

CHAPTER 4

VECTOR SPACES

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4.1 Vectors in R^n

- An ordered n -tuple:

a sequence of n real number (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)

- n -space: R^n

the set of all ordered n -tuple

■ Ex:

$n = 1$ $R^1 = 1\text{-space}$
 = set of all real number

$n = 2$ $R^2 = 2\text{-space}$
 = set of all ordered pair of real numbers (x_1, x_2)

$n = 3$ $R^3 = 3\text{-space}$
 = set of all ordered triple of real numbers (x_1, x_2, x_3)

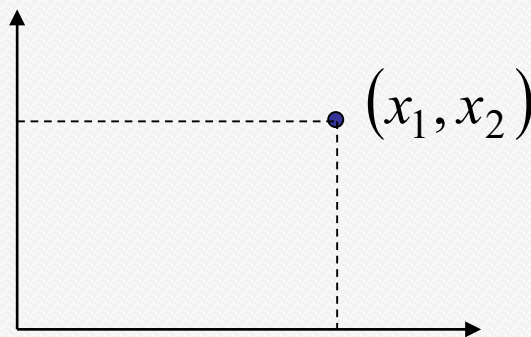
$n = 4$ $R^4 = 4\text{-space}$
 = set of all ordered quadruple of real numbers (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)

- **Notes:**

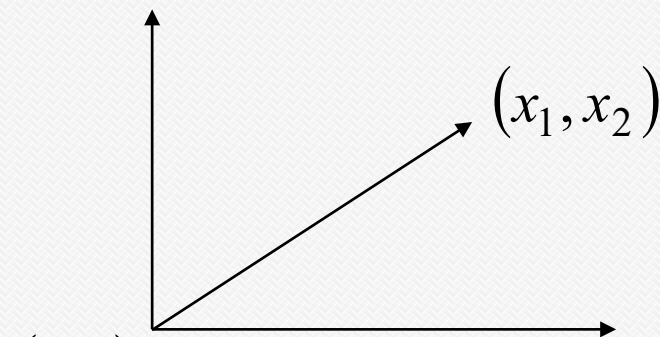
(1) An n -tuple (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) can be viewed as a point in R^n with the x_i 's as its coordinates.

(2) An n -tuple (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) can be viewed as a vector $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ in R^n with the x_i 's as its components.

- **Ex:**



a point



a vector

$$\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), \quad \mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \quad (\text{two vectors in } R^n)$$

- **Equal:**

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} \quad \text{if and only if} \quad u_1 = v_1, u_2 = v_2, \dots, u_n = v_n$$

- **Vector addition (the sum of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v}):**

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n)$$

- **Scalar multiplication (the scalar multiple of \mathbf{u} by c):**

$$c\mathbf{u} = (cu_1, cu_2, \dots, cu_n)$$

- **Notes:**

The sum of two vectors and the scalar multiple of a vector in R^n are called **the standard operations in R^n** .

- **Negative:**

$$-\mathbf{u} = (-u_1, -u_2, -u_3, \dots, -u_n)$$

- **Difference:**

$$\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} = (u_1 - v_1, u_2 - v_2, u_3 - v_3, \dots, u_n - v_n)$$

- **Zero vector:**

$$\mathbf{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

- **Notes:**

(1) The zero vector $\mathbf{0}$ in R^n is called the **additive identity** in R^n .

(2) The vector $-\mathbf{v}$ is called the **additive inverse** of \mathbf{v} .

- **Thm 4.2: (Properties of vector addition and scalar multiplication)**

Let \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} be vectors in R^n , and let c and d be scalars.

