

CHAPTER 4: GENERAL VECTOR SPACES

Section 4.1: Real Vector Spaces

Definition. Let V be an arbitrary nonempty set of objects on which two operations are defined: addition, and multiplication by scalars (numbers). By **addition**, we mean a rule for associating with each pair of objects \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in V an object $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$, called the sum of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} ; by **scalar multiplication**, we mean a rule for associating with each scalar k and each object \mathbf{u} in V an object $k\mathbf{u}$, called the **scalar multiple** of \mathbf{u} by k . If the following axioms are satisfied by all objects $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ in V and all scalars k and m , then we call V a **vector space** and we call the objects in V **vectors**.

1. If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are objects in V , then $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is in V .
2. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$
3. $\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w}$
4. There is an object $\mathbf{0}$ in V , called a **zero vector** for V , such that $\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$ for all \mathbf{u} in V .
5. For each \mathbf{u} in V , there is an object $-\mathbf{u}$ in V , called a **negative** of \mathbf{u} , such that $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = (-\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$.
6. If k is any scalar and \mathbf{u} is any object in V , then $k\mathbf{u}$ is in V .
7. $k(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = k\mathbf{u} + k\mathbf{v}$
8. $(k + m)\mathbf{u} = k\mathbf{u} + m\mathbf{u}$
9. $k(m\mathbf{u}) = (km)(\mathbf{u})$
10. $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$

• **To Show that a Set with Two Operations is a Vector Space:**

Step 1: Identify the set V of objects that will become vectors.

Step 2: Identify the addition and scalar multiplication operations on V .

Step 3: Verify Axioms 1 and 6; that is, adding two vectors in V produces a vector in V , and multiplying a vector in V by a scalar also produces a vector in V . Axiom 1 is called **closure under addition** and Axiom 6 is called **closure under multiplication**.

Step 4: Confirm that Axioms 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 hold.

Theorem. Let V be a vector space, \mathbf{u} a vector in V , and k a scalar; then:

- (a) $0\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$
- (b) $k\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$
- (c) $(-1)\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{u}$
- (d) If $k\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ then $k = 0$ or $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$.

Section 4.2: Subspaces

Definition. A subset W of a vector space V is called a **subspace** of V if W itself is a vector space under the addition and scalar multiplication defined on V .

Theorem. If W is a set of one or more vectors from a vector space V , then W is a subspace of V if and only if the following conditions hold:

- (a) If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are vectors in W , then $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is in W .
- (b) If k is any scalar and \mathbf{u} is any vector in W , then $k\mathbf{u}$ is in W .

Theorem. If W_1, W_2, \dots, W_r are subspaces of a vector space V , then the intersection of these subspaces is also a subspace of V .

Definition. If \mathbf{w} is a vector in a vector space V , then \mathbf{w} is said to be a **linear combination** of the vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$ if it can be expressed in the form $\mathbf{w} = k_1\mathbf{v}_1 + k_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + k_r\mathbf{v}_r$ where k_1, k_2, \dots, k_r are scalars. These scalars are called the **coefficients** of the linear combination.

Theorem. If $S = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_r\}$ is a nonempty set of vectors in a vector space V , then the set W of all possible linear combinations of the vectors in S is a subspace of V . This set W is the “smallest” subspace of V that contains all of the vectors in S in the sense that any other subspace of V that contains those vectors contains W .

Definition. The subspace of a vector space V that is formed from all possible linear combinations of the vectors in a nonempty set S is called the **span of S** , and we say that the vectors in S **span** that subspace. If $S = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_r\}$, then we denote the span of S by $\text{span}\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_r\}$ or $\text{span}(S)$.

Theorem. The solution set of a homogeneous linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ in n unknowns is a subspace of \mathbf{R}^n .

Theorem. If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r\}$ and $S' = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k\}$ are nonempty sets of vectors in a vector space V , then $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r\} = \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k\}$ if and only if each vector in S is a linear combination of those in S' and each vector in S' is a linear combination of those in S .

Section 4.3: Linear Independence

Definition. If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r\}$ is a nonempty set of vectors, then the vector equation $k_1\mathbf{v}_1 + k_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + k_r\mathbf{v}_r = \mathbf{0}$ has at least one solution, namely $k_1 = 0, k_2 = 0, \dots, k_r = 0$. If this is the only solution, then S is called a **linearly independent** set. If there are other solutions, then S is called a **linearly dependent** set.

