

Some Important Results in Chapter 1

Theorem 2. Existence and Uniqueness Theorem

A linear system is consistent iff the rightmost column of the augmented matrix is not a pivot column. The solution set for a consistent system is unique iff there are no free variables.

Theorem 3.

If A is an $m \times n$ matrix with columns $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$, and if \mathbf{b} is in R^m , the matrix equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has the same solution set as the vector equation $x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \dots + x_n\mathbf{a}_n$ which has the same solution set as the linear system whose augmented matrix is $[\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{a}_n \ \mathbf{b}]$.

Theorem 4.

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. The following statements are logically equivalent.

- a. For each \mathbf{b} in R^m , the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a solution.
- b. Each \mathbf{b} in R^m is a linear combination of the columns of A .
- c. The columns of A span R^m .
- d. A has a pivot in every row.

Theorem 7. Characterization of Linearly Dependent Sets

An indexed set of vectors $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ of two or more vectors is linearly dependent iff at least one of the vectors in S is a linear combination of the others.

Theorem 8.

If a set contains more vectors than there are entries in each vector, then the set is linearly dependent.

Theorem 9.

If a set contains the zero vector, then the set is linearly dependent.

Theorem 10.

Let $T: R^n \rightarrow R^m$ be a linear transformation. There exists a unique $m \times n$ matrix A such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ for all \mathbf{x} in R^n . In fact A is the matrix whose j^{th} column is the vector $T(\mathbf{e}_j)$.

Theorem 11.

Let $T: R^n \rightarrow R^m$ be a linear transformation. T is 1-1 iff $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.

Theorem 12. Let $T: R^n \rightarrow R^m$ be a linear transformation with standard matrix A . Then:

- a. T maps R^n onto R^m iff the columns of A span R^m .
- b. T is 1-1 iff the columns of A are linearly independent.