(1) $\mathbf{u}+\mathbf{v}$ is a vector in R^n

(2) $\mathbf{u}+\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}+\mathbf{u}$

(3) $(\mathbf{u}+\mathbf{v})+\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u}+(\mathbf{v}+\mathbf{w})$

(4) $\mathbf{u}+\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$

(5) $\mathbf{u}+(-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$

(6) $c\mathbf{u}$ is a vector in R^n

(7) $c(\mathbf{u}+\mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u}+c\mathbf{v}$

(8) $(c+d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u}+d\mathbf{u}$

(9) $c(d\mathbf{u}) = (cd)\mathbf{u}$

(10) $1(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u}$

■ **Ex 5: (Vector operations in R^4)**

Let $\mathbf{u}=(2, -1, 5, 0)$, $\mathbf{v}=(4, 3, 1, -1)$, and $\mathbf{w}=(-6, 2, 0, 3)$ be vectors in R^4 . Solve \mathbf{x} for \mathbf{x} in each of the following.

(a) $\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{u} - (\mathbf{v} + 3\mathbf{w})$

(b) $3(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}) = 2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{x}$

Sol: (a) $\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{u} - (\mathbf{v} + 3\mathbf{w})$

$$= 2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} - 3\mathbf{w}$$

$$= (4, -2, 10, 0) - (4, 3, 1, -1) - (-18, 6, 0, 9)$$

$$= (4 - 4 + 18, -2 - 3 - 6, 10 - 1 - 0, 0 + 1 - 9)$$

$$= (18, -11, 9, -8).$$

$$(b) \quad 3(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}) = 2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{x}$$

$$3\mathbf{x} + 3\mathbf{w} = 2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{x}$$

$$3\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} - 3\mathbf{w}$$

$$2\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} - 3\mathbf{w}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v} - \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{w}$$

$$= (2, 1, 5, 0) + \left(-2, \frac{-3}{2}, \frac{-1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(9, -3, 0, \frac{-9}{2}\right)$$

$$= \left(9, \frac{-11}{2}, \frac{9}{2}, -4\right)$$

- **Thm 4.3: (Properties of additive identity and additive inverse)**

Let \mathbf{v} be a vector in R^n and c be a scalar. Then the following is true.

(1) The additive identity is unique. That is, if $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$, then $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$

(2) The additive inverse of \mathbf{v} is unique. That is, if $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$, then $\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{v}$

(3) $0\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

(4) $c\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$

(5) If $c\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$, then $c = 0$ or $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

(6) $-(-\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}$

- **Linear combination:**

The vector \mathbf{x} is called a **linear combination** of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$, if it can be expressed in the form

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + c_n \mathbf{v}_n \quad c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n : \text{scalar}$$

- **Ex 6:**

Given $\mathbf{x} = (-1, -2, -2)$, $\mathbf{u} = (0, 1, 4)$, $\mathbf{v} = (-1, 1, 2)$, and $\mathbf{w} = (3, 1, 2)$ in R^3 , find a , b , and c such that $\mathbf{x} = a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v} + c\mathbf{w}$.

Sol:

$$-b + 3c = -1$$

$$a + b + c = -2$$

$$4a + 2b + 2c = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 1, b = -2, c = -1$$

$$\text{Thus } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$$

- Notes:

A vector $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ in R^n can be viewed as:

a $1 \times n$ row matrix (**row vector**): $\mathbf{u} = [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n]$

or

a $n \times 1$ column matrix (**column vector**): $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$

(The matrix operations of addition and scalar multiplication
give the same results as the corresponding vector operations)

Vector addition

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} &= (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \\ &= (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} &= [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n] + [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n] \\ &= [u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n]\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n + v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Scalar multiplication

$$\begin{aligned}c\mathbf{u} &= c(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ &= (cu_1, cu_2, \dots, cu_n)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}c\mathbf{u} &= c[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n] \\ &= [cu_1, cu_2, \dots, cu_n]\end{aligned}$$

$$c\mathbf{u} = c \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} cu_1 \\ cu_2 \\ \vdots \\ cu_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Key Learning in Section 4.1

- Represent a vector as a directed line segment.
- Perform basic vector operations in R^2 and represent them graphically.
- Perform basic vector operations in R^n .
- Write a vector as a linear combination of other vectors.

