

# Linear Algebra

## Lecture 4

The Inverse of a Matrix.

Characterizations of Invertible Matrices.

Partitioned Matrices. Matrix factorizations.

Subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Dimension and Rank.

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# Learning Objectives:

1. The meaning and characterizations of invertible matrix.
2. Finding the LU factorization of the matrix.
3. Subspaces, Column Spaces and Null Spaces.

## 2.2 The Inverse of a Matrix.

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $ad - bc \neq 0$ , then  $A$  is invertible and

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $ad - bc = 0$ , then  $A$  is not invertible.

$$\det A = ad - bc$$

$$A^{-1}A = I \quad \text{and} \quad AA^{-1} = I$$

**EXAMPLE 2** Find the inverse of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**SOLUTION** Since  $\det A = 3(6) - 4(5) = -2 \neq 0$ ,  $A$  is invertible, and

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -4 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6/(-2) & -4/(-2) \\ -5/(-2) & 3/(-2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 5/2 & -3/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## THEOREM 5

If  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, then for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has the unique solution  $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ .

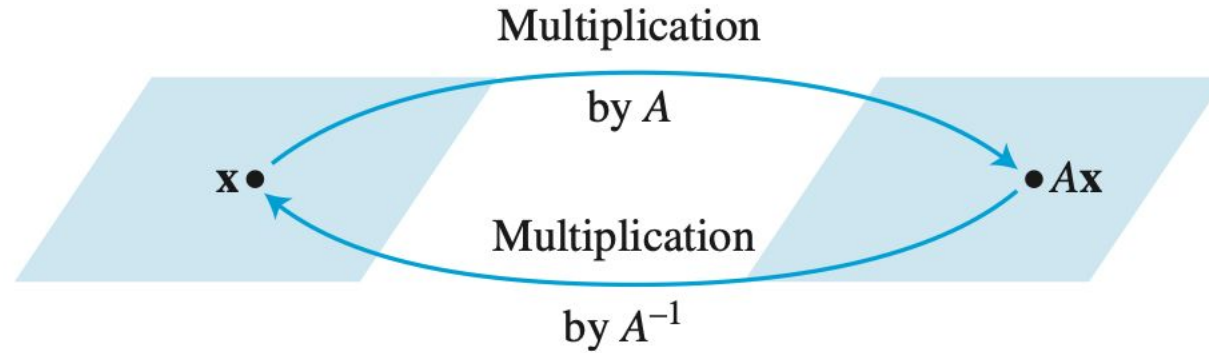
**EXAMPLE 4** Use the inverse of the matrix  $A$  in Example 2 to solve the system

$$3x_1 + 4x_2 = 3$$

$$5x_1 + 6x_2 = 7$$

**SOLUTION** This system is equivalent to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , so

$$\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 5/2 & -3/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$



**FIGURE 2**  $A^{-1}$  transforms  $A\mathbf{x}$  back to  $\mathbf{x}$ .

## THEOREM 6

- a. If  $A$  is an invertible matrix, then  $A^{-1}$  is invertible and

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

- b. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  invertible matrices, then so is  $AB$ , and the inverse of  $AB$  is the product of the inverses of  $A$  and  $B$  in the reverse order. That is,

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

- c. If  $A$  is an invertible matrix, then so is  $A^T$ , and the inverse of  $A^T$  is the transpose of  $A^{-1}$ . That is,

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

# An Algorithm for Finding $A^{-1}$

**EXAMPLE 7** Find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ , if it exists.

**SOLUTION**

$$\begin{aligned} [A \ I] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -4 & 0 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -9/2 & 7 & -3/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 7 shows, since  $A \sim I$ , that  $A$  is invertible, and

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -9/2 & 7 & -3/2 \\ -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

It is a good idea to check the final answer:

$$AA^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -9/2 & 7 & -3/2 \\ -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

It is not necessary to check that  $A^{-1}A = I$  since  $A$  is invertible.

## 2.3. Characterizations of Invertible Matrices.

### THEOREM 8

#### The Invertible Matrix Theorem

Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following statements are equivalent. That is, for a given  $A$ , the statements are either all true or all false.

- a.  $A$  is an invertible matrix.
- b.  $A$  is row equivalent to the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.
- c.  $A$  has  $n$  pivot positions.
- d. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution.
- e. The columns of  $A$  form a linearly independent set.
- f. The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  is one-to-one.
- g. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- h. The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- i. The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- j. There is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  such that  $CA = I$ .
- k. There is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $D$  such that  $AD = I$ .
- l.  $A^T$  is an invertible matrix.

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be square matrices. If  $AB = I$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are both invertible, with  $B = A^{-1}$  and  $A = B^{-1}$ .

