

CECC122: Linear Algebra and Matrix Theory Lecture Notes 5: General Vector Spaces



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Chapter 4

General Vector Spaces

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1. Real Vector Spaces

Definition: Let V be a set on which two operations (vector addition and scalar multiplication) are defined. If the following axioms are satisfied for every u, v, and w in V and every scalar c and d, then V is called a vector space.

Addition:

(1) u + v is in VClosure under addition(2) u + v = v + uCommutative property(3) u + (v + w) = (u + v) + wAssociative property(4) V has a zero vector 0: for every u in V, u + 0 = uAdditive identity(5) For every u in V, there is a vector in V denoted by -u: u + (-u) = 0Scalar identity

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Scalar multiplication:

- (6) cu is a vector in V
- (7) $c(\boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{v}) = c\boldsymbol{u} + c\boldsymbol{v}$
- (8) (c+d)u = cu + du
- (9) c(du) = (cd)u(10) 1(u) = u

Closure under scalar multiplication Distributive property Distributive property Associative property Scalar identity

Notes:

(1) A vector space (V, +, .) consists of four entities:
 a nonempty set V of vectors, a set of scalars, and two operations (+, .)

(2) $V = \{0\}$ zero vector space



Examples of vector spaces:

(1) Euclidean vector space: $V = R^n$

 $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n)$ vector addition $k(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = (ku_1, ku_2, \dots, ku_n)$ scalar multiplication

(2) Matrix space: $V = M_{mxn}$ (the set of all $m \times n$ matrices with real values) Example: (m = n = 2)

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ u_{21} & u_{22} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} \\ v_{21} & v_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} + v_{11} & u_{12} + v_{12} \\ u_{21} + v_{21} & u_{22} + v_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$
 vector addition
$$k \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ u_{21} & u_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ku_{11} & ku_{12} \\ ku_{21} & ku_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$
 scalar multiplication



- (4) Function space: $V = c(-\infty, \infty)$ (the set of all real functions) (f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)(kf)(x) = kf(x)
- Theorem 1: (Properties of scalar multiplication)

Let v any element of a vector space V, and let c be any scalars. Then the following properties are true:

(1) 0v = 0 (2) c0 = 0 (3) If cv = 0, then c = 0 or v = 0 (4) (-1)v = -v

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- Note: To show that a set is not a vector space, you need only find one axiom that is not satisfied.
- Example 1: V = R² = the set of all ordered pairs of real numbers vector addition: (u₁, u₂) + (v₁, v₂) = (u₁ + v₁, u₂ + v₂) scalar multiplication: c(u₁, u₂) = (cu₁, 0) Verify that V is not a vector space 1(1, 1) = (1, 0) ≠ (1, 1) ⇒ V with the given operations is not a vector space.
- Example 2: Set of all real polynomials of degree *n* Is Not a vector space. Why?
- 2. Subspaces of Vector Spaces
- Definition: A non-empty subset W of a vector space V is called a subspace of V if it is also a vector space with respect to the same vector addition and scalar multiplication as V.



Trivial subspace: Every vector space V has at least two subspaces:

(1) Zero vector space $\{0\}$ is a subspace of V.

(2) V is a subspace of V.

Theorem 2: (Test for a subspace)

If W is a nonempty subset of a vector space V, then W is a subspace of V if and only if the following conditions hold:

(1) If u and v are in W, then u + v is in W.

(2) If u is in W and c is any scalar, then cu is in W.

Notes:

(1) If u and v are in W, c and d are any scalars, then cu + dv is in $W \Rightarrow W$ is a subspace of V.



- (2) If *W* is a subspace of a vector space *V*, then *W* contains the zero vector **0** of *V*.
- Example 3: Subspaces of R^2



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points (1, 0) and (0, 1) are in the subset, but their sum (1, 0) + (0, 1) = (1, 1) is not. (not closed under addition)

- Example 5: Subspaces of R³
 - (1) $\{0\}$ **0** = (0, 0, 0)
 - (2) Lines through the origin
 - (3) Planes through the origin
 - (4) R^3



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Example 6: (Determining subspaces of R²)

Which of the following two subsets is a subspace of R^2 ?

(a) The set of points on the line given by x + 2y = 0. Yes (b) The set of points on the line given by x + 2y = 1. No

• Example 7: (A subspace of $M_{2\times 2}$)

Let *W* be the set of all 2×2 symmetric matrices. Show that *W* is a subspace of the vector space $M_{2\times2}$, with the standard operations of matrix addition and scalar multiplication.