Theorem. A set S with two or more vectors is:

- (a) Linearly dependent if and only if at least one of the vectors in S is expressible as a linear combination of the other

vectors in S .

(b) Linearly independent if and only if no vector in S is expressible as a linear combination of the other vectors in S .

Theorem. A finite set that contains $\mathbf{0}$ is linearly dependent. A set with exactly one vector is linearly independent if and only if that vector is $\mathbf{0}$. A set with exactly two vectors is linearly independent if and only if neither vector is a scalar multiple of the other.

Theorem. Let $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r\}$ be a set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . If $r > n$, then S is linearly dependent.

Definition. If $\mathbf{f}_1 = f_1(x)$, $\mathbf{f}_2 = f_2(x)$, \dots , $\mathbf{f}_n = f_n(x)$ are functions that are $n - 1$ times differentiable on the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$, then the

determinant $W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} f_1(x) & f_2(x) & \dots & f_n(x) \\ f_1'(x) & f_2'(x) & \dots & f_n'(x) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_1^{(n-1)}(x) & f_2^{(n-1)}(x) & \dots & f_n^{(n-1)}(x) \end{vmatrix}$ is called the **Wronskian** of f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n .

Theorem. If the functions $\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{f}_2, \dots, \mathbf{f}_n$ have $n - 1$ continuous derivatives on the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$, and if the Wronskian of these functions is not identically zero on $(-\infty, \infty)$, then they form a linearly independent set of vectors in $C^{(n-1)}(-\infty, \infty)$.

Section 4.4: Coordinates and Basis

Definition. If V is any vector space and $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a set of vectors in V , then S is called a **basis** for V if S is linearly independent and S spans V .

- A nonzero vector space V is called **finite-dimensional** if it contains a finite set of vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ that forms a basis. If no such set exists, V is called **infinite-dimensional**. In addition, we shall regard the zero vector space to be finite dimensional.

Theorem. Uniqueness of Basis Representation: If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis for a vector space V , then every vector \mathbf{v} in V can be expressed in the form $\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n$ in exactly one way.

Definition. If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis for a vector space V , and $\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n$ is the expression for a vector \mathbf{v} in terms of the basis S , then the scalars c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are called the **coordinates** of \mathbf{v} relative to the basis S . The vector (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) in \mathbb{R}^n constructed from these coordinates is called the **coordinate vector of \mathbf{v} relative to S** ; it is denoted by $(\mathbf{v})_S = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$.

Section 4.5: Dimension

Theorem. All bases for a finite-dimensional vector space have the same number of vectors.

Theorem. Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space, and let $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ be any basis. If a set has more than n vectors, then it is linearly dependent. If a set has fewer than n vectors, then it does not span V .

Definition. The **dimension** of a finite-dimensional vector space V , denoted by $\dim(V)$, is defined to be the number of vectors in a basis for V . In addition, the zero vector space is defined to have dimension zero.

Theorem. Plus/Minus Theorem: Let S be a nonempty set of vectors in a vector space V .

(a) If S is a linearly independent set, and if \mathbf{v} is a vector in V that is outside of $\text{span}(S)$, then the set $S \cup \{\mathbf{v}\}$ that results by inserting \mathbf{v} into S is still linearly independent.

(b) If \mathbf{v} is a vector in S that is expressible as a linear combination of other vectors in S , and if $S - \{\mathbf{v}\}$ denotes the set obtained by removing \mathbf{v} from S , then S and $S - \{\mathbf{v}\}$ span the same space; that is, $\text{span}(S) = \text{span}(S - \{\mathbf{v}\})$.

Theorem. Let V be an n -dimensional vector space, and let S be a set in V with exactly n vectors. Then S is a basis for V if either S spans V or S is linearly independent.

Theorem. Let S be a finite set of vectors in a finite-dimensional vector space V .

(a) If S spans V but is not a basis for V , then S can be reduced to a basis for V by removing appropriate vectors from S .

(b) If S is a linearly independent set that is not already a basis for V , then S can be enlarged to a basis for V by inserting appropriate vectors into S .

Theorem. If W is a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space V , then:

(a) W is finite-dimensional

(b) $\dim(W) \leq \dim(V)$

(c) $W = V$ if and only if $\dim(W) = \dim(V)$

Section 4.6: Change of Basis

- The Change-of-Basis Problem:** If \mathbf{v} is a vector in a finite-dimensional vector space V , and if we change the basis for V from a basis B to a basis B' , how are the coordinate vectors $[\mathbf{v}]_B$ and $[\mathbf{v}]_{B'}$ related?

