

0

$(-1)^n$

$n!$

n^2

depends on the other rows

$r_2 \rightarrow r_2 - r_1$
similar

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \\ n & n & \dots & n \\ 2n+1 & \dots & 3n & \dots \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

$r_3 - 2r_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \\ n & n & \dots & n \\ 1 & 2 & \dots & n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

= 0 by (D2).

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We've been studying a function:

$D: M_n(K) \rightarrow K$ defined by (D1)-(D3)

showed unique such function and $\therefore = \det(A)$.

We have a parallel theory with columns in place of rows: let $D': M_n(K) \rightarrow K$ be

characterized by

(D1') D' is linear in the i th column ($i=1 \dots n$)

(D2') $D' = 0$ if two columns the same

(D3') $D'(I_n) = 1$

Cor 3.8 There is a unique D' obeying (D1')-(D3') and it's equal to $\det(A)$.

Proof By symmetry rows \leftrightarrow cols, \exists unique D' and it's equal to

$$\begin{aligned} D'(A) &= \sum_{\pi \in S_n} \text{sign}(\pi) a_{\pi(1)1} \dots a_{\pi(n)n} \\ &= \sum_{\pi \in S_n} \text{sign}(\pi) a_{\pi(1), \pi^{-1}(\pi(1))} \dots a_{\pi(n), \pi^{-1}(\pi(n))} \\ &= \sum_{\pi \in S_n} \text{sign}(\pi) a_{1, \pi^{-1}(1)} \dots a_{n, \pi^{-1}(n)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{\pi^{-1} \in S_n} \text{sign}(\pi^{-1}) a_{1, \pi^{-1}(1)} \dots a_{n, \pi^{-1}(n)} \\
 &= \det(A) \qquad \text{as } \text{sign}(\pi \pi^{-1}) = \text{sign}(\text{id}) = 1 \\
 &\qquad \Rightarrow \text{sign}(\pi^{-1}) = \text{sign}(\pi) \\
 &\text{(change } \pi^{-1} \text{ to } \pi) \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{QED}
 \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 3.9 $\det(A^t) = \det(A)$ ($A^t = \text{transpose of } A$)

proof $\det(A) = \sum_{\pi \in S_n} \text{sign}(\pi) a_{\pi(1)1} \dots a_{\pi(n)n}$
 $= \det(A^t) \quad \therefore = \det(A) \quad \text{QED}$

Example A parallelepiped in \mathbb{R}^n is a subset

$$P = P(v_1, \dots, v_n) = \{ a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n \mid 0 \leq a_i \leq 1 \}$$

eg $n=2$ $P = P(u, v) = \{ a_1 u + a_2 v \mid 0 \leq a_i \leq 1 \}$



Signed Area $(P) = \text{height } h \times |u|$
 if u rotates ^{anti}clockwise out v (else its negative)

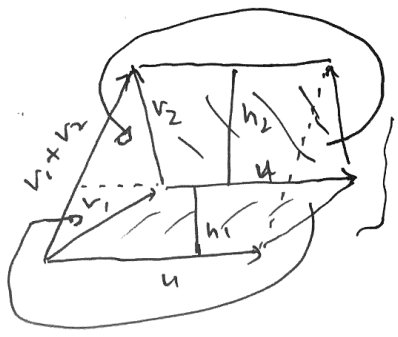
(similarly there is a signed vol (P) in \mathbb{R}^n)

We'll check that this is a function of $\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$

obey: (D1)-(D3). Focus on (D1) = row linearity

Signed Area $(P \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v_1 + v_2 \end{bmatrix}) = \underbrace{\text{signed Area } (P \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v_1 \end{bmatrix})}_{h_1 |u|} + \underbrace{\text{signed Area } (P \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix})}_{h_2 |u|}$

due to



move these parts to fill in at left get the LHS as $(h_1 + h_2) |u|$ ✓

similarly (D2) - (D3) can be seen geometrically (57)

$$\therefore \text{signed Area}(P(\underline{y})) = \det([\underline{y}])$$

$$(\text{similarly signed vol}(P(\begin{smallmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{smallmatrix})) = \det([\begin{smallmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{smallmatrix}]))$$

3.3 Laplace's cofactor formula

Def 3.11 If A is an $n \times n$ matrix over K ,

$$\text{let } K_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ij})$$

\uparrow matrix $(n-1) \times (n-1)$
 obtained by deleting
 the row i & j th col of A

$$\text{let } \text{Adj}(A) = K^T \quad (\text{"Adjugate"})$$

Theorem 3.12 (a) For $1 \leq i \leq n$ fixed,

$$(*) \quad \det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} K_{ij}(A)$$

(b) For $1 \leq j \leq n$ fixed

$$\det(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} K_{ij}(A)$$

Proof (Sketch - we'll assume RHS of (*) is independent of i). Let

$$D(A) := \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} K_{ij}(A)$$

we'll show this obeys (D1) - (D3) $\therefore = \det(A)$.

