quad - (2)$$

By equation (1) and (2)

$$d * d' = d' * d = e$$

$\Rightarrow b^{-1} * a^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $a * b$

$$\Rightarrow (a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}.$$

**Order of an element:** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and let

$a \in G$ .

Define  $a^n = a * a * a * \dots * a$  ( $n$  factors)

$$a^{-n} = a^{-1} * a^{-1} * a^{-1} * \dots * a^{-1} \quad (n \text{ factors})$$



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$a$  is said to be of finite order if  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^n = e$ .

The order of  $a$  is the least positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = e$  and is denoted by  $o(a)$  or  $|a|$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $a$  be an element of a group  $(G, *)$ . Then for integers  $m, n$

(i)  $a^m * a^n = a^{m+n}$

(ii)  $(a^n)^{-1} = a^{-n}$

**Proof:** (i)

$$\begin{aligned} a^m * a^n &= \underbrace{(a * a * \dots * a)}_{m\text{-times}} * \underbrace{(a * a * \dots * a)}_{n\text{-times}} \\ &= a^{m+n} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} (a^n)^{-1} &= (a * a * \dots * a)^{-1} \\ &= a^{-1} * a^{-1} * \dots * a^{-1} \\ &= (a^{-1})^n \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem:** Let  $a$  be an element of a group  $(G, *)$ . Then

(i)  $O(a) = O(a^{-1})$

(ii) If  $O(a) = n$  then  $a, a^2, \dots, a^n (= e)$  are distinct elements of  $G$ .

(iii) If  $O(a) = n$  and  $a^m = e$ , then  $n$  is a divisor of  $m$ .

(iv) If  $O(a) = n$  then  $O(a^m) = \frac{n}{\gcd(m, n)}$

**Proof:** (i) Let  $O(a) = n$ . Then  $a^n = e$ , where  $n$  is the least positive integer.

Therefore  $(a^{-1})^n = a^{-n} = (a^n)^{-1} = e^{-1} = e$

If possible, let  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $m < n$

and  $(a^{-1})^m = e$ . Then  $a^{-m} = e$ .

$a^n = e$  and  $a^{-m} = e \Rightarrow a^{n-m} = e$

Since  $n-m < n$ , this contradicts that  $O(a) = n$ . Therefore  $O(a^{-1}) = n$ .

(ii) If possible, let  $a^r = a^s$  for some positive integers  $r, s$  such that  $r < s \leq n$ . Then  $a^s * a^{-r} = e$

$$\Rightarrow a^{s-r} = e$$

Since  $s-r < n$ , this contradicts the assumption that  $o(a) = n$ .

$\Rightarrow a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^n$  are all distinct.

(iii) Since  $o(a) = n$ ,  $n$  is the least positive integer such that  $a^n = e$ .

$$\Rightarrow m \geq n.$$

By division algorithm  $\exists q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$m = qn + r, \text{ where } 0 \leq r < n.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } e = a^m &= a^{qn+r} = (a^n)^q * a^r \\ &= e * a^r = a^r \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^r = e$$

This relation holds only when  $r=0$ ,

otherwise it will contradict that

$$o(a) = n$$

$$\Rightarrow m = qn$$

$$\Rightarrow n \mid m.$$

(iv) left as an exercise.

### Subgroups

Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and  $H \subseteq G$ .

$H$  is said to be stable under  $*$  if  $a * b \in H \forall a, b \in H$ .

If  $H$  is stable under  $*$  then the restriction of  $*$  to  $H \times H$  is a mapping from  $H \times H$  to  $H$ .

This restriction, say  $\circ$ , is a composition on  $H$  and is defined by  $a \circ b = a * b \forall a, b \in H$ .  $*$  is called the induced composition on  $H$ .



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**Definition:** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and  $H$  be a non-empty subset of  $G$ . If  $(H, *)$  is a group where  $*$  is the induced composition, then  $(H, *)$  is said to be a subgroup of  $(G, *)$ .

**Examples:**

(1) Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and  $e$  be the identity element.  $G \subseteq G$ ,  $(G, *)$  is a subgroup of  $(G, *)$ .

This subgroup  $(G, *)$  is said to be the improper subgroup of  $(G, *)$ .

Let  $H = \{e\}$  then  $(H, *)$  is also a subgroup of  $(G, *)$ .

(2)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ .

(3)  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ .

(4) Let  $\mathbb{Q}^* = \mathbb{Q} - \{0\}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^* = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ .

Then  $(\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot)$  is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$ .

### Properties of subgroups

**Theorem!** Subgroup of a abelian group is abelian.

**Proof!** Let  $(H, *)$  be a subgroup of  $(G, *)$ , where  $G$  is abelian group

Let  $a, b \in H$  then  $a, b \in G$  because  $H \subseteq G$ .

Since  $G$  is abelian  $\Rightarrow a * b = b * a$

$\Rightarrow a * b = b * a \quad \forall a, b \in H$

$\Rightarrow H$  is an abelian subgroup.

**Theorem!** Let  $(H, *)$  be a subgroup of  $(G, *)$ . Then the identity element  $e_H$  of  $(H, *)$  is the identity

element  $e_H$  of  $(G, *)$ .

**Proof!**  $e_H * h = h * e_H \quad \forall h \in H$

Also  $e_G * h = h * e_G$  since  $h \in H \subseteq G$ .

$\Rightarrow h * e_H = h * e_G$  in  $G$

$\Rightarrow e_H = e_G$  (by left cancellation law in  $G$ )

**Theorem!** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group. A

non-empty subset  $H$  of  $G$  is a subgroup of  $(G, *)$  if and only if

(i)  $a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow a * b \in H$

(ii)  $a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$ .

**Proof!** Let  $(H, *)$  be a subgroup of  $(G, *)$ .

Since  $(H, *)$  is a group, (i) and (ii) are satisfied.

Conversely, let  $H$  be a non-empty subset of  $G$  satisfying (i) and (ii).

Since (i) holds,  $H$  is closed under  $*$ .



Since  $H \subseteq G$  and  $*$  is associative on  $G$ , therefore  $*$  is associative on  $H$ .

Let  $a \in H$ . Then by (ii)  $a^{-1} \in H$ .

Since  $a, a^{-1} \in H$ , (i)  $\Rightarrow a \circ a^{-1} = e \in H$ .

Since  $e \in H$ ,  $a^{-1}$  is also the inverse of  $a$  in  $H$ . Therefore  $a \in H$  implies

the inverse of  $a$  in  $H$  belongs to  $H$ .

Therefore  $(H, *)$  is a group and hence  $(H, *)$  is a subgroup of  $(G, *)$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group. A non-empty subset  $H$  of  $G$  forms a subgroup of  $(G, *)$  if and only if  $a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H$ .

**Proof:** Let  $(H, *)$  be a subgroup of  $(G, *)$

$b \in H \Rightarrow b^{-1} \in H$  (Since  $(H, *)$  is a group)

$a \in H, b^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H$



Conversely, let  $H$  be a non-empty subset of  $G$  such that  
 $a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H$ .

Let  $a \in H$ . Then  $a \in H, a \in H \Rightarrow a * a^{-1} \in H$   
 $\Rightarrow e \in H$ .

Now  $e \in H, a \in H \Rightarrow e * a^{-1} = a^{-1} \in H$

Let  $a \in H, b \in H$ . Then  $a \in H$  and  $b^{-1} \in H$ .

By given condition  $a * (b^{-1})^{-1} = a * b \in H$ .

Since  $H$  is a non-empty subset of  $G$  and  $*$  is associative on  $G$  therefore  $*$  is associative on  $H$ .

Therefore  $(H, *)$  is a group and hence  $(H, *)$  is a subgroup of  $(G, *)$ .

Centre of a group: - Let  $(G, *)$  be a group.

Define  $H = \{x \in G \mid x * g = g * x \quad \forall g \in G\}$

$(H, *)$  is a subgroup of  $(G, *)$   
and  $H$  is called the centre of  
the group  $G$  and denoted by  $Z(G)$ .

How we will prove  $(H, *)$  is a  
subgroup of  $(G, *)$ .

It is clear that  $H \neq \phi$  because  
 $e \in H$ .

Let  $p, q \in H$ .

Then,  $p * q = q * p$ ,  $q * g = g * q$ ,  $\forall g \in G$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (p * q) * g &= p * (q * g) = p * (g * q) \\ &= (p * q) * g = (g * p) * q \\ &= g * (p * q) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (p * q) * g = g * (p * q) \quad \forall g \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow p * q \in H. \quad - (i)$$

Let  $p \in H$ . Then  $p * g = g * p \quad \forall g \in G$ .

$$\Rightarrow p^{-1} * (p * q) * p^{-1} = p^{-1} * (g * p) * p^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow g * p^{-1} = p^{-1} * g \quad \forall g \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow p^{-1} \in H. \text{ — (ii)}$$

By (i) and (ii)  $(H, *)$  is a subgroup of  $(G, *)$ .

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**Note!** If  $G$  is a commutative group  
then  $H = Z(G) = G$ .

**Centraliser of an element in a group**

Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and let  $a \in G$ .

Define  $H = \{x \in G \mid x*a = a*x\}$ .

Now we prove that  $(H, *)$  is  
a subgroup of  $(G, *)$ .

$H \neq \emptyset$  since  $e \in H$ .

Let  $p, q \in H$ . Then  $p*a = a*p$

and  $q*a = a*q$ .

Now  $(p*q)*a = p*(q*a)$

$$= p*(a*q) = (p*a)*q$$

$$= (a*p)*q = a*(p*q)$$

$\Rightarrow p*q \in H \quad \text{--- (ii)}$

Let  $p \in H$ . Then  $p*a = a*p$ .

$$\Rightarrow p^{-1}*(p*a)*p^{-1} = \cancel{p^{-1}*p}^{-1} * p^{-1}*(a*p)*p^{-1}$$



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$$\Rightarrow a * p^{-1} = p^{-1} * a \quad (\text{Since } p^{-1} * p = e)$$

$$\Rightarrow p^{-1} \in H \quad - (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii) it follows that  $(H, *)$  is a subgroup of  $(G, *)$ .

**Note!** This subgroup is called the centraliser of the element  $a$  and is denoted by  $C(a)$ .

**Cyclic groups!** A group  $(G, *)$  is said to be cyclic group if there exist an element  $a \in G$  such that  $G = \{a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  i.e.  $G = \langle a \rangle$ .  $a$  is said to be a generator of the cyclic group.

**Examples:** (i) Let  $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ . Then  $(G, \cdot)$  is a group.  $G = \{i^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  i.e.  $G = \langle i \rangle \Rightarrow (G, \cdot)$  is cyclic group.

(ii)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is a cyclic group

generated by 1 i.e.  $\mathbb{Z} = \langle 1 \rangle$ .

$(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is also generated by  $-1$  i.e.

$$\mathbb{Z} = \langle -1 \rangle.$$

**Theorem:** Let  $(G, *)$  be a cyclic group generated by  $a$ . Then  $a^{-1}$  is also a generator.

**Proof:**  $G = \langle a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z} \rangle$

$$\text{Let } H = \{ (a^{-1})^n : n \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \langle a^{-1} \rangle.$$

Let  $p \in G$  then  $p = a^r$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$p = a^r = (a^{-1})^{-r}.$$

$$-r \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow p \in H \Rightarrow G \subset H \text{ --- (i)}$$

$$a \in G \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in G \Rightarrow (a^{-1})^n \in G \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow H \subset G \text{ --- (ii)}$$

$$\text{by (i) and (ii) } G = H = \langle a^{-1} \rangle$$

**Theorem:** Every cyclic group is abelian.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a cyclic group  
and  $G = \langle a \rangle$ .

Let  $p, q \in G$ . Then  $p = a^r$ ,  $q = a^s$  for some ~~integers~~

$r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} p * q &= a^r * a^s = a^{r+s} \\ &= a^{s+r} \quad (\text{Since } r+s = s+r) \\ &= a^s * a^r \\ &= q * p \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow p * q = q * p$$

$\Rightarrow G$  is abelian.

**Theorem:** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and  
 $(H, *)$ ,  $(K, *)$  be two subgroups  
of  $G$ . Then  $H \cap K$  is also a subgroup  
of  $G$ .

**Proof!**  $e \in H \cap K$  (Since  $e \in H$  and  $e \in K$ )

Let  $a, b \in H \cap K$ . Then  $a, b \in H$  and  $a, b \in K$ .

Since  $a, b \in H$  and  $H$  is a subgroup therefore  $a * b^{-1} \in H$ .

Since  $a, b \in K$  and  $K$  is a subgroup therefore  $a * b^{-1} \in K$ .

$a * b^{-1} \in H, a * b^{-1} \in K \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H \cap K$

i.e.  $a, b \in H \cap K \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H \cap K$

$\Rightarrow H \cap K$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

**Note!** The union of two subgroups of a group  $G$  is not necessarily a subgroup of  $G$ .

Let  $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ ,  $H = (2\mathbb{Z}, +)$  and

$K = (3\mathbb{Z}, +)$ .  $H, K$  are subgroups of  $G$



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but  $H \cup K$  is not a subgroup of  $G$  because  $2 \in H \cup K$ ,  $3 \in H \cup K$  but  $2+3 \notin H \cup K$ .

**Definition:** Let  $H, K$  be two subgroups of a group  $(G, *)$ .

Define  $HK = \{h * k : h \in H, k \in K\}$

For simplicity  $HK = \{hk \mid h \in H, k \in K\}$

$HK$  may not form a subgroup of  $(G, *)$ .

Example: Let  $G = S_3 = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5\}$

where  $s_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $s_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \ 2 \ 3)$

$s_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \ 3 \ 2)$

$s_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = (2 \ 3)$

$$s_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \ 3)$$

$$s_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \ 2)$$

Let  $H = \{s_0, s_3\}$ ,  $K = \{s_0, s_4\}$

Then  $HK = \{s_0, s_0 s_4, s_3, s_3 s_4\}$

$= \{s_0, s_1, s_3, s_4\}$  is not  
a subgroup of  $G = S_3$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $H$  and  $K$  be two subgroups  
of a group  $(G, *)$ . Then  $HK$  is  
a subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  
 $HK = KH$ .

**Proof:** Let  $HK$  be a subgroup of  $G$ .

Let  $x \in HK$ . Since  $HK$  is a  
subgroup  $x^{-1} \in HK$ .

Let  $x^{-1} = h_1 k_1$ . Then  $x = (x^{-1})^{-1} = k_1^{-1} h_1^{-1} \in KH$ .

Thus  $x \in HK \Rightarrow x \in KH$ . Therefore

$$HK \subset KH. \text{ — (i)}$$

Let  $k_2 h_2 \in KH$ . Then  $k_2 \in K$ ,  $h_2 \in H$  and  $h_2^{-1} k_2^{-1} \in HK$ , since  $h_2^{-1} \in H$ ,  $k_2^{-1} \in K$ .

Since  $HK$  is a subgroup,

$$(h_2^{-1} k_2^{-1})^{-1} \in HK \Rightarrow k_2 h_2 \in HK.$$

Therefore  $KH \subset HK$  — (ii)

From (i) and (ii),  $HK = KH$ .

Conversely, let  $HK = KH$ .

Let  $p \in HK$ ,  $q \in HK$  and  $p = h_3 k_3$ ,

$q = h_4 k_4$ , say

$$\text{Then } pq = (h_3 k_3)(h_4 k_4)$$

$$= h_3 (k_3 h_4) k_4$$

$$= h_3 (h_5 k_5) k_4 \text{ Since } KH = HK$$

$$= (h_3 h_5)(k_5 k_4) \in HK.$$

Therefore  $p \in HK$ ,  $q \in HK \Rightarrow pq \in HK$  — (iii)

Also  $p^{-1} = (h_3 k_3)^{-1} = k_3^{-1} h_3^{-1} \in KH = HK$

Therefore,  $p \in HK \Rightarrow p^{-1} \in HK$  - (iv)

From (iii) and (iv),  $HK$  is a subgroup.

## Cosets

**Left Coset:** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ .

Let  $a \in G$ .  $\forall h \in H$ ,  $a * h \in G$ .

Define  $aH = \{a * h : h \in H\}$ .  $aH$  is called a left coset of  $H$  in  $G$ .

In an additive group, a left coset of  $H$  is denoted by  $a + H$ .

**Examples:** Let  $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$  and

$$H = (3\mathbb{Z}, +).$$

$$0 + H = \{3n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = H$$

$$1 + H = \{1 + 3n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$2 + H = \{2 + 3n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$



There are three distinct left cosets of  $H$ .

**Theorem!** Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ .

Let  $h \in H$ . Then  $hH = H$ .

**Proof!** Let  $p \in hH$ . Then  $p = hh_1$  for some  $h_1 \in H$ .

Since  $H$  is a subgroup  $h, h_1 \in H$

$\Rightarrow p = hh_1 \in H$ .

Therefore  $hH \subset H$  —(i)

Let  $q \in H$ . Since  $h, q \in H$ , there exist a unique  $x$  in  $H$  such that  $hx = q$ .

Therefore  $q \in H \Rightarrow q = hx$  for some  $x \in H$   
 $\Rightarrow q \in hH$ .

$\Rightarrow H \subset hH$  —(ii)

From (i) and (ii),  $hH = H$

## Week-4

- Topics:
- Left Cosets
  - Right Cosets
  - Normal Subgroups
  - Rings
  - Field

**Theorem:** Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $a \in G \setminus H$ . Then  $aH \cap H = \emptyset$ .

**Proof:** Suppose, if possible  $p \in aH \cap H$ .

Then  $p \in aH$  and  $p \in H$ .

Hence  $p = ah_1$  for some  $h_1 \in H$  and

$p = h_2$  for some  $h_2 \in H$ .

$\Rightarrow h_2 = ah_1 \Rightarrow a = h_2 h_1^{-1} \in H$  (Since  $H$  is a subgroup)

This contradicts that  $a \in G \setminus H$ .

So  $aH \cap H = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . If  $a, b \in G$ , then either  $aH = bH$  or  $aH \cap bH = \emptyset$ .

**Proof:** Let  $aH \cap bH \neq \emptyset$  and let  $p \in aH \cap bH$ . Then  $p \in aH$  and  $p \in bH$ .

$p \in aH \Rightarrow p = ah_1$  for some  $h_1 \in H$ .

$p \in bH \Rightarrow p = bh_2$  for some  $h_2 \in H$ .

Hence  $ah_1 = bh_2$ .

$\Rightarrow a = bh_2h_1^{-1}$  and  $b = ah_1h_2^{-1}$ .

Let  $x \in aH$ . Then  $x = ah_3$  for some  $h_3 \in H$ .