- Solution of the Change-of-Basis Problem:** If we change the basis for a vector space V from an old basis $B = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ to a new basis $B' = \{\mathbf{u}'_1, \mathbf{u}'_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}'_n\}$, then for each vector \mathbf{v} in V , the old coordinate vector $[\mathbf{v}]_B$ is related to the new coordinate vector $[\mathbf{v}]_{B'}$ by the equation $[\mathbf{v}]_B = P[\mathbf{v}]_{B'}$, where the columns of P are the coordinate vectors of the new basis vectors relative to the old basis; that is, the column vectors of P are $[\mathbf{u}'_1]_B, [\mathbf{u}'_2]_B, \dots, [\mathbf{u}'_n]_B$.

- $P_{B' \rightarrow B} = [[\mathbf{u}'_1]_B \mid [\mathbf{u}'_2]_B \mid \dots \mid [\mathbf{u}'_n]_B]$

- $P_{B \rightarrow B'} = [[\mathbf{u}_1]_{B'} \mid [\mathbf{u}_2]_{B'} \mid \dots \mid [\mathbf{u}_n]_{B'}]$

- The columns of the transition matrix from an old basis to a new basis are the coordinate vectors of the old basis relative to the new basis.
 - $[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = P_{B' \rightarrow B} [\mathbf{v}]_B$
 - $[\mathbf{v}]_B = P_{B \rightarrow B'} [\mathbf{v}]_{B'}$
- Theorem.** If P is the transition matrix from a basis B' to a basis B for a finite-dimensional vector space V , then P is invertible and P^{-1} is the transition matrix from B to B' .
- **A Procedure for Computing $P_{B \rightarrow B'}$:**
Step 1: Form the matrix $[B' | B]$.
Step 2: Use elementary row operations to reduce the matrix in Step 1 to reduced row echelon form.
Step 3: The resulting matrix will be $[I | P_{B \rightarrow B'}]$.
Step 4: Extract the matrix $P_{B \rightarrow B'}$ from the right side of the matrix in Step 3.
 - $[\text{new basis} | \text{old basis}] \rightarrow (\text{row operations}) [I | \text{transition from old to new}]$
- Theorem.** Let $B' = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ be any basis for the vector space R^n and let $S = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ be the standard basis for R^n . If the vectors in these bases are written in column form, then $P_{B' \rightarrow S} = [\mathbf{u}_1 | \mathbf{u}_2 | \dots | \mathbf{u}_n]$.

Section 4.7: Row Space, Column Space, and Null Space

- Definition.** For an $m \times n$ matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$ the vectors
- $$\mathbf{r}_1 = [a_{11} \ a_{12} \ \cdots \ a_{1n}]$$
- $$\mathbf{r}_2 = [a_{21} \ a_{22} \ \cdots \ a_{2n}]$$
- $$\vdots$$
- $$\mathbf{r}_m = [a_{m1} \ a_{m2} \ \cdots \ a_{mn}]$$
- in R^n formed from the rows of A are called the **row vectors** of A , and the vectors
- $$\mathbf{c}_1 = [a_{11} \ a_{21} \ \cdots \ a_{m1}]^t$$
- $$\mathbf{c}_2 = [a_{12} \ a_{22} \ \cdots \ a_{m2}]^t$$
- $$\vdots$$
- $$\mathbf{c}_n = [a_{1n} \ a_{2n} \ \cdots \ a_{mn}]^t$$
- in R^m formed from the columns of A are called the **column vectors** of A .

