

4. Matrices

Let  $T: X \rightarrow U$  be a linear map.

Goal: Encode  $T$  as a matrix.

- We need to pick:
- a basis  $\mathcal{B}_{in} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  for  $X$  ("input basis")
  - a basis  $\mathcal{B}_{out} = \{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$  for  $U$  ("output basis")

Let  $\{l_1, \dots, l_m\}$  be the dual basis in  $U'$ .

Next, write

$$Tx_1 = a_{11}u_1 + a_{21}u_2 + \dots + a_{m1}u_m$$

$$Tx_2 = a_{12}u_1 + a_{22}u_2 + \dots + a_{m2}u_m$$

$$\vdots$$

$$Tx_j = a_{1j}u_1 + \dots + a_{ij}u_i + \dots + a_{mj}u_m$$

$$\vdots$$

$$Tx_n = a_{1n}u_1 + a_{2n}u_2 + \dots + a_{mn}u_m$$

$$a_{ij} = l_i(Tx_j) = (l_i, Tx_j)$$

The matrix of  $T$  wrt  $\mathcal{B}_{in}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_{out}$  is

$$A = {}_{\mathcal{B}_{out}}[T]_{\mathcal{B}_{in}} := \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$A_{x_1}$      $A_{x_2}$     ...     $A_{x_n}$

Remarks •  $R_T = \text{Span}(\text{col. vectors})$ , also called the "column space."

•  $a_{ij} = (l_i, Tx_j)$

Ex: Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the projection onto the line  $y=x$ .

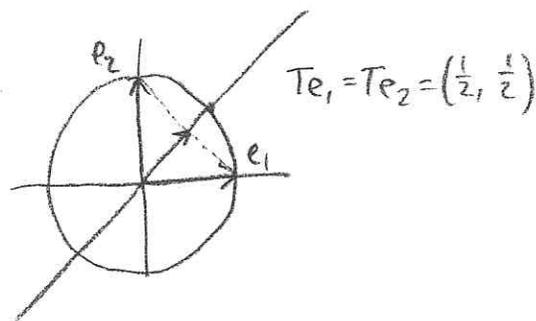
First, consider  $\mathcal{B}_{in} = \mathcal{B}_{out} = \{e_1, e_2\}$ .

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$$Te_1 = \frac{1}{2}e_1 + \frac{1}{2}e_2$$

$$Te_2 = \frac{1}{2}e_1 + \frac{1}{2}e_2$$

$$\text{So } [T]_{\mathcal{B}_{in} \mathcal{B}_{out}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

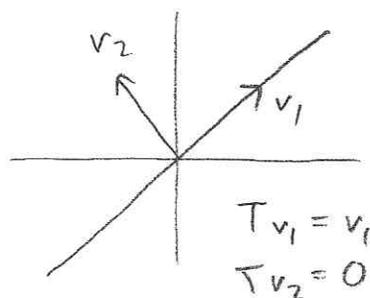


Let's pick a different basis:  $\mathcal{B}'_{in} = \mathcal{B}'_{out} = \left\{ v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$Tv_1 = 1v_1 + 0v_2$$

$$Tv_2 = 0v_1 + 0v_2$$

$$\Rightarrow [T]_{\mathcal{B}'_{in} \mathcal{B}'_{out}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

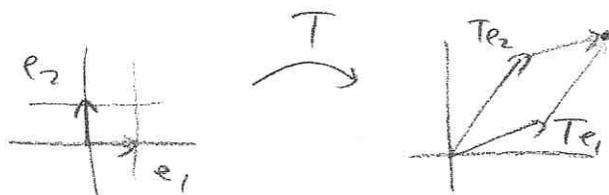


Remark: If  $T: X \rightarrow X$  is invertible, then we can always

choose  $\mathcal{B}_{in}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_{out}$  so  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}_{in} \mathcal{B}_{out}} = I$ ,