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

(choosing $i=1$ say)

$$D(A) = \sum_j (v_1)_j K_{1j}(A)$$

\therefore (D1) holds, \uparrow linear in v_1 \nwarrow doesn't depend on v_1

If two rows of A are the same - $A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_i \\ \vdots \\ v_j \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$
 Choose (*) based on a different row, say row i .

$$D(A) = \sum_j (v_i)_j K_{ij}(A)$$

A_{ij} still has two rows the same
 $\therefore \det(A_{ij}) = 0$
 $\therefore K_{ij} = 0$

$\therefore D(A) = 0$, (D2) holds.

If $A = \left[\begin{array}{c|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 0 & & & & \end{array} \right] = I_n$

$$D(A) = a_{11} K_{11}(A)$$

as only $j=1$ contributes as $a_{ij} = 0$ if $j \neq 1$

$$\det(A_{11}) = \det(I_{n-1}) = 1 \text{ so } K_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \det(A_{11})$$

and $a_{11} = 1$ so $D(A) = 1$, (D3) holds.

(b) identical with rows & cols swapped. QED

Remark We could define K_{ij} using Laplace's formula for the subdeterminants of the smaller matrices A_{ij} . Then the above becomes an inductive definition, same result applies.
 - if obeys (D1) - (D3) $\therefore = \det(A)$

Theorem 3.14 For any $n \times n$ matrix A ,

$$A \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{matrix}}}{\text{Adj}}(A) = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{product}}}{\text{Adj}}(A) \cdot A = \det(A) I_n$$

Corollary If A is invertible then $A^{-1} = \det(A)^{-1} \text{Adj}(A)$,
 (as if A invertible, $\det(A) \neq 0$)

proof (of theorem) the i - i th entry is

$$(A \cdot \text{Adj}(A))_{ii} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \text{Adj}(A)_{ki} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} K_{ik}(A)$$

$$= \det(A) \quad \text{by Thm 3.12}$$

as expected. If $i \neq j$ then

$$(A \cdot \text{Adj}(A))_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \text{Adj}(A)_{kj} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} K_{jk}(A)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n a'_{ik} K_{jk}(A')$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n a'_{jk} K_{jk}(A')$$

$$= \det(A') \quad \text{by Thm 3.12}$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{as } A' \text{ has a repeated row.}$$

det depend on j th row
 where $A' = A$ with
 j th row replaced
 by i th row.
 as j th row same as
 i th row of A'

$\therefore A \cdot \text{Adj}(A) = \det(A) I_n$. Similarly
 for $\text{Adj}(A) \cdot A$. QED

In practice ^{can} combine using (D1) - (D3)
 with Laplace formula eg.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{c_2 - 2c_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & -3 & 6 \\ 7 & -6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{c_3 - 3c_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & -6 \\ 7 & -6 & -12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -6 \\ -6 & -12 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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② In question about if A similar to A^{-1} you can assume A is invertible.

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Q2 — reviewed solution.

Section 3.4 Cayley-Hamilton theorem

Matrices can obey polynomial identities

e.g. $x^2 - 3x + 2$ could be applied to x an $n \times n$ matrix (with $x^0 = I_n$)

e.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $A^2 - 3A + 2I_2$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ -6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 6 & -9 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. We define its characteristic polynomial

$P_A(x)$ by $P_A(x) := \det(xI_n - A)$

degree n polynomial in x

e.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $P_A(x) = \det \begin{bmatrix} x & -1 \\ 2 & x-3 \end{bmatrix} = x(x-3) + 2$

$$= x^2 - 3x + 2$$

notice $P_A(A) = A^2 - 3A + 2I_2 = 0$

Theorem 3.19 (Cayley-Hamilton theorem)

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix over \mathbb{K} with characteristic polynomial $P_A(x)$.

Then $P_A(A) = 0$ as an $n \times n$ matrix equation.

Spot Quiz Is this a proof of the Cayley-Hamilton theorem:

- Hamilton theorem:

$P_A(x) = \det(xI_n - A)$ so

$P_A(A) = \det(AI_n - A) = \det(A - A) = 0$.

yes no maybe

x is an abstract symbol which we only later write $x = I_n$. That I_n has n this to write this I_n which is expanded in determinant. So when we replace x by A in $P_A(A)$ we are not multiplying A with that I_n .

