

4. Vector Spaces

A "bunch" of vectors where you are able to take linear combinations (add and scale):

- ↳ A set of vectors

- ↳ Is non-empty

- ↳ Addition and scalar multiplication are defined

- ↳ Always contains the zero vector

- ↳ 10 Axioms apply, see p. 190

Ex

\mathbb{R}^2 = All 2-d real vectors: $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ e \end{bmatrix}$

\mathbb{R}^3 = All 3-d real vectors: $\bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

\mathbb{R}^n = All n-dim real vectors: $\bar{w} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Closure:

We say a vector space must be closed under multiplication and addition

Ex



- all vectors with non-negative components.

- Can I add and stay?

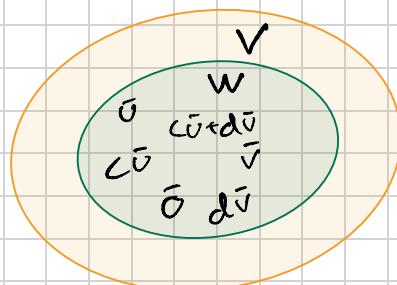
- Can I scale and stay?

Subspace:

A "smaller" space that satisfies closure. Let W be a subspace of V :

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A subspace is a vector space in its own right.



Ex

Is \mathbb{R}^2 a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 ? No! Not even a subset

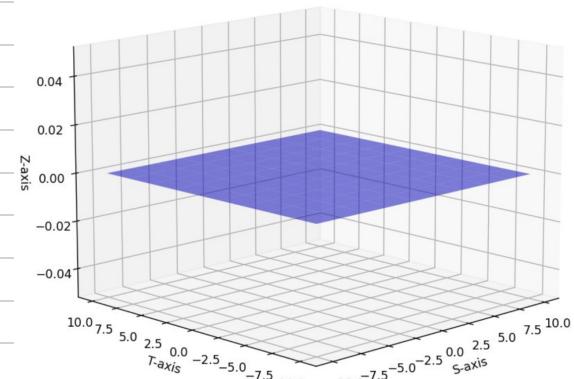
All vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 have 2-entries logically and
All vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 have 3-entries ontologically
Distinct.

Ex

Is $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} s \\ t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ a subspace? $s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

① contains $\vec{0}$ when $s, t = 0$

② Is closed since last entry will always be 0



Theorem:

If $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_p$ are in a vector space V ,
then $\text{span}\{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_p\}$ is a subspace of V

Ex

a and b are scalars and H is the set of all vectors of the form $(a+2b, b, a-b, a)$.

Is H a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} a+2b \\ b \\ a-b \\ a \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$H = \text{span}\{\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2\}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4

Ex

$$\bar{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ n \end{bmatrix}$$

For what values n will \bar{y} be in the subspace spanned by \bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2 and \bar{v}_3 ?

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 5 & -3 & -4 \\ -1 & -4 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -7 & 0 & h \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{E.F.}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 5 & -3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & h-5 \end{array} \right], h=5$$

The Nullspace

The set of all solutions of the homogeneous equation $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$ and is denoted $\text{Nul } A$

The null space contains x 's.

Consider:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 3x_2 - 2x_3 &= 0 \\ -5x_1 + 9x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & -2 & 0 \\ -5 & 9 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{E.F.}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 5/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3/2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{c} -5/2 \\ -3/2 \\ 1 \end{array} \right]$$

The set of all \bar{x} that satisfy this is the solution set. We call the set that satisfies $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$ the null space.

Ex

Does $\bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ belong to $\text{nul } A$?

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & -3 & -2 \\ -5 & 9 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 - 9 + 4 \\ -25 + 27 - 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ yes!}$$

Parametric Vector Form (PVF):

$$\bar{x} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

so I could write PVF as:

Exercise

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\bar{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\bar{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$.

Are \bar{v}_1 and \bar{v}_2 in $\text{Nul } A$?

\bar{v}_1 is Not in $\text{nul } A$ since $A \bar{v}_1 \neq \bar{0}$

\bar{v}_2 is in $\text{Nul } A$ since $A \bar{v}_2 = \bar{0}$

Theorem

The Null space of an $m \times n$ matrix A is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n

Finding Nullspace

The vectors in PVF make up the null space!

Ex

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 & -1 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_2 + x_4 - 3x_5 \\ x_2 \\ -2x_4 + 2x_5 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Every linear combination of \bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2 and \bar{v}_3 is an element in $\text{Nul } A$.

In SymPy: `A.nullspace()`:

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A = Matrix([[-3,6,-1,1,-7],[1,-2,2,3,-1],[2,-4,5,8,-4]])
A.rref()
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✓ 0.0s

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, (0, 2) \right)$$

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A = Matrix([[-3,6,-1,1,-7],[1,-2,2,3,-1],[2,-4,5,8,-4]])
A.nullspace()
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$$\left[\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

The Column Space

The set of all linear combinations of the columns of A where A is a $m \times n$ matrix

$$\text{Col } A = \text{Span}\{\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, \dots, \bar{a}_n\}$$

The column space is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m and is the set of all vectors \bar{b} in \mathbb{R}^m s.t. $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ for some \bar{x} in \mathbb{R}^n