If  $\mathcal{B}_{in} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ ,

then  $\mathcal{B}_{out} := \{Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n\}$



Ex: Let  $X = \mathcal{P}_2 = \{c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 : c_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$   $\mathcal{B}_{in} = \{1, x, x^2\}$

$U = \mathcal{P}_1 = \{c_0 + c_1x : c_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$   $\mathcal{B}_{out} = \{1, x\}$

Let  $T = \frac{d}{dx}$ , so  $T(c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2) = c_1 + 2c_2x$ .

$$T(1) = 0 \cdot 1 + 0x$$

$$T(x) = 1 \cdot 1 + 0x$$

$$T(x^2) = 0 \cdot 1 + 2x$$

$$A = [T]_{\mathcal{B}_{in} \mathcal{B}_{out}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



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Recall: If  $T: X \rightarrow U$  is linear, and  $A$  is the matrix w.r.t

bases  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in U_1, \dots, U_n$  with dual basis  $l_1, \dots, l_m \in U'$ .

$$[\text{that is, } l_i(u_j) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases}]$$

then  $\boxed{a_{ij} = (l_i, T x_j)}$

Thus, to get  $a_{ij}$ , where  $A = (a_{ij})$ :

- Apply  $T$  to the  $j^{\text{th}}$  basis vector of  $X$
- Then apply the  $i^{\text{th}}$  co-vector in  $U'$  to this

Now, consider  $T': U' \rightarrow X'$ . Find matrix  $(a'_{ij})$

- Apply  $T'$  to the  $j^{\text{th}}$  basis vector of  $U'$
- Then apply the  $i^{\text{th}}$  co-vector in  $X'' = X$  to this:

$$a'_{ij} = (\hat{x}_i, T' l_j) \Rightarrow (T' l_j, x_i) = (l_j, T x_i) = a_{ji}$$

$\uparrow$  in  $X''$   $\uparrow$  identify  $X'' = X$

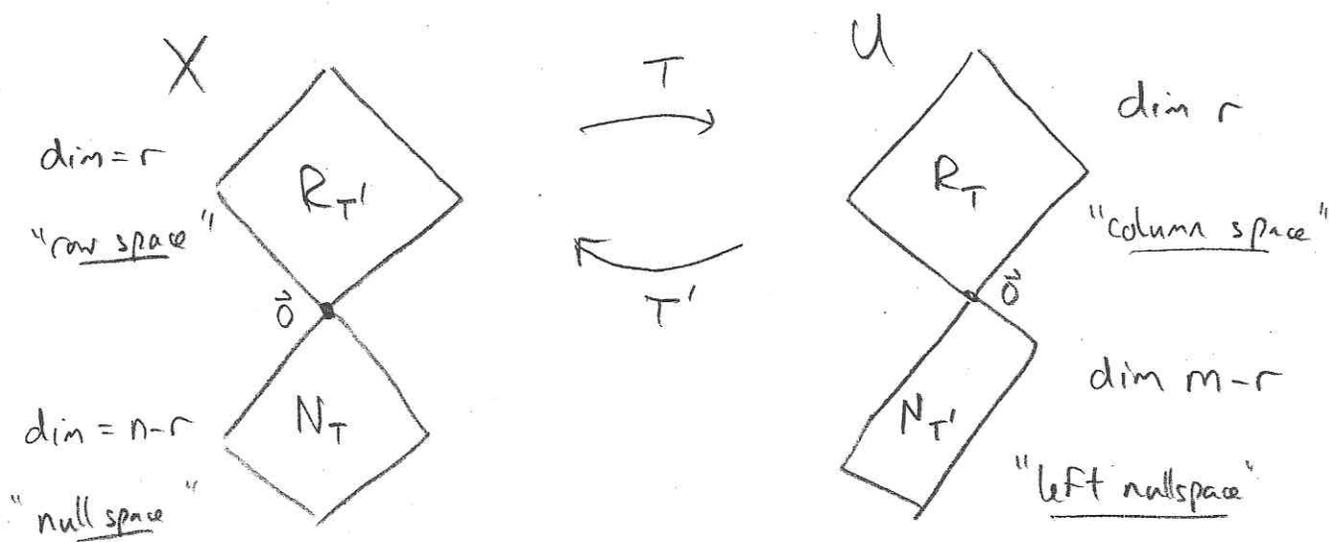
\* Thus, the matrix  $(a'_{ij})$  for  $T'$  satisfies  $a'_{ij} = a_{ji}$ .

