

# LECTURE 14

1. Two mathematical sins

2. Invertibility

a) is unique

b) holds also for non-linear xformations

3. Invertibility for linear xformations

$\Leftrightarrow$  (onto + one-to-one)

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There are two cardinal sins in mathematics:

(i) introduce a concept without specifying the context from which one abstracts the concept, and

(ii) not specifying the hierarchy of antecedent data-based ideas, which tie the concept to reality (as perceived and quantified by our senses, augmented by instruments, if necessary)

The Definition 13.3 on page 13.9

illustrates both of these sins. The commission of these turns the defined concept "the invertibility" of a linear transformation (i.e. the existence

no context

no hierarchy of antecedent data-based ideas

of an "inverse" for it) into what is known as a floating abstraction, an idea disconnected and detached from reality and thereby rendering it without meaning.

The purpose of the present and next lecture is to provide

(i) the mathematical context, namely, linear transformations which are onto and one-to-one, and

(i') the mathematical method, basis-induced matrix transformations, which provide the (hierarchical) link to the observable and measurable data that lie directly or indirectly at the base of all

linear transformations, invertible ones included.

## I. Invertible Linear Transformations.

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### 1. Uniqueness of $T^{-1}$

Recall that the defining property for the invertibility of a (linear or non-linear!) transformation

$$T: U \rightarrow V$$

is defined by the existence of at least one

$$T^{-1}: V \rightarrow U$$

with the property that

$$\boxed{T^{-1} \circ T = I_U} \text{ and } \boxed{T \circ T^{-1} = I_V} \quad (*)$$

!!  $\rightarrow$  Comment: Invertibility also applies to non-linear xform's.

The fact that this invertibility criterion

for  $T$  consists of two equations implies

the uniqueness of  $T^{-1}$

as stated by the following

Theorem 14.1 (uniqueness)

If a transformation is invertible, then its inverse is unique.

Proof:

(i) Let  $T'$  and  $T''$  be two inverses of  $T$ :  
transformations:

$$T' \circ T = I_U \quad \text{and} \quad T \circ T' = I_V \quad (*)$$

$$(**) \quad T'' \circ T = I_U \quad \text{and} \quad T \circ T'' = I_V$$

Application of  $T''$  to Eq. (\*) yields

$$T'' \circ (T \circ T') = T'' \circ I_V$$

using  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (T'' \circ T) \circ T' = T'' \\ \text{Eq. (**)} \end{array} \right.$

$$I_U \circ T' = T''$$

$$T' = T''$$

Thus all inverses of  $T$  are the same transformation, namely,

$$T' = T'' = T^{-1}$$

Thus, an invertible transformation has

only one inverse, namely  $T^{-1}$ . It satisfies

both  $T^{-1} \circ T = I_U$   $(\star a)$

and  $T \circ T^{-1} = I_V$   $(\star b)$

Comment

A) These two invertibility conditions  $(\star)$  are

symmetric under  $T \leftrightarrow T^{-1}$ .

Thus if  $T$  is invertible, then  $T^{-1}$  is also invertible; in fact,

$$(T^{-1})^{-1} = T \quad (\star\star)$$

B) Note: Relation  $(\star) \Rightarrow (\star\star)$ , even if  $T$  and

$T^{-1}$  are non-linear.

C) Invertibility also applies to non-linear transformations.

2. Context  $T: U \rightarrow V$

The invertibility criterion,

$$\exists T^{-1} \text{ s.t. } \begin{aligned} T^{-1}T &= I_U \\ TT^{-1} &= I_V, \end{aligned}$$

can only be understood within its proper context, which is given by

Thm 14.2 (Thm 16 in JRA)

A linear transformation

$$T: U \rightarrow V$$

is invertible  $\Leftrightarrow$  T is onto and one-to-one

Proof in 4 Steps

Stc. Go to next page, Fig 1-1  $\Rightarrow T^{-1}$  is linear;

Consequently

$$T(u) = v$$

is a solution, namely

$$u = T^{-1}(v).$$

Step I

We need to show that

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T^{-1} \circ T = I_V \\ T \circ T^{-1} = I_U \end{array} \right\} + T \text{ is linear} \Rightarrow T^{-1} \text{ is linear}$$

Let  $T(u_1) = v_1$  and  $T(u_2) = v_2$

Invertibility implies  $\exists T^{-1}$  s.t.  $T^{-1}T = I_U$ .