**EXAMPLE 1** Use the Invertible Matrix Theorem to decide if  $A$  is invertible:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ -5 & -1 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

**SOLUTION**

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $A$  has three pivot positions and hence is invertible, by the Invertible Matrix Theorem, statement (c). ■



## 2.4. Partitioned Matrices.

A block matrix or a **partitioned matrix** is a partition of a matrix into rectangular smaller matrices called blocks.

**EXAMPLE 1** The matrix

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc|c} 3 & 0 & -1 & 5 & 9 & -2 \\ -5 & 2 & 4 & 0 & -3 & 1 \\ \hline -8 & -6 & 3 & 1 & 7 & -4 \end{array} \right]$$

can also be written as the  $2 \times 3$  **partitioned** (or **block**) **matrix**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

whose entries are the *blocks* (or *submatrices*)

$$A_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ -5 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 9 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{13} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{23} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

**EXAMPLE 3** Let

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 2 & -3 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 1 & 5 & -2 & 3 & -1 \\ \hline 0 & -4 & -2 & 7 & -1 \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 6 & 4 \\ -2 & 1 \\ \hline -3 & 7 \\ -1 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The 5 columns of  $A$  are partitioned into a set of 3 columns and then a set of 2 columns. The 5 rows of  $B$  are partitioned in the same way—into a set of 3 rows and then a set of 2 rows. We say that the partitions of  $A$  and  $B$  are **conformable for block multiplication**. It can be shown that the ordinary product  $AB$  can be written as

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}B_1 + A_{12}B_2 \\ A_{21}B_1 + A_{22}B_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 4 \\ -6 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

It is important for each smaller product in the expression for  $AB$  to be written with the submatrix from  $A$  on the left, since matrix multiplication is not commutative. For instance,

$$A_{11}B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ -2 & 1 \\ -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 12 \\ 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{12}B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -20 & -8 \\ -8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence the top block in  $AB$  is

$$A_{11}B_1 + A_{12}B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 12 \\ 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -20 & -8 \\ -8 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 4 \\ -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \blacksquare$$

## 2.5. Matrix Factorizations.

A *factorization* of a matrix  $A$  is an equation that expresses  $A$  as a product of two or more matrices.

### The LU Factorization

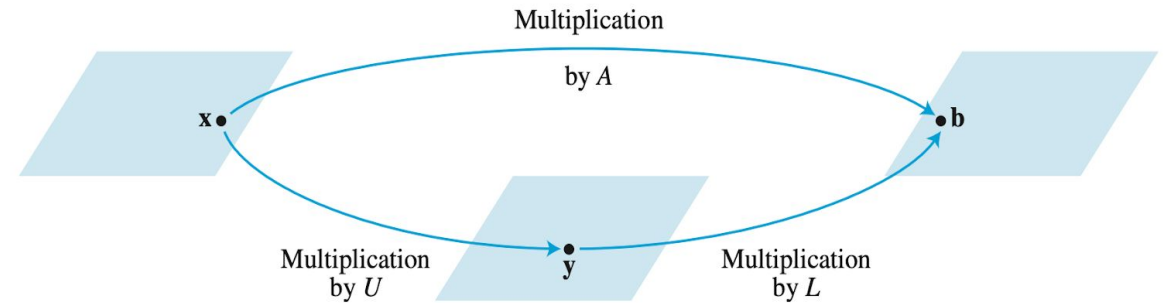
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & 1 & 0 \\ * & * & * & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$L$   $U$

**FIGURE 1** An LU factorization.

$$Ly = b$$

$$Ux = y$$



**FIGURE 2** Factorization of the mapping  $x \mapsto Ax$ .

## ALGORITHM FOR AN LU FACTORIZATION

1. Reduce  $A$  to an echelon form  $U$  by a sequence of row replacement operations, if possible.
2. Place entries in  $L$  such that the *same sequence of row operations* reduces  $L$  to  $I$ .

1)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -1 & 5 & -2 \\ -4 & -5 & 3 & -8 & 1 \\ 2 & -5 & -4 & 1 & 8 \\ -6 & 0 & 7 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -1 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & -9 & -3 & -4 & 10 \\ 0 & 12 & 4 & 12 & -5 \end{bmatrix} = A_1$$

$$\sim A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -1 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -1 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = U$$

2)