Denote this matrix by  $A^T$ . Obtained by swapping rows with columns.

Recall: The range  $R_T$  consists of all linear combinations of the column vectors. The dimension of this space is called the column rank of  $T$ . The row rank is defined similarly.

- Remarks: (i) row rank of  $T$  is  $\dim R_{T'}$ .  
 (ii) By thm 3.6 ( $\dim R_T = \dim R_{T'}$ ), row rank and column rank are equal.

"Cartoon" of this:  $T: X \rightarrow U$



Prop:  $T$  is a bijection when restricted  $R_{T'} \rightarrow R_T$ .

Proof: Only need to show it's 1-1.

Suppose,  $Tl_1 = Tl_2 \implies T(l_1 - l_2) = 0 \implies l_1 - l_2 \in N_T$

But  $l_1 - l_2$  also in  $R_{T'}$  (since it's a subspace).

$\implies l_1 - l_2 = 0$ , since  $X = R_{T'} \oplus N_T$ . □

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### Change of basis

Let  $T: X \rightarrow U$  be linear,  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  &  $u_1, \dots, u_m \in U$  be bases.

Since  $\dim X = n$ ,  $\dim U = m$ , we have  $X \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $U \cong \mathbb{R}^m$ .

That is, we have isomorphisms:

$$B: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \quad C: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$x_i \mapsto e_i \quad u_i \mapsto e_i$$

Putting this together, we can choose isomorphisms such as these to get a linear map  $CTB^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{T} & U \\ B \downarrow & & \downarrow C \\ \mathbb{R}^n & \xrightarrow{CTB^{-1}} & \mathbb{R}^m \end{array}$$

If  $T: X \rightarrow X$  then we can take  $x_i = u_i$  &  $B = C$  and get a matrix  $M = BTB^{-1}$ .

Suppose we change the isomorphism  $B$ . In particular, let  $A: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be another isomorphism, and let  $N$  be the matrix wrt this basis, i.e.,  $N = ATA^{-1}$

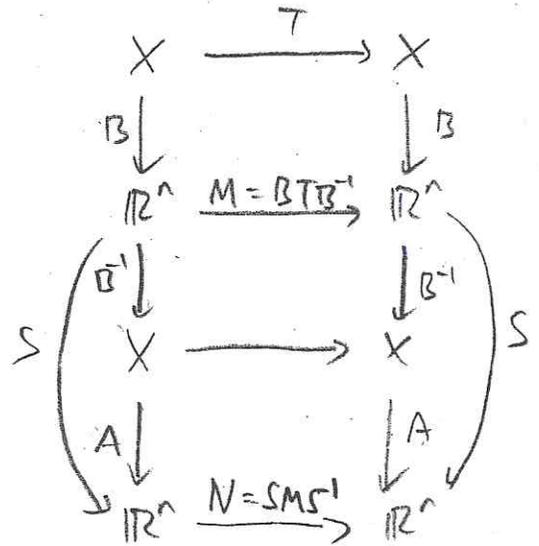
We have  $N = ATA^{-1} = AB^{-1}BTB^{-1}BA^{-1} = SMS^{-1}$ ,

where  $S = AB^{-1}$ , which is invertible.

Two square matrices  $M, N$  related

by conjugation (e.g.,  $N = SMS^{-1}$ )

are said to be conjugate.