- Definition.** If A is a $m \times n$ matrix, then the subspace of R^n spanned by the row vectors of A is called the **row space** of A , and the subspace of R^m spanned by the column vectors of A is called the **column space** of A . The solution space of the homogeneous system of equations $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, which is a subspace of R^n , is called the **null space** of A .
- **Question 1:** What relationships exist among the solutions of a linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ and the row space, column space, and null space of the coefficient matrix A ?
 - **Question 2:** What relationships exist among the row space, column space, and null space of a matrix?
- Theorem.** A system of linear equations $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent if and only if \mathbf{b} is in the column space of A .
- Theorem.** If \mathbf{x}_0 denotes any single solution of a consistent linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, and if $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$ form a basis for the nullspace of A —that is, the solution space of the homogeneous system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ —then every solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ can be expressed in the form $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_0 + c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_k\mathbf{v}_k$. Conversely, for all choices of scalars c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k , the vector \mathbf{x} in this formula is a solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.
- The general solution of a consistent linear system can be expressed as the sum of a particular solution of that system and the general solution of the corresponding homogeneous system.
- Theorem.** Elementary row operations do not change the null space of a matrix.
- Theorem.** Elementary row operations do not change the row space of a matrix.
- Theorem.** If a matrix R is in row-echelon form, then the row vectors with the leading 1's (the nonzero row vectors) form a basis for the row space of R , and the column vectors with the leading 1's of the row vectors form a basis for the column space of R .
- Theorem.** If A and B are row equivalent matrices, then:
- (a) A given set of column vectors of A is linearly independent if and only if the corresponding column vectors of B are linearly independent.
 - (b) A given set of column vectors of A forms a basis for the column space of A if and only if the corresponding column vectors of B form a basis for the column space of B .
- **Problem:** Given a set of vectors $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ in R^n , find a subset of these vectors that forms a basis for $\text{span}(S)$, and express those vectors that are not in that basis as a linear combination of the basis vectors.
 - **Basis for $\text{Span}(S)$:**
Step 1: Form the matrix A having vectors in $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ as column vectors.

Step 2: Reduce the matrix A to reduced row echelon form R .

Step 3: Denote the column vectors of R by $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k$.

Step 4: Identify the columns of R that contain the leading 1's. The corresponding column vectors of A form a basis for $\text{span}(S)$.

This completes the first part of the problem.

Step 5: Obtain a set of dependency equations by expressing each column vector of R that does not contain a leading 1 as a linear combination of preceding column vectors that do contain leading 1's.

Step 6: Replace the column vectors of R that appear in the dependency equations by the corresponding column vectors of A .

This completes the second part of the problem.

Section 4.8: Rank, Nullity, and the Fundamental Matrix Spaces

Theorem. The row space and column space of a matrix A have the same dimension.

Definition. The common dimension of the row space and column space of a matrix A is called the **rank** of A , and is denoted by $\text{rank}(A)$; the dimension of the null space of A is called the **nullity** of A and is denoted by $\text{nullity}(A)$.

Theorem. Dimension Theorem for Matrices: If A is a matrix with n columns, then $\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n$.

Theorem. If A is an $m \times n$ matrix, then: $\text{rank}(A)$ = the number of leading variables in the solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\text{nullity}(A)$ = the number of parameters in the general solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

Theorem. If $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is a consistent linear system of m equations in n unknowns, and if A has rank r , then the general solution of the system contains $n - r$ parameters.

Theorem. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix.

Overdetermined Case: If $m > n$, then the linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is inconsistent for at least one vector \mathbf{b} in \mathbf{R}^m .

Underdetermined Case: If $m < n$, then for each vector \mathbf{b} in \mathbf{R}^m the linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is either inconsistent or has infinitely many solutions.

Theorem. If A is any matrix, then $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$.

- $\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A^T) = m$
- If $\text{rank}(A) = r$, then:
 $\dim[\text{row}(A)] = r$
 $\dim[\text{col}(A)] = r$
 $\dim[\text{null}(A)] = n - r$
 $\dim[\text{null}(A^T)] = m - r$

Definition. If W is a subspace of \mathbf{R}^n , then the set of all vectors in \mathbf{R}^n that are orthogonal to every vector in W is called the **orthogonal complement** of W and is denoted by the symbol W^\perp .

Theorem. If W is a subspace of \mathbf{R}^n , then:

- (a) W^\perp is a subspace of \mathbf{R}^n .
- (b) The only vector common to W and W^\perp is $\mathbf{0}$.
- (c) The orthogonal complement of W^\perp is W .

Theorem. If A is a $m \times n$ matrix, then:

- (a) The null space of A and the row space of A are orthogonal complements in \mathbf{R}^n .
- (b) The null space of A^T and the column space of A are orthogonal complements in \mathbf{R}^m .

Theorem. Equivalent Statements: If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a) A is invertible
- (b) $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution
- (c) the reduced row-echelon form of A is I_n
- (d) A is expressible as a product of elementary matrices
- (e) $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent for every $n \times 1$ matrix \mathbf{b}
- (f) $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has exactly one solution for every $n \times 1$ matrix \mathbf{b}
- (g) $\det(A) \neq 0$
- (h) The column vectors of A are linearly independent.
- (i) The row vectors of A are linearly independent.
- (j) The column vectors of A span \mathbf{R}^n .
- (k) The row vectors of A span \mathbf{R}^n .
- (l) The column vectors of A form a basis for \mathbf{R}^n .
- (m) The row vectors of A form a basis for \mathbf{R}^n .
- (n) A has rank n
- (o) A has nullity 0
- (p) The orthogonal complement of the null space of A is \mathbf{R}^n .
- (q) The orthogonal complement of the row space of A is $\mathbf{0}$.