Ex

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & -5 & 7 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) For what value of k is $\text{Col } A$ a subspace of \mathbb{R}^k ? \mathbb{R}^3
- b) For what value of k is $\text{Null } A$ a subspace of \mathbb{R}^k ? \mathbb{R}^4
- c) Find a non-zero vector in $\text{Col } A$
→ any vector of A (unless $A = \mathbf{0}$)
- d) Find non-zero vector in $\text{Null } A$.
→ Only possible if A is singular
since $m < n$ we have non-trivial

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & -5 & 7 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Null } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \begin{aligned} x_1 &= -9x_3 \\ x_2 &= 5x_3 \\ x_3 &= x_3 \\ x_4 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- e) Are \bar{v} and/or \bar{w} in $\text{Null/Col } A$?

$$\bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Contrast Between Nul A and Col A for an $m \times n$ Matrix A

Nul A	Col A
1. Nul A is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .	1. Col A is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m .
2. Nul A is implicitly defined; that is, you are given only a condition ($A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$) that vectors in Nul A must satisfy.	2. Col A is explicitly defined; that is, you are told how to build vectors in Col A.
3. It takes time to find vectors in Nul A. Row operations on $[A \quad \mathbf{0}]$ are required.	3. It is easy to find vectors in Col A. The columns of A are displayed; others are formed from them.
4. There is no obvious relation between Nul A and the entries in A.	4. There is an obvious relation between Col A and the entries in A, since each column of A is in Col A.
5. A typical vector \mathbf{v} in Nul A has the property that $A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.	5. A typical vector \mathbf{v} in Col A has the property that the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}$ is consistent.
6. Given a specific vector \mathbf{v} , it is easy to tell if \mathbf{v} is in Nul A. Just compute $A\mathbf{v}$.	6. Given a specific vector \mathbf{v} , it may take time to tell if \mathbf{v} is in Col A. Row operations on $[A \quad \mathbf{v}]$ are required.
7. Nul A = $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ if and only if the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.	7. Col A = \mathbb{R}^m if and only if the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a solution for every \mathbf{b} in \mathbb{R}^m .
8. Nul A = $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ if and only if the linear transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ is one-to-one.	8. Col A = \mathbb{R}^m if and only if the linear transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ maps \mathbb{R}^n onto \mathbb{R}^m .

Bases

A linearly independent set that spans a subspace. So basically the minimum set of vectors needed to span a subspace.

Bases for Null space:

The vectors in PVF (or scales hereaf)

Bases for Col space:

The Pivot columns

Ex:

$$\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, \bar{a}_3, \bar{a}_4, \bar{a}_5$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 12 & 1 & 5 & 5 \\ 2 & 8 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 20 & 2 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so a basis for col A would be

$$\{\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_3, \bar{a}_5\}$$
 but also $\{\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_3, \bar{v}_5\}$

Dimension of a vector space V

Is the number of vectors in a basis for V.

Ex

$$H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a - 3b + 6c \\ 5a + 4d \\ b - 2c - d \\ 5d \end{bmatrix} : a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{so } H = \text{Span}\{\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \bar{v}_3, \bar{v}_4\}$$

$$\text{But } \bar{v}_3 = -2\bar{v}_2 \text{ so}$$

$$H = \text{span}\{\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \bar{v}_4\} \leftarrow \text{Basis}$$

$$\dim H = 3$$

In general:

$$\dim \text{Null } A = \# \text{ of free variables}$$

$$\dim \text{col } A = \# \text{ of pivots in } A$$

Nullity

Row Space

- Is the linear comb. of the row vectors:

$$\text{Row } A = \text{Col } A^T$$

- If A and B are equivalent, they share the same row space and same basis for row space.

- Basis for Row A : all nonzero rows in Echelon F.

Ex

Find Basis for Row A , Col A and Nul A :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{r}_1 & \bar{a}_1 & \bar{a}_2 & \bar{a}_3 & \bar{a}_4 & \bar{a}_5 \\ \bar{r}_2 & -2 & -5 & 8 & 0 & -17 \\ \bar{r}_3 & 1 & 3 & -5 & 1 & 5 \\ \bar{r}_4 & 3 & 11 & -19 & 7 & 1 \\ \bar{r}_5 & 1 & 7 & -13 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Basis for Row A = Basis for Row A = $\{\bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_2, \bar{r}_3\}$

Basis for Col A = $\{\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, \bar{a}_4\}$

$$\text{Basis for Nul } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Rank

The dimension of the col space

$$\text{rank } A = \dim \text{Col } A = \dim \text{Row } A$$

$$\text{rank } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = n \quad (A_{m \times n})$$

Ex

Suppose we have two independent solutions to the following 8×10 system:

$$A\bar{x} = 0$$

What can we deduce?

$$\dim \text{Nul } A = 2$$

$$\text{rank } A = 8$$

If $\dim \text{Col } A$ spans \mathbb{R}^8 , then for each $b \in \mathbb{R}^8$

$A\bar{x} = b$ has a solution

The Invertible Matrix Theorem (continued)

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. Then the following statements are each equivalent to the statement that A is an invertible matrix.

- m. The columns of A form a basis of \mathbb{R}^n .
- n. $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^n$
- o. $\dim \text{Col } A = n$
- p. $\text{rank } A = n$
- q. $\text{Nul } A = \{\mathbf{0}\}$
- r. $\dim \text{Nul } A = 0$

$$x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$