Keywords in Section 4.1

- ordered n -tuple : 有序的 n 項
- n -space : n 維空間
- equal : 相等
- vector addition : 向量加法
- scalar multiplication : 純量乘法
- negative : 負向量
- difference : 向量差
- zero vector : 零向量
- additive identity : 加法單位元素
- additive inverse : 加法反元素

4.2 Vector Spaces

- **Vector spaces:**

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

Addition:

(1) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is in V

(2) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$

(3) $\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w}$

(4) V has a zero vector $\mathbf{0}$ such that for every \mathbf{u} in V , $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$

(5) For every \mathbf{u} in V , there is a vector in V denoted by $-\mathbf{u}$ such that $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$

Scalar multiplication:

$$(6) \quad c\mathbf{u} \text{ is in } V.$$

$$(7) \quad c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$$

$$(8) \quad (c + d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{u}$$

$$(9) \quad c(d\mathbf{u}) = (cd)\mathbf{u}$$

$$(10) \quad 1(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u}$$

■ **Notes:**

(1) A vector space consists of four entities:

a set of vectors, a set of scalars, and two operations

V : nonempty set

c : scalar

$+$ (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ \square vector addition

\bullet (c, \mathbf{u}) = $c\mathbf{u}$ \square scalar multiplication

$(V, +, \bullet)$ is called a vector space

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

- **Examples of vector spaces:**

(1) **n -tuple space:** R^n

$$(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n) \quad \text{vector addition}$$

$$k(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = (ku_1, ku_2, \dots, ku_n) \quad \text{scalar multiplication}$$

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

Ex: $(m = n = 2)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ u_{21} & u_{22} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} \\ v_{21} & v_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} + v_{11} & u_{12} + v_{12} \\ u_{21} + v_{21} & u_{22} + v_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{vector addition}$$

$$k \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ u_{21} & u_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ku_{11} & ku_{12} \\ ku_{21} & ku_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{scalar multiplication}$$

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- (3) *n -th degree polynomial space:* $V = P_n(x)$
(the set of all real polynomials of degree n or less)

$$p(x) + q(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + \cdots + (a_n + b_n)x^n$$

$$kp(x) = ka_0 + ka_1x + \cdots + ka_nx^n$$

- (4) *Function space:* $V = c(-\infty, \infty)$ (the set of all real-valued continuous functions defined on the entire real line.)

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$(kf)(x) = kf(x)$$

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- **Notes:** To show that a set is not a vector space, you need only find one axiom that is not satisfied.
 - **Ex 6:** The set of all integers. VS or not?

Pf:



- **Ex 7:** The set of all second-degree polynomials. VS or not?

Pf:



■ Ex 8:

$V = \mathbb{R}^2$ = the set of all ordered pairs of real numbers

vector addition: $(u_1, u_2) + (v_1, v_2) = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2)$

scalar multiplication: $c(u_1, u_2) = (cu_1, 0)$

IS V a VS or not.

Sol:

$$\because 1(1, 1) = (1, 0) \neq (1, 1)$$

\therefore the set (together with the two given operations) is
not a vector space

Key Learning in Section 4.2

- Define a vector space and recognize some important vector spaces.
- Show that a given set is not a vector space.

Keywords in Section 4.2:

- vector space : 向量空間
- n -space : n 維空間
- matrix space : 矩陣空間
- polynomial space : 多項式空間
- function space : 函數空間

4.3 Subspaces of Vector Spaces

- **Subspace:**

$(V, +, \bullet)$: a vector space

$\left. \begin{array}{l} W \neq \phi \\ W \subseteq V \end{array} \right\}$: a nonempty subset

$(W, +, \bullet)$: a vector space (under the operations of addition and scalar multiplication defined in V)

$\Rightarrow W$ is a subspace of V

- **Trivial subspace:**

Every vector space V has at least two subspaces.

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

(2) V is a subspace of V .

- **Thm 4.5: (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 \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are in W , then $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is in W .

(2) If \mathbf{u} is in W and c is any scalar, then $c\mathbf{u}$ is in W .

- V has a zero vector $\mathbf{0}$ such that for every \mathbf{u} in V , $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$?
- For every \mathbf{u} in V , there is a vector in V denoted by $-\mathbf{u}$ such that $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$?

