

Outline

1. Vector space
2. Subspace
3. $C(A)$
4. $N(A)$

Let's return to theory.

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We have considered vectors in \mathbb{R}^n which is the set of all vectors w/ n elements.

\mathbb{R}^n is a vector space which means that add & scaling (L.C.) vectors is defined and have good properties.

Namely

1. $x+y = y+x$

2. $(x+y)+z = x+(y+z)$

3. $\vec{x} + \vec{0} = \vec{x}$

4. $1 \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{x}$

5. $x + (-x) = 0$

6. $(c \cdot d) \cdot x = c \cdot (d \cdot x)$

7. $c(x+y) = cx + cy$

8. $(c+d)x = cx + dx$

a set V is a vector space w/ addition & scaling if the above rules are satisfied and if for all x, y in V & scalars c, d

$$cx + dy \in V$$

L.C.s of vectors in V are also in V

Although there are other "kinds" of vectors

and definitions of addition & scaling,

we will only focus on the usual / familiar ones.

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In particular, we are interested in vector spaces that ~~are subsets~~ contain vectors from \mathbb{R}^n & \mathbb{R}^m and that related to $Ax=b$. That is to say (vector) subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n & \mathbb{R}^m .

S is vector subspace of the vector space V if it satisfies the following rules

1. $S \subseteq V$

2. If $x \in S$, so is cx

3. If $x, y \in S$, so is $x+y$

} L.C.s stay in S
} $x, y \in S \Rightarrow cx + dy \in S$

Subspaces appear to have fewer rules b/c they inherit all the properties of V about addition & scaling.

Two ~~are~~ easy consequences ~~is~~ that

1. The origin ($\vec{0}$) is a subspace $\{\vec{0}\}$

e.g. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ & $c \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

2. The origin ($\vec{0}$) is in every subspace

b/c $0 \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{0}$,



scaling by zero

Is S' a subspace?

Check:

1. Is $S \subseteq V$? (e.g., $\in \mathbb{R}^n$ or \mathbb{R}^m)

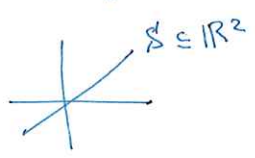
2. Do L.C.s stay in the space?

* Does it contain the origin? If not, @ NO.
~~Yes~~ If yes, check 2.

Examples

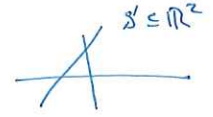
YES

1. A line through the origin.



NO

1. A line not through the origin



2. The plane

$$3x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 0$$

* contains the origin

* L.C.s? Eq. of plane is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

vector \perp to plane

if $\vec{x} \div \vec{y}$ are in the plane,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \vec{x} = 0 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \vec{y} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot (c\vec{x} + d\vec{y}) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

3. $\mathbb{R}^2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ the biggest subspace

4. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ " smallest "

2. The plane

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1. \text{ Does not contain } \vec{0}.$$

3. 2 lines in \mathbb{R}^2 passing through the origin

$$S' = \begin{cases} x_2 = 0 \text{ or} \\ x_2 = -x_1 \end{cases}$$

contains $\vec{0}$

$$\text{but } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin S$$

4. Half plane

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \mid x_2 \geq 0 \right\} \quad \text{why not?}$$

5. box



$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \mid 0 \leq x_1 \leq 1, 0 \leq x_2 \leq 1 \right\}$$

It turns out that examples of subspaces are all there is.

The subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3

1. $\vec{0}$
2. A line through origin
3. A plane through origin
4. \mathbb{R}^3

Let's start returning to $Ax=b$.

First, we describe a plane through origin (in \mathbb{R}^3) using a matrix.

$S: x_1 - 2x_2 + 4x_3 = 0 \leftarrow \text{plane through } \vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{all points } \perp \text{ to } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since $x_1 = 2x_2 - 4x_3$, $\vec{x} \in S$ if

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_2 - 4x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

for some x_2 & x_3 . In other words

$$S = \left\{ \text{all possible L.C. of the columns of } A \right. \\ \left. \text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Recall: $Ax=b$ has solⁿ iff b is L.C. of columns of A . So we can answer if

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has a sol}^n \text{ by}$$

checking if $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is in the plane S , $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \neq 0$
not in S and no solⁿ.

Definition: The column space of A denoted $C(A)$ is

$$C(A) = \left\{ \text{all vectors } v \mid v = \text{L.C. of columns of } A \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \text{all possible L.C. of columns of } A \right\}$$

$C(A)$ is the vector space spanned by the columns of A . (The spans of a bridge are the sections that provide support.)