Thus  $u_1 = T^{-1}v_1$  and  $u_2 = T^{-1}v_2$  (\*)

Linearity of  $T$  implies  $T(u_1) + T(u_2) = T(u_1 + u_2)$

$$v_1 + v_2 = T(u_1 + u_2)$$

$$T^{-1}(v_1 + v_2) = T^{-1}T(u_1 + u_2)$$

Invertibility implies this  $\xrightarrow{\quad \underbrace{\quad}_{I_U} \quad}$

$$= u_1 + u_2$$

(\*)  $\Rightarrow$

$$T^{-1}(v_1 + v_2) = T^{-1}v_1 + T^{-1}v_2$$

One proves

$$T^{-1}(cv) = cT^{-1}(v)$$

in a

in an analogous way.

$$\boxed{\text{Thus } T^{-1} \text{ is linear}}$$



We need to show that

Step II

$$\boxed{\exists T^{-1} \text{ s.t. } T^{-1}T = I_U \Rightarrow T \text{ is onto.}} \\ \boxed{TT^{-1} = I_V}$$

Let  $v \in V$ . Question: Can we solve  $T(u) = v$  for  $u$ ?

Answer: a) Invertibility  $\Rightarrow \exists T^{-1}$  s.t.  $TT^{-1} = I_V$

b) apply this to  $v$ :

$$TT^{-1}(v) = I_V(v) = v$$

$$T(T^{-1}(v)) = v$$

c) The sol'n to  $T(u) = v$  is  $u = T^{-1}(v)$ .

Hence  $\boxed{T \text{ is onto}}$  indeed.

Step III A) First we show that

$$T^{-1}T = I_U \text{ \& } TT^{-1} = I_V \text{ plus " } T^{-1} \text{ is linear" } \Rightarrow T \text{ is 1-1}$$

Indeed, let  $u \in \mathcal{N}(T)$ , Then  $T(u) = \vec{0}_V$ ;

$$T^{-1}T(u) = T^{-1}(\vec{0}_V) = \vec{0}_U \text{ because " } T^{-1} \text{ is linear"}$$

Applying  $T^{-1}T = I_U$  to the l.h.s., one finds

that  $u = \vec{0}_U$ , which shows that  $\mathcal{N}(T) = \{\vec{0}_U\}$   
and that hence  $\boxed{T \text{ is 1-1}}$

B) Next we

combine Steps II and III. The result is

$$\exists T^{-1} \text{ s.t. } TT^{-1} = I_V \Rightarrow \begin{cases} T \text{ is onto} \\ T \text{ is 1-1} \end{cases} \begin{matrix} \text{whenever} \\ T \text{ is linear} \end{matrix}$$

Step IV To show that  $\begin{cases} T \text{ onto} \\ T \text{ 1-1} \end{cases} \Rightarrow T \text{ is invertible}$

we must show that

a)  $\exists T_R^{-1}$  such that  $TT_R^{-1} = I_V$

b)  $\exists T_L^{-1}$  such that  $T_L^{-1}T = I_U$

Def ( "Right inverse of  $T$  )

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Let  $v$  be any element in  $V$ . Then

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T \text{ onto} \\ T^{-1} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \exists \text{ a unique element } u \text{ s.t.} \\ T(u) = v$$

(i) The fact that this observation holds for every  $v \in V$  is conceptualized into the definition  $T'_R$  (as the right inverse of  $T$ ) as follows:

$$T'_R : V \rightarrow U$$

$$v \mapsto T'_R(v) = u \quad \text{where } u \text{ is the unique} \\ \text{solution to } T(u) = v$$

(ii) Now apply  $T$ :

$$T T'_R(v) = T(u) = v,$$

which holds  $\forall v$ . This  $\boxed{T T'_R = I_V}$

#### IV b) ("Left inverse of $T$ )

(i) Pick any element in  $U$ , say  $u$ ; then

$$T(u) = v \in R(T)$$

The fact that  $T$  is 1-1 implies that this equation is satisfied only by  $u$  and no other element in  $U$ . This observation is conceptualized into the definition of  $T_L^{-1}$  (as the left inverse of  $T$ ) as follows:

$$T_L^{-1}: R(T) \rightarrow U$$

$$v \mapsto T_L^{-1}(v) = u \quad \text{where } u \text{ is the unique sol'n to } T(u) = v.$$

(ii) Thus for all  $u \in U$  we have

$$u = T_L^{-1}(T(u)) = T_L^{-1} T(u)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{T_L^{-1} T = I_U}$$

Summary:  $\boxed{T \text{ is invertible}}$