$x = bh_2h_1^{-1}h_3 = bh_4$  for some  $h_4 \in H$ .

Thus  $x \in aH \Rightarrow x \in bH$  and therefore

$aH \subset bH \dots (i)$

Let  $y \in bH$ . Then  $y = bh_5$  for some  $h_5 \in H$ .

$y = ah_1h_2^{-1}h_5 = ah_6$  for some  $h_6 \in H$ .

Thus  $y \in bH \Rightarrow y \in aH \Rightarrow bH \subset aH \dots (ii)$



From (i) and (ii)  $aH = bH$ .

Therefore either  $aH = bH$  or  $aH \cap bH = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $a, b \in G$ . Then  $aH = bH$  if and only if  $a^{-1}b \in H$ .

**Proof:** Let  $aH = bH$ . Then  $ah_1 = bh_2$  for some  $h_1, h_2 \in H$ . Therefore  $a^{-1}b = h_1h_2^{-1} \in H$ , since  $H$  is a subgroup. Conversely, let  $a^{-1}b \in H$ . Then  $a^{-1}b = h_3$  for some  $h_3 \in H$ .

Therefore  $b = ah_3$  and this implies  $b \in aH$ . But  $b \in bH$ .

Thus the left cosets  $aH$  and  $bH$  have a common element  $b$  and therefore by above theorem  $aH = bH$ .



**Theorem:** Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . The relation  $\rho$  defined on  $G$  by " $a \rho b$ " if and only if  $a^{-1}b \in H$  for  $a, b \in G$  is an equivalence relation on  $G$ .

**Proof:** Reflexivity:

$\forall a \in G$ ,  $a \rho a$  holds because  $a^{-1}a = e \in H$ . Therefore  $\rho$  is reflexive.

**Symmetric:** For  $a, b \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} a \rho b &\Rightarrow a^{-1}b \in H \\ &\Rightarrow (a^{-1}b)^{-1} \in H \text{ (Since } H \text{ is a subgroup)} \\ &\Rightarrow b^{-1}a \in H \Rightarrow b \rho a. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\rho$  is symmetric.

**Transitive:** For  $a, b, c \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} a \rho b \text{ and } b \rho c &\Rightarrow a^{-1}b \in H \text{ and } b^{-1}c \in H \\ &\Rightarrow (a^{-1}b)(b^{-1}c) \in H \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow a^{-1}c \in H \Rightarrow agc.$$

Therefore  $\rho$  is transitive.

Since  $\rho$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive, it is an equivalence relation on  $G$ .

The set  $G$  is partitioned into equivalence classes and each class is a left coset of  $H$ , because

$$\begin{aligned} cl(a) &= \{x \in G : a \rho x\} \\ &= \{x \in G : a^{-1}x \in H\} \\ &= \{x \in G : x \in aH\} = aH. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem:** Any two left cosets of  $H$  in a group  $G$  have the same cardinality.

**Proof:** Let  $aH, bH$  be two left cosets in  $G$ . Let us define a mapping  $f: aH \rightarrow bH$  by  $f(ah) = bh \ \forall h \in H$

Now we prove that  $f$  is injective.

$$f(ah_1) = f(ah_2) \Rightarrow bh_1 = bh_2 \quad (\text{For some } h_1, h_2 \in H)$$

$$\Rightarrow h_1 = h_2$$

$$\Rightarrow ah_1 = ah_2$$

$$\text{Therefore } f(ah_1) = f(ah_2) \Rightarrow ah_1 = ah_2$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is injective.

Now we prove that  $f$  is surjective

Let  $bh \in bH$ .

$$f(ah) = bh \Rightarrow f \text{ is surjective}$$

Therefore  $f$  is bijective  $\Rightarrow aH$  and

$bH$  have the same cardinality.

**Theorem:** (Lagrange) The order of every subgroup of a finite group  $G$  is a divisor of the order of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a finite



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group  $G$ . Let  $o(G) = n$ . Let us consider the set of all distinct left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ . Since  $G$  contains a finite number of elements, the number of distinct left cosets of  $H$  is finite. Then there exist elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  in  $G$  such that  $x_1H, x_2H, \dots, x_mH$  is a complete list of distinct left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ . Since left cosets are distinct, they are disjoint.

Therefore  $G = \bigcup_{i=1}^m (x_iH)$ , since  $G$  is partitioned into distinct left cosets of  $H$ .

$$o(x_iH) = o(eH) = o(H) \quad \text{--- (i)}$$



$$G = \bigcup_{i=1}^m (x_i H)$$

$$\Rightarrow O(G) = O(x_1 H) + O(x_2 H) + \dots + O(x_m H) \\ = O(H) + O(H) + \dots + O(H) \text{ (m times)}$$

$$O(G) = m \cdot O(H)$$

$$\Rightarrow O(H) \mid O(G).$$

Note:  
 $O(x_i H) = |x_i H|$   
 = Number of  
 elements in  $x_i H$ .

**Right Cosets:** Let  $G$  be group and  $H$  be a subgroup of

$G$ . Let  $a \in G$ .

Define  $Ha = \{h * a \mid h \in H\} = \{ha \mid h \in H\}$ .

$Ha$  is called a right coset of  $H$  in  $G$ .

**Example:** Let  $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$  and  $H = (3\mathbb{Z}, +)$

$$H+0 = \{3n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = H$$

$$H+1 = \{3n+1 \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$H+2 = \{3n+2 \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Just as in the case of left cosets there are some theorems concerning right cosets.

**Theorem!** Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ .

Then  $Hh = H \quad \forall h \in H$ .

**Theorem!** Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ .

Then for any  $a \in G \setminus H$ ,  $Ha \cap H = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem!** Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ .

Then either  $Ha = Hb$  or  $Ha \cap Hb = \emptyset$  for  $a, b \in G$ .

**Theorem!** Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $a, b \in G$ . Then  $b \in Ha$  if and only if  $ba^{-1} \in H$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . Then the set of all left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  and the set of all right cosets in  $G$  have the same cardinality.

**Proof:** Let  $L$  be the set of all left cosets and  $R$  be the set of all right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

Let  $a \in G$ . Define  $f: L \rightarrow R$  by  $f(aH) = Ha^{-1}$ .

Now we show that  $f$  is well defined in the sense that if  $xH = aH$  then  $Hx^{-1} = Ha^{-1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} xH = aH &\iff x \in aH \iff a^{-1}x \in H \\ &\iff a^{-1}(x^{-1})^{-1} \in H \iff a^{-1} \in Hx^{-1} \iff Ha^{-1} = Hx^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f$  assigns a unique coset



in  $R$  to a coset in  $L$ .

Let us take two distinct elements  $aH, bH \in L$ .

$$Ha^{-1} = Hb^{-1} \Rightarrow aH = bH.$$

$$\text{So } aH \neq bH \Rightarrow f(aH) \neq f(bH).$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is injective.

Let us take an element  $Ha \in R$ . The pre-image of  $Ha$  is  $a^{-1}H$  in  $L$ ,

since  $f(a^{-1}H) = H(a^{-1})^{-1} = Ha$ . Therefore  $f$  is surjective.

Therefore  $f$  is bijective and the sets  $L$  and  $R$  have the same cardinality.

**Note!**  $[G:H]$  denotes the number of distinct left and right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

$$\text{i.e. } |L| = |R| = [G:H]$$



$$o(G) = o(H) \cdot [G:H]$$

$$[G:H] = \frac{o(G)}{o(H)}.$$

**Normal Subgroups:** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and  $(H, *)$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $(H, *)$  is a normal subgroup if  $aH = Ha \quad \forall a \in G$ .

The standard notation for " $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ " is  $H \triangleleft G$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and  $(H, *)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

Then  $(H, *)$  is a normal subgroup if and only if  $xhx^{-1} \in H \quad \forall h \in H$  and  $x \in G$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $(H, *)$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

Let  $x \in G$  and  $h \in H$ .

Then  $xh \in xH = Hx$  (by definition of normal

subgroup)

$$\Rightarrow xh \in Hx \Rightarrow xh = h_1x \text{ for some } h_1 \in H.$$

$$\Rightarrow xhx^{-1} = h_1 \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow xhx^{-1} \in H \quad \forall h \in H \text{ and } \forall x \in G.$$

Conversely, let  $xhx^{-1} \in H \quad \forall h \in H$  and  $\forall x \in G$ .

Now we prove that  $xH = Hx \quad \forall x \in G$ .

Let  $p \in xH$ . Then  $p = xh_2$  for some  $h_2 \in H$

$$p = (xh_2x^{-1})x = h_3x, \text{ since } xh_2x^{-1} = h_3 \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow p \in Hx \Rightarrow xH \subset Hx. \text{---(i)}$$

Now let  $q \in Hx$ .

Then  $q = h_4x$  for some  $h_4 \in H$ .

$$= x(x^{-1}h_4x)$$

$$= x(x^{-1}h_4(x^{-1})^{-1})$$

$$= xh_5 \text{ for some } h_5 = x^{-1}h_4(x^{-1})^{-1} \in H$$

Hence  $q \in xH$

$$\Rightarrow Hx \subset xH \text{ ---(ii)}$$

$$\text{By (i) and (ii)} \quad Hx = xH \quad \forall x \in G.$$

Therefore  $H$  is a normal subgroup in  $G$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $(H, *)$  and  $(K, *)$  be two normal subgroups of a group  $(G, *)$ . Then  $(H \cap K, *)$  is a normal subgroup.  
i.e. The intersection of two normal subgroups of a group is a normal subgroup.

**Proof:** Let  $W = H \cap K$ . Then  $W$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , since the intersection of two subgroups is a subgroup.

Let  $w \in W$  and  $x \in G$ .

Then  $w \in H$  and  $w \in K$ .

$xwx^{-1} \in H$  (Since  $H$  is a normal subgroup)

$xwx^{-1} \in K$  (Since  $K$  is a normal subgroup)



$$\Rightarrow xwx^{-1} \in H \cap K$$

Therefore,  $xwx^{-1} \in W \quad \forall w \in W$  and  $\forall x \in G$ .

$\Rightarrow H \cap K$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

## Quotient group / Factor group

Let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of a group  $(G, *)$ . Let  $S$  be the set of all distinct cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

Define a binary operation ' $\circ$ ' on  $S$

$$\text{by } aH \circ bH = (a * b)H \quad \forall a, b \in G.$$

Now, we prove that  $(S, \circ)$  is a group.

$$(i) \quad aH \circ bH = (a * b)H \in S \quad \forall aH, bH \in S.$$

$$(ii) \quad aH \circ (bH \circ cH) = aH \circ (b * c)H$$

$$= a * (b * c)H$$

$$= (a * b) * cH$$

$$= (a * b)H \circ cH$$

$$= (aH \circ bH) \circ cH$$

$\Rightarrow *$  is associative.



(iii)  $eH = H$  is the identity element  
because  $eH \circ aH = aH \circ eH = (e * a)H$   
 $= aH$

(iv) The inverse of  $aH$  is  $a^{-1}H$ , because

$$aH \circ a^{-1}H = (a * a^{-1})H = eH = H$$

$$\text{and } a^{-1}H \circ aH = (a^{-1} * a)H = eH = H$$

All group property have been satisfied  
therefore  $(S, \circ)$  is a group.

This group is said to be the  
quotient group of  $G$  by  $H$  and is  
denoted by  $G/H$ .

**Homomorphism:** Let  $(G_1, *)$  and  $(G_2, \circ)$   
be two groups.

A mapping  $\phi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  is said to be  
a homomorphism if  $\phi(a * b) = \phi(a) \circ \phi(b)$   
 $\forall a, b \in G_1$ .

**Example!** Let  $\phi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be defined by

$$\phi(a) = e_{G_2}.$$

$$\phi(a * b) = e_{G_2}$$

$$= e_{G_2} \circ e_{G_2} = \phi(a) \circ \phi(b).$$

**Example!** Let  $G_1 = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$  and  $G_2 = (2\mathbb{Z}, +)$

Define  $\phi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  by  $\phi(a) = 2a$  for  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\phi(a+b) = 2(a+b) = 2a + 2b = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$$

$\Rightarrow \phi$  is a homomorphism.

**Note!** A homomorphism  $\phi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$

is said to be isomorphism

if  $\phi$  is one-one and onto.

If  $\phi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  is an isomorphism

then  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are called

isomorphic group.

**Ring!** A non-empty set  $R$  is said to form a ring with respect to two binary compositions, addition (+) and multiplication ( $\cdot$ ) defined on it, if the following conditions are satisfied.

(1)  $(R, +)$  is an abelian group,

(2)  $(R, \cdot)$  is a semigroup,

(3)  $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$

$$(b + c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a \quad \forall a, b, c \in R.$$

The ring is denoted by  $(R, +, \cdot)$ .

$R$  is said to be a commutative ring if  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a \quad \forall a, b \in R$ .

A ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is said to be ring with unity if there exist multiplicative identity '1' in  $R$  s.t.  $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a \quad \forall a \in R$ .



Example:  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is a ring.

(1)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is an abelian group

(2)  $(\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$  is semigroup

(3)  $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$

$$(b + c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a \quad \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Also  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  therefore

$(\mathbb{Z}; +, \cdot)$  is commutative ring.

$$\exists 1 \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Therefore for  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is a

Commutative ring with unity.

Example:  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$  and

$(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$  all are

Commutative ring with unity.

Example:  $(2\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is a commutative ring without identity.



**Example!**  $M_2(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

$(M_2(\mathbb{R}), +)$  is an abelian group where  $+$  denotes matrix addition

$(M_2(\mathbb{R}), \cdot)$  is a semigroup, where  $\cdot$  denotes matrix multiplication

Therefore  $(M_2(\mathbb{R}), +, \cdot)$  is a ring with unity.

Since  $A \cdot B \neq B \cdot A$  for some  $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$

therefore  $(M_2(\mathbb{R}), +, \cdot)$  is a non-commutative ring.

**Polynomial Ring!** Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. and  $x$  an indeterminate.

$$R[x] = \left\{ a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \text{ and } a_i \in R \forall i=0,1,\dots,n \right\}$$

## Equality of two polynomials

Two polynomials  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$  and  $q(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_nx^n \in R[x]$  are said to be equal if  $a_0 = b_0$ ,  $a_1 = b_1, \dots, a_n = b_n$ .

## Addition of two polynomials

Let  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n \in R[x]$

and

$q(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_mx^m \in R[x]$ .

Case 1:  $m = n$

$$p(x) + q(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n (a_i + b_i) x^i$$

Case 2:  $n < m$

$$p(x) + q(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + \dots + (a_n + b_n)x^n + b_{n+1}x^{n+1} + \dots + b_mx^m$$

Case 3:  $n > m$

$$p(x) + q(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + \dots + (a_m + b_m)x^m + a_{m+1}x^{m+1} + \dots + a_nx^n.$$

## Multiplication of two polynomials

$$p(x) \cdot q(x) = C_0 + C_1 x + C_2 x^2 + \dots + C_{m+n} x^{m+n}$$

where  $C_j = a_0 b_j + a_1 b_{j-1} + \dots + a_j b_0$  taking

$$a_{n+1} = a_{n+2} = \dots = a_{m+n} = 0$$

$$b_{m+1} = b_{m+2} = \dots = b_{m+n} = 0.$$

Then  $(R[x], +, \cdot)$  is a ring. It is called the polynomial ring over  $R$ .

If  $R$  be a ring with unity then the ring  $(R[x], +, \cdot)$  is also a ring with unity.

The identity element of the ring  $(R[x], +, \cdot)$  is the constant polynomial  $p(x) = 1 \in R[x]$ .



**Divisor of Zero:** Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a ring.

A non-zero element  $a \in R$  is said to be a divisor of zero if there exists a non-zero element  $b$  in  $R$  s.t.  $a \cdot b = 0$  or  $b \cdot a = 0$ .

In the first case,  $a$  is said to be left divisor and in the second case ( $b \cdot a = 0$ )  $a$  is said to be a right divisor of zero.

**Example:** In the ring  $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +, \cdot)$   $\bar{2}$  is a divisor of zero because  $\exists \bar{3} \in \mathbb{Z}_6$  s.t.  $\bar{2} \cdot \bar{3} = \bar{0}$ .

The ring  $(\mathbb{Z}_5, +, \cdot)$  contains no divisor of zero. Also  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$  and  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$  contains no divisor of zero.



**Integral domain:** A non-trivial ring  $R$  with unity is said to be an integral domain if it is commutative and contains no divisor of zero.

**Example:** (i) The rings  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$  and  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$  are integral domains.

(ii) The ring  $(\mathbb{Z}_5, +, \cdot)$  is a commutative ring with unity and the ring contains no divisor of zero. Therefore it is an integral domain.

(iii) The ring  $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +, \cdot)$  is a commutative ring with unity. It contains divisor of zero. Therefore it is not an integral domain.

**Field:**  $(F, +, \cdot)$  is a field if

(i)  $(F, +, \cdot)$  is an integral domain.

(ii) For every non-zero element has a multiplicative inverse

Therefore a non-empty set  $F$  forms a field with respect to two binary compositions  $+$  and  $\cdot$ , if

(i)  $a + b \in F \quad \forall a, b \in F$

(ii)  $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c \quad \forall a, b, c \in F$

(iii) there exists an element, called the zero element and denoted by  $0$ , in  $F$  such that  $a + 0 = 0 \quad \forall a \in F$ .

(iv)  $\forall a \in F, \exists -a \in F$  s.t.  $a + (-a) = 0$

(v)  $a + b = b + a \quad \forall a, b \in F$

(vi)  $ab \in F \quad \forall a, b \in F$ .

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$$(vii) a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c \quad \forall a, b, c \in F$$

$$(viii) \exists 1 \in F \text{ s.t. } a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a \quad \forall a \in F$$

$$(ix) \text{ For every } a \neq 0, \exists a^{-1} \in F \text{ s.t. } a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$$

$$(x) a \cdot b = b \cdot a \quad \forall a, b \in F$$

$$(xi) a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c \quad \forall a, b, c \in F$$

**Example!** (i) The rings  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$  are field.  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$  is also a field.

(ii) The ring  $(\mathbb{Z}_5, +, \cdot)$  is a commutative ring with unity and each non-zero element of the ring is a unit.

Therefore the ring  $(\mathbb{Z}_5, +, \cdot)$  is a field.



