

## 28. Rank & Algebra of Matrices

**Definition 42** Let  $A \in \mathfrak{M}_{mn}$  be the matrix of  $A \in L(X, Y)$  w.r.t. the bases  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$ . The rank of  $A$  is the largest number of linearly independent columns in  $A$ .

**Theorem 58** Let  $A, B$ , and  $C$  be comparable/conformal matrices and let  $\alpha, \beta \in F$ . Then

1.  $(A + B)C = AC + BC$
2.  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$
3.  $A(BC) = (AB)C$
4.  $(\alpha + \beta)A = \alpha A + \beta A$
5.  $\alpha(A + B) = \alpha A + \alpha B$
6.  $(\alpha A)(\beta B) = (\alpha\beta)(AB)$
7.  $A + B = B + A$
8.  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$

## Algebra of Matrices

### Theorem 59

1. The zero matrix  $0 = [0_{ij}]$  represents the zero transform  $0(x) = 0$  for every basis.
2. The identity matrix  $I = [\delta_{ij}]$  represents the identity transform  $I(x) = x$  for every basis.
3. The matrix  $A$  is nonsingular iff the transform  $A$  is nonsingular.
4. If  $A$  is nonsingular, then  $A^{-1}$  is unique.
5. If  $A_n$  and  $B_n$  are nonsingular, then  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ .
6.  $\text{rank}(A_n) = n$  if and only if  $(A_n x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0)$ .
7. For  $A \in \mathfrak{M}_n$ , set  $A^m = \underbrace{A \cdot A \cdots A}_m$  &  $A^{-m} = (A^{-1})^m$ .

# Partitioned Vectors & Matrices

Partitioning a vector or matrix can be very useful and is natural in direct sums. E.g.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & b_{11} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & b_{21} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ c_{11} & c_{12} & d_{11} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{11} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Theorem 60** Let  $P \in L(X, X)$  be a projection and  $\dim(X) = n$ . Then there is a basis for  $X = \mathfrak{R}(P) \oplus \mathfrak{N}(P)$  s.t.

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# 29. Similarity & Equivalence

**Ab hinc:**  $X$  and  $Y$  are vector spaces over  $F$  with  $\dim X = n$  and  $\dim(Y) = m$ .

**Theorem 61** Let  $B_X = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be a basis for  $X$  and let  $P = [p_{ij}]$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Set  $e'_k = \sum_j p_{jk} e_j$ . Then  $B'_X = \{e'_1, \dots, e'_n\}$  is a basis for  $X$  iff  $P$  is nonsingular.

**Pf.** Calculation based on the linear independence of  $B_X$ .

**Definition 43** Let  $P$  be the matrix of Thm 61, then  $P$  is the matrix of  $B'_X$  w.r.t  $B_X$ .

**Theorem 62**  $P$  is the matrix of  $B'_X$  w.r.t  $B_X$  iff  $P^{-1}$  is the matrix of  $B_X$  w.r.t  $B'_X$ .

**Pf.** Exercise.