Example 8: (The set of singular matrices is not a subspace of M_{2×2})
 Let W be the set of singular matrices of order 2. Show that W is not a subspace of M_{2×2} with the standard operations.



- Theorem 3: (The intersection of two subspaces is a subspace)
 If V and W are both subspaces of a vector space U, then the intersection of V and W (denoted by V ∩ W) is also a subspace of U.
- 3. Spanning Sets and Linear Independence
- Definition: A vector v in a vector space V is called a linear combination of the vectors $v_1, v_2, ..., v_k$ in V if v can be written in the form $v = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + ... + c_kv_k$ where $c_1, c_2, ..., c_k$ are scalars.
- Example 9: (Finding a Linear Combination)

Write the vector $v = 1 + x + x^2$ in P_2 as a linear combination of vectors in the set $S = \{v_1 = 1, v_2 = 1 - x, v_3 = 1 - x^2\}$.

 $v = 1 + x + x^2 = 3v_1 - v_2 - v_3.$



- Definition: Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_k\}$ be a subset of a vector space V. The set S is a spanning set of V if every vector in V can be written as a linear combination of vectors in S. In such cases it is said that S spans V.
- The set $S = \{1, x, x^2\}$ spans P_2 because any polynomial $p(x) = a + bx + cx^2$ in P_2 can be written as: $p(x) = a(1) + b(x) + c(x^2)$.
- Definition: If $S = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_k\}$ is a set of a vectors in a vector space V, then the span of S is the set of all linear combinations of the vectors in S.

$$\operatorname{span}(S) = \left\{ c_1 \boldsymbol{v}_1 + c_2 \boldsymbol{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \boldsymbol{v}_k \mid \forall c_i \in R \right\}$$

The span of *S* is denoted by: span(*S*) or span{ $v_1, v_2, ..., v_k$ }. When span(*S*) = *V*, it is said that *V* is spanned by { $v_1, v_2, ..., v_k$ }, or that *S* spans *V*.







Theorem 4: (Span(S) is a subspace of V)

If $S = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_k\}$ is a set of vectors in a vector space V, then

(a) span(S) is a subspace of V.

(b) span(S) is the smallest subspace of V that contains S.

Example 11: (Finding subspace spanned by a set of vectors)
 Find the vector subspace spanned by the vectors {v₁ = (1, 1, 1), v₂ = (1, 2, 3)}

$$\boldsymbol{x} = (x, y, z) \in \operatorname{span}(\boldsymbol{v}_1, \boldsymbol{v}_2) \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{x} = \alpha \boldsymbol{v}_1 + \beta \boldsymbol{v}_2 = \alpha(1, 1, 1) + \beta(1, 2, 3)$$

 $x = \alpha + \beta \qquad \alpha = x - \beta$ $y = \alpha + 2\beta \implies y = x + \beta \implies 2y - z = x$ $z = \alpha + 3\beta \qquad z = x + 2\beta$ $\Rightarrow \text{span}(v_1, v_2) = \{(x, y, z) \in R^3 | x - 2y + z = 0\}$



- Definition: A set of vectors S = {v₁, v₂,..., v_k} in a vector space V linearly independent (LI) when the vector equation c₁v₁ + c₂v₂ + ... + c_kv_k = 0 has only the trivial solution c₁ = c₂ = ... c_k = 0.
 If there are also nontrivial solutions, then S is linearly dependent (LD).
- Example 12: (Testing for linearly independent) Determine whether $S = \{v_1 = 1 + x - 2x^2, v_2 = 2 + 5x - x^2, v_3 = x + x^2\}$ in P_2 is LI or LD $c_1 + 2c_2 = 0$ $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 + 5c_2 + c_3 = 0$ $-2c_1 - c_2 + c_3 = 0$ $\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 & | & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Gauss Elimination $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1/3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ \Rightarrow Infinitely many solutions $\Rightarrow S$ is linearly dependent



4. Basis and Dimension

Definition: A set of vectors S = {v₁, v₂,..., v_n} in a vector space V is a basis for V when the conditions below are true:

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- 1. S spans V. 2. S is linearly independent.
- The standard basis for R^n :

 $S = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\} \quad e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0), e_2 = (0, 1, \dots, 0), e_n = (0, 0, \dots, 1)$ Example: R^4 $S = \{(1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$

• The standard basis for $M_{m \times n}$ matrix space: $\{E_{ij} \mid 1 \le i \le m, 1 \le j \le n\}$

Example:
$$M_{2x2}$$
 $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

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- Theorem 5: (Uniqueness of basis representation)
 - If $S = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$ is a basis for a vector space V, then every vector in V can be written in one and only one way as a linear combination of vectors in S.
- Theorem 6: (Bases and linear dependence)
 If S = {v₁, v₂, ..., v_n} is a basis for a vector space V, then every set containing more than n vectors in V is linearly dependent.
- Theorem 7: (Number of vectors in a basis)

If a vector space V has one basis with n vectors, then every basis for V has n vectors.

