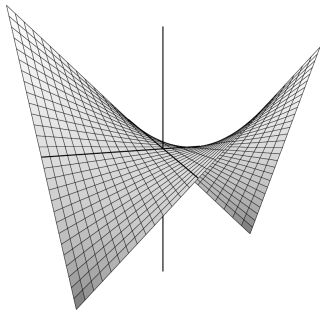


# Linear and Bilinear Algebra I



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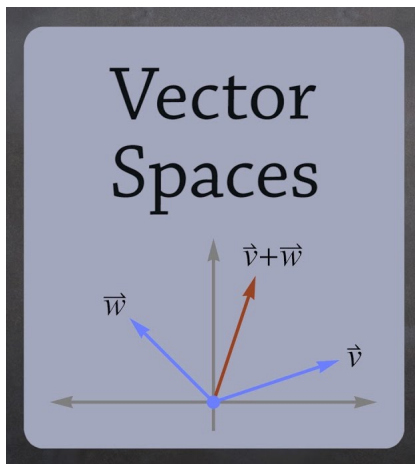
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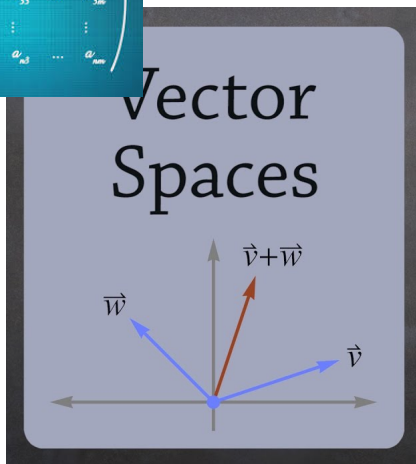
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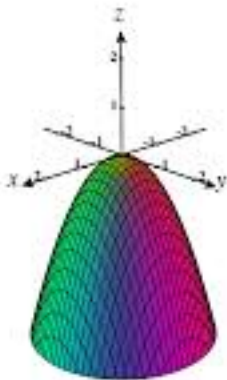
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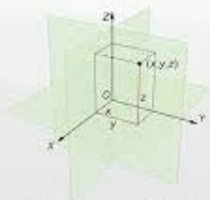
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# EU learning objectives

## Direct Sums, Characteristic Polynomials and Duality:

- Recall of direct sums, determinants....
- Dual spaces, Kernel and images of dual maps.....

## Pre-Hilbert Real Vector Spaces

- Euclidean spaces
- Gram-Schmidt's algorithm
- Orthogonal projection and minimization problems

*Midterm I*

## Symmetric Bilinear Forms on Euclidean spaces

- Symmetric bilinear forms and quadratic forms.
- Orthogonality with respect to a quadratic form and signature.
- Sylvester's law of inertia and Gauss' algorithm.

## Pre-Hilbert Complex Vector Spaces

- Hilbertian inner product
- Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.
- Hilbert norms

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# Ch1. RECALL

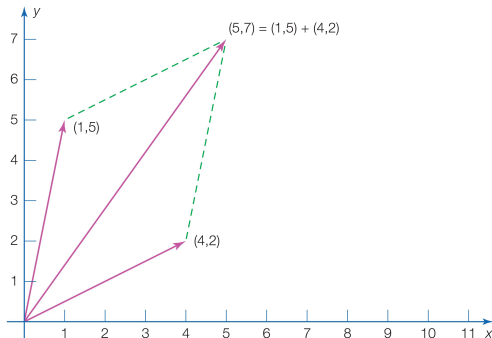


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- $-u = (-3, 5, -2, -1)$
- $u + v = (7, -4, 0, 6)$
- $u \cdot v = 3 \cdot 4 + (-5) \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot (-2) + 1 \cdot 5 = 8$
- $\|v\| = \sqrt{16 + 1 + 4 + 25} = \sqrt{46}$
- $-4v = (-16, -4, 8, -20)$