## Week - 5

- Topics:
- Vector Spaces
  - Subspaces
  - Linear Span
  - Basis of a vector space
  - Dimension of a vector space

**External Composition:** Let  $F$  and  $V$  be two non-empty sets. A mapping  $f: F \times V \rightarrow V$  is said to be an external composition of  $F$  with  $V$ .

$$f(a, x) \in V \quad \forall a \in F \text{ and } x \in V.$$

**Example:** Let  $F = \mathbb{R}$  and  $V = \mathbb{R}^3 = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Define  $\odot: F \times V \rightarrow V$  by

$$\odot(a, (x, y, z)) = a \odot (x, y, z) = (ax, ay, az)$$

Then  $\odot$  is an external composition



of  $F$  with  $V$ .

## Vector space over a Field

Let  $V$  be a non-empty set and  $\oplus: V \times V \rightarrow V$  be a binary composition on  $V$ . Let  $(F, +, \cdot)$  be a field and let  $0$  be an external composition of  $F$  with  $V$ .  $V$  is said to be a vector space over the field  $F$ .

(i)  $(V, \oplus)$  is an abelian group

$$(a) x \oplus y \in V \quad \forall x, y \in V$$

$$(b) x \oplus y = y \oplus x \quad \forall x, y \in V$$

$$(c) x \oplus (y \oplus z) = (x \oplus y) \oplus z \quad \forall x, y, z \in V$$

(d)  $\exists$  an element  $0$  in  $V$  s.t.

$$x \oplus 0 = x \quad \forall x \in V.$$

(e) For each  $x$  in  $V$   $\exists -x \in V$  s.t.

$$x \oplus (-x) = 0.$$

$$(ii) \quad a \odot x \in V, \quad \forall a \in F \text{ and } \forall x \in V$$

$$(iii) \quad a \odot (b \odot x) = (a \cdot b) \odot x \quad \forall a, b \in F \text{ and } x \in V$$

$$(iv) \quad a \odot (x \oplus y) = a \odot x \oplus a \odot y \quad \forall a \in F \\ \text{and } \forall x, y \in V$$

$$(v) \quad (a+b) \odot x = a \odot x \oplus b \odot x \quad \forall a, b \in F \text{ and } x \in V$$

$$1 \odot x = x \quad \forall x \in V \quad (\text{where } 1 \text{ is the identity element in } F)$$

The vector space is denoted by

$$(V, \oplus, \odot, F, +, \cdot).$$

**Example:**

$$(1) \quad \text{Let } V = \mathbb{R}^n = \{ (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mid x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$\text{and } F = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$$

Define  $\oplus$  on  $V$  by

$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \oplus (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

$$= (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n)$$

Define external composition  $\odot$  of  $R$  with  $V$  by

$$a \odot (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (a \cdot x_1, a \cdot x_2, \dots, a \cdot x_n)$$

$$\forall a \in F \text{ and } (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in V.$$

Now we will show that  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$ .

(i)  $(V, \oplus)$  is an abelian group

$$(a) \text{ Let } x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in V$$

$$\text{and } y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in V.$$

Then

$$x \oplus y = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n) \in V$$

$$(b) \ x \oplus y = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n)$$

$$= (y_1 + x_1, y_2 + x_2, \dots, y_n + x_n)$$

$$= y \oplus x \quad \forall x, y \in V.$$

$$(c) \ x \oplus (y \oplus z) = (x \oplus y) \oplus z \quad \forall x, y, z \in V$$



(d)  $\exists \underline{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0) \in V$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus \underline{0} &= (x_1 + 0, x_2 + 0, \dots, x_n + 0) \\ &= x \quad \forall x \in V \end{aligned}$$

(e)  $\forall x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in V$  then

exists  $-x = (-x_1, -x_2, \dots, -x_n) \in V$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus (-x) &= (x_1 + (-x_1), x_2 + (-x_2), \dots, x_n + (-x_n)) \\ &= (0, 0, \dots, 0) \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let  $a \in F$  and  $x \in V$  then

$$\begin{aligned} a \odot x &= (a \cdot x_1, a \cdot x_2, \dots, a \cdot x_n) \in V \\ &\quad (\text{because } a \cdot x_i \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall i) \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Let  $a \in F$ ,  $b \in F$  and  $x \in V$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} a \odot (b \odot x) &= a \odot (b \cdot x_1, b \cdot x_2, \dots, b \cdot x_n) \\ &= (a \cdot b \cdot x_1, a \cdot b \cdot x_2, \dots, a \cdot b \cdot x_n) \\ &= (a \cdot b) \odot (x) \\ &= (a \cdot b) \odot x \end{aligned}$$

(iv) Let  $a \in F$  and  $x, y \in V$

$$\begin{aligned} a \odot (x \oplus y) &= a \odot (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n) \\ &= (a \cdot (x_1 + y_1), a \cdot (x_2 + y_2), \dots, a \cdot (x_n + y_n)) \\ &= (a \cdot x_1, a \cdot x_2, \dots, a \cdot x_n) \\ &\quad + (a \cdot y_1, a \cdot y_2, \dots, a \cdot y_n) \\ &= a \odot x + a \odot y \end{aligned}$$

(v) Let  $a, b \in F$  and  $x \in V$

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b) \odot x &= ((a+b) \cdot x_1, (a+b) \cdot x_2, \dots, (a+b) \cdot x_n) \\ &= (a \cdot x_1, a \cdot x_2, \dots, a \cdot x_n) \\ &\quad + (b \cdot x_1, b \cdot x_2, \dots, b \cdot x_n) \\ &= a \odot x \oplus b \odot x \end{aligned}$$

Example! Let  $V = \{ a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R}, i=0,1,\dots,n \}$

and  $F = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$

Let  $\oplus$  be a composition on  $V$ , defined by  $p(x) \oplus q(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n (a_i + b_i) x^i$

where  $p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i \in V$

and  $q(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n b_i x^i \in V$

Define external composition  $\odot$  of  $F$  with  $V$  by

$$a \odot p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n (a \cdot a_i) x^i$$

where  $p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i \in V$

Then  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$ .



**Example:** Let  $V = M_n(\mathbb{R})$  be the set of all  $m \times n$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $F = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ .

Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  and  $B = (b_{ij})$  in  $V$ .

Let  $\oplus$  be a composition on  $V$ , defined by  $A \oplus B = (a_{ij} + b_{ij})$ .

Define external composition  $\odot$  of  $F$  with  $V$  by  $a \odot A = (a \cdot a_{ij})$

Then  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$ .

**Theorem:** (i) In a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$ ,

$0 \odot \bar{x} = \bar{0} \quad \forall \bar{x} \in V$ , where  $0$  is the zero element in  $F$ .

**Proof:**  $(0+0) \odot \bar{x} = 0 \odot \bar{x}$  (because  $0+0=0$  in  $F$ )

$$\Rightarrow (0 \odot \bar{x}) \oplus (0 \odot \bar{x}) = 0 \odot \bar{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow -0 \odot \bar{x} \oplus (0 \odot \bar{x} \oplus 0 \odot \bar{x}) = -0 \odot \bar{x} \oplus 0 \odot \bar{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-0 \odot \bar{x} \oplus 0 \odot \bar{x}) \oplus (0 \odot \bar{x}) = \bar{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{0} \oplus (0 \odot \bar{x}) = \bar{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \odot \bar{x} = \bar{0}$$

$$(ii) \quad a \odot \bar{0} = \bar{0} \quad \forall a \in F$$

$$(iii) \quad -1 \odot \bar{x} = -\bar{x} \quad \forall \bar{x} \in V, 1 \text{ is the identity element in } F.$$

$$(iv) \quad a \odot \bar{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{either } a = 0 \text{ or } \bar{x} = 0$$

**Subspace:** Let  $(V, +, \odot)$  be a vector space over a field  $F$  with respect to

addition  $(+)$  and multiplication by elements of  $F$ . Let  $W$  be a non-empty subset of  $V$ .

If  $W$  forms a vector space over  $F$  w.r.t.  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  then  $W$  is said to be

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a subspace of  $V$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $(V, \oplus, \odot, F, +, \cdot)$  be a vector space over the field  $(F, +, \cdot)$  and  $W \subseteq V$  is a non-empty subset of  $V$ . Then  $W$  will be a subspace of  $V$  if and only if

$$(i) \quad \forall x, y \in W \Rightarrow x \oplus y \in W$$

$$(ii) \quad \forall a \in F, \forall w \in W \Rightarrow a \odot w \in W$$

**Proof:** Suppose conditions (i) and (ii) holds in  $W$

Let  $x, y \in W$ . Since  $F$  is a field

$-1 \in F$  where  $1$  is the identity element in  $F$ .

By (ii)  $-1 \odot y \in W$  i.e.  $-y \in W$

Then by (i)  $x \oplus (-y) = x - y \in W$



This proves that  $W$  is a subspace of the additive group  $V$ . Since  $V$  is a commutative group,  $W$  is also a commutative group.

Other conditions of a vector space is also satisfied in  $W$ .

Conversely, suppose  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Then conditions (i) and (ii) follow from the definition of a vector space.

**Note!** A non-empty subset  $W$  of a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if  $(a \otimes x) \oplus (b \otimes y) \in W$ ,  $\forall a, b \in F$  and  $\forall x, y \in W$ .

Examples: 1: let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

$$W = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + y + z = 1 \}$$

$(0, 0, 0) \notin W$  because  $0+0+0 \neq 1$

$\Rightarrow W$  is not a subspace of  $V$ .

2) let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

$$W = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid y = z = 0 \}$$

Then  $W$  is a non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , since  $(0, 0, 0) \in W$ .

let  $x = (x_1, 0, 0)$  and  $y = (y_1, 0, 0) \in W$ .

let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then  $a \odot x \oplus b \odot y = (ax_1 + by_1, 0, 0) \in W$

$\Rightarrow W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Theorem: The intersection of two subspaces of a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

**Proof:** Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be two subspaces of  $(V, \oplus, \odot, F, +, \cdot)$ .  $W_1 \cap W_2 \neq \emptyset$  because  $0 \in W_1 \cap W_2$ .

Let  $x, y \in W_1 \cap W_2 \Rightarrow x, y \in W_1$  and  $x, y \in W_2$ .  
 $x, y \in W_1 \Rightarrow a \odot x \oplus b \odot y \in W_1$  for all  $a, b \in F$  - (i)  
 $x, y \in W_2 \Rightarrow a \odot x \oplus b \odot y \in W_2$  for all  $a, b \in F$  - (ii)  
 by (i) and (ii)  $a \odot x \oplus b \odot y \in W_1 \cap W_2 \quad \forall a, b \in F$   
 $\Rightarrow W_1 \cap W_2$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

**Note:** The union of two subspaces of  $V$  need not be a subspace of  $V$ .

**Counter example:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$   
 $W_1 = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid y = 0, z = 0 \}$   
 $W_2 = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x = 0, z = 0 \}$



Let  $x = (1, 0, 0) \in W_1$  and  $y = (0, 1, 0) \in W_2$

then  $x \oplus y = (1, 1, 0) \notin W_1 \cup W_2$

Hence  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

### Linear sum of two subspaces

Let  $U$  and  $W$  be two subspaces of a vector space  $(V, \oplus, \odot, F, +, \cdot)$ .

Define  $U + W = \{u \oplus v \mid u \in U, v \in W\}$ , then the set  $U + W$  is said to be the linear sum of the subspaces  $U$  and  $W$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $U$  and  $W$  be two subspaces of a vector space  $(V, \oplus, \odot, F, +, \cdot)$ .

Then the linear sum  $U + W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

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Proof:- let  $x, y \in U+W$ , then

$$x = u_1 \oplus w_1 \text{ for some } u_1 \in U, w_1 \in W$$

$$y = u_2 \oplus w_2 \text{ for some } u_2 \in U, w_2 \in W$$

let  $a, b \in F$ , then

$$a \odot x \oplus b \odot y = a \odot (u_1 \oplus w_1) \oplus b \odot (u_2 \oplus w_2)$$

$$= (a \odot u_1 \oplus b \odot u_2) \oplus (a \odot w_1 \oplus b \odot w_2)$$

$a \odot u_1 \oplus b \odot u_2 \in U$  because  $U$  is a subspace

$a \odot w_1 \oplus b \odot w_2 \in W$  because  $W$  is a subspace

$$\Rightarrow a \odot x \oplus b \odot y \in U+W$$

$\Rightarrow U+W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

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**Definition:** Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$ . Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r \in V$ .

A vector  $\beta$  in  $V$  is said to be a linear combination of the vectors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r$  if  $\beta$  can be expressed as

$$\beta = c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_r \alpha_r \text{ for some scalars } c_1, c_2, \dots, c_r \text{ in } F.$$

$$\text{Let } S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r\} \subseteq V.$$

$$\text{Define } L(S) = \{c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_r \alpha_r \mid \forall c_1, c_2, \dots, c_r \in F\}$$

$L(S)$  is called linear span of  $S$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$  and let  $S \subseteq V$ , where  $S$  is finite. Then linear span  $L(S)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .



**Proof:** Let  $S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\} \subseteq V$ .

$$L(S) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \alpha_i \mid c_i \in F \quad \forall i=1, 2, \dots, k \right\}$$

Let  $x, y \in L(S)$ , then  $\exists c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \in F$

s.t.  $x = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \alpha_i$

and  $\exists d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k \in F$  s.t.

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^k d_i \alpha_i.$$

Let  $a, b \in F$  then

$$ax + by = \sum_{i=1}^k (ac_i + bd_i) \alpha_i, \quad ac_i + bd_i \in F$$

$$\Rightarrow ax + by \in L(S) \quad \forall a, b \in F$$

$\Rightarrow L(S)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

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Theorem'. Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ . Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two finite subsets of  $V$ . Then,

(i)  $L(L(S)) = L(S)$

(ii)  $L(S \cup T) = L(S) + L(T)$

Linear dependence and Linear independence

Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ . Let  $S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\} \subseteq V$ . Then  $S$  is linearly dependent if

$$c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_k \alpha_k = \bar{0}$$

for some non-zero  $c_i \in F$ .

$S$  is linearly independent if

$$c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_k \alpha_k = 0 \Rightarrow c_i = 0 \quad \forall i$$

Example! The set of vectors

$$\{(2, 1, 1), (1, 2, 2), (1, 1, 1)\}$$

is linearly dependent in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Let  $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$c_1(2, 1, 1) + c_2(1, 2, 2) + c_3(1, 1, 1) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 2c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0 \quad \text{---(i)}$$

$$c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3 = 0 \quad \text{---(ii)}$$

$$c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3 = 0 \quad \text{---(iii)}$$

By equation (i) and (ii)

$$\frac{c_1}{-1} = \frac{c_2}{-1} = \frac{c_3}{3} = k \text{ (say)}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = -k, c_2 = -k, c_3 = 3k$$

equation (iii) is also satisfied by  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ .

Let  $k=1$  then  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  all are non-zero



Therefore the given set of vectors is linearly dependent.

**Example!** The set of vectors  $\{(1, 2, 2), (2, 1, 2), (2, 2, 1)\}$  is linearly independent in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Let  $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$c_1(1, 2, 2) + c_2(2, 1, 2) + c_3(2, 2, 1) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$c_1 + 2c_2 + 2c_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$2c_1 + c_2 + 2c_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$2c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 5 \neq 0$$

By Cramer's rule, there exists a unique solution  $c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0, c_3 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  The given set of vectors is linearly independent.

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Theorem: If the set of vectors  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  in a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  be linearly dependent, then at least one of the vectors of the set can be expressed as a linear combination of the remaining others.

Proof: Since the set  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is linearly dependent, there exist scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  in  $F$  such that at least one  $c_j \neq 0$  and

$$c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_j \alpha_j + \dots + c_n \alpha_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_j \alpha_j = -c_1 \alpha_1 - c_2 \alpha_2 - \dots - c_n \alpha_n$$

$$\alpha_j = c_j^{-1} (-c_1 \alpha_1 - c_2 \alpha_2 - \dots - c_n \alpha_n)$$

$$\alpha_j = -c_j^{-1}c_1\alpha_1 - c_j^{-1}c_2\alpha_2 - \dots - c_j^{-1}c_n\alpha_n$$

let  $d_i = -c_j^{-1}c_i$  when  $i=1, 2, \dots, j-1, j+1, \dots, n$ .

$$\alpha_j = d_1\alpha_1 + d_2\alpha_2 + \dots + d_n\alpha_n$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha_j$  is a linear combination of the vectors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_n$ .

### Basis of a vector space

Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$ . Then  $V$  is said to be finitely generated or finite dimensional if  $\exists$  a finite set of vectors  $S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\} \subseteq V$  s.t.  $L(S) = V$ . Otherwise  $V$  is infinite dimensional vector space.

**Basis:** Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$ . A set  $S$  of vectors



in  $V$  is said to be a basis of  $V$  if

(i)  $S$  is linearly independent in  $V$

(ii)  $S$  generates  $V$  i.e.  $L(S) = V$ .

Example: Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

$$S = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$$

Let  $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$c_1(1, 0, 0) + c_2(0, 1, 0) + c_3(0, 0, 1) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (c_1, c_2, c_3) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow S$  is linearly independent in  $V$ .

Let  $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  then

$$(a, b, c) = a(1, 0, 0) + b(0, 1, 0) + c(0, 0, 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow L(S) = V.$$

Therefore  $S$  is a basis of  $V$

Example: Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  and

$$S = \{(1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0)\}.$$

$$\text{Let } \alpha_1 = (1, 0, 1), \alpha_2 = (0, 1, 1), \alpha_3 = (1, 1, 0)$$

Now we show that  $S$  is a basis of  $V$ .

Let  $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in F = \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$c_1(1, 0, 1) + c_2(0, 1, 1) + c_3(1, 1, 0) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (c_1 + c_3, c_2 + c_3, c_1 + c_2) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} c_1 + c_3 = 0 \\ c_2 + c_3 = 0 \\ c_1 + c_2 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{By solving these equations we get } c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$$

Therefore  $S$  is linearly independent.

Let  $v = (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Let us examine if

$$(a, b, c) \in L(S).$$

If possible, let  $v = d_1\alpha_1 + d_2\alpha_2 + d_3\alpha_3$   
for  $d_1, d_2, d_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then,

$$(a, b, c) = d_1(1, 0, 1) + d_2(0, 1, 1) + d_3(1, 1, 0)$$

$$(a, b, c) = (d_1 + d_3, d_2 + d_3, d_1 + d_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 + d_3 = a$$

$$d_2 + d_3 = b$$

$$d_1 + d_2 = c$$

This is a non-homogeneous system of three equations in  $d_1, d_2, d_3$ .

The co-efficient determinant

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

By Cramer's rule,  $\exists$  a unique solution for  $d_1, d_2, d_3$ .

This proves that  $\mathbf{e} = (a, b, c) \in \mathbf{L}(S)$ .

$$\Rightarrow V = L(S)$$

$\Rightarrow S$  is a basis of  $V$ .