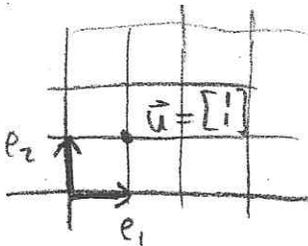


\* Similar matrices describe the same mapping of a space into itself, but using different bases. Thus (as we'll see later) similar matrices share the same intrinsic properties.

Example: Consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Input basis:

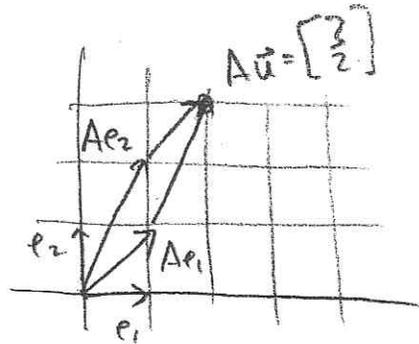
$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$



Say  $u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$Mu = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$



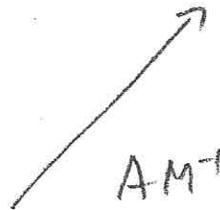
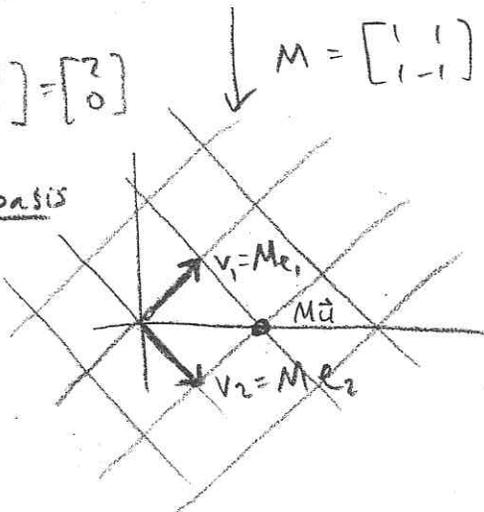
Output basis:

$e_1, e_2$

New input basis

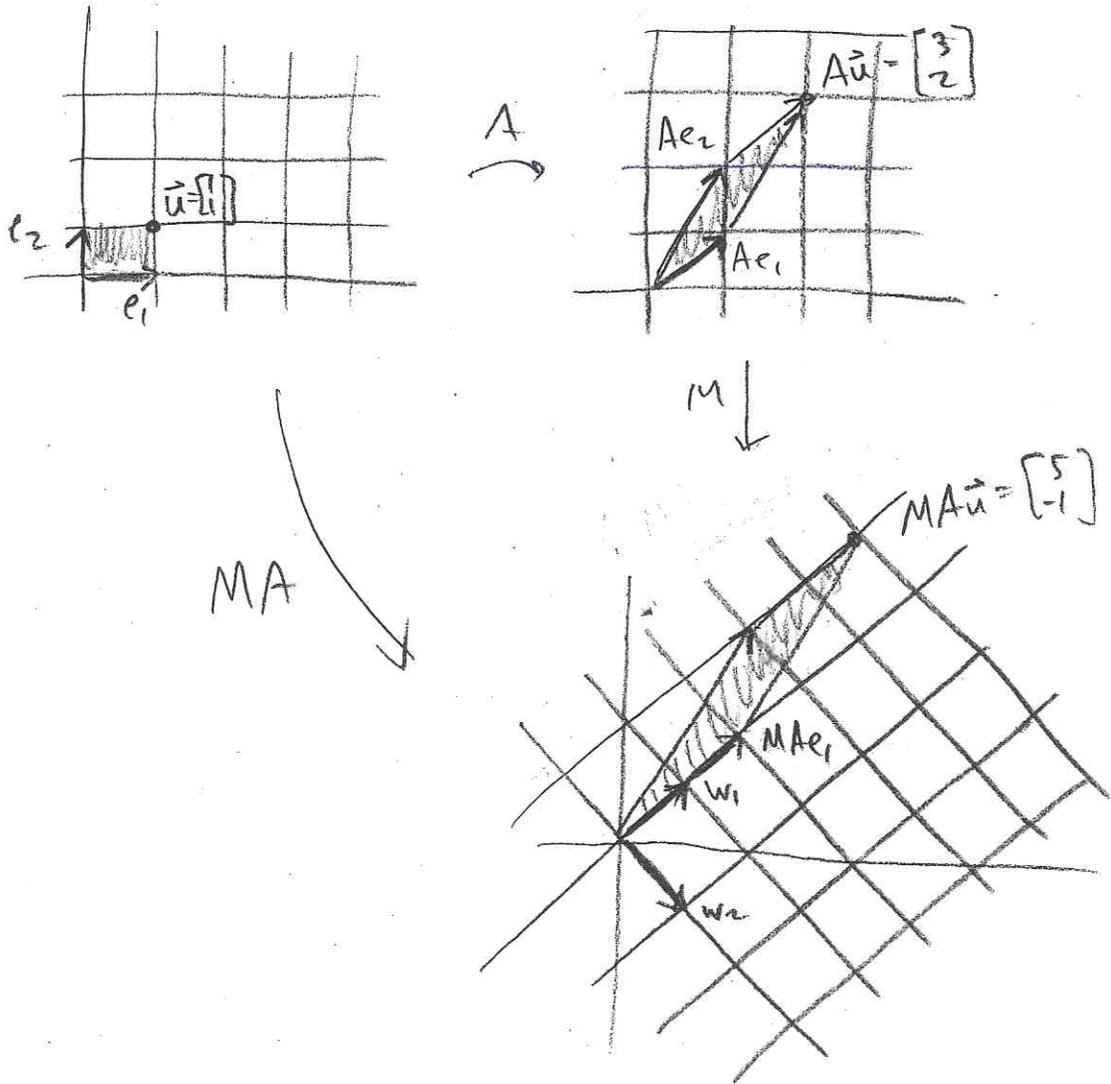
$v_1 = Me_1$

$v_2 = Me_2$



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Now, let's change the output basis instead



Output Basis:  $w_1 = Me_1$   
 $w_2 = Me_2$

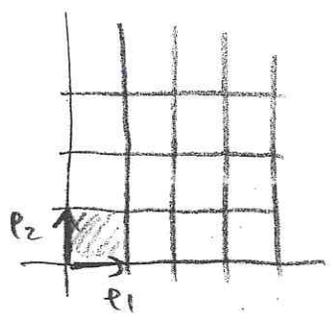
$$MA\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In our new coordinates:  $MA\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

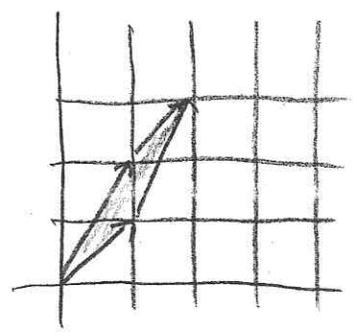
$$MA\vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, let's change both input & output bases:

$$v_1 = w_1 = Me_1, \quad v_2 = w_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