Now we can say $Ax=b$ has solⁿ $\Leftrightarrow b \in C(A)$

IS $C(A)$ really a subspace?

1 $C(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ (b/c $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$)

2 If $u, v \in C(A)$ then $\exists x, y$ such that

$$Ax = u \quad ; \quad Ay = v$$

$$cu + dv = cAx + dAy = A(cx + dy) = A(\text{L.C. of columns of } A)$$

L.C. of columns of A .

Our $Ax=b$ Knowledge can be applied to $C(A)$.

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1. $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ \hat{A}^{-1} exists. $Ax=b$ has solⁿ $x=A^{-1}b$
for all $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Therefore $C(A)=\mathbb{R}^n$ ✓

2. $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ \hat{A} has m pivots. $Ax=b$ has solⁿ
for any b (might not be unique?). $C(A)=\mathbb{R}^m$

3. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $C(A)=\mathbb{R}^2$ b/c A^{-1} exists.

4. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $C(A)=\mathbb{R}^2$, A^{-1} exists, 2 pivots

5. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $C(A)=\mathbb{R}^2$, 2 pivots,
adding a column did not make $C(A)$ change.

6. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $C(A) = x_1-x_2$ plane
all possible Ax $= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

7. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $C(A) = \uparrow$ no change

8. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $C(A)=\mathbb{R}^3$ CHANGE

What if $C(A)$ is not obvious?

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* Use \otimes solving $Ax=b$ skills

- pivots missing?

- check if $Ax=b$ has solⁿ for general b . (one approach)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 3 & | & b_1 \\ \textcircled{0} & 4 & 5 & | & b_2 \\ \textcircled{1} & -6 & -7 & | & b_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & b_1 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 & | & b_2 \\ 0 & -8 & -10 & | & b_3 - b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & b_1 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 & | & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & b_3 - b_1 + 2b_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{if } b_3 - b_1 + 2b_2 \neq 0$$

NO SOLUTION

$$C(A) = \{ \text{the plane } b_3 - b_1 + 2b_2 = 0 \}$$

$$= \{ \text{all vectors } \perp \text{ to } \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \}$$

2nd theory statement is that a solⁿ of $Ax=b$ is unique \Leftrightarrow the only solⁿ of $Ax=0$ is $x=0$.

The null space of A denoted $N(A) = \{ x \mid Ax = \vec{0} \}$

Is $N(A)$ a subspace?

1. $N(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ $\begin{matrix} n \times 1 \\ x \end{matrix}$ (where rows live)
of A

2. If $x, y \in N(A)$, $Ax = Ay = 0$

$$A(cx + dy) = cAx + dAy = \vec{0} \quad \checkmark$$

Again putting our $Ax=b$ knowledge to use

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1. $A^{n \times n}$, A^{-1} exists. $N(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$ b/c the unique solⁿ of $Ax=0$ is $\vec{x}=\vec{0}$.

In general, $N(A)=?$ Solve $Ax=0$ (carefully)

Example

zero do not change
unnecessary!

① $[A|\vec{0}] = \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} \boxed{1} & 3 & 2 & 5 & 8 & 0 \\ \boxed{2} & 6 & 7 & 4 & 10 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} \boxed{1} & 3 & 2 & 5 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{3} & -6 & -6 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

elimination below pivots (which are revealed)

② Divide by pivots $\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 \end{array} \right]$

③ Zero above pivots $\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 3 & 0 & 29 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 \end{array} \right]$

order of
② & ③ does
not
matter

④ This is called row reduced ^{echelon} form \leftarrow stairs in French
really revealing

⑤ Label columns as pivot (w/ pivot) or free (w/o pivot)

$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{P} & \text{f} & \text{P} & \text{f} & \text{f} \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 3 & 0 & 9 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{P} \\ \text{f} \\ \text{P} \\ \text{f} \\ \text{f} \end{array}$

columns
correspond
to unknowns

(c). Each equation (row) contains exactly one pivot variable (i.e. zeroed above & below)

* put the pivot variables on the lhs and free on the rhs } always works

$$x_1 = -3x_2 - 9x_4 - 12x_5$$

$$x_3 = 2x_4 + 2x_5$$

* this means if $Ax=0$ then

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -3x_2 - 9x_4 - 12x_5 \\ x_2 \\ 2x_4 + 2x_5 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -12 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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special solutions of $Ax=0$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -9 & -12 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑
every solⁿ of $Ax=0$ is L.C. of special solⁿs.

The special solutions span $N(A)$.