 Definition: A vector space V is called finite dimensional, if it has a basis consisting of a finite number of elements.



- Definition: The dimension of a finite dimensional vector space V is defined to be the number of vectors in a basis for V.
 - *V*: a vector space, *S*: a basis for $V \Rightarrow \dim(V) = \#(S)$ (the number of vectors in *S*)

Notes:







5. Rank and Nullity of a Matrix

The Three Fundamental Spaces of a Matrix If A is an mxn matrix, then

- Definition: The subspace of Rⁿ spanned by the row vectors of A is denoted by row(A) = RS(A) and is called the row space of A.
- Definition: The subspace of R^m spanned by the column vectors of A is denoted by col(A) = CS(A) and is called the column space of A.
- Definition: The solution space of the homogeneous system Ax = 0, which is a subspace of R^n , is denoted by null(A) = NS(A) and is called the null space of A.
- Theorem 8: (Row and column space have equal dimensions)
 If A is an mxn matrix, then the row space and the column space of A have the same dimension dim(RS (A)) = dim(CS (A)).



- Theorem 9: (Solution of a system of linear equations)
 The system of linear equations Ax = b is consistent if and only if b is in the column space of A.
- Definition: The dimension of the row (or column) space of a matrix A is called the rank of A and is denoted by rank(A): rank(A) = dim(RS(A)) = dim(CS(A)).
- Definition: The dimension of the nullspace of A is called the nullity of A: nullity(A) = dim(NS(A)).
- Theorem 10: If A is any matrix, then $rank(A) = rank(A^T)$.
- Notes:
 - The maximum number of linearly independent vectors in a matrix is equal to the number of non-zero rows in its row echelon matrix.

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- (2) The number of leading 1's in the reduced row-echelon form of A is equal to the rank of A.
- (3) The number of free variables in the reduced row-echelon form of *A* is equal to the nullity of *A*.
- Theorem 11: (Consistency of Ax = b)
 If rank([A|b]) = rank(A), then the system Ax = b is consistent.
- Notes:

(1) If rank(A) = rank(A|b) = n, then the system Ax = b has a unique solution.
(2) If rank(A) = rank(A|b) < n, then the system Ax = b has ∞-many solutions.
(3) If rank(A) < rank(A|b), then the system Ax = b is inconsistent.



Example 13: (Rank by Row Reduction)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 5 & -7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss Elimination}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

rank(A) = 2 (2 non-zero rows) nullit

nullity(A) = 2 (2 free variables)

Example 14 : (Finding the solution set of a nonhomogeneous system)

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
x_1 &+ & x_2 &- & x_3 &= & -1 \\
x_1 && & + & x_3 &= & 3 \\
3x_1 &+ & 2x_2 &- & x_3 &= & 1 \\
\end{array}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\
1 & 0 & 1 \\
3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan Elimination}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & -2 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$[A \vdots b] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan Elimination}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

 $x_{1} + x_{3} = 3 \qquad x_{1} = 3 - x_{3}$ $x_{2} - 2x_{3} = -4 \implies x_{2} = -4 + 2x_{3}$ letting $x_{3} = t$, then the solutions are: $\{(3 - t, -4 + 2t, t) | t \in R\}$

So the system has infinitely many solutions (consistent)

- Note: rank(A) = rank([A : b]) = 2.
- Theorem 12: (Dimension Theorem for Matrices)
 If A is a matrix with n columns, then rank(A) + nullity(A) = n.





- Summary of equivalent conditions for square matrices:
 - If A is an $n \ge n$ matrix, then the following conditions are equivalent:
 - (1) *A* is invertible
 - (2) Ax = b has a unique solution for any $n \times 1$ matrix b.
 - (3) Ax = 0 has only the trivial solution.
 - (4) A is row-equivalent to I_n .
 - (5) $|A| \neq 0$.
 - (6) rank(A) = n.
 - (7) The n row vectors of A are linearly independent.
 - (8) The n column vectors of A are linearly independent.