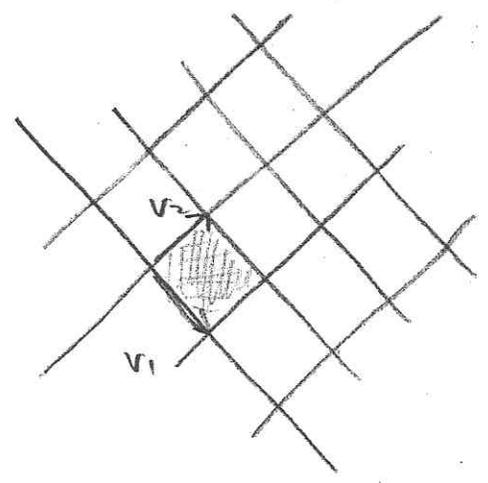


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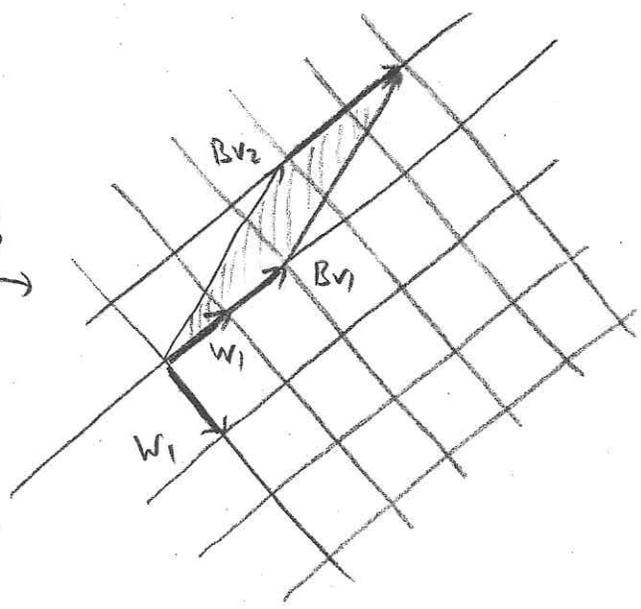


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Note that  $A = M^{-1} B M$

$$B = M A M^{-1}$$

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Remark: We can write any  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  in block form:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where} \quad A = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ \hline A_{21} & A_{22} \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \} k \text{ rows} \\ \} n-k \text{ rows} \end{array}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{k \text{ columns}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{n-k \text{ columns}}$

Addition and multiplication of block matrices "works out" just as if the blocks were entries.

Def: The square matrix  $I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is called the identity or unit matrix.

Def: A square matrix  $T = (t_{ij})$  for which  $t_{ij} = 0$  for  $i > j$  (resp.  $i < j$ ) is called upper triangular (resp. lower triangular).

### Systems of equations

Matrices can be used to effectively express and solve systems of equations.

A system  $\sum_{i=1}^n t_{ij} x_i = u$  for  $j=1, \dots, n$  may have a unique soln, many solns, or no solutions.

Example:  $x_1, \dots, x_4$  are unknowns:

$$M \vec{x} = \vec{u}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 = u_1 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + x_4 = u_2 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 = u_3 \\ 3x_1 + 4x_2 + 6x_3 + 2x_4 = u_4 \end{array} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

System can be solved by Gaussian elimination:

Subtract multiples of Eq 1 from last 3 eqns to eliminate  $x_1$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} x_2 + x_3 - 2x_4 = u_2 - u_1 \\ -x_2 - 2x_3 - 3x_4 = u_3 - 2u_1 \\ x_2 - 7x_4 = u_4 - 3u_1 \end{array}$$

Use 1<sup>st</sup> eqn to eliminate  $x_2$  from last 2:

$$\begin{array}{l} -x_3 - 5x_4 = u_3 + u_2 - 3u_1 \\ -x_3 - 5x_4 = u_4 - 2u_2 - 2u_1 \end{array}$$

Subtract these equations to eliminate  $x_3$  (if by chance,  $x_4$  too).

$$\boxed{0 = u_4 - u_3 - 2u_2 + u_1} :$$

This is a necessary & sufficient condition for our original system to have a sol'n. It can be written as

$$(l, u) = 0, \text{ where } l = (1, -2, -1, 1).$$

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$$\text{That is, } (1, -2, -1, 1) \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{pmatrix} = u_1 - 2u_2 - u_3 + u_4 = 0$$

Since  $Mx = u$  and  $lu = 0$ , we must have

$$lMx = lu = 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^4, \text{ thus } lM = 0.$$

\* In general, if  $Mx = u$  is a system of equations, then a soln is described by a linear function  $l \in X'$ , or equivalently, a column vector, for which  $lM = 0$ .