Section 4.9: Matrix Transformations from \mathbf{R}^n to \mathbf{R}^m

- Definition.** If V and W are vector spaces, and if f is a function with domain V and codomain W , then we say that f is a **transformation** from V to W or that f **maps** V to W , which we denote by writing $f: V \rightarrow W$. In the special case where $V = W$, the transformation is called an **operator** on V .
- Theorem.** For every matrix A the matrix transformation $T_A: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ has the following properties for all vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in \mathbf{R}^n and for every scalar k :
- (a) $T_A(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$
 - (b) $T_A(k\mathbf{u}) = kT_A(\mathbf{u})$ (Homogeneity property)
 - (c) $T_A(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T_A(\mathbf{u}) + T_A(\mathbf{v})$ (Additivity property)
 - (d) $T_A(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) = T_A(\mathbf{u}) - T_A(\mathbf{v})$
- $T_A(k_1\mathbf{u}_1 + k_2\mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + k_r\mathbf{u}_r) = k_1T_A(\mathbf{u}_1) + k_2T_A(\mathbf{u}_2) + \dots + k_rT_A(\mathbf{u}_r)$
- Theorem.** If $T_A: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ and $T_B: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ are matrix transformations, and if $T_A(\mathbf{x}) = T_B(\mathbf{x})$ for every vector \mathbf{x} in \mathbf{R}^n , then $A = B$.
- $A = [T_A(\mathbf{e}_1) \mid T_A(\mathbf{e}_2) \mid \dots \mid T_A(\mathbf{e}_n)]$.
- **Finding the Standard Matrix for a Matrix Transformation:**
Step 1: Find the images of the standard basis vectors $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$ for \mathbf{R}^n in column form.
Step 2: Construct the matrix that has the images obtained in Step 1 as its successive columns. This matrix is the standard matrix for the transformation.

Section 4.10: Properties of Matrix Transformations

- Definition.** A matrix transformation $T: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ is said to be **one-to-one** if T maps distinct vectors (points) in \mathbf{R}^n to distinct vectors (points) in \mathbf{R}^m .
- Theorem.** If A is an $n \times n$ matrix and $T_A: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$ is the corresponding matrix operator, then the following statements are equivalent:
- (a) A is invertible
 - (b) The range of T_A is \mathbf{R}^n
 - (c) T_A is one-to-one.
- $T_{A^{-1}} = T^{-1}_A$
- $[T^{-1}] = [T]^{-1}$
- **Question:** Are there algebraic properties for a transformation $T: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ that can be used to determine whether T is a matrix transformation?
- Theorem.** $T: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ is a matrix transformation if and only if the following relationships hold for all vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in \mathbf{R}^n and for every scalar k :
- (i) $T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$ (Additivity property)
 - (ii) $T(k\mathbf{u}) = kT(\mathbf{u})$ (Homogeneity property)
- Theorem.** Every linear transformation from \mathbf{R}^n to \mathbf{R}^m is a matrix transformation, and, conversely, every matrix transformation from \mathbf{R}^n to \mathbf{R}^m is a linear transformation.
- Theorem. Equivalent Statements:** If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, then the following statements are equivalent:
- (a) A is invertible
 - (b) $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution
 - (c) the reduced row-echelon form of A is I_n
 - (d) A is expressible as a product of elementary matrices
 - (e) $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent for every $n \times 1$ matrix \mathbf{b}
 - (f) $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has exactly one solution for every $n \times 1$ matrix \mathbf{b}
 - (g) $\det(A) \neq 0$
 - (h) The column vectors of A are linearly independent.
 - (i) The row vectors of A are linearly independent.
 - (j) The column vectors of A span \mathbf{R}^n .
 - (k) The row vectors of A span \mathbf{R}^n .
 - (l) The column vectors of A form a basis for \mathbf{R}^n .
 - (m) The row vectors of A form a basis for \mathbf{R}^n .
 - (n) A has rank n
 - (o) A has nullity 0
 - (p) The orthogonal complement of the null space of A is \mathbf{R}^n .
 - (q) The orthogonal complement of the row space of A is $\mathbf{0}$.
 - (r) The range of T_A is \mathbf{R}^n
 - (s) T_A is one-to-one.