Replacement theorem: If  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$

be a basis of a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  and a non-zero vector  $\beta$  of  $V$  is expressed as

$$\beta = c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_n \alpha_n, \quad c_i \in F,$$

then if  $c_j \neq 0$ ,  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \beta, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a new basis of  $V$ .

Proof:  $\beta = c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_{j-1} \alpha_{j-1} + c_j \alpha_j + \dots + c_n \alpha_n$   
or,

$$c_j \alpha_j = \beta - c_1 \alpha_1 - c_2 \alpha_2 - \dots - c_{j-1} \alpha_{j-1} - c_{j+1} \alpha_{j+1} - \dots - c_n \alpha_n.$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_j = c_j^{-1} \beta - c_j^{-1} c_1 \alpha_1 - c_j^{-1} c_2 \alpha_2 - \dots - c_j^{-1} c_{j-1} \alpha_{j-1} \\ - c_j^{-1} c_{j+1} \alpha_{j+1} - \dots - c_j^{-1} c_n \alpha_n \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{since } c_j \neq 0 \\ \text{therefore } c_j^{-1} \in F \end{array} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha_j$  is a linear combination of the vectors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \beta, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_n$ .

Now we prove that the set  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \beta, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is linearly independent.

Let  $d_1\alpha_1 + d_2\alpha_2 + \dots + d_{j-1}\alpha_{j-1} + d_j\beta + d_{j+1}\alpha_{j+1} + \dots + d_n\alpha_n = 0$ , for some scalar  $d_i \in F$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Then  $d_1\alpha_1 + d_2\alpha_2 + \dots + d_{j-1}\alpha_{j-1} + d_j(c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 + \dots + c_{j-1}\alpha_{j-1} + c_j\alpha_j + c_{j+1}\alpha_{j+1} + \dots + c_n\alpha_n) + d_{j+1}\alpha_{j+1} + \dots + d_n\alpha_n = 0$

$\Rightarrow (d_1 + d_j c_1)\alpha_1 + (d_2 + d_j c_2)\alpha_2 + \dots + (d_{j-1} + d_j c_{j-1})\alpha_{j-1} + d_j c_j \alpha_j + (d_{j+1} + d_j c_{j+1})\alpha_{j+1} + \dots + (d_n + d_j c_n)\alpha_n = 0$

Since the set  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is linearly independent, we have

$d_1 + d_j c_1 = 0$ ,  $d_2 + d_j c_2 = 0, \dots, d_{j-1} + d_j c_{j-1} = 0$ ,

$$d_j c_j = 0, \quad d_{j+1} + d_j c_{j+1} = 0, \dots,$$

$$d_n + d_j c_n = 0.$$

$$d_j c_j = 0 \Rightarrow d_j = 0 \text{ and therefore}$$

$$d_i = 0 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$\Rightarrow$  The set  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \beta, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is linearly independent.

Now we prove that

$$L\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \beta, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\} = V.$$

Let  $S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  and

$$T = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \beta, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\}.$$

Since  $\beta$  is a linear combination of the vectors of  $S$ , each element of  $T$  is a linear combination of the vectors of  $S$ . Therefore  $L(T) \subseteq L(S)$ .



Since  $\alpha_j$  is a linear combination of the vectors of  $T$ , each element of  $S$  is a linear combination of the vectors of  $T$ . Therefore  $L(S) \subseteq L(T)$ .

Consequently,  $L(T) = L(S) = V$ .

Hence  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \beta, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a basis of  $V$ .

Theorem: If  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  be a basis of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$ , then any linearly independent set of vectors in  $V$  contains at most  $n$  vectors.

Proof: Let  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_r\}$  be a linearly independent set of vectors in  $V$ .

None of  $\beta_i$  is a zero vector

Since  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $\beta_1$  is a non-zero vector in  $V$ ,  
 $\beta_1 = c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 + \dots + c_n\alpha_n$ , where  
 $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in F$  and not all are zero.  
 Let  $c_i \neq 0$

By Replacement theorem,  
 $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}, \beta_1, \alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a basis of  $V$ . Since  $\beta_2 \neq 0$  and  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}, \beta_1, \alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a basis of  $V$ ,

$\beta_2 = d_1\alpha_1 + d_2\alpha_2 + \dots + d_{i-1}\alpha_{i-1} + d_i\beta_1 + d_{i+1}\alpha_{i+1} + \dots + d_n\alpha_n$ , where  $d_i$ 's are scalars, not all zero.

We assert that at least one of  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{i-1}, d_{i+1}, \dots, d_n$  is non-zero.

Because, if all of them be zero, then  $\beta_2 = d_i\beta_1$  and this will imply linear



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dependence of  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  which is a contradiction.

Let  $d_j \neq 0, j \neq i$ . By Replacement theorem  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}, \beta_1, \alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \beta_2, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a new basis of  $V$ . Since  $\beta_3 \neq 0$ ,  
$$\beta_3 = t_1 \alpha_1 + t_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + t_{i-1} \alpha_{i-1} + t_i \beta_1 + t_{i+1} \alpha_{i+1} + \dots + t_{j-1} \alpha_{j-1} + t_j \beta_2 + t_{j+1} \alpha_{j+1} + \dots + t_n \alpha_n,$$
 where  $t_i$ 's are scalars and not all zero.

We assert that at least one of  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{i-1}, t_{i+1}, \dots, t_{j-1}, t_{j+1}, \dots, t_n$  is non-zero. Because otherwise,

$\beta_3 = t_i \beta_1 + t_j \beta_2$  and this will imply linear dependency of  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$ , which is a contradiction.

Proceeding in this way we observe that at each step one  $\alpha$  is replaced



by any  $\beta$  and the resulting set remains a basis of  $V$ . The following cases may arise

(i)  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_r$  all come to the new basis containing some  $\alpha$ 's.

In this case  $r < n$ .

(ii)  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_r$  exhaust all  $\alpha$ 's and form the new basis. In this case  $r = n$ .

It can not happen that  $r > n$ . Because, then by Replacement theorem,  $n$  vectors  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$  will come to the basis replacing all  $\alpha$ 's one after another and  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n\}$  becomes a new basis of  $V$ . Therefore the remaining vectors  $\beta_{n+1}, \beta_{n+2}, \dots, \beta_r$

of  $V$  will be each a linear combination of  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$  showing that the set  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n, \beta_{n+1}, \dots, \beta_r\}$  is linearly dependent, a contradiction.

Therefore  $r \leq n$ .

**Theorem:** Any two bases of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  have the same number of vectors.

**Proof:** Let  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}, \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m\}$  be two bases of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ .

Since  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m\}$  is a linearly independent set of vectors in  $V$ ,  $m \leq n$ .

Since  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m\}$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a linearly independent set of vectors in  $V$ ,  $n \leq m$ .

$$m \leq n \text{ and } n \leq m \Rightarrow m = n.$$

Dimension of a vector space

The number of vectors in a basis of a vector space  $V$  is said to be the dimension (or rank) of  $V$  and is denoted by  $\dim V$ .

Example: Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ , then

$\mathcal{B} = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$  is a basis of  $V$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \dim(V) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3.$$



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**Theorem:** Let  $V$  be a vector space of dimension  $n$  over a field  $F$ . Then any linearly independent set of  $n$  vectors of  $V$  is a basis of  $V$ .

**Question:** Find a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that contains the vectors  $(1, 2, 0)$  and  $(1, 3, 1)$ .

$\mathbb{R}^3$  is a vector space of dimension 3. The standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  where  $e_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $e_2 = (0, 1, 0)$  and  $e_3 = (0, 0, 1)$ .

Let  $\alpha = (1, 2, 0)$ ,  $\beta = (1, 3, 1)$ .

Then  $\alpha = 1e_1 + 2e_2 + 0e_3$ .

Since the coefficient of  $e_1$  is non-zero, by Replacement theorem  $\alpha$  can replace  $e_1$  in the basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  and  $\{\alpha, e_2, e_3\}$  can be new basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$\text{Let } \beta = c_1 \alpha + c_2 e_2 + c_3 e_3.$$

$$\text{Then } (1, 3, 1) = c_1 (1, 2, 0) + c_2 (0, 1, 0) + c_3 (0, 0, 1)$$

$$\text{Therefore } c_1 = 1, 2c_1 + c_2 = 3, c_3 = 1.$$

$$\text{We have } c_1 = 1, c_2 = 1, c_3 = 1 \text{ and}$$

$$\beta = \alpha + e_2 + e_3.$$

Since the coefficient of  $e_2$  is non-zero, by Replacement theorem  $\beta$  can replace  $e_2$  in the basis  $\{\alpha, e_2, e_3\}$  and  $\{\alpha, \beta, e_3\}$  can be a new basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Question!** Find a basis and the dimension of the subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , where

$$W = \{ (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid a + b + c = 0 \}.$$

$$\text{Let } w = (a, b, c) \in W$$

$$(a, b, c) = (a, b, -a - b), \text{ since } a + b + c = 0$$

$$= a(1, 0, -1) + b(0, 1, -1)$$

$(1, 0, -1)$  and  $(0, 1, -1)$  are linearly independent therefore  $\{(1, 0, -1), (0, 1, -1)\}$  is a basis of  $W$ .

$$\Rightarrow \dim W = 2.$$

**Extension theorem!** A linearly independent set of vectors in a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  is either a basis of  $V$ , or it can be extended to a basis of  $V$ .



Proof! - Let  $S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r\}$  be a linearly independent set in  $V$ .  $L(S)$  being the smallest subspace containing  $S$ ,  $L(S) \subset V$ .

If  $L(S) = V$ , then  $S$  is a basis.

If  $L(S)$  be a proper subspace of  $V$ , then  $V - L(S) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\beta \in V - L(S)$ . We prove the set  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r, \beta\}$  is linearly independent.

Let us consider the relation

$$c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_r \alpha_r + b\beta = 0 \text{ where}$$

$$c_1, c_2, \dots, c_r, b \in F \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

We assert that  $b = 0$ . Because

if  $b \neq 0$ , then  $b^{-1}$  exists in  $F$  and  $\beta$  can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= -b^{-1}(c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_r \alpha_r) \\ &= d_1 \alpha_1 + d_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + d_r \alpha_r \end{aligned}$$

where  $d_i = -b^T c_i \in F$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, r$ .

$\Rightarrow \beta \in L(S)$ , a contradiction. Therefore our assertion is ~~is~~ established.

The linear independence of the set  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r\}$  and  $b=0$  together imply  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_r = b = 0$  in (i)

This proves linear independence of the set  $S_1 = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r, \beta\}$ .

Now  $L(S_1) \subset V$ . If  $L(S_1) = V$ , then  $S_1$  is a basis of  $V$  and as  $S_1$  is an extension of  $S$ , the theorem is proved.

If however,  $L(S_1)$  is a proper subspace of  $V$ , we can take a vector  $\in V - L(S_1)$  and proceed as before.

Since  $V$  is finite dimensional, after a finite number of steps we come to a finite set of vectors in  $V$  as an extension of  $S$  and also as a basis of  $V$ .

Example: Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

$$S = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0)\} \subseteq V$$

$$L(S) = \{(a, b, 0) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$V - L(S) \neq \emptyset$$

$$\text{Let } \beta = (0, 0, 2) \in V - L(S)$$

Then  $S = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 2)\}$  is linearly independent set and has three element therefore  $S$  is a basis of  $V$ .



Theorem! Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$ . A subset  $B = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  of  $V$  is a basis of  $V$  if and only if every element of  $V$  has a unique representation as a linear combination of the vectors of  $B$ .

Proof! Let  $B = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  be a basis of  $V$ .

Let  $\alpha \in V$ . Then  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \alpha_i$  for some  $c_i \in F$ .

Let us assume  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i \alpha_i$  for some  $d_i \in F$ .

$$\text{Then } \underline{0} = \alpha - \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n (c_i - d_i) \alpha_i$$

Since  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is linearly

independent therefore  $c_i - d_i = 0 \quad \forall i$

$$\Rightarrow c_i = d_i \quad \forall i$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha$  has a unique representation

Conversely, let  $B = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  be a subset of  $V$  s.t. every vector of  $V$  has a unique representation as a linear combination of the vectors of  $B$ .

Clearly,  $V = L\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  --- (i)

$0 \in V$ , and by the condition,  $0$  has a unique representation as a linear combination of the vectors of  $B$ .

$$\text{let } 0 = c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_n \alpha_n.$$

This is obviously satisfied by

$c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0, \dots, c_n = 0$  and because of uniqueness in the condition, if

follows that

$$c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_n \alpha_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0, \dots, c_n = 0.$$

$\Rightarrow B$  is linearly independent set (ii)

From (i) and (ii) it follows that

$B$  is a basis of  $V$ .

### Co-ordinates of a vector

Let  $B = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  be an ordered basis of a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$ . Then to each vector  $\alpha$  in  $V$

$\exists c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in F$  s.t.

$$\alpha = c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_n \alpha_n.$$

The ordered  $n$ -tuple  $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$  is said to be the co-ordinate vector of  $\alpha$  relative to the ordered basis  $B$ .



Example! Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

$$B = \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0)\}$$

$B$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $\beta = (1, 3, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  then

$\exists c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} (1, 3, 1) &= c_1(1, 1, 1) + c_2(1, 1, 0) + c_3(1, 0, 0) \\ &= (c_1 + c_2 + c_3, c_1 + c_2, c_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 1, \quad c_1 + c_2 = 3, \quad c_1 = 1$$

After solving we get  $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 2$

$$c_3 = -2.$$

So  $(1, 2, -2)$  is co-ordinate vector of  $\beta = (1, 3, 1)$  relative to ordered basis  $B$ .

# WEEK-6 LECTURE NOTE

Topics : Complement of Subspace  
Linear Transformation  
More on Linear mapping  
Linear Space

## ① Sum of two Sub-spaces:

Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$ . Suppose  $W \subseteq V$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Theorem:  $\dim(W) \leq \dim(V)$ .

proof: case 1: let  $W = \{\vec{0}\}$ . Then  $\dim(W) = 0 \leq \dim(V) = n$  (say).

case 2: let  $V \neq \{\vec{0}\}$  and  $W \subseteq V$  with  $W \neq \{\vec{0}\}$ .

let  $\dim(W) = m$ . If possible let  $m > n$ . Then  $\exists$  a set  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\} \subseteq V$  such that  $L(\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\}) = W$  and  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\}$  is linearly independent in  $W$ .

Therefore,  $V$  contains a set  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\}$  which is linearly independent  $\Rightarrow$

$\dim(V) \geq m \Rightarrow n \geq m$ . This is a contradiction to the fact that  $m > n$ .

Hence  $m \leq n$ , i.e.,  $\dim(W) \leq \dim(V)$ . ▢

① Let  $V$  be a vector space over the field  $F$ . Let  $U$  and  $W$  be two sub-spaces of  $V$ . Then

$$\dim(U+W) = \dim(U) + \dim(W) - \dim(U \cap W),$$

where  $U+W = \{u+w : u \in U \text{ and } w \in W\}$ ,  
and  $\dim(V) < \infty$ .

We note that  $(U+W)$  is a sub-space of  $V$ .

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in (U+W)$ . Then we can write  $\alpha = u_1 + w_1$  for  $u_1 \in U, w_1 \in W$   
 $\beta = u_2 + w_2$  for  $u_2 \in U, w_2 \in W$ .

Then for any  $a, b \in F$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned} a\alpha + b\beta &= a(u_1 + w_1) + b(u_2 + w_2) \\ &= (au_1 + bu_2) + (aw_1 + bw_2) \\ &\in (U+W) \text{ as } au_1 + bu_2 \in U, \\ &\quad aw_1 + bw_2 \in W. \end{aligned}$$



This shows that  $(U+W)$  is a subspace.

Also, we have seen that  $U \cap W$  is a subspace of  $V$  for any two subspaces  $U, W$  of  $V$ . (over the same field  $F$ ).

Theorem:  $\dim(U+W) = \dim(U) + \dim(W) - \dim(U \cap W)$ .

Proof: Let  $S = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r\}$  be a basis of  $(U \cap W)$ .

Since  $\dim(U \cap W) \leq \dim(U)$  and  $(U \cap W) \subseteq U$ , we can extend  $S$  to  $S_1 = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s\}$  such that  $S_1$  is a basis for  $U$ .

Also,  $\dim(U \cap W) \leq \dim(W)$ , by similar reason, we can extend  $S$  to  $S_2 = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_t\}$  such that  $S_2$  is a basis for  $W$ .

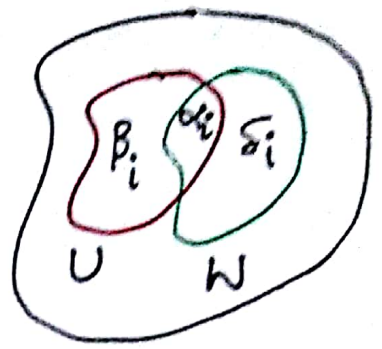
Let  $B = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_t\}$ .

We show that  $B$  is a basis of  $(U+W)$ .

We show

(i)  $L(B) = (U+W)$

(ii)  $B$  is linearly independent in  $V$ .



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$$\dim(V) = n$$

$$\dim(U) = r+s$$

$$\dim(W) = r+t$$

$$\dim(U \cap W) = r$$

(i): We see that

$$B \subseteq (U+W)$$

$$\Rightarrow L(B) \subseteq L(U+W) = U+W \text{ --- } (*)$$

Let  $v \in U+W$ . Then  $v = u+w$  for some  $u \in U$  and  $w \in W$ .

$$\text{Now } v = u+w$$

$$= \left( \sum_{i=1}^r a_i \alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^s b_i \beta_i \right) + \left( \sum_{i=1}^r c_i \alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^t d_i \delta_i \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^r (a_i + c_i) \alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^s b_i \beta_i + \sum_{i=1}^t d_i \delta_i$$

where  $a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i \in F$  for each  $i$ .

$$\Rightarrow v = u+w \in L(B)$$

$$\Rightarrow U+W \subseteq L(B) \text{ --- } (**)$$

Therefore by  $\textcircled{*}$  and  $\textcircled{**}$  we have,

$$L(B) = U + W.$$

(ii): Consider,

$$a_1 \alpha_1 + \dots + a_r \alpha_r + b_1 \beta_1 + \dots + b_s \beta_s + c_1 \delta_1 + \dots + c_t \delta_t = \bar{0} \quad \text{for } a_i, b_i, c_i \in F.$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^r a_i \alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^s b_i \beta_i}_{\text{belongs to } U} = - \sum_{i=1}^t c_i \delta_i \in W \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{***}$$

$$\Rightarrow - \sum_{i=1}^t c_i \delta_i \in U \cap W.$$

$$\Rightarrow - \sum_{i=1}^t c_i \delta_i = \sum_{i=1}^r d_i \alpha_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^t c_i \delta_i + \sum_{i=1}^r d_i \alpha_i = \bar{0}$$

As  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_t, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r\}$  is linearly independent set in  $W$  (so in  $V$ )  $\Rightarrow c_i = 0$  and  $d_j = 0$  for  $i=1, \dots, t$  and  $j=1, \dots, r$

Therefore from  $\textcircled{***}$  we have,



$$\sum_{i=1}^r a_i \alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^s b_i \beta_i = \vec{0}$$

Again  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_s\}$  is linearly independent set in  $U$  (so in  $V$ ) we have,

$$a_i = 0, \quad b_j = 0 \quad \text{for } i=1, \dots, r, \quad j=1, \dots, s$$

$$\text{Hence, } \sum_{i=1}^r a_i \alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^s b_i \beta_i + \sum_{i=1}^t c_i \delta_i = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_i = 0, \quad b_j = 0, \quad c_k = 0$$

for all  $i=1, \dots, r; \quad j=1, \dots, s; \quad k=1, \dots, t$ .

