

**Example:** Simplify  $B^{2018}$  given that  $B^3 = I$ .

$$2018 = 3(?) + ?$$

$$2018 = 3(672) + ?$$

$$2018 = 3(672) + 2$$

$$B^{2018} = B^{3(672) + 2}$$

$$= B^{3(672)} B^2$$

$$= (B^3)^{672} B^2$$

$$= I^{672} B^2$$

$$= I B^2$$

$$= B^2$$

$$\frac{2018}{3} \approx 672.7$$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ IA &= A \end{aligned}$$

**Definition:** Let  $\mathbf{O}$  be the zero matrix. For example  $\mathbf{O} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\mathbf{O} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  etc.

**Example:** Find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  so that  $A^2 = \mathbf{O}$  but  $A \neq \mathbf{O}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

Many possible answers.

## 3.2 Matrix Algebra

**Example:** Is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  a linear combination of  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

$$\text{Let } c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} 0c_1 + 0c_2 = 0 \\ 1c_1 + 1c_2 = 1 \\ 6c_1 + 7c_2 = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \dots \\ \begin{array}{c|c|c} c_1 & c_2 & \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 7 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \end{array}$$

Reorder rows

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 6 & 7 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - 6R_1 \\ R_3 - 2R_1 \end{array} \begin{array}{c|c|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \text{ REF}$$

Solvable system  $\Rightarrow$  YES

To check:  $R_1 - R_2$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \text{ RREF}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= 3 \\ c_2 &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

**Example:** Find the general form of  $\text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ .

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix}$$

Goal: Get conditions on  $w, x, y, z$ .  
Each zero row of REF gives a condition.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & w \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & x \\ 2 & 6 & 4 & y \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & z \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$R_3 - 2R_1 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & w \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & y-2w \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & z \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{Reorder rows} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 3 & 2 & w \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 5 & z \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & y-2w \end{array} \right] \text{ REF}$$

$$\text{Solvable system} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} y-2w=0 \\ y=2w \end{array}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} \text{ such that } y=2w \right\} \text{ —}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ 2w & z \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ —}$$

**Comment:** The general form of the span allows us to quickly identify which matrices are in the span. For example,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 2 & 30 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the span and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 30 \end{bmatrix}$  is not.

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$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc|c} c_1 & c_2 & \\ \hline 1 & 2 & w \\ 0 & 1 & x \\ 2 & 4 & y \\ 0 & 5 & z \end{array}$$

$$R_3 - 2R_1 \quad \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & w \\ 0 & 1 & x \\ 0 & 0 & y-2w \\ 0 & 5 & z \end{array}$$

$$R_4 - 5R_2 \quad \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & w \\ 0 & 1 & x \\ 0 & 0 & y-2w \\ 0 & 0 & z-5x \end{array} \text{ REF}$$

Solvable system

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} y-2w=0 \\ y=2w \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{l} z-5x=0 \\ z=5x \end{array}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} \text{ such that } y=2w \text{ and } z=5x \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ 2w & 5x \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

e.g.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 2 & 35 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the span

$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 17 \\ 6 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$  is not in the span

**Example:** Are  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  linearly independent?

$$C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + C_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_1 = C_2 = C_3 = 0$$

Infinite many solutions  $C_1, C_2, C_3$

Yes  
(linearly independent)

No  
(linearly dependent)

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} C_1 & C_2 & C_3 & \\ \hline 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$R_3 - 2R_1 \quad \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Reorder rows} \quad \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \text{ RREF}$$

1 solution  
( $C_1 = C_2 = C_3 = 0$ )

Yes

Ex: Express the concept  
using algebra

a) a linear combination of  
 $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$

Many possible answers.

$$4\vec{u} + 7\vec{v}$$

$$8\vec{u} - 12\vec{v}$$

$$c_1\vec{u} + c_2\vec{v}$$

b)  $\text{span}(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$

$$\{ c_1\vec{u} + c_2\vec{v} \}$$

c)  $\vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{y}$  and  $\vec{z}$  are linearly  
independent

$$c_1\vec{x} + c_2\vec{y} + c_3\vec{z} = \vec{0}$$

$$\text{and } c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$$

OR

$$c_1 \vec{x} + c_2 \vec{y} + c_3 \vec{z} = \vec{0}$$

has 1 solution

d)  $\vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{y}$  and  $\vec{z}$  are linearly dependent

$$c_1 \vec{x} + c_2 \vec{y} + c_3 \vec{z} = \vec{0}$$

has infinitely-many solutions /  $c_1, c_2, c_3$

Ex: Can  $c_1 \vec{x} + c_2 \vec{y} + c_3 \vec{z} = \vec{0}$   
be unsolvable?  
No