6. Coordinates and Change of Basis

• Coordinate representation relative to a basis: Let $B = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$ be an ordered basis for a vector space V and let x be a vector in V such that: $x = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + ... + c_nv_n$.

The scalars $c_1, c_2, ..., c_n$ are called the coordinates of x relative to the basis *B*. The coordinate matrix (or coordinate vector) of x relative to *B* is the column matrix in R^n whose components are the coordinates of x.

Example 16 : (Coordinates and components in Rⁿ)
 Find the coordinate matrix of x = (-2, 1, 3) in R³ relative to the standard basis S.

x = (-2, 1, 3) = -2(1, 0, 0) + 1(0, 1, 0) + 3(0, 0, 1)

 $\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x} \end{bmatrix}_{B} = \begin{vmatrix} c_{1} \\ c_{2} \\ \vdots \\ c_{n} \end{vmatrix}$

 $[\boldsymbol{x}]_{S} = \begin{vmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix}$



Example 17 : (Finding a coordinate matrix relative to a nonstandard basis) Find the coordinate matrix of x = (1, 2, -1) in R^3 relative to the (nonstandard) basis $B' = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\} = \{(1, 0, 1), (0, -1, 2), (2, 3, -5)\}$ $x = c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + c_3 u_3 \Rightarrow (1, 2, -1) = c_1 (1, 0, 1) + c_2 (0, -1, 2) + c_3 (2, 3, -5)$ $\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{G. J. Elimination}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \end{bmatrix}_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -8 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

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Change of Basis In \mathbb{R}^n

Change of basis: Given the coordinates of a vector relative to a basis B, find the coordinates relative to another basis B'.

In Example 17, let *B* be the standard basis. Finding the coordinate matrix of x = (1, 2, -1) relative to the basis *B'* becomes solving for c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 in the matrix equation. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$P \qquad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}_{B'} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}_B$$

P is the transition matrix from B' to B,

 $P[\boldsymbol{x}]_{B'} = [\boldsymbol{x}]_B$ $[\boldsymbol{x}]_{B'} = P^{-1} [\boldsymbol{x}]_B$

Change of basis from B' to B Change of basis from B to B'

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- Theorem 13: (The inverse of a transition matrix)
 If *P* is the transition matrix from a basis *B*' to a basis *B* in *Rⁿ*, then
 (1) *P* is invertible.
 - (2) The transition matrix from B to B' is P^{-1} .



Notes:

$$B = \{u_1, u_2, ..., u_n\}, \quad B' = \{u'_1, u'_2, ..., u'_n\}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix}v]_B = \begin{bmatrix}[u'_1]_B, [u'_2]_B, ..., [u'_n]_B\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}v]_{B'} = P \begin{bmatrix}v]_{B'} \\ \begin{bmatrix}v\end{bmatrix}_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix}[u_1]_{B'}, [u_2]_{B'}, ..., [u_n]_{B'}\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}v]_B = P^{-1} \begin{bmatrix}v]_B \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 14: (Transition matrix from B to B')

Let $B = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$ and $B' = \{u_1, u_2, ..., u_n\}$ be two bases for R^n . Then the transition matrix P^{-1} from B to B' can be found by using Gauss-Jordan elimination on the nx2n matrix [B':B] as follows: $[B':B] \longrightarrow [I_n:P^{-1}]$

• Example 18: (Finding a transition matrix) $B = \{(-3, 2), (4, -2)\}$ and $B' = \{(-1, 2), (2, -2)\}$ are two bases for R^2

(a) Find the transition matrix from B' to B.



(b) Let
$$[\boldsymbol{v}]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
, find $[\boldsymbol{v}]_B$

(c) Find the transition matrix from B to B'.

(a)
$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 & \vdots & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & \vdots & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 $\xrightarrow{\text{G. J. Elimination}}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \vdots & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & \vdots & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\Rightarrow P = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
(the transition matrix from B' to B)
(b) $[v]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [v]_B = P[v]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
Check: $[v]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow v = (1)(-1, 2) + (2)(2, -2) = (3, -2)$
 $[v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow v = (-1)(3, -2) + (0)(4, -2) = (3, -2)$

(c)
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 G. J. Elimination
B' B I I P^{-1} $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ (the transition matrix from B to B')
• Check: $PP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_2$

Example 19: (Finding a transition matrix)

Find the transition matrix from *B* to *B*' for The bases for R^3 below. $B = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$ and $B' = \{(1, 0, 1), (0, -1, 2), (2, 3, -5)\}$ $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$



 $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -7 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -8 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ the result is the same as that obtained in Example 17