

Linear Combination & Span

1. Linear Combination:

Let V be a vector space (\mathbb{R}^n), given vectors $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \in V$ and scalars $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$, the vector:

$y = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k$ is called a linear combination of v_1, v_2 with coefficient c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k .

e.g. $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$, $v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$, $v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $v = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, v a lincomb of v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 ?

① 每行都有 pivot.

② DNE zero row.

← ($v = x_1 v_1 + x_2 v_2 + x_3 v_3 + x_4 v_4$ 是否有解).

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 7 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 & 5 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 - 3R_1}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 7 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & -6 & -12 & -5 & -6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{R_3 - 2R_2 \\ R_2 \cdot (-\frac{1}{3})}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 7 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & \frac{1}{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \times (-\frac{1}{3})} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 7 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & \frac{1}{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 - \frac{1}{3}R_3} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 7 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 - 4R_2 \\ R_1 - 3R_3}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} x_1 = x_3 - 1 \\ x_2 = -2x_3 + 1 \\ x_4 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

\therefore consistent and has infinite solutions.

e.g. $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$, $v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$. for every vector \vec{v} in \mathbb{R}^3 , is \vec{v} a lin comb of v_1, v_2, v_3 ?

$\forall \vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, where $\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$, gives

$$\vec{a} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 & a \\ 2 & 4 & 8 & b \\ 3 & 6 & 12 & c \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 - 3R_1}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b-a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c-\frac{5}{3}a \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - \frac{4}{3}R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b-a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c-\frac{4}{3}b-\frac{1}{3}a \end{array} \right]$$

$$2 \times \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \times \frac{1}{3} \quad R_2 \times \frac{1}{2} \\ R_3 \times \frac{3}{8}}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & \frac{a}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{b-a}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{8}c - \frac{1}{2}b - \frac{1}{8}a \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{matrix} R_2 - \frac{2}{3}R_3 \\ R_1 - \frac{2}{3}R_2 - \frac{9}{3}R_3 \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{24}a + \frac{1}{6}b - \frac{1}{8}c \\ -\frac{5}{16}a + \frac{5}{4}b - \frac{3}{16}c \\ \frac{5}{8}c - \frac{1}{2}b - \frac{3}{8}a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11}{24}a + \frac{1}{6}b - \frac{1}{8}c \\ -\frac{5}{16}a + \frac{5}{4}b - \frac{3}{16}c \\ -\frac{1}{8}a - \frac{1}{2}b + \frac{3}{8}c \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Non-negative Linear Combination:

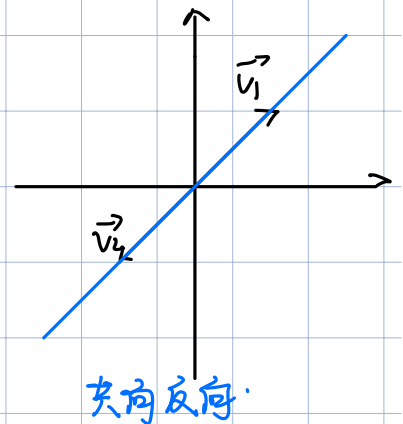
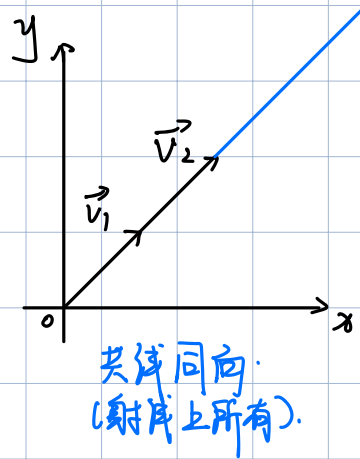
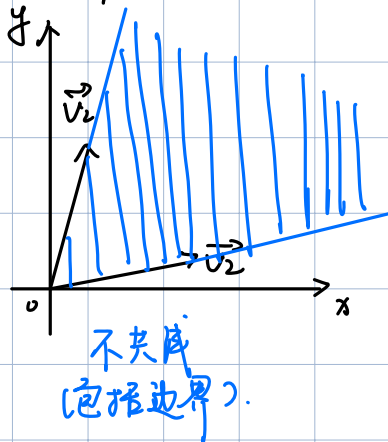
$$\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k \quad (\forall 1 \leq i \leq k, c_i \geq 0).$$

e.g. $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. is v a non-neg. lincomb of v_1, v_2