# Matrix

An  $m \times n$  matrix: the  $m$  rows are horizontal and the  $n$  columns are vertical. Each element of a matrix is often denoted by a variable with two subscripts. For example,  $a_{21}$  represents the element at the **second row** and **first column** of the matrix.  $A = \{a_{i,j}\}_{\substack{i=1,\dots,m \\ j=1,\dots,n}}$

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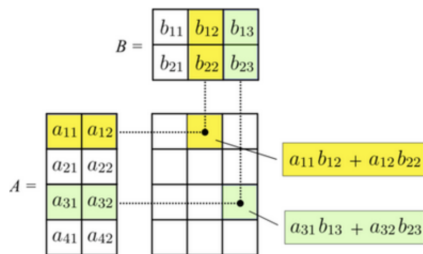
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A submatrix of a matrix is obtained by deleting any collection of rows and/or columns

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$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Some theorems

Let  $A, B,$  and  $C$  be three  $m \times n$  matrices and  $k$  a scalar in  $\mathbb{R}$

- 1  $(AB)C = A(BC)$       Associative law
- 2  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$       left distributive law
- 3  $(B + C)A = BA + CA$       right distributive law
- 4  $AB \neq BA$       NOT Commutative
- 5  $k(AB) = (kA)B = A(kB)$
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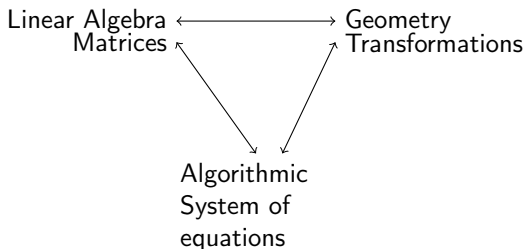
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This system of linear equations express the coordinates of the vector  $y$  in function of the one of  $x$ .



- In Linear Algebra, we add and multiply matrices,
- In Geometry, we compose transformations,
- In Algorithmic, we manipulate system of equations.

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It is easy to solve a system of linear equations that is associated to reduced echelon form matrices.



# Method I

Let  $A$  be a reduced echelon form matrix. We are looking to solve the system described earlier: Given the vector  $y$ , we are looking for all the  $x$  for which  $Ax = y$ .

The variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  situated at the position of pivots are called *principal variables*.

- We introduce a parameter for each variable which is not principal.
- We express the principal variables in function of these parameters

We get in this case a parametric equation for the set of solutions for the system.

# Example

Let  $y_1, y_2$  be two given real numbers, let us find the solutions  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  for the following system:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + \quad \quad + 3x_3 = y_1 \\ \quad \quad x_2 + x_3 = y_2 \end{cases}$$

associated to the reduce echelon matrix form:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

# Solution

- The variables  $x_1, x_2$  are principal variables, so we introduce the parameter  $\lambda$  and we set  $x_3 = \lambda$ .
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$$\begin{cases} x_1 = y_1 - 3x_3 = y_1 - 3\lambda \\ x_2 = y_2 - x_3 = y_2 - \lambda \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = y_1 - 3\lambda \\ x_2 = y_2 - \lambda \\ x_3 = \lambda \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- The vectorial notation will be:

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This method is used to find the solution for a system of linear equations of the form  $AX = B$ .

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- Calculate the **basis** of the image of a matrix.
  - Take the columns of the associated matrix on the pivots position for the reduced form.
- Determine if a family of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is **free**.
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# Conclusion

We put a matrix in an echelon form for the following reasons:

- Calculate the **rank** of a matrix.
  - It is equal to the number of pivots in its echelon form.
- Calculate the  **$\dim(\ker(A))$** .
  - It is equal to the number of columns in its echelon form without pivots.
- Calculate the **ker of the matrix**.
  - It is equal to the kernel of its echelon form.
- Calculate the **basis** of the image of a matrix.
  - Take the columns of the associated matrix on the pivots position for the reduced form.
- Determine if a family of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is **free**.
  - The rank of the family must be equal to the number of vectors.
- Solve a **system of linear equations** with a second member
  - Put the system in a reduced echelon form.
- Calculate the **inverse** of a square matrix.
  - It is equivalent to the resolution of the linear system