

## 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:  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ e \end{bmatrix}$

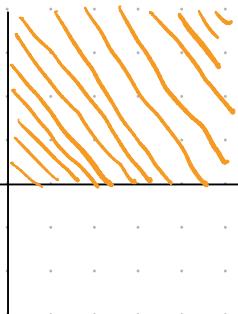
$\mathbb{R}^3$  = All 3-d real vectors:  $\bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

$\mathbb{R}^n$  = 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



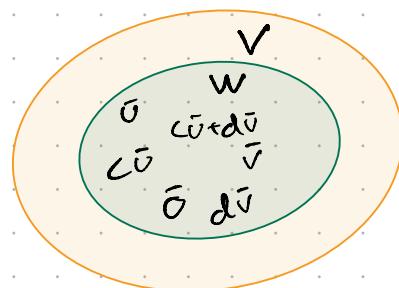
- all vectors with non-negative components.
- Can I add and stay?
- Can I scale and stay?
- ↳ No e.g.  $-5 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$

### Subspace:

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



A subspace is a vector space in its own right.



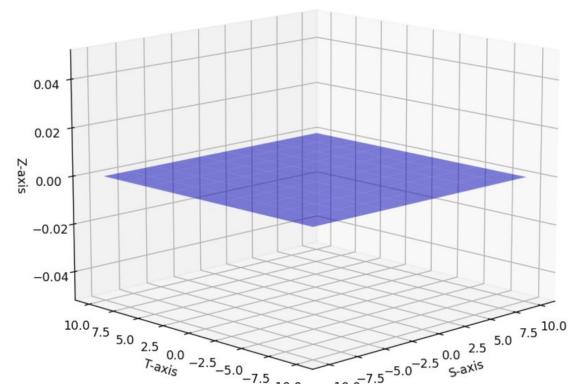
Ex

Is  $\mathbb{R}^2$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? No! not even subset.  
 All vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  have 2-entries } logically  
 All vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  have 3-entries } distinct

Ex

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

- ① contains  $\vec{0}$  when  $s, t = 0$
- ② Is closed since last entry is 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  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ?

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

Thus  $H = \text{span}\{\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2\}$  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:

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

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  $\bar{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  belong to  $\text{nul } A$ ?

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

Parametric Vector Form (PVF):

$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -5/2 \\ -3/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or a scale of this } \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

so I could write PVF as:

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

## 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  $\text{Nul } A$ ?

$$A\bar{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{No!}$$

$$A\bar{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{yes!}$$

## 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

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

$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_2 + x_4 - 3x_5 \\ x_2 \\ -2x_4 + 2x_5 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Nul } A = \text{span}\{\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \bar{v}_3\}$$

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()
```

✓ 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()
```

✓ 0.0s

$$\left[ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

## 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

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

- For what value of  $k$  is  $\text{Col } A$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^k$ ?  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- For what value of  $k$  is  $\text{Nul } A$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^k$ ?  $\mathbb{R}^4$
- Find a non-zero vector in  $\text{Col } A$   
→ Any entry, Always possible unless  $A = \bar{0}$
- Find non-zero vector in  $\text{Nul } A$ .  
→ Only possible if  $A$  is singular  
since  $m < n$  we have non-trivial

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & -5 & 7 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Nul } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- Are  $\bar{0}$  and/or  $\bar{v}$  in  $\text{Nul/Col } A$ ?

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

## 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 ( $Ax = \mathbf{0}$ ) 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 v in Nul A has the property that $Av = \mathbf{0}$ .	5. A typical vector v in Col A has the property that the equation $Av = v$ is consistent.
6. Given a specific vector v, it is easy to tell if v is in Nul A. Just compute Av.	6. Given a specific vector v, it may take time to tell if v is in Col A. Row operations on $[A \quad v]$ are required.
7. Nul A = {0} if and only if the equation $Ax = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.	7. Col A = $\mathbb{R}^m$ if and only if the equation $Ax = b$ has a solution for every b in $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
8. Nul A = {0} if and only if the linear transformation $x \mapsto Ax$ is one-to-one.	8. Col A = $\mathbb{R}^m$ if and only if the linear transformation $x \mapsto Ax$ 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:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{a}_1 & \bar{a}_2 & \bar{a}_3 & \bar{a}_4 & \bar{a}_5 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 12 & 1 & 5 & 5 \\ 2 & 8 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 20 & 2 & 8 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{v}_1 & \bar{v}_2 & \bar{v}_3 & \bar{v}_4 & \bar{v}_5 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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 ✓

Is the number of vectors in a basis for V.

Ex

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

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

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

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

$$\dim H = 3$$

In general:

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

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

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  $A$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -5 & 8 & 0 & -17 \\ 1 & 3 & -5 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 11 & -19 & 7 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & -13 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Basis for Col  $A = \{\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, \bar{a}_3\}$

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

## 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 a  $8 \times 10$  system:

$$R^n \rightarrow R^n \quad n \times m$$

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

What can we deduce?

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

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

since  $\dim \text{Col } A$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^8$  then for each  $\bar{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^8$   $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$  has a solution!

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccccccc|c} \bar{a}_1 & \bar{a}_2 & \cdots & \bar{a}_{10} \\ \times & \times \\ \times & & & & & & & & & \\ \times & & & & & & & & & \\ \times & & & & & & & & & \\ \times & & & & & & & & & \\ \times & & & & & & & & & \\ \times & & & & & & & & & \\ \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} \times \\ \end{array} \right] =$$

### 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.  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 0$

$$T: \mathbb{R}^{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^8$$