Therefore,

$$\dim(U+W) = r+s+t$$

$$= (r+s) + (r+t) - r$$

$$= \dim(U) + \dim(W) - \dim(U \cap W).$$

Note: If  $U \cap W = \{\vec{0}\}$ , then  $\dim(U+W) = \dim(U) + \dim(W)$ . In this case we write  $U+W = U \oplus W$  if  $n = r+s+t$ . ▣

Then,  $U$  and  $W$  is called complement of each other, i.e., we write

$$U + W = U \oplus W \quad \text{when } U \cap W = \{0\}$$

Also,  $V = (U \oplus W)$  is called the direct sum of  $U$  and  $W$  if  $\dim(V) = \dim(U \oplus W)$ .

### ● Linear transformation / mapping :

Let  $U$  and  $V$  be two vector spaces over the same field  $F$ .

A mapping  $T: U \rightarrow V$  is said to be a linear mapping or a linear transformation if it satisfies the following condition :

$$1. \quad T(\alpha + \beta) = T(\alpha) + T(\beta) \\ \forall \alpha, \beta \in U$$

$$2. \quad T(c\alpha) = cT(\alpha) \quad \forall c \in F \text{ and } \alpha \in U.$$

These two conditions can be combined into a single condition  $\rightarrow$

$$T(a\alpha + b\beta) = aT(\alpha) + bT(\beta) \\ \forall a, b \in F \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in U.$$

② Example:  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be defined

$$\text{by } T(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$= (x_1 + x_2 + x_3, 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3, x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3)$$

$$\text{let } \alpha = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$\beta = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$$

$$\text{Then } a\alpha + b\beta = (ax_1 + by_1, ax_2 + by_2, ax_3 + by_3)$$

$$\text{for } a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Therefore } T(a\alpha + b\beta)$$

$$= T(ax_1 + by_1, ax_2 + by_2, ax_3 + by_3)$$

$$= (ax_1 + by_1 + ax_2 + by_2 + ax_3 + by_3, \\ 2ax_1 + 2by_1 + ax_2 + by_2 + 2ax_3 + 2by_3, \\ ax_1 + by_1 + 2ax_2 + 2by_2 + ax_3 + by_3)$$

$$= a(x_1 + x_2 + x_3, 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3, x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3) \\ + b(y_1 + y_2 + y_3, 2y_1 + y_2 + 2y_3, y_1 + 2y_2 + y_3)$$

$$= aT(x_1, x_2, x_3) + bT(y_1, y_2, y_3)$$

$$= aT(\alpha) + bT(\beta)$$

$\Rightarrow T$  is a linear mapping.



② Example:  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  by

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + 1, x_2 + 1, x_3 + 1).$$

Then  $T(1, 0, 0) = (2, 1, 1)$

$$T(0, 1, 0) = (1, 2, 1)$$

$$T((1, 0, 0) + (0, 1, 0))$$

$$= T(1, 1, 0) = (2, 2, 1)$$

$$\neq T(1, 0, 0) + T(0, 1, 0)$$

Hence  $T$  is not a linear mapping.

③ Theorem: (i)  $T(\bar{0}_U) = \bar{0}_V$  where  $\bar{0}_U, \bar{0}_V$  are the identity element of  $U$  and  $V$  respectively,  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping.

Proof:  $\bar{0}_U + \bar{0}_U = \bar{0}_U$

$$\Rightarrow T(\bar{0}_U + \bar{0}_U) = T(\bar{0}_U)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(\bar{0}_U) + T(\bar{0}_U) = T(\bar{0}_U)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(\bar{0}_U) + T(\bar{0}_U) - T(\bar{0}_U) = T(\bar{0}_U) - T(\bar{0}_U)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(\bar{0}_U) + \bar{0}_V = \bar{0}_V$$

$$\Rightarrow T(\bar{0}_U) = \bar{0}_V.$$

$$(ii) \quad T(-\alpha) = -T(\alpha). \quad \forall \alpha \in U.$$

Proof:  $\alpha + (-\alpha) = \bar{0}_U$

$$\Rightarrow T(\alpha + (-\alpha)) = T(\bar{0}_U)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(\alpha) + T(-\alpha) = \bar{0}_V$$

$$\Rightarrow T(-\alpha) = \bar{0}_V - T(\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(-\alpha) = -T(\alpha)$$

### ① Kernel of a linear mapping:

Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping. We denote kernel of  $T$  as  $\ker(T)$  and define it by,

$$\ker(T) = \{ \alpha \in U : T(\alpha) = \bar{0}_V \}$$

See,  $\ker(T) \neq \emptyset$  as  $T(\bar{0}_U) = \bar{0}_V$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{0}_U \in \ker(T).$$

① Theorem: Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping. Then  $\ker(T)$  is a subspace of  $U$ .

Proof: Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \ker(T)$ .

$$\Rightarrow T(\alpha) = T(\beta) = \bar{0}_V.$$

Then  $T(a\alpha + b\beta)$  (for any  $a, b \in F$ ).  
 $= T(a\alpha) + T(b\beta)$

$$= aT(\alpha) + bT(\beta)$$

$$= a\bar{0}_V + b\bar{0}_V = \bar{0}_V$$

$$\Rightarrow a\alpha + b\beta \in \ker(T). \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \ker(T) \text{ and } a, b \in F.$$

Therefore  $\ker(T)$  is a subspace of  $U$ .

(\*) We call  $\ker(T)$  as a null space of  $T$ .

① Theorem:  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping.  
Then  $T$  is one-to-one iff  $\ker(T) = \{\bar{0}_V\}$

Proof: Suppose  $T$  is one-to-one.

$$T(\bar{0}_V) = \bar{0}_V.$$

$$\text{Then } \alpha \in \ker(T) \Rightarrow T(\alpha) = T(\bar{0}_V) = \bar{0}_V$$

Since  $T$  is one-to-one we have  $\alpha = \bar{0}_V$ .

$$\Rightarrow \ker(T) = \{\bar{0}_V\}.$$

Conversely, let  $\ker(T) = \{\bar{0}_V\}$ .

$$\text{Let } \alpha, \beta \in U \text{ and } T(\alpha) = T(\beta)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(\alpha - \beta) = T(\alpha) - T(\beta) = \bar{0}_V$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha - \beta \in \ker(T)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha - \beta = \bar{0}_V \Rightarrow \alpha = \beta.$$

So,  $T$  is one to one.

(proved).



② Theorem: Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping such that  $\ker(T) = \{\bar{0}_V\}$ . Let  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  be a set of linearly independent vectors then  $\{T(\alpha_1), T(\alpha_2), \dots, T(\alpha_n)\}$  is a linearly independent set of vectors in  $V$ .

Proof: Consider,

$$a_1 T(\alpha_1) + a_2 T(\alpha_2) + \dots + a_n T(\alpha_n) = \bar{0}_V$$

$$\Rightarrow T(a_1 \alpha_1 + a_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + a_n \alpha_n) = \bar{0}_V$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_1 \alpha_1 + \dots + a_n \alpha_n) \in \ker(T)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 \alpha_1 + \dots + a_n \alpha_n = \bar{0}_U$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 0 \text{ as}$$

$\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is linearly independent in  $U$ .

$\Rightarrow \{T(\alpha_1), \dots, T(\alpha_n)\}$  is a linearly independent set of vectors in  $V$ .

● Example:  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  by

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_2 + x_3, 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3, x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3)$$

If  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \ker(T)$  then,

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = k, x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = -k \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3) = k(1, 0, -1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ker(T) = L \{ (1, 0, -1) \}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(\ker(T)) = 1.$$

● Image of a linear mapping:

Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping over the field  $F$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then image of } T &= \{ \beta \in V : \exists \alpha \in U \\ &\quad \text{such that } T(\alpha) = \beta \} \\ &= \text{Im}(T) \end{aligned}$$

① Theorem:  $\text{Im}(T)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Proof: Let  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in \text{Im}(T)$ .

Then  $\exists \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in U$  s.t.

$$T(\alpha_1) = \beta_1, \quad T(\alpha_2) = \beta_2$$

$$\Rightarrow T(a\alpha_1 + b\alpha_2) = aT(\alpha_1) + bT(\alpha_2) \\ = a\beta_1 + b\beta_2$$

for all  $a, b \in F$ .

$$\Rightarrow a\beta_1 + b\beta_2 \in \text{Im}(T) \quad \forall a, b \in F.$$

Hence  $\text{Im}(T)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

② Theorem: Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping over the field  $F$ . If  $B = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  be a basis of  $U$  then  $\{T(\alpha_1), \dots, T(\alpha_n)\}$  generates  $\text{Im}(T)$ .

Proof: To show,  $L(\{T(\alpha_1), \dots, T(\alpha_n)\}) \\ = \text{Im}(T)$

Let  $\beta \in \text{Im}(T)$ . Then  $\exists \alpha \in U$  s.t.  
 $T(\alpha) = \beta$ .

Now,  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a basis for  $U$ .

Then  $\alpha = a_1\alpha_1 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n$

$$\Rightarrow T(\alpha) = a_1T(\alpha_1) + \dots + a_nT(\alpha_n)$$



$$\Rightarrow \beta = a_1 T(\alpha_1) + \dots + a_n T(\alpha_n) \\ \in L\left(\sum T(\alpha_1), \dots, T(\alpha_n)\right)$$

Hence proved.

● Example:  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  by

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_2 + x_3, 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3, \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3).$$

$$\text{Let } \varepsilon_1 = (1, 0, 0), \varepsilon_2 = (0, 1, 0), \\ \varepsilon_3 = (0, 0, 1).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \text{Im}(T) &= L\left(\sum T(\varepsilon_1), T(\varepsilon_2), T(\varepsilon_3)\right) \\ &= L\left(\{(1, 2, 1), (1, 1, 2), (1, 2, 1)\}\right) \\ &= L\left(\{(1, 2, 1), (1, 1, 2)\}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(\text{Im}(T)) = 2.$$

(\*) Denote  $\dim(\text{Im}(T)) = \dim(R(T))$   
and  $\dim(\text{Ker}(T)) = \dim(N(T)).$

## ① Rank Nullity Theorem :

Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping over  $F$ . If  $U, V$  are finite dimensional vector spaces then

$$\text{Rank}(T) + \text{Nullity}(T) = \dim(U)$$

where  $\text{Rank}(T) = \dim(R(T))$   
 $\text{Nullity}(T) = \dim(N(T))$ .

proof : case I :  $\text{Ker}(T) = \{ \bar{0}_U \}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{Nullity}(T) = 0$$

Let  $B = \{ \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \}$  be a basis of  $U$ .

Then  $B' = \{ T(\alpha_1), \dots, T(\alpha_n) \}$  generates

$R(T)$ . Also,  $B'$  is linearly independent in  $V$  as  $\text{Ker}(T) = \{ \bar{0}_U \}$ .

Hence  $B'$  is a basis of  $R(T)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \dim(R(T)) = n = \text{Rank}(T).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } \text{Rank}(T) + \text{Nullity}(T) \\ = n + 0 = n = \dim(U). \end{aligned}$$

case 2:  $\ker(T) = U$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{Nullity}(T) = \dim(U)$$

$$\text{Rank}(T) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Rank}(T) + \text{Nullity}(T) = \dim(U)$$

case 3:  $\ker(T)$  is a proper subspace of  $U$  with basis  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$  where  $1 \leq k < n = \dim(U)$ .

Extend  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$  to  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k, \alpha_{k+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\} = B$  a basis of  $U$ ,  
~~So~~  $\dim(U) = n$ .

To show  $\{T(\alpha_{k+1}), \dots, T(\alpha_n)\}$  is a basis of  $R(T)$ .

Now,  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\} = B$  is a basis of  $U \Rightarrow \{T(\alpha_1), \dots, T(\alpha_n)\}$  generates  $R(T)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & L(T(\alpha_1), \dots, T(\alpha_k), T(\alpha_{k+1}), \dots, T(\alpha_n)) \\ &= L(T(\alpha_{k+1}), \dots, T(\alpha_n)) \\ &= R(T) \quad \text{as } T(\alpha_1) = \dots = T(\alpha_k) = \bar{0}_V \end{aligned}$$

Consider,  $a_{k+1}T(\alpha_{k+1}) + \dots + a_n T(\alpha_n) = \bar{0}_V$   
 $\Rightarrow T(a_{k+1}\alpha_{k+1} + \dots + a_n \alpha_n) = \bar{0}_V$



$$\Rightarrow \alpha_{k+1} \alpha_{k+1} + \dots + a_n \alpha_n \in \ker(T)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=k+1}^n a_i \alpha_i = \sum_{j=1}^k (-a_j) \alpha_j \quad \text{as } \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\} \text{ is a basis of } \ker(T), a_i \in F \forall i=1, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \alpha_i = \bar{0}_V$$

$$\Rightarrow a_i = 0 \quad \forall i=1, \dots, n \quad \text{as } \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\} \text{ is a basis of } V.$$

$$\Rightarrow \{T(\alpha_{k+1}), \dots, T(\alpha_n)\} \text{ is linearly independent in } V.$$

$$\text{So, } \dim(R(T)) = (n-k)$$

$$\dim(N(T)) = k$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Rank}(T) + \text{Nullity}(T) = (n-k) + k = n = \dim(V).$$

(Proved)

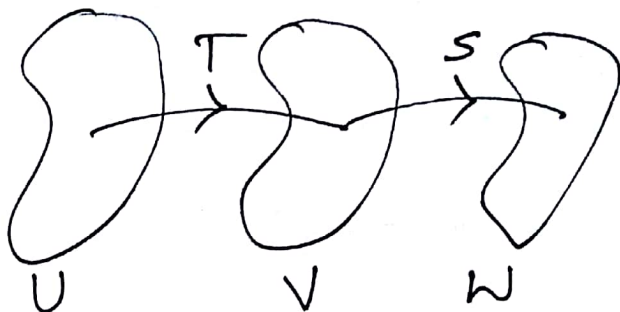
## ① More on Linear mapping:

Let  $U, V, W$  be three vector spaces over the same field  $F$ .

$$T: U \rightarrow V$$

$$S: V \rightarrow W$$

be two linear maps.



$\Rightarrow S \circ T: U \rightarrow W$  is also a linear mapping.

$$S \circ T(a\alpha + b\beta) \quad \text{for } a, b \in F, \alpha, \beta \in U$$

$$= S(aT(\alpha) + bT(\beta))$$

$$= S(aT(\alpha)) + S(bT(\beta))$$

$$= a S(T(\alpha)) + b S(T(\beta))$$

$$= a S \circ T(\alpha) + b S \circ T(\beta)$$

We write  $ST = S \circ T$ .

## ② Inverse of a linear mapping:

Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping.

Suppose  $T$  is one-to-one and onto.

Then  $\exists$  a map  $T^{-1}: V \rightarrow U$  such that  $T(\alpha) = \beta \Leftrightarrow T^{-1}(\beta) = \alpha$  for  $\alpha \in U, \beta \in V$ .

$T^{-1}$  is a linear mapping.

Let  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in V$ . Then  $\exists \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in U$   
s.t.  $T(\alpha_1) = \beta_1$ ,  
 $T(\alpha_2) = \beta_2$   
$$T^{-1}(a\beta_1 + b\beta_2)$$
  
$$= a\alpha_1 + b\alpha_2$$
  
$$\Rightarrow T(a\alpha_1 + b\alpha_2)$$
  
$$= a\beta_1 + b\beta_2$$

Hence  $T^{-1}$  is a linear mapping.

## ③ Isomorphism:

Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping for  $U$  to  $V$  over the same field  $F$ .

Now  $T$  is called an isomorphism

if  $T$  is one-to-one and onto or bijective



⑧ We call two vector spaces  $U$  and  $V$  are isomorphic if there exists a bijective linear mapping  $T: U \rightarrow V$  and we write  $U \sim V$ .

⑨ Theorem: Let  $U$  and  $V$  be two vector space with finite dimensions. Then  $U$  and  $V$  are isomorphic iff  $\dim U = \dim V$ .

Proof: Let  $U \sim V$ . Then  $\exists$  a bijective linear mapping  $T: U \rightarrow V$ .

$T$  is one to one  $\Rightarrow \ker(T) = \{ \vec{0}_U \}$ .

$T$  is onto  $\Rightarrow \text{Im}(T) = V = R(T)$

By rank-nullity theorem,

$$\dim(R(T)) + \dim(\ker(T)) = \dim(U)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(V) + 0 = \dim(U)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(V) = \dim(U)$$

Conversely, let  $\dim(U) = \dim(V)$ .

Let  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\} = B_U$  be a basis of  $U$

$\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n\} = B_V$  be a basis of  $V$ .

Consider a linear mapping  $T: U \rightarrow V$

by  $T(\alpha_1) = \beta_1, \dots, T(\alpha_n) = \beta_n.$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So, } T(\alpha) &= T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \alpha_i\right), \text{ for } \alpha \in U \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i T(\alpha_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \beta_i \in V.\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\alpha \in \ker(T)$ . Then  $T(\alpha) = \bar{0}_V$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \beta_i = \bar{0}_V$$

But  $B_V$  is a basis of  $V$

$$\Rightarrow a_i = 0 \quad \forall i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \alpha_i = \bar{0}_U$$

So,  $\ker(T) = \{\bar{0}_U\} \Rightarrow T$  is one-to-one.