Proof of the theorem We use our result about the adjugate applied to $(xI_n - A)$ i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adj}(xI_n - A) &= \det(xI_n - A) I_n \\ &= P_A(x) I_n \end{aligned}$$

$\text{Adj}(xI_n - A)$ has highest power x^{n-1} in its entries. So suppose

$$\text{Adj}(xI_n - A) = x^{n-1} B_{n-1} + x^{n-2} B_{n-2} + \dots + B_1 x + B_0$$

for some $n \times n$ matrices B_0, \dots, B_{n-1}

Also let $P_A(x) = x^n + c_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + c_1x + c_0$ (64)
 for some $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1} \in \mathbb{K}$.

So

$$\begin{aligned} & x^n I_n + x^{n-1} c_{n-1} I_n + \dots + x c_1 I_n + c_0 I_n \\ &= P_A(x) I_n = \det(x I_n - A) I_n \\ &= (x I_n - A) \underbrace{(x^{n-1} B_{n-1} + \dots + x B_1 + B_0)}_{\text{Adj}(x I_n - A)} \\ &= x^n B_{n-1} + x^{n-1} (-A B_{n-1} + B_{n-2}) + \\ & \quad + \dots + x (-A B_1 + B_0) - A B_0 \end{aligned}$$

Equating powers of x :

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow B_{n-1} &= I_n \\ -A B_{n-1} + B_{n-2} &= c_{n-1} I_n \\ \vdots \\ -A B_1 + B_0 &= c_1 I_n \\ -A B_0 &= c_0 I_n \end{aligned}$$

Now take $A^n \times$ 1st equation, $A^{n-1} \times$ 2nd, .. etc. ... $\underbrace{A^0}_{I_n} \times$ last

and add up.

$$\Rightarrow \text{RHS} = A^n + c_{n-1} A^{n-1} + \dots + c_0 I_n = P_A(A)$$

LHS cancels in pairs:

$$\begin{aligned} & A^n B_{n-1} + A^{n-1} (-A B_{n-1} + B_{n-2}) + \dots \\ & \quad + \dots + A (-A B_1 + B_0) + I_n (-A B_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0$$

QED

Why is $P_A(x)$ important.

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Definition on the space of $n \times n$ matrices, we define B is similar to A if \exists invertible

$$P \text{ s.t. } B = PAP^{-1}$$

(another equivalence relation, stronger than the previous one with P, Q).

Observe if B is similar to A then

$$\begin{aligned} P_B(x) &= \det \left(xI_n - \frac{PAP^{-1}}{B} \right) = \det(P(xI_n - A)P^{-1}) \\ &= \det(P) \det(xI_n - A) \det(P^{-1}) \\ &= \underbrace{\det(P) \det(P^{-1})}_{\det(PP^{-1})=1} P_A(x) = P_A(x) \end{aligned}$$

Example For $n=2$, $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} P_A(x) &= \det(xI_2 - A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} x-a & -b \\ -c & x-d \end{bmatrix} \\ &= x^2 - \underbrace{(a+d)}_{\text{Tr}(A)}x + \underbrace{ad-bc}_{\det(A)} \end{aligned}$$

It's well known that if B equivalent to A ,

$$\det(B) = \det(PAP^{-1}) = \det(A) \quad (\text{as above})$$

$$\text{Tr}(B) = \text{Tr}(PAP^{-1}) = \sum_{i,j,k} P_{ij} A_{jk} P_{ki}^{-1}$$

$$= \sum_{i,j,k} \underbrace{P_{ki}^{-1} P_{ij}}_{\delta_{kj}} A_{jk} = \sum_j A_{jj}$$

$$= \text{Tr}(A).$$

Challenge What do we get for $n=3$

$$p_A(x) = x^3 + \boxed{?} x^2 + \boxed{?} x + \boxed{?}$$

two of these are $\text{Tr}(A)$, $\det(A)$. What is the 3rd as a function on $M_3(K)$.

Chapter 4 Linear maps between vector spaces

4.1 Basis

Def 4.1 Let V, W be v.s.'s over a field K .