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

判断是否是只须有一组 coefficient 能满足即可。

1) Graphs



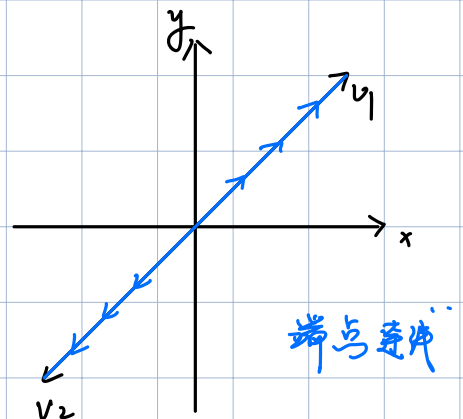
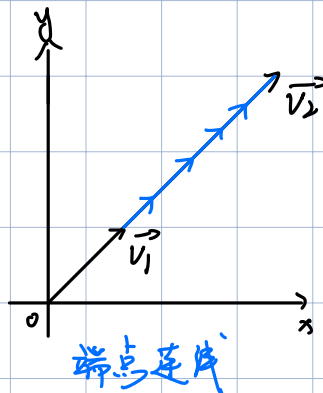
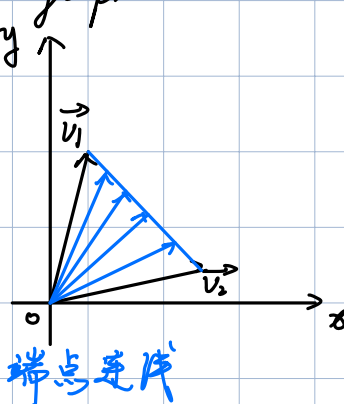
3. Convex Linear Combination

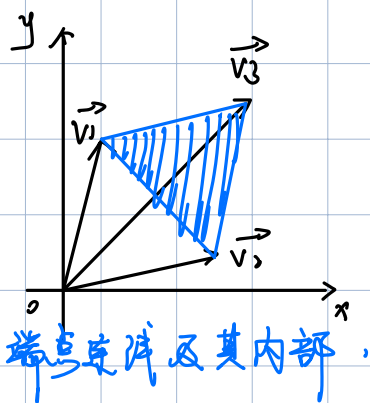
$$\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k$$

$$(\forall 1 \leq i \leq k, c_i \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^k c_i = 1).$$

e.g. $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

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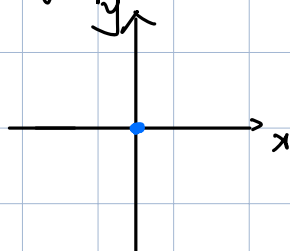


4. Trivial Linear Combination

$\therefore \vec{0}$ is a trivial lincomb of v_1, \dots, v_k .

$$\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k \quad (c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0).$$

1) Graph.



5. Span: The spanning set of vectors $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is the collection of all linear combinations of v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k .

$$\text{span } V: \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n c_k v_k \mid c_k \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

e.g. $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{span } \{v_1, v_2\} = \{a v_1 + b v_2 \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

e.g. $\text{span} \left\{ \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right\} = ?$

$$= \text{span} \left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= c_1 (a_1 v_1 + b_1 v_2) + c_2 (a_2 v_1 + b_2 v_2) + \dots + c_k (a_k v_1 + b_k v_2).$$

$$= \square v_1 + \Delta v_2.$$

\hookrightarrow lin comb of v_1, v_2 .

$$\therefore \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

e.g. $\text{span} \left\{ \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right\} = ?$

$$\textcircled{1} \text{span} \{ \text{span} \{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \} + \{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \} \} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2.$$

$$\hookrightarrow \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2. \quad \therefore \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \mathbb{R}^2 \subseteq \text{span} \{ \text{span} \{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \} + \{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \} \}.$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{span} \{ v_1 \} + \{ v_2 \}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{span} \{ v_1 \} + \{ v_2 \}.$$

$$\therefore \text{span} \{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \} \subseteq \text{span} \{ \text{span} \{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \} + \{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \} \}$$

$$\stackrel{\parallel}{\mathbb{R}^2}.$$

$$\therefore \mathbb{R}^2.$$

$$\text{e.g. } \text{span} \{ v_1, v_2 \} + \text{span} \{ v_3, v_4 \} = ?$$

$$= a_1 v_1 + b_1 v_2 + c_1 v_3 + d_1 v_4 + a_2 v_1 + b_2 v_2 + c_2 v_3 + d_2 v_4 + \dots + a_k v_1 + b_k v_2 + c_k v_3 + d_k v_4$$

$$= \boxed{\square} v_1 + \triangle v_2 + \bigcirc v_3 + \diamond v_4$$

$$= \text{span} \{ v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 \}.$$

(重要结论).

$$1) \text{span} \{ v_1, v_2 \} = \mathbb{R}^2 \implies \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 \text{ always 有解.}$$

(用 matrix 解, 如第一页例 2).

2) Translated Matrix.

$$\text{span} \{ v_1, \dots, v_k \} + \{ \vec{p} \} \quad \text{where } \vec{p} \notin \text{span} \{ v_1, \dots, v_k \}.$$

3) Redundancy Theorem.

\vec{v} don't contribute anything

Let V be a vector space, $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p \in V$, and $v \in \text{span} \{ v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p \}$ then $\text{span} \{ v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, v \} = \text{span} \{ v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \}$

$$\text{e.g. } \mathbb{R}^2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

6. Relationship between span and lin comb.

1) \vec{v} is a linear combination of $\{ v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{v} \in \text{span} \{ v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \}.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k$$

7. Big Theorem.

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. Then following statements are equivalent.

1) For each $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$, the equation $A\vec{x} = b$ has a solution.

$$\text{e.g. } \overset{A}{\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} \cdot \overset{\vec{x}}{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}} = \overset{\vec{b}}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{b}$$

2) For each $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is a linear combination of columns of A .

3) For each $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is in the span of columns of A .

4) The columns of A spans \mathbb{R}^m

5) A has a pivot position in every row.