Also, by rank nullity theorem,

$$\dim(\operatorname{Im}(T)) + \dim(\ker(T)) = \dim(U) = \dim(V)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(\operatorname{Im}(T)) = \dim(V) \quad [ \because \dim(\ker(T)) = 0 ]$$

Again  $\operatorname{Im}(T)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Im}(T) = V \Rightarrow T \text{ is onto.}$$

Hence  $T$  is a bijection  $\Rightarrow U \sim V$ .

② Theorem: Let  $U$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over the field  $F$ .  
Then  $U \sim F^n$  where  $F = \underbrace{F \times \dots \times F}_{n\text{-times}}$ .

So,  $\dim_F(U) = n \Rightarrow U \sim F^n$ .

Let  $B = \{ \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \}$  be an ordered basis of  $U$  over  $F$ .

Then define,  $T(\alpha) = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$   
where  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \alpha_i$ ,  $a_i \in F$  for  $i=1, \dots, n$ .

Therefore  $T: U \rightarrow F^n$  is a linear map.

We can  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  as the co-ordinate of  $\alpha$  with respect to  $B$ .

See,  $T(a\alpha + b\beta)$

$$= T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (a a_i \alpha_i + b b_i \alpha_i)\right), \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha &= \sum a_i \alpha_i \\ \beta &= \sum b_i \alpha_i \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n T(a a_i \alpha_i + b b_i \alpha_i)$$

$$= a \sum_{i=1}^n a_i T(\alpha_i) + b \sum_{i=1}^n b_i T(\alpha_i)$$

$$= a T(\alpha) + b T(\beta).$$



So,  $T$  is a linear map.

Let  $\alpha \in \ker(T)$ . Then  $T(\alpha) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$

$$\text{So, } \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \alpha_i = \alpha.$$

$$\Rightarrow T(\alpha) = (0, 0, \dots, 0) \Rightarrow a_1 = 0, \dots, a_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \bar{0}_U$$

So,  $\ker(T) = \{ \bar{0}_U \} \Rightarrow T$  is one-to-one.

Using rank-nullity theorem,

$$\dim(\operatorname{Im}(T)) + \dim(\ker(T)) = \dim(U) \\ = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(\operatorname{Im}(T)) = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Im}(T) = F^n.$$

$\Rightarrow T$  is onto.

$$\text{So, } \boxed{U \sim F^n}$$

## ② Linear space of linear mappings:

Let  $U$  and  $V$  be two vector spaces over the same field  $F$ .

Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$ ,  $S: U \rightarrow V$  be two linear mappings.

We define  $(T+S): U \rightarrow V$  by,

$$(T+S)(\alpha) = T(\alpha) + S(\alpha), \forall \alpha \in U.$$

Then  $(T+S)(a\alpha + b\beta)$

$$\neq \cancel{(T+S)}(\cancel{a\alpha} + \cancel{b\beta}) = T(a\alpha + b\beta) + S(a\alpha + b\beta)$$

$$= aT(\alpha) + bT(\beta) + aS(\alpha) + bS(\beta)$$

$$= a(T(\alpha) + S(\alpha)) + b(T(\beta) + S(\beta))$$

$$= a \cancel{T+S}(\alpha) + b(T+S)(\beta).$$

Hence  $(T+S)$  is linear.

Again  $(cT)(\alpha + \beta)$

$$= cT(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$= c(T(\alpha) + T(\beta))$$

$$= (cT)(\alpha) + (cT)(\beta)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Also, } (c \cdot T)(a\alpha) &= c \cdot T(a\alpha) \\ &= c \cdot a T(\alpha) \\ &= a (c \cdot T)(\alpha).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(c \cdot T)$  is linear.

Let  $L(U, V) = \{ \text{the set of all linear mappings with domain } U \text{ and co-domain } V \text{ over the same field } F \}$ .

Then for all  $S, T \in L(U, V)$

$$(T + S)(\alpha) = T(\alpha) + S(\alpha) \quad \forall \alpha \in U$$

$$(cT)(\alpha) = c T(\alpha) \quad \forall \alpha \in U, \forall c \in F.$$

Also we can see that

$$T + 0 = T \quad \text{for all } T \in L,$$

0 being the zero mapping.

Also define  $-T: U \rightarrow V$  by

$$(-T)(\alpha) = -T(\alpha). \quad \forall \alpha \in U.$$

$$\text{Then } T + (-T) = 0 \quad \forall T \in L(U, V)$$

Therefore  $L(U, V)$  is a vector space over  $F$  under '+' and '·'.



## Matrix representation of Linear mappings :

Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping where  $\dim_F(U) = n$ ,  $\dim_F(V) = m$ .

Let  $B_1 = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ ,  $B_2 = \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m\}$  be two bases of  $U$  and  $V$  respectively.

Then,

$$T(\alpha_1) = a_{11}\beta_1 + a_{21}\beta_2 + \dots + a_{m1}\beta_m$$

$$T(\alpha_2) = a_{12}\beta_1 + a_{22}\beta_2 + \dots + a_{m2}\beta_m$$

$\vdots$

$$T(\alpha_n) = a_{1n}\beta_1 + a_{2n}\beta_2 + \dots + a_{mn}\beta_m.$$

Now for any  $\alpha \in U$ ,  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \alpha_i$

$$T(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i T(\alpha_i)$$

$$= x_1 (a_{11}\beta_1 + a_{21}\beta_2 + \dots + a_{m1}\beta_m) +$$

$$x_2 (a_{12}\beta_1 + a_{22}\beta_2 + \dots + a_{m2}\beta_m) +$$

$$\dots + x_n (a_{1n}\beta_1 + a_{2n}\beta_2 + \dots + a_{mn}\beta_m)$$

$$= y_1\beta_1 + y_2\beta_2 + \dots + y_m\beta_m$$

$$\Rightarrow y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j a_{ij}, \quad i=1, \dots, m.$$

So, 
$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow Ax = y$  where  $A = (a_{ij})_{\substack{i=1, \dots, m \\ j=1, \dots, n}}$

$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix}.$

A is said to be the matrix of  $T$  relative to the ordered basis  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ .

Example:  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (3x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3, x_1 - 3x_2 - 2x_3)$

Let  $B_1 = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$

$B_2 = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$

$T(1, 0, 0) = (3, 1) = 3 \cdot (1, 0) + 1 \cdot (0, 1)$

$T(0, 1, 0) = (-2, -3) = -2 \cdot (1, 0) + (-3) \cdot (0, 1)$

$T(0, 0, 1) = (1, -2) = 1 \cdot (1, 0) + (-2) \cdot (0, 1)$

Then  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$

See,  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = Ax.$

# WEEK 7 LECTURE NOTE

- Topics:
- Rank of a matrix
  - System of linear equations
  - Row rank and Column rank
  - Eigen value of a matrix.

## ● Rank of a matrix:

Let  $A$  be a non-zero matrix of order  $m \times n$ . The rank of  $A$  is defined to be the greatest positive integer  $r$  such that  $A$  has at least one non-zero minor of order  $r$ .  
Therefore  $0 < \text{rank of } A \leq \min \{m, n\}$ .

● Example: Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 6 & 9 & -3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$

We define rank of zero matrix = 0

Here rank of  $A \leq \min \{3, 4\} = 3$ .



We can verify that every minor of order 3 is zero.

Thus, rank of  $A < 3$

See a second order minor

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -9 \neq 0.$$

Therefore, rank of  $A = 2$ .

### ● Square matrix:

Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ .

If rank of  $A = n$  then  $\det(A) = |A| \neq 0$ .

In this case we say  $A$  is a non-singular matrix.

If  $A$  is non-singular then  $\exists B = (b_{ij})_{n \times n}$  such that  $AB = I_{n \times n}$  (identity matrix)

$$\Rightarrow AB = BA = I_{n \times n}$$

$$\Rightarrow B = A^{-1}$$

We know,

$$A \cdot (\text{adj } A) = (\text{adj } A) \cdot A = I_n |A|$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cdot \frac{\text{adj } A}{|A|} = I_n = \frac{\text{adj } A}{|A|} \cdot A$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj } A}{|A|}, \quad |A| \neq 0.$$

① Example: Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

$$|A| = 3 \neq 0$$

$$\text{adj } A = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ -\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\text{so, } A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj } A}{|A|} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 & 1 & -4/3 \\ -2/3 & 2/3 & -2/3 \\ 1/3 & -1 & 4/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

## ② How to find the rank of A?

### — Elementary operations :

An elementary operation on a matrix  $A$  over a field  $F$  is an operation of the following three types —

1. Exchange of two rows (or columns)

Notation  $\rightarrow$   $\boxed{R_i \leftrightarrow R_j}$  (for rows)  
 $\boxed{C_i \leftrightarrow C_j}$  (for columns)

where  $R_i = i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $A$

$C_i = i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $A$

2. Multiplication of a row (or column) by a non-zero scalar  $\alpha$  in  $F$ .

Notation  $\rightarrow$   $\boxed{R_i \leftarrow \alpha R_i}$  (for rows)  
 $\boxed{C_i \leftarrow \alpha C_i}$  (for columns)

3. Addition of a scalar multiple of one row (or column) to another row (or column)

Notation  $\rightarrow$   $\boxed{R_i \leftarrow R_i + \alpha R_j}$  (for rows)  
 $\boxed{C_i \leftarrow C_i + \alpha C_j}$  (for columns)



② Example: Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 2 & 10 & 7 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}_{4 \times 4}$

$$R_1 \leftarrow \frac{1}{2} R_1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 2 & 10 & 7 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 & 10 & 7 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = B \text{ (say)}$$

(\*) If  $B$  can be derived from  $A$  by using only row elementary operations then we say  $B$  is row equivalence to  $A$  and write it as  $A \sim B$ .  
Similar, for the case of column equivalence matrices.

$$B \xrightarrow{R_3 - 5R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_2 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \leftrightarrow R_4 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(using row elementary operations)

We will show that if  $A \sim B$  then  
rank of  $A$  = rank of  $B$ .

Then, from the last matrix we  
see that rank of the given  
matrix is 3.

## ② Elementary matrices :

An  $n \times n$  matrix obtained by  
applying a single elementary row  
operation on  $I_{n \times n}$  is said to be an  
elementary matrix of order  $n$ .

Therefore, there are three types of  
elementary matrices.

1. Apply  $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$  on  $I_n$   
Notation  $\rightarrow$   $E_{ij}$

2. Apply  $R_i \leftarrow \alpha R_i$  on  $I_n$   
Notation  $\rightarrow$   $E_{\alpha i} \text{ or } E_i(\alpha)$

3. Apply  $R_i \leftarrow R_i + \alpha R_j$  on  $I_n$   
Notation  $\rightarrow$   $E_{i+\alpha j} \text{ or } E_{ij}(\alpha)$

We can check that applying

$R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$  on  $A$  is equivalent to multiply  $E_{ij}$  with  $A$ , i.e.,

$$R_i \leftrightarrow R_j \text{ on } A \equiv E_{ij} A$$

Similarly,

$$R_i \leftarrow \alpha R_i \text{ on } A \equiv E_i(\alpha) A$$

$$R_i \leftarrow R_i + \alpha R_j \text{ on } A \equiv E_{ij}(\alpha) A$$

• Thus,  $A \sim B \Rightarrow B = E_1 E_2 \cdots E_l A$

where  $E_i, i=1, \dots, l$ , are elementary matrices.

• We note that an elementary matrix of any of the three types can also be obtained by applying an elementary column operation on  $I$ .

• Also we note that ~~the~~ elementary matrices are non-singular matrices.

$$\text{So, } A \sim B \Rightarrow B = E_1 E_2 \cdots E_l A \\ = P A$$

where  $P = E_1 \cdots E_l$  is a non-singular matrix. Therefore,  $\text{rank of } B = \text{rank of } A$



① Row equivalent: An  $m \times n$  matrix  $B$  is row equivalent to  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  iff  $B = PA$  for some non-singular matrix  $P$  of order  $m$ .

② Column equivalent: An  $m \times n$  matrix  $B$  is column equivalent to  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  iff  $B = A Q$  for some non-singular matrix  $Q$  of order  $n$ .

As in the case of  $B = PA$ , ~~(W/R)~~ we apply elementary column operations from the right of  $A$ , i.e.,

$$A E_1 \dots E_t = B \Rightarrow A Q = B$$

where  $Q = E_1 \dots E_t$ .

③ Equivalent matrices: An  $m \times n$  matrix  $B$  is equivalent to ~~to~~ an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  iff  $B = PAQ$  where  $P, Q$  are non-singular matrices.

In this case  $\text{rank of } A = \text{rank of } B$ .

④ If  $\text{rank of } A = r$  then we can find non-singular matrices  $P, Q$  such that  $PAQ = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} I_r & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$

② The inverse of a non-singular matrix can be calculated by using elementary matrices. Let  $|A| \neq 0$  and  $A$  is of order  $n$ . Then  $A$  is equivalent to  $I_n$ .

So, for suitable elementary matrices

$$E_i, \quad \boxed{E_r E_{r-1} \cdots E_2 E_1 A = I_n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E_r E_{r-1} \cdots E_2 E_1 I_n = A^{-1}}$$

Therefore if a (finite) sequence of elementary row operations applied successively on  $A$  reduces  $A$  to  $I_n$ , the same sequence of operations applied on  $I_n$  will reduce  $I_n$  to  $A^{-1}$ .

This gives us a technique for finding  $A^{-1}$  described below by an example.

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Consider

$$(A | I_3) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 7 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$(A | I_3) \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 3R_1}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{2} R_2 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 2R_3 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 8 & -1/2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$= (I_3 | A^{-1})$$

Therefore  $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -1/2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1/2 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



## ② Fully Reduced Normal form :-

If a matrix is in fully reduced normal form then it is in (i) row reduced echelon form, (ii) column reduced ~~echelon~~ echelon form such that,

- (i) No zero row is followed by a non-zero row.
- (ii) No zero column is followed by a non-zero column.
- (iii) leading 1 in each row is the only non-zero ~~ele~~ element in that row
- (iv) leading 1 in each column is the only non-zero element in that column.
- (v) leading 1 in the  $k^{\text{th}}$  row is the leading 1 in the  $k^{\text{th}}$  column.

● Example:

Fully reduced normal form.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 & 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 9 & 4 & 2 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \\ \longrightarrow \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 & 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 9 & 4 & 2 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_3 - 2R_1 \\ R_4 - 3R_1 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} R_1 - R_2 \\ R_3 - 2R_2 \\ R_4 - R_2 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{2}R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(row reduced echelon form)

$$\begin{matrix} C_2 - 3C_4 \\ C_5 - 2C_1 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{C_5 - C_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C_{23} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{C_{34}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

(row reduced normal form)

Here we shorten the notation as  $\rightarrow$

$R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_1$  by  $R_3 - 2R_1$

$C_2 \leftrightarrow C_3$  by  $C_{23}$

• Example: Reduce the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  to the fully reduced normal form and find non-singular matrices  $P, Q$  such that  $PAQ$  is the fully reduced normal form.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_{12}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 - R_1]{R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{C_3 - C_1} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) = R \quad (\text{say})$$

$\Rightarrow \text{Rank}(A) = 2 \neq 3 \Rightarrow A$  is singular

$$\text{So, } R = \underline{(C_3 - C_1)} \underline{(R_3 - R_2)} \underline{(R_3 - R_1)} \underline{(R_2 - 2R_1)} \underline{(R_{12})} A$$

$$= \underline{E_{32}(-1) E_{31}(-1) E_{21}(-2) E_{12}} \underline{E_{31}(-1)}^T A$$

$$= \underline{P} A \underline{Q}$$

$$\text{where } P = E_{32}(-1) E_{31}(-1) E_{21}(-2) E_{12}$$

$$Q = (E_{31}(-1))^T = E_{13}(-1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = E_{32}(-1)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } E_{31}(-1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{21}(-2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$E_{13}(-1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So, } P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{check calculation})$$

$$Q = E_{13}(-1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{check})$$

Therefore, ~~A~~  $R = PAQ$  where

$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are non-singular matrices.

• Exercise: Reduce  $A$  into fully reduced normal form  $R$  s.t.  $PAQ = R$   
 where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 0 & 7 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $P_{3 \times 3}$ ,  $Q_{4 \times 4}$  are non-singular.

Ans:  $R = (I_3 | 0)$ ,  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  
 $Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   
 (check).

# • Congruence operations and Congruence of matrices :-

Let  $A_{n \times n}$  symmetric matrix.

Congruence operations  $\rightarrow$   $R_{ij} / C_{ij}$  ,  
 $R_i \pm \alpha R_j / C_i \pm \alpha C_j$   
 $\alpha R_i / \alpha C_i$

A congruence operations

Diagonal matrix

$$= D = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0 \\ 0 & -I_{p-m} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$p = \text{rank of } A$

$2m - p = \text{signature of } A$

A is congruent to B if

rank of A = rank of B and  
signature of A = signature of B.

• Example: let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  (check)

Then  $A \xrightarrow{\text{congruence operations}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = B$  (say)

So,  $\text{rank}(A) = 3$ ,  $\text{signature of } (A) = 2 - 3 = -1$

where  $m = 2$ ,  $p = 3$ .

• Exercise:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 9 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

Show A is ~~congruent~~ congruent to B.

## • Homogeneous System :

•  $Ax = 0$  ,  $A_{m \times n}$  matrix ,  
 $X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$

$m$  equations in  $n$  unknowns.

•  $(0, 0, \dots, 0) \rightarrow$  trivial solution.

• Solution space of a homogeneous system  $Ax = 0$  ~~form~~ over a field  $F$  forms a subspace of  $F^n$  where  $A_{m \times n}$  and  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

•  $X(A) =$  sol. space of  $Ax = 0$   
with  $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$  as a null vector.

•  $\text{Rank}(A) + \text{Rank}(X(A)) = n$

where  $\text{Rank}(X(A)) = \dim(X(A))$   
 $= \text{kernel of } A$ .