A map $\alpha: V \rightarrow W$ is called a linear map

if
$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(v_1 + v_2) &= \alpha(v_1) + \alpha(v_2) & \forall v_1, v_2 \in V \\ \alpha(cv) &= c\alpha(v) & c \in K \end{aligned}$$

(or equivalently $\alpha(c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2) = c_1 \alpha(v_1) + c_2 \alpha(v_2)$
 $\forall v_i \in V, c_i \in K$)

Example (i) $V = K[x]$, $W = K$

$$\alpha(f) = f(0), \quad \alpha(f_0 + f_1 x + \dots) = f_0$$

similarly $\alpha(f) = f(c)$ any fixed $c \in K$
$$\alpha(f_0 + f_1 x + f_2 x^2 + \dots) = f_0 + f_1 c + f_2 c^2 + \dots$$

(ii) $V = K[x]_n$ (degree $\leq n$), $W = K[x]_{n-1}$

$$\alpha: V \rightarrow W, \quad \alpha(f) = f' = \frac{df}{dx}$$

$$\alpha(f_0 + x f_1 + \dots + f_n x^n) = f_1 \cdot 1 + 2 f_2 x + \dots + n f_n x^{n-1}$$

(iii) $V = \mathbb{K}[x]_n$, $W = \mathbb{K}^{n+1}$

$$\alpha(f) = \begin{bmatrix} f_0 \\ f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{if } f = f_0 + f_1 x + \dots + f_n x^n$$

here $\alpha: V \rightarrow W$ is a bijection. (we say α is an isomorphism of vector spaces / $\mathbb{K}[x]_n \cong \mathbb{K}^{n+1}$ via α .)

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Def 4.3 Let $\alpha: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear map. Define

$$\text{Im}(\alpha) = \{ w \in W \mid w = \alpha(v) \text{ some } v \in V \}$$

"image(α)"

$$\text{ker}(\alpha) = \{ v \in V \mid \alpha(v) = 0 \}$$

"kernel(α)"

Prop 4.4 $\text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq W$, $\text{ker}(\alpha) \subseteq V$

are subspaces.

proof Both are non-empty as $\alpha(0) = 0$

$0 \in \text{ker}(\alpha)$

$0 \in \text{Im}(\alpha)$

If $w_1, w_2 \in \text{Im}(\alpha)$ so $w_1 = \alpha(v_1)$, $w_2 = \alpha(v_2)$ for some $v_i \in V$. Then

$$w_1 + w_2 = \alpha(v_1) + \alpha(v_2) = \alpha(v_1 + v_2)$$

by α linear

$\therefore w_1 + w_2 \in \text{Im}(\alpha)$.

If $w \in \text{Im}(\alpha)$, $c \in \mathbb{K}$, $w = \alpha(v)$ some $v \in V$ \Rightarrow $cw = c\alpha(v) = \alpha(cv)$ by α linear

$\therefore cw \in \text{Im}(\alpha)$

\therefore by lemma 1.2.4, $\text{Im}(\alpha)$ is a subspace.

If $v_1, v_2 \in \ker(\alpha)$ so $\alpha(v_1) = 0, \alpha(v_2) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(v_1 + v_2) = \alpha(v_1) + \alpha(v_2) = 0 + 0 = 0$$

\uparrow by α linear

$\& \ v_1, v_2 \in \ker(\alpha)$

If $v \in \ker(\alpha), c \in K \Rightarrow \alpha(cv) = c\alpha(v) = c \cdot 0 = 0$

so $cv \in \ker(\alpha)$

\therefore by lemma 1.24 $\ker(\alpha)$ is a subspace Q.E.D.

Def The rank of a linear map $\alpha: V \rightarrow W$ is denoted $\mathcal{R}(\alpha)$ and defined by

$$\mathcal{R}(\alpha) = \dim(\text{Im}(\alpha))$$

The nullity of α is denoted $\mathcal{N}(\alpha)$ and defined by

$$\mathcal{N}(\alpha) = \dim(\ker(\alpha))$$

(This assumes that the relevant subspaces are finite-dimensional, eg V f.d.)

Theorem 4.6 (rank + nullity theorem)

Let $\alpha: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear map, V f.d. Then $\mathcal{R}(\alpha) + \mathcal{N}(\alpha) = \dim(V)$.