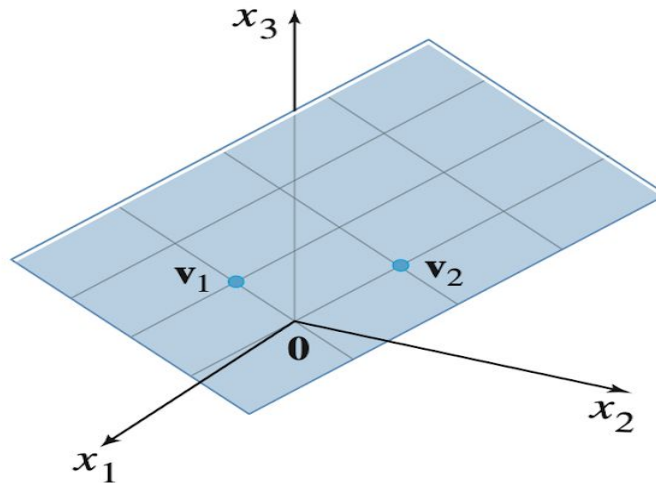
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \div 2 \\ \downarrow \\ \div 3 \\ \downarrow \\ \div 2 \\ \downarrow \\ \div 5 \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \div 2 \\ \downarrow \\ \div 2 \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \div 5 \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \\ \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \\ 1 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \\ 1 \end{matrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2.8. Subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

A **subspace** of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is any set  $H$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that has three properties:

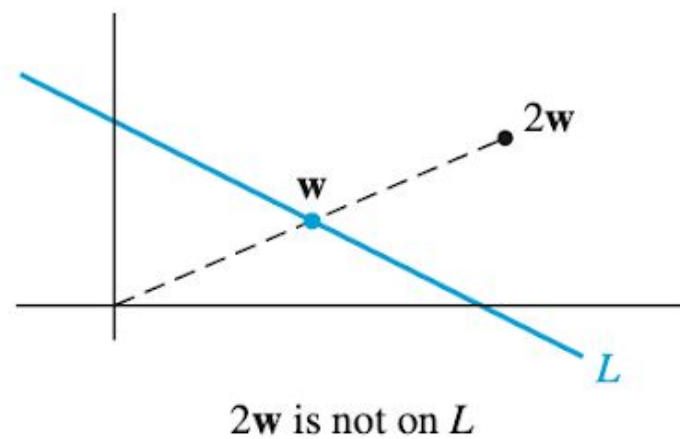
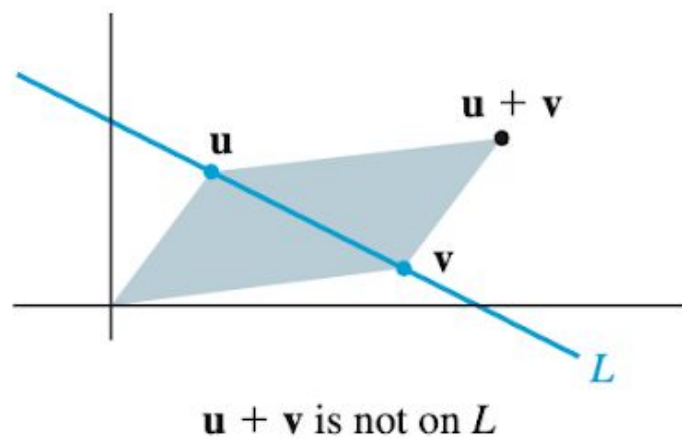
- The zero vector is in  $H$ .
- For each  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $H$ , the sum  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  is in  $H$ .
- For each  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $H$  and each scalar  $c$ , the vector  $c\mathbf{u}$  is in  $H$ .



**FIGURE 1**

Span  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  as a plane through the origin.

**EXAMPLE 2** A line  $L$  not through the origin is *not* a subspace, because it does not contain the origin, as required. Also, Figure 2 shows that  $L$  is not closed under addition or scalar multiplication. ■



**FIGURE 2**

# Column Space and Null Space of a Matrix

## DEFINITION

The **column space** of a matrix  $A$  is the set  $\text{Col } A$  of all linear combinations of the columns of  $A$ .

If  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{a}_n]$ , with the columns in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then  $\text{Col } A$  is the same as  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$ . Example 4 shows that the **column space of an  $m \times n$  matrix is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$** . Note that  $\text{Col } A$  equals  $\mathbb{R}^m$  only when the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Otherwise,  $\text{Col } A$  is only part of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

## DEFINITION

The **null space** of a matrix  $A$  is the set  $\text{Nul } A$  of all solutions of the homogeneous equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

## DEFINITION

A **basis** for a subspace  $H$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a linearly independent set in  $H$  that spans  $H$ .

**EXAMPLE 6** Find a basis for the null space of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 & -1 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

**SOLUTION** First, write the solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  in parametric vector form:

$$[A \ \mathbf{0}] \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 - 2x_2 - x_4 + 3x_5 = 0 \\ x_3 + 2x_4 - 2x_5 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{array}$$

The general solution is  $x_1 = 2x_2 + x_4 - 3x_5$ ,  $x_3 = -2x_4 + 2x_5$ , with  $x_2$ ,  $x_4$ , and  $x_5$  free.