•  $Ax = 0$  ,  $m$  equations in  $n$  unknown  
if  $m < n$  , then  $Ax = 0$  has  
non-trivial solutions (infinite  
solutions exist)



① Example:

$$x + 2y + z - 3w = 0$$

$$2x + 4y + 3z + w = 0$$

$$3x + 6y + 4z - 2w = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} m=3 \\ n=4 \end{cases}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 - 3R_1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(row reduced echelon form)

Equivalent system

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y - 10w = 0 \\ z + 7w = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 10w - 2y \\ z = -7w \end{cases}$$

Let  $w = \alpha$ ,  $y = \beta$  be any real n.

$$\text{So, } (x, y, z, w) = (10\alpha - 2\beta, \beta, -7\alpha, \alpha)$$

$$= \alpha (10, 0, -7, 1) + \beta (-2, 1, 0, 0)$$

$$\in L\left(\left\{ (10, 0, -7, 1), (-2, 1, 0, 0) \right\}\right)$$

$$= X(A) = \text{sol. space.}$$

$$\text{Rank}(X(A)) = 2, \quad \text{Rank}(A) = 2$$

$$\text{Thus, } \text{Rank}(A) + \text{Rank}(X(A)) = 2 + 2 = 4 = n$$

• Note:  $A_{n \times n}$ ,  $Ax = 0$  i.e.,  $n$  equations  $n$  unknowns

It has non-zero solutions iff

$$\text{rank of } (A) < n, \text{ i.e., } \boxed{\det(A) = 0 \Rightarrow A \text{ is singular}}$$

and # of solutions is infinite.

# ● System of linear Equations:

Non-homogeneous system:  $Ax = b$ ,  $A_{m \times n}$ ,  
 $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$   
 $b (\neq 0) \in F^n$

● Example:

$$x_1 + x_2 = 4$$

$$x_2 - x_3 = 1$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 = 7$$

Then we can write this system as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow Ax = b$$

where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$

Suppose we have  $Ax = b$  where

$|A| = \det(A) \neq 0$ . Then  $x$  can  
be written as  $x = A^{-1}b$  and

we say that solution is unique.

② Augmented matrix :

Given  $Ax = b$ , the augmented matrix is given by  $\bar{A} = (A | b)$

③ Example: From the above example we have

$$\bar{A} = (A | b) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 7 \end{array} \right)$$

Apply elementary row operations on  $\bar{A}$ .

$$\bar{A} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - R_2 \\ R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_2 \end{array} \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_3 \leftarrow \frac{1}{3}R_3 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$



Therefore  $\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(\bar{A}) = 3$

Since,  $\text{Rank}(A) = 3 \Rightarrow A^{-1}$  exists.

$$\text{So, } x = A^{-1}b$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{i.e., } x_1 = 3, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 0$$

② Theorem: A necessary and sufficient condition for a non-homogeneous system  $Ax = b$  to be consistent (that is, it has a solution) is

$$\boxed{\text{Rank of } A = \text{Rank of } \bar{A}}$$

③ Remark: If  $\text{Rank}(A) \neq \text{Rank}(\bar{A})$  then the system  $Ax = b$  does not have a solution.

Consider the system  $Ax = b$ ,  $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$   
Then the following holds  $\rightarrow$

Consistent if  
rank of  $A$  = rank of  $\bar{A}$

inconsistent

(i) Unique solution  
if

(a)  $m = n$   
and  $\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(\bar{A})$   
 $= n$

(b)  $m > n$   
and  $\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(\bar{A})$   
 $= n$

no solution when  
 $\text{rank of } A \neq \text{rank of } \bar{A}$

(ii) infinite solution

if (a)  $m = n$   
and  $\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(\bar{A})$   
 $< n$

(b)  $m < n$   
and  $\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(\bar{A})$   
 $\leq m < n$

(c)  $m > n$   
and  $\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(\bar{A})$   
 $< n$

② Example :

Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 10 \\ -x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 &= 2 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3 &= 2\end{aligned}$$

So, 
$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}}_b$$

$$\bar{A} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 10 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 & 2 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 10 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & -18 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 10 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 10 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5/3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 \end{array} \right)$$

So, rank of  $A = 2$   
rank of  $\bar{A} = 3 \neq \text{rank of } A$ .  
Hence the system has no solution.



● Example :

Consider,

$$x + 2y + 2z = 1$$

$$3x + y + 2z = 3$$

$$x + 7y + 2z = 1$$

$$\text{So, } \bar{A} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 7 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3/5 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

The equivalent system is

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 + \frac{3}{5}x_3 = 1 \\ x_2 + \frac{1}{5}x_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 1 - \frac{3}{5}x_3 \\ x_2 = -\frac{1}{5}x_3 \end{array}$$

For any  $x_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(1 - \frac{3}{5}x_3, -\frac{1}{5}x_3, x_3)$  is a solution.

Hence the system has infinitely many solutions.

• Example: Determine the condition for which the following system has  
 (i) only one solution, (ii) no sol., (iii) infinite sol.

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 1 \\ x + 2y + z &= b \\ 5x + 7y + az &= b^2 \end{aligned} \quad , \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 7 & a \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ b \\ b^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bar{A} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & b \\ 5 & 7 & a & b^2 \end{array} \right), \quad \det(A) = a - 1 \neq 0 \quad \text{iff } a \neq 1$$

case 1:  
 $(a \neq 1)$        $\text{Rank}(\bar{A}) = \text{Rank}(A) = 3$  if  $a \neq 1$   
Unique Solution if  $a \neq 1$

case 2:  
 $(a = 1)$        $\bar{A} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & b \\ 5 & 7 & 1 & b^2 \end{array} \right)$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 - 5R_1 \end{array} \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & b-1 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & b^2-5 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 - R_2 \\ R_3 - 2R_2 \end{array}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & 2-b \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & b-1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b^2-2b-3 \end{array} \right)$$

case 2.1:  
 $(b^2 - 2b - 3 \neq 0)$

Then  $\text{Rank}(\bar{A}) = 3$

$\text{Rank}(A) = 2$

$\neq \text{Rank}(\bar{A})$

if  ~~$b \neq 0, 1, 3$~~   $b^2 - 2b - 3 \neq 0$

No Solution if  $a=1, b \neq -1, 3$

case 2.2:  
 $(b^2 - 2b - 3 = 0)$

$\text{Rank}(\bar{A}) = \text{Rank}(A) = 2$

Infinite solution  
 if  $b^2 - 2b - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow b = -1, 3$   
 and  $a = 1$

## ① Row and Column Rank :

Consider  $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ ,  $a_{ij} \in F$   
where  $F$  is a field.

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

So,  $R_i = (a_{i1} \ a_{i2} \ \dots \ a_{in})$  is  
the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $A$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$

$C_j = (a_{1j} \ a_{2j} \ \dots \ a_{mj})$  is  
the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of  $A$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$

$$\Rightarrow R_i \in F^n = \underbrace{F \times \dots \times F}_{n \text{ times}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$C_j \in F^m = \underbrace{F \times \dots \times F}_{m \text{ times}}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

Let  $R = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m\} \subseteq F^n$

$L(R) = L(\{R_1, \dots, R_m\})$  is  
a subspace of  $F^n$  where



$L(R)$  is the set of all vectors of  $F^n$  which are linear combination of the row vectors  $R_1, \dots, R_m$ .

$L(R)$  is called the row space of  $A$ .

Similarly,

$L(C) = L\left(\begin{Bmatrix} C_1, \dots, C_n \end{Bmatrix}\right)$  is a subspace of  $F^m$  and  $L(C)$  is called the column space of  $A$ .

Denote,  $R(A) = L(R) \subseteq F^n$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(R(A)) \leq n.$$

Define

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \text{Row rank of } A \\ = \dim(R(A)) \end{array}}$$

~~Denote~~ Denote,  $C(A) = L(C) \subseteq F^m$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(C(A)) \leq m.$$

Define,

$$\text{Column rank of } A \\ = \dim (C(A))$$

① Example: Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 6 & 9 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

$$R(A) = L(\{(2, 1, 4, 3), (3, 2, 6, 9), (1, 1, 2, 6)\})$$

Apply elementary row operations on A.

$$A \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 6 & 9 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 3R_1 \\ R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_1 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -9 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_2 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R(A) = L(\{(1, 0, 2, -3), (0, 1, 0, 9)\})$$

$$\dim(R(A)) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{row rank of } A = 2.$$

To get the column rank of  $A$ , consider  $A^t$  and apply elementary row operations on  $A^t$ .

$$A^t = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 9 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C(A) = L \left( \left\{ (1, 0, -1), (0, 1, 1) \right\} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(C(A)) = 2$$

So column rank of  $A = 2$

① Some results on  $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$

1. row rank of  $A \leq n$
2. column rank of  $A \leq m$
3. row rank = column rank = rank of  $A$
4. rank of  $(AB) \leq \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{rank of } A, \\ \text{rank of } B \end{array} \right\}$
5. rank of  $(A+B) \leq \text{rank of } A + \text{rank of } B.$



### ● Proof of result 4:

$$\text{Let } A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}, \quad B = (b_{ij})_{n \times p}$$

$$\text{Rows of } B = \{ \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n \}$$

$$\text{Rows of } AB = \{ \ell_1, \ell_2, \dots, \ell_m \}$$

$$\text{Then } \ell_1 = a_{11} \beta_1 + a_{12} \beta_2 + \dots + a_{1n} \beta_n$$

$$\ell_2 = a_{21} \beta_1 + a_{22} \beta_2 + \dots + a_{2n} \beta_n$$

$$\dots$$

$$\ell_m = a_{m1} \beta_1 + a_{m2} \beta_2 + \dots + a_{mn} \beta_n.$$

$$\Rightarrow L \{ \ell_1, \dots, \ell_m \} \subset L \{ \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n \}$$

$$\Rightarrow R(AB) \text{ is a subspace of } R(B).$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{row rank of } AB \leq \text{row rank of } B.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank of } AB \leq \text{rank of } B \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{Consider the product } B^t A^t.$$

$$\text{Then, using (i), } \text{rank of } B^t A^t \leq \text{rank of } A^t$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank of } (AB)^t \leq \text{rank of } A^t$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank of } AB \leq \text{rank of } A \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$\text{Combining (i) and (ii), } \text{rank of } (AB) \leq \min \{ \text{rank of } A, \text{rank of } B \}.$$

### ⑩ proof of result 5 :

Apply the same strategy as in the proof of result 4, we can show,

$$\text{row rank of } (A+B) \leq \text{row rank of } A + \text{row rank of } B$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank of } (A+B) \leq \text{rank of } A + \text{rank of } B.$$

## ● Eigen value of a matrix :

Characteristic equation  $\rightarrow$

$$\text{let } A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

$$\det(A - x I_n) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - x & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - x & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} - x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \psi_A(x) = c_0 x^n + c_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + c_n$$

(a polynomial of degree  $n$ .)

●  $\psi_A(x)$  is called the characteristic polynomial equation of  $A$ .

●  $c_r = (-1)^{n-r}$  [sum of the principle minors of  $A$  of order  $r$ ]

See,  $c_0 = (-1)^n$   
 $c_1 = (-1)^{n-1} (a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn})$   
 $\Rightarrow c_1 = (-1)^{n-1} \text{trace}(A)$

$$C_n = \det(A)$$

● Example: let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Psi_A(x) = \det(A - xI_2) = \begin{vmatrix} 2-x & 1 \\ 3 & 5-x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2-x)(5-x) - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (5+2)x + 10 - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 7x + 7 = 0 \quad (\Psi_A(x) = 0)$$

See,  $\text{trace}(A) = c_1 = 7$   
 $\det(A) = c_n = 7$

$\Psi_A(x) = 0$  is called the characteristic equation of A.

● Cayley-Hamilton theorem :-

Every square matrix satisfies its own characteristic equation, i.e.:

$$\Psi_A(A) = 0$$



① Example:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

Then,  $\psi_A(x) = x^2 - 7x + 7$

By Cayley-Hamilton th,

$$A^2 - 7A + 7I_2 = 0$$

We can get inverse using this equation.

$$A^2 - 7A + 7I_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A(A - 7I_2) = -7I_2$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cdot \frac{1}{7}(A - 7I_2) = I_2$$

$$\text{So, } A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{7}(A - 7I_2)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 5/7 & -1/7 \\ -3/7 & 2/7 \end{pmatrix}$$

② Example: Using Cayley-Hamilton th. to find  $A^{50}$ , where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\psi_A(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-x & 1 \\ 0 & 1-x \end{vmatrix} = x^2 - 2x + 1$$

By Cayley Hamilton th;

$$A^2 - 2A + I_2 = 0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow A^2 - A &= A - I_2 \\ A^3 - A^2 &= A^2 - A = A - I_2 \\ A^4 - A^3 &= A^3 - A^2 = A - I_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\dots \\ A^{50} - A^{49} &= A^{49} - A^{48} = A - I_2 \end{aligned}$$

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Adding,  $A^{50} - A = 49(A - I_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow A^{50} &= 49(A - I_2) + A \\ &= 50A - I_2 \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 50 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

② Eigen value of a matrix  $\rightarrow$

Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$ . Then the roots  
of  $\chi_A(x)$  are the eigen values  
of  $A$ .

If  $\lambda$  is an eigen value then  
we say  $\lambda$  has algebraic multiplicity  $r$

If  $\boxed{\psi_A(x) = (x-\lambda)^r \phi(x)}$  where

$$\phi(\lambda) \neq 0.$$

We also call  $\lambda$  an  $r$ -fold eigen value of  $A$ .

● Example: Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\psi_A(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 0-x & -1 \\ 1 & 0-x \end{vmatrix} = x^2 + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } \psi_A(x) = 0 &\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \pm i \text{ where } i = \sqrt{-1} \end{aligned}$$

So,  $A$  has complex eigenvalues  $\pm i$ .

NOTE:

1. If  $A_{n \times n}$  is a real symmetric matrix then the eigenvalues of  $A$  are all real numbers.

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \text{ Let } \psi_A(x) &= c_0 x^n + c_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + c_n \\ &= \det(A - xI_n) \end{aligned}$$

then  $c_r = (-1)^{n-r} \cdot [\text{sum of all principle minors of order } r]$

Then,  $C_0 = (-1)^n$

$$C_1 = (-1)^{n-1} [a_{11} + \dots + a_{nn}]$$

where  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$

$$C_n = \det(A).$$

If  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are all the eigenvalues of  $A$  then, these are all the roots of  $\psi_A(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n &= (-1)^n \frac{C_n}{C_0} \\ &= \frac{\det(A)}{(-1)^n} (-1)^n \\ &= \det(A) \end{aligned}$$

So,  $\boxed{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n = \det(A)}$

Product of all eigenvalues of  $A$   
 $= \det(A).$

If  $\det(A) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_i = 0$  for some  $i=1, \dots, n$

For singular matrix ( $|A|=0$ ) we have some of eigen value of  $A$  must be zero.



3. If  $A$  is a diagonal matrix, let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & d_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } \psi_A(x) = \begin{vmatrix} d_1 - x & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 - x & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & d_n - x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (d_1 - x) \dots (d_n - x).$$

$$\text{So, } \psi_A(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$$

Therefore, the eigen values of  $A$  are  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$ .

## Week-8

### Topics:

- Eigen Vector
- Geometric multiplicity
- Eigen value
- Similar matrices
- Diagonalisable

**Theorem:** If  $\lambda$  is an eigen value of a non-singular matrix  $A$ , then  $\lambda^{-1}$  is an eigen value of  $A^{-1}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a non-singular matrix of order  $n \times n$ .

$A$  is non-singular  $\Rightarrow A^{-1}$  exists and  $\lambda^{-1}$  exists.

$$\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now } \det(A^{-1} - \lambda^{-1} I_n) &= \det(A^{-1} - \lambda^{-1} A^{-1} A) \\ &= \det(A^{-1} - A^{-1} \lambda^{-1} A) \\ &= \det(A^{-1} (I_n - \lambda^{-1} A)) \\ &= \det(A^{-1}) \cdot \det(I_n - \lambda^{-1} A) \\ &= \det(A^{-1}) \cdot (\lambda^{-1})^n \det(\lambda I_n - A) \\ &= [\det(A)]^{-1} (\lambda^{-1})^n (-1)^n \det(A - \lambda I_n) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda^{-1}$  is an eigen value of  $A^{-1}$ .



**Theorem:** If  $A$  and  $P$  be both  $n \times n$  matrices and  $P$  be non-singular, then  $A$  and  $P^{-1}AP$  have the same eigen values.

**Proof:** The characteristic polynomial of  $P^{-1}AP$  is  $\det(P^{-1}AP - xI_n)$

$$\det(P^{-1}AP - xI_n) = \det[P^{-1}AP - P^{-1}(xI_n)P]$$

$$\text{since } P^{-1}(xI_n)P = xI_n$$

$$= \det[P^{-1}(A - xI_n)P]$$

$$= \det(P^{-1}) \cdot \det(A - xI_n) \cdot \det(P)$$

$$= \det(A - xI_n) \cdot \det(P^{-1}P)$$

$$= \det(A - xI_n) \cdot \det(I_n)$$

$$= \det(A - xI_n)$$

Therefore the matrix  $P^{-1}AP$  and  $A$  have the same characteristic polynomial and so they have the same eigen values.



## Eigen vectors of a matrix

Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$  matrix over a field  $F$ .

A non-null vector  $X \in V_n(F)$  (i.e.  $n$  tuple) is said to be an eigen vector or a characteristic vector of  $A$  if there exist a scalar  $\lambda \in F$  such that  $AX = \lambda X$  holds.

Let there exist an eigen vector  $X$  of the matrix. Then for some suitably scalar  $\lambda$ ,  $AX = \lambda X$  holds. That is  $(A - \lambda I_n)X = 0$ .

This is a homogeneous system of  $n$  equations in  $n$  unknowns. Since there exists a non-null solution of the system, therefore  $\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$ .

This implies that  $\lambda$  is an eigen value of  $A$ . Thus for an eigen vector,

if it exists, there corresponds an eigen value of the matrix.

**Theorem:** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix over a field  $F$ . To an eigen vector of  $A$  there corresponds a unique eigen value of  $A$ .

**Proof:** Let there be two distinct eigen values  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  of  $A$  corresponding to an eigen vector  $x$ . Then  $Ax = \lambda_1 x$  and  $Ax = \lambda_2 x$ .

Therefore  $\lambda_1 x = \lambda_2 x \Rightarrow (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) x = 0$ .

But this is a contradiction, since  $x$  is a non-null vector and  $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \neq 0$ .

Therefore  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ .

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**Theorem:** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix over a field  $F$  and  $\lambda$  be an eigen value belonging to  $F$ . To each such eigen value of  $A$  there corresponds at least one eigen vector.

**Proof:** Since  $\lambda$  is eigen value, therefore

$$\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0.$$

$\Rightarrow (A - \lambda I_n)X = 0$  has a non-null solution, say  $X = X_1$  where  $X_1 \in V_n(F)$  ( $n$ -tuple)

$$\text{Then } (A - \lambda I_n)X_1 = 0 \text{ or } AX_1 = \lambda X_1$$

$\Rightarrow X_1$  is an eigen vector of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

**Example:** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\det(A - x I_2) = \begin{vmatrix} -x & -1 \\ 1 & -x \end{vmatrix} = x^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm i$$

A is a real matrix and the eigen values of A are not real numbers. Therefore the real matrix A has no eigen vector.