Proof Let u_1, \dots, u_q be a basis of $\ker(\alpha)$

($\mathcal{N}(\alpha) = q$). We can extend this to basis of V

$$u_1, \dots, u_q, v_1, \dots, v_r \quad (\text{so } \dim(V) = q + r)$$

We'll show that $\alpha(v_1), \dots, \alpha(v_r)$ is a basis of $\text{Im}(\alpha)$

(hence $S = \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$ and so $\dim(V) = \dim(\mathcal{R}(\alpha)) + \dim(\ker(\alpha))$ as required). These are l.i. since, if

$$\underbrace{c_1 \alpha(v_1) + \dots + c_s \alpha(v_s)}_{= \alpha(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_s v_s)} = 0 \quad \text{as } \alpha \text{ linear.}$$

So $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_s v_s \in \ker(\alpha)$
 $\therefore = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_q u_q$ some a_i , as $\{u_i\}$ basis of $\ker(\alpha)$

$$\Rightarrow -a_1 u_1 + \dots - a_q u_q + c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_s v_s = 0$$

$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_s = 0$ as $\{u_i, v_j\}$ basis of V

To see that $\alpha(v_1) \dots \alpha(v_s)$ span, let $w \in \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$,

write $v = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_q u_q + c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_s v_s$ some coeffs as $\{u_i, v_j\}$ basis of V

$$\therefore w = \alpha(v) = a_1 \alpha(u_1) + \dots + a_q \alpha(u_q) + c_1 \alpha(v_1) + \dots + c_s \alpha(v_s)$$

as $u_i \in \ker(\alpha)$. So $\alpha(v_1), \dots, \alpha(v_s)$ span $\mathcal{R}(\alpha)$. \therefore a basis. QED

4.2 Representation of linear maps by matrices

Def 4.7 Let V have basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} = B$
" W " " $\{w_1, \dots, w_m\} = B'$

Then every linear map $\alpha: V \rightarrow W$ defines an associated matrix $A = (a_{ij})$ ($m \times n$ matrix)

by
$$\alpha(v_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} w_i, \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n$$

Here $A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha(v_1) & \dots & \alpha(v_n) \end{bmatrix}$ (68)

col. vectors in basis w_1, \dots, w_m

(using the basis we think of elements of W as column vector).

Example $\alpha(v_1) = w_1 + w_2$
 $\alpha(v_2) = 2w_1 + 5w_2 \iff A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
 $\alpha(v_3) = 3w_1 - w_2$

$\alpha(v_1)$ $\alpha(v_2)$ $\alpha(v_3)$

Prop 4.8 let $\alpha: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear map and B, B' bases of V, W respectively. Then

$$[\alpha(v)]_{B'} = A \cdot [v]_B$$

\uparrow col vector of $\alpha(v)$ w.r.t basis B' of W \leftarrow col vector of v of V w.r.t. B basis of V

where A is the matrix associated to α .

proof If $v = \sum_j c_j v_j \iff [v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } \alpha(v) &= \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \alpha(v_j) && \text{by } \alpha \text{ linear} \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} w_i && \text{by defn of } A = (a_{ij}) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m w_i \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} c_j}_{[\alpha(v)]_{B'}}
 \end{aligned}$$

So $[\alpha(v)]_{B'}$ has entries $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} c_j$

$$([\alpha(v)]_{B'})_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} c_j = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} ([v]_B)_j \quad \text{QED}$$

This says that working with fixed bases, the effect of α is to apply the associated matrix A . (70) (69)

Example $m=2, n=3$ $\alpha \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ as before

$$\{v \mid v = 2v_1 + 3v_2 + 4v_3 \in V \leftrightarrow [v]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\alpha(v)]_{\mathcal{B}'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

check $\alpha(v) = 2\alpha(v_1) + 3\alpha(v_2) + 4\alpha(v_3)$
(as α linear)
 $= 2(w_1 + w_2) + 3(2w_1 + 5w_2) + 4(3w_1 - w_2)$
 $= 20w_1 + 13w_2 \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$

We'll also illustrate the rank + nullity theorem

$$\ker(\alpha) = \left\{ v = a v_1 + b v_2 + c v_3 \mid \alpha(v) = 0 \right\}$$

$$\text{i.e. } a(w_1 + w_2) + b(2w_1 + 5w_2) + c(3w_1 - w_2) = 0$$

i.e. (take coeffs of w_1, w_2)

$$a + 2b + 3c = 0$$

$$a + 5b - c = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So $\ker(\alpha)$ in matrix terms \leftrightarrow column vectors which give 0 when we apply the associated matrix A . In our case 3 unknowns and 2 equations $\Rightarrow \dim(\ker(\alpha)) = 1$ a 1-dimensional space $\ker(\alpha)$.

$$\dim(\ker(\alpha)) = 1$$

By the rank + nullity theorem $\text{rank}(\alpha) + \dim \ker(\alpha) = 3$

$\therefore \dim \ker(\alpha) = 2 = \dim(W)$ and $\text{im}(\alpha) \subseteq W$

$\therefore \text{im}(\alpha) = W$ in this example.