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2x_2 + x_4 - 3x_5 \\ x_2 \\ -2x_4 + 2x_5 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= x_2 \mathbf{u} + x_4 \mathbf{v} + x_5 \mathbf{w} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Equation (1) shows that  $\text{Nul } A$  coincides with the set of all linear combinations of  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$ . That is,  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  generates  $\text{Nul } A$ . In fact, this construction of  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  automatically makes them linearly independent, because equation (1) shows that  $\mathbf{0} = x_2\mathbf{u} + x_4\mathbf{v} + x_5\mathbf{w}$  only if the weights  $x_2$ ,  $x_4$ , and  $x_5$  are all zero. (Examine entries 2, 4, and 5 in the vector  $x_2\mathbf{u} + x_4\mathbf{v} + x_5\mathbf{w}$ .) So  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  is a *basis* for  $\text{Nul } A$ . ■



## 2.9. Dimension and Rank.

### DEFINITION

Suppose the set  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$  is a basis for a subspace  $H$ . For each  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $H$ , the **coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$  relative to the basis  $\mathcal{B}$**  are the weights  $c_1, \dots, c_p$  such that  $\mathbf{x} = c_1\mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{b}_p$ , and the vector in  $\mathbb{R}^p$

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_p \end{bmatrix}$$

is called the **coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{x}$  (relative to  $\mathcal{B}$ )** or the  **$\mathcal{B}$ -coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{x}$** .<sup>1</sup>

**EXAMPLE 1** Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 12 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for  $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  because  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are linearly independent. Determine if  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $H$ , and if it is, find the coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{x}$  relative to  $\mathcal{B}$ .

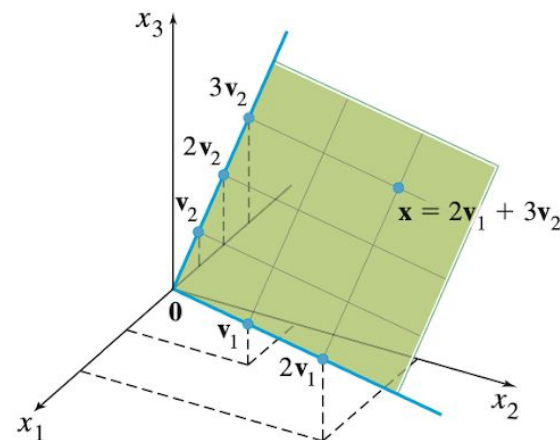
**SOLUTION** If  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $H$ , then the following vector equation is consistent:

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 12 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

The scalars  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , if they exist, are the  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$ . Row operations show that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 3 \\ 6 & 0 & 12 \\ 2 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus  $c_1 = 2$ ,  $c_2 = 3$ , and  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . The basis  $\mathcal{B}$  determines a “coordinate system” on  $H$ , which can be visualized by the grid shown in Figure 1. ■



**FIGURE 1** A coordinate system on a plane  $H$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

## DEFINITION

The **dimension** of a nonzero subspace  $H$ , denoted by  $\dim H$ , is the number of vectors in any basis for  $H$ . The dimension of the zero subspace  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$  is defined to be zero.<sup>2</sup>

## DEFINITION


The **rank** of a matrix  $A$ , denoted by  $\text{rank } A$ , is the dimension of the column space of  $A$ .

**EXAMPLE 3** Determine the rank of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & -3 & -4 & 8 \\ 4 & 7 & -4 & -3 & 9 \\ 6 & 9 & -5 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -9 & 6 & 5 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**SOLUTION** Reduce  $A$  to echelon form:

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & -3 & -4 & 8 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 & 5 & -7 \\ 0 & -6 & 4 & 14 & -20 \\ 0 & -9 & 6 & 5 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \sim \dots \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & -3 & -4 & 8 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 & 5 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Pivot columns 

The matrix  $A$  has 3 pivot columns, so  $\text{rank } A = 3$ .

## THEOREM 14

### The Rank Theorem

If a matrix  $A$  has  $n$  columns, then  $\text{rank } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = n$ .

## THEOREM 15

### The Basis Theorem

Let  $H$  be a  $p$ -dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Any linearly independent set of exactly  $p$  elements in  $H$  is automatically a basis for  $H$ . Also, any set of  $p$  elements of  $H$  that spans  $H$  is automatically a basis for  $H$ .

## THEOREM

### The Invertible Matrix Theorem (continued)

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following statements are each equivalent to the statement that  $A$  is an invertible matrix.

- m. The columns of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- n.  $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^n$
- o.  $\dim \text{Col } A = n$
- p.  $\text{rank } A = n$
- q.  $\text{Nul } A = \{\mathbf{0}\}$
- r.  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 0$