But if A be considered as a complex matrix, then the eigen vectors of A corresponding to the eigen values  $i, -i$  can be obtained.

Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$  be an eigen vector corresponding to  $i$ .

$$\text{Then } AX = iX \Rightarrow (A - iI_2)X = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -i & -1 \\ 1 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -ix_1 - x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 - ix_2 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

The equivalent system is  
 $x_1 - ix_2 = 0$ .

Let  $x_2 = k$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$

Then  $x_1 = ik$

$$\therefore X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ik \\ k \end{pmatrix} = k \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly, eigen vectors corresponding to  $-i$  are  $c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $c \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ .

**Theorem:** Two eigen vectors of a square matrix  $A$  over a field  $F$  corresponding to two distinct eigen values of  $A$  are linearly independent.

**Proof:** Let  $x_1, x_2$  be the eigen vectors of  $A$  corresponding to two

distinct eigen values  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  respectively.

$$\text{Then } AX_1 = \lambda_1 X_1, \quad AX_2 = \lambda_2 X_2.$$

$$\text{Let } c_1, c_2 \in F \text{ s.t. } c_1 X_1 + c_2 X_2 = 0. \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Then } c_1 AX_1 + c_2 AX_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 \lambda_1 X_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 X_2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$c_1 \lambda_1 X_1 + c_2 \lambda_1 X_2 = 0 \quad (3) \quad (\text{by } \lambda_1 \times (1))$$

$$(2) - (3) \Rightarrow c_2 (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) X_2 = 0$$

Since  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$  and  $X_2 \neq 0$  therefore

$$c_2 = 0.$$

$$\text{put } c_2 = 0 \text{ in equation (1)} \Rightarrow c_1 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow X_1, X_2$  are linearly independent.

**Note!** If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_r$  be  $r$  eigen vectors of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  corresponding to  $r$  distinct

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eigen values  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r$  respectively,  
then  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r$  are linearly  
independent.

~~Proof.~~

**Theorem:** The eigen vectors of an  
 $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  over a field  
 $F$  corresponding to an eigen  
value  $\lambda \in F$ , together with the  
null-vector, form a vector space,  
a subspace of  $V_n(F) = F^n$ .

**Proof:** To an eigen value  $\lambda$ , there  
corresponds an eigen vector  
of  $A$ . Let  $S$  be the set of all  
eigen vectors of  $A$  corresponding  
to  $\lambda$  and let  $x_1, x_2 \in S$ .

Then  $Ax_1 = \lambda x_1$  and  $Ax_2 = \lambda x_2$ .



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$$\text{Therefore } A(x_1 + x_2) = \lambda(x_1 + x_2).$$

$\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2$  is an eigen vector of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

$$\text{So } x_1, x_2 \in S \Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 \in S \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$\text{Let } c \in F. \text{ Then } A(cx_1) = \lambda(cx_1).$$

Therefore if  $c \neq 0$ ,  $cx_1$  is an eigen vector of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

$$\text{So } x_1 \in S \text{ and } c(\neq 0) \in F \Rightarrow cx_1 \in S \quad \text{---(2)}$$

By equation (1) and (2),  $S$  is a vector space.

This is a subspace of  $V_n(F) = F^n$ , since each element of  $S$  is an  $n$ -tuple vector belonging to  $F$ .

**Definition:** The non-null vector space formed by the eigen vectors of a matrix  $A$  corresponding



to an eigen value  $\lambda$ , together with the null-vector, is said to be the characteristic subspace corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

**Theorem:** If  $\lambda$  be an  $r$ -fold eigen value of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , then rank of  $(A - \lambda I_n) \geq n - r$ .

**Definition:** For an  $r$ -fold eigen value  $\lambda$ ,  $r$  is called the algebraic multiplicity of  $\lambda$  and the rank of the characteristic subspace corresponding to  $\lambda$  is called the geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda$ .

Since the characteristic subspace is always a non-null subspace, it follows that for an eigen value  $\lambda$ ,

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$1 \leq \text{geometric multiplicity} \leq \text{algebraic multiplicity}$ .

An eigen value  $\lambda$  is said to be regular if the geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda$  is equal to its algebraic multiplicity.

$\sigma=1 \Rightarrow \lambda$  is a simple eigen value.

**Example:** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

The characteristic equation of  $A$  is  $\det(A - xI_3) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-x & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1-x & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2(1-x) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Eigen values of  $A$  are  $0, 0, 1$ .

$0$  is an eigen value of algebraic multiplicity 2; and  $1$  is a simple eigen

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value of  $A$  (i.e., of algebraic multiplicity 1).

The eigen vectors corresponding to the eigen value 0.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1-0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ -x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0 \\ x_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

Let  $x_2 = c$ , where  $c \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ , then

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 + c + 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = -c$$

$$\text{eigen vector } X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -c \\ c \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The rank of the characteristic subspace is 1.

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therefore the geometric multiplicity  
of the eigen value 0 is 1. So in  
this case, the geometric multiplicity  
is less than the algebraic  
multiplicity.

Eigen vector corresponding to  
eigen value 1.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{cases} x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ -x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Let } x_3 = k, \quad k \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = -k$$

$$x_1 = -2x_2 - x_3 = 2k - k = k$$



$$\therefore X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ -k \\ k \end{pmatrix} = k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The rank of the characteristic subspace is 1 and therefore the geometric multiplicity of the eigen value 1 is 1. In this case, the geometric multiplicity = the algebraic multiplicity.

**Theorem:** The eigen values of a real symmetric matrix are all real.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrix. The characteristic equation of  $A$  is an equation with real coefficients. So the eigen values of  $A$  are complex numbers, some or all of which may be

purely real.

Let  $\lambda$  be an eigen value of  $A$ . Then  $\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$ . Therefore there exist non-null solutions of the homogeneous system  $(A - \lambda I_n)X = 0$ . Let  $X_1$  be any such solution.

Then  $(A - \lambda I_n)X_1 = 0$ . That is,  $AX_1 = \lambda X_1$ .

Taking transpose of the conjugate, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\overline{AX_1})^t &= (\overline{\lambda X_1})^t \Rightarrow (\overline{X_1})^t (\overline{A})^t = \overline{\lambda} (\overline{X_1})^t \\ &\Rightarrow (\overline{X_1})^t A = \overline{\lambda} (\overline{X_1})^t \quad \left( \text{since } \overline{A^t} = A^t = A \right) \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by  $X_1$  from the right,

we have

$$(\overline{X_1})^t A X_1 = \overline{\lambda} (\overline{X_1})^t X_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{X_1}^t \lambda X_1 = \overline{\lambda} \overline{X_1}^t X_1$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - \overline{\lambda}) \overline{X_1}^t X_1 = 0$$

But  $(\bar{x}_1)^t x_1 \neq 0$ , since  $x_1$  is non-null.

It follows that  $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$  and therefore  $\lambda$  is purely real.

**Theorem:** The eigen values of a real skew symmetric matrix are purely imaginary, or zero.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real skew symmetric matrix. Following the same argument as in the previous theorem, we have

$$(\lambda + \bar{\lambda})(\bar{x}_1)^t x_1 = 0, \text{ since } \bar{A}^t = A^t = -A$$

Since  $x_1$  is non-null,  $\lambda + \bar{\lambda} = 0$  i.e.  $\lambda = -\bar{\lambda}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \lambda$  is purely imaginary, or zero  
and the theorem is proved.



Note: The eigen values of a Hermitian matrix are all real.

Theorem: The eigen vectors corresponding to two distinct eigen values of a real symmetric matrix are orthogonal.

Proof: Let  $A$  be a real symmetric matrix

Let  $x_1, x_2$  be two eigen vectors of  $A$  corresponding to two distinct eigen values  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ .

Then  $Ax_1 = \lambda_1 x_1$  and  $Ax_2 = \lambda_2 x_2$ .

Now  $Ax_1 = \lambda_1 x_1 \Rightarrow (Ax_1)^t = \lambda_1 x_1^t$ , since  $\lambda$  is real  
 $\Rightarrow x_1^t A^t = \lambda_1 x_1^t$ , since  $A^t = A$ .

Multiplying by  $x_2$  from the right, we have  $x_1^t Ax_2 = \lambda_1 x_1^t x_2$



$$\text{or, } x_1^t \lambda_2 x_2 = \lambda_1 x_1^t x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) x_1^t x_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1^t x_2 = 0, \text{ since } \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2.$$

Since  $x_1 \neq 0$  and  $x_2 \neq 0$ , it follows that  $x_1$  is orthogonal to  $x_2$ .

Theorem: Each eigen value of a real orthogonal matrix has unit modulus.

Proof: Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real orthogonal matrix. Then  $AA^t = I_n$ . The eigen values of  $A$  are in general, complex numbers, some of which may be purely real. Let  $\lambda$  be an eigen value of  $A$ . Then  $\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$ .

Therefore there exists a non-null solution of the homogeneous system

$(A - \lambda I_n)x = 0$ . Let  $x_1$  be one such solution.

Then  $(A - \lambda I_n)x_1 = 0$ . That is,  $Ax_1 = \lambda x_1$ .

Note that this  $x_1$  is not an eigen vector of  $A$  unless  $\lambda$  is purely real.

$$Ax_1 = \lambda x_1 \Rightarrow (\overline{Ax_1})^t = (\overline{\lambda x_1})^t$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x}_1^t \bar{A}^t = \bar{\lambda} \bar{x}_1^t$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x}_1^t A^t = \bar{\lambda} \bar{x}_1^t, \text{ since } \bar{A}^t = A^t$$

Multiplying by  $Ax_1$  from the right, we

have,

$$\bar{x}_1^t A^t (Ax_1) = \bar{\lambda} \bar{x}_1^t (Ax_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x}_1^t (A^t A) x_1 = \bar{\lambda} \bar{x}_1^t \lambda x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x}_1^t x_1 = \bar{\lambda} \lambda \bar{x}_1^t x_1, \text{ since } AA^t = I_n \Rightarrow A^t A = I_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x}_1^t x_1 (1 - \bar{\lambda} \lambda) = 0.$$

Since  $x_1$  is non-null,  $\bar{x}_1^t x_1 \neq 0$ . It follows that  $\bar{\lambda} \lambda = 1$  i.e.  $|\lambda| = 1$ .

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**Theorem:** If  $\lambda$  be an eigen value of a real orthogonal matrix  $A$ , prove that  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  is also an eigen value of  $A$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an orthogonal matrix of order  $n$ . Then  $AA^t = I_n$  and  $A$  is non-singular. Since  $A$  is non-singular,  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

Since  $\lambda$  is an eigen value of  $A$ ,

$$\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A - \lambda AA^t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A) \cdot \det(I_n - \lambda A^t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(I_n - \lambda A^t) = 0, \text{ since } \det(A) \neq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1)^n \lambda^n \det(A^t - \frac{1}{\lambda} I_n) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1)^n \lambda^n \det(A - \frac{1}{\lambda} I_n), \text{ since } \det(A^t - \frac{1}{\lambda} I_n) = \det(A - \frac{1}{\lambda} I_n)^t$$



$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda}$  is an eigen value of  $A$ .

**Question:** If  $S$  is a real symmetric matrix of order  $n$  then show

that

(i)  $I_n + S$  is non-singular

(ii)  $(I_n + S)^{-1}(I_n - S)$  is orthogonal

(iii) If  $X$  be an eigen vector of  $S$  with eigen value  $\lambda$  then  $X$  is also an eigen vector of the matrix  $(I_n + S)^{-1}(I_n - S)$  with eigen value  $\frac{1-\lambda}{1+\lambda}$ .

(iv) If  $\bar{S} = (I_n + S)^{-1}(I_n - S)$  then  $I_n + \bar{S}$  is also non-singular and  $\bar{S} = S$ .

**Solution:** (i) Since  $S$  is a real skew symmetric matrix, its eigen



values are imaginary or zero.

Therefore  $-1$  is not an eigen value of  $S$ . So  $-1$  is not a root of

the characteristic equation

$$\det(S - \lambda I_n) = 0.$$

$\Rightarrow \det(S - (-1)I_n) \neq 0 \Rightarrow S + I_n$  is non-singular.

(ii) let  $P = (I_n + S)^{-1} (I_n - S)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } P P^t &= (I_n + S)^{-1} (I_n - S) [(I_n + S)^{-1} (I_n - S)]^t \\ &= (I_n + S)^{-1} (I_n - S) (I_n - S)^t \{ (I_n + S)^{-1} \}^t \end{aligned}$$

$$= (I_n + S)^{-1} (I_n - S) (I_n + S) \{ (I_n + S)^t \}^{-1}$$

$$= (I_n + S)^{-1} \{ (I_n + S) (I_n - S) \} (I_n - S)^{-1}$$

$$(\text{Since } (I_n - S)(I_n + S) = (I_n + S)(I_n - S))$$

$$= \{ (I_n + S)^{-1} (I_n + S) \} \{ (I_n - S) (I_n - S)^{-1} \}$$

$$= I_n \cdot I_n = I \Rightarrow P \text{ is orthogonal}$$

$$(iii) \quad SX = \lambda X$$

$$\text{Therefore } (I_n + S)^{-1} (I_n - S) X = (I_n + S)^{-1} (1 - \lambda) X \\ = (1 - \lambda) (I_n + S)^{-1} X.$$

$$\text{Again } (I_n + S) X = (1 + \lambda) X$$

$$\Rightarrow X = (I_n + S)^{-1} (1 + \lambda) X = (1 + \lambda) (I_n + S)^{-1} X.$$

$$\text{So we have } \frac{1}{1 + \lambda} X = (I_n + S)^{-1} X \text{ since } \lambda + 1 \neq 0$$

$$\text{Therefore } (I_n + S)^{-1} (I_n - S) X = (1 - \lambda) \frac{1}{1 + \lambda} X = \frac{1 - \lambda}{1 + \lambda} X.$$

$$\Rightarrow X \text{ is an eigen vector of } (I_n + S)^{-1} (I_n - S) \\ \text{with eigen value } \frac{1 - \lambda}{1 + \lambda}.$$

$$(iv) \quad \bar{S} = (I_n + S)^{-1} (I_n - S)$$

$$I_n + \bar{S} = (I_n + S)^{-1} (I_n + S) + (I_n + S)^{-1} (I_n - S) \\ = (I_n + S)^{-1} \{ (I_n + S) + (I_n - S) \} \\ = 2(I_n + S)^{-1}$$

Therefore  $(I_n + \bar{S})^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} (I_n + S)$ , proving that  $I_n + \bar{S}$  is non-singular.

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Also, } I_n - \bar{S} &= (I_n + S)^T (I_n + S) - (I_n + S)^T (I_n - S) \\ &= (I_n + S)^T \{ (I_n + S) - (I_n - S) \} \\ &= 2 (I_n + S)^T S.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Therefore, } \bar{S} &= (I_n + \bar{S})^T (I_n - \bar{S}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (I_n + S) \cdot 2 (I_n + S)^T S = S.\end{aligned}$$

## Diagonalisation of matrices

Let us consider the set of all  $n \times n$  matrices over a field  $F$ . An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is said to be similar to an  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  if there exists a non-singular  $n \times n$  matrix  $P$  s.t.

$$B = P^{-1} A P.$$

$B = P^{-1} A P \Rightarrow A = P B P^{-1} = Q^{-1} B Q$  where  $Q (= P^{-1})$  is non-singular. Therefore if  $A$  is similar to  $B$  then  $B$  is similar to  $A$  and



two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be similar.

Note: Two similar matrices  $A$  and  $B$  have the same eigen values (Because  $A, P^TAP$  have same set of eigen values, where  $P$  is non-singular matrix).

But the matrices having the same eigen values may not be similar.

Example: let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

These matrices have the same characteristic polynomial and hence they have the same eigen values. But  $A$  being the matrix  $I_2$  there is no matrix other than itself which is similar to it, because for any non-singular  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $P$ ,  $P^T I_2 P = I_2$ . Therefore  $B$  is not



similar to  $A$ .

**Definition:** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is said to be diagonalisable if  $A$  is similar to an  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix.

If  $A$  is similar to a diagonal matrix  $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$  then  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are the eigen values of  $A$ .

**Note:** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  over a field  $F$  is diagonalisable if and only if there exist  $n$  eigen vectors of  $A$  which are linearly independent.

**Theorem:** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix over a field  $F$ . If the eigen values of  $A$  be all distinct and belong to  $F$ , then  $A$  is diagonalisable.

**Proof:** Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  be  $n$  distinct eigen values of  $A$  and  $\lambda_i \in F$ .

Let  $X_i$  be an eigen vector corresponding to the eigen value  $\lambda_i$ . Then  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are  $n$  linearly independent eigen vectors of  $A$ . Thus  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigen vectors and therefore  $A$  is diagonalisable.

**Note:** The condition stated in the above theorem is not necessary for a matrix  $A$  to be diagonalisable.

**Example:** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Then the characteristic equation of  $A$  is  $(x-1)^2(x-5) = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Eigen values of  $A$  are  $1, 1, 5$ .

The eigen vectors corresponding to the eigen value 1 are the non-null solutions of the system of equations

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

The system is equivalent to

$$x_1 + x_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_3 = 0$$

The eigen vectors are  $c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + d \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

where  $(c, d) \neq (0, 0)$

Two linearly independent eigen vectors corresponding to the eigen value 1 are

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The eigen vectors corresponding to the eigen value 5 are the non-null solutions of the system of equations

$$-2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$2x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_3 = 0$$

The system is equivalent to

$$x_1 - x_2 = 0$$

$$x_3 = 0$$

The eigen vectors are  $c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $c \neq 0$ .

Thus  $A$  has three distinct eigen vectors

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ which are linearly}$$

independent.

Therefore by the theorem  $A$  is diagonalisable.

$$\text{If } P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ then } P^T A P = \text{diag}(1, 1, 5)$$

The three eigen values of  $A$  are nat



distinct, yet  $A$  is diagonalisable.

**Note:**

Diagonalise  $A_{n \times n} \rightarrow$  find  $P_{n \times n}$  non-singular matrix s.t.  $P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$

where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are eigen values of  $A$ .

How to find such  $P_{n \times n}$ ?

$n$  linearly independent eigen vectors of  $A$  is taken as column of  $P$ .

## Orthogonal diagonalisation of real matrices:

A square matrix  $A$  is said to be orthogonally diagonalisable if there exists an orthogonal matrix  $P$  s.t.  $P^T A P$  is a diagonal matrix. The matrix  $P$  is said to diagonalise  $A$  orthogonally.