- Ex 2: (A subspace of $M_{2 \times 2}$)

Let W be the set of all 2×2 symmetric matrices. Determine whether W is a subspace of vector space $M_{2 \times 2}$ or not, with the standard operations of matrix addition and scalar multiplication.

Sol:

$$\because W \subseteq M_{2 \times 2} \quad M_{2 \times 2} : \text{vector sapces}$$

$$\text{Let } A_1, A_2 \in W \quad (A_1^T = A_1, A_2^T = A_2)$$

$$A_1 \in W, A_2 \in W \Rightarrow (A_1 + A_2)^T = A_1^T + A_2^T = A_1 + A_2 \quad (A_1 + A_2 \in W)$$

$$k \in R, A \in W \Rightarrow (kA)^T = kA^T = kA \quad (kA \in W)$$

$$\therefore W \text{ is a subspace of } M_{2 \times 2}$$

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- Ex 3: (The set of singular matrices is not a subspace of $M_{2 \times 2}$)

Let W be the set of singular matrices of order 2. Show that

W is not a subspace of $M_{2 \times 2}$ with the standard operations.

Sol:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in W, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in W$$

$$\therefore A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin W$$

$\therefore W_2$ is not a subspace of $M_{2 \times 2}$

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- Ex 4: (The set of first-quadrant vectors is not a subspace of R^2)

Show that $W = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1 \geq 0 \text{ and } x_2 \geq 0\}$, with the standard operations, is not a subspace of R^2 .

Sol:

Let $\mathbf{u} = (1, 1) \in W$

$\therefore (-1)\mathbf{u} = (-1)(1, 1) = (-1, -1) \notin W$ (not closed under scalar multiplication)

$\therefore W$ is not a subspace of R^2

▪ **Ex 6: (Determining subspaces of R^2)**

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

(a) The set of points on the line given by $x+2y=0$.

(b) The set of points on the line given by $x+2y=1$.

Sol:

$$(a) \quad W = \{(x, y) \mid x + 2y = 0\} = \{(-2t, t) \mid t \in R\}$$

$$\text{Let } v_1 = (-2t_1, t_1) \in W \quad v_2 = (-2t_2, t_2) \in W$$

$$\therefore v_1 + v_2 = (-2(t_1 + t_2), t_1 + t_2) \in W \quad (\text{closed under addition})$$

$$kv_1 = (-2(kt_1), kt_1) \in W \quad (\text{closed under scalar multiplication})$$

$\therefore W$ is a subspace of R^2

(b) $W = \{(x, y) \mid x + 2y = 1\}$ (Note: the zero vector is not on the line)

Let $v = (1, 0) \in W$

$\therefore (-1)v = (-1, 0) \notin W$

$\therefore W$ is not a subspace of R^2

▪ **Ex 8: (Determining subspaces of R^3)**

Which of the following subsets is a subspace of R^3 ?

(a) $W = \{(x_1, x_2, 1) \mid x_1, x_2 \in R\}$

(b) $W = \{(x_1, x_1 + x_3, x_3) \mid x_1, x_3 \in R\}$

Sol:

(a) Let $\mathbf{v} = (0, 0, 1) \in W$

$$\Rightarrow (-1)\mathbf{v} = (0, 0, -1) \notin W$$

$\therefore W$ is not a subspace of R^3

(b) Let $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_1 + v_3, v_3) \in W$, $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_1 + u_3, u_3) \in W$

$$\because \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} = (v_1 + u_1, (v_1 + u_1) + (v_3 + u_3), v_3 + u_3) \in W$$

$$k\mathbf{v} = (kv_1, (kv_1) + (kv_3), kv_3) \in W$$

$\therefore W$ is a subspace of R^3

- **Thm 4.6: (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 $V \cap W$) is also a subspace of U .

Key Learning in Section 4.3

- Determine whether a subset W of a vector space V is a subspace of V .
- Determine subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n .

Keywords in Section 4.3:

- subspace : 子空間
- trivial subspace : 顯然子空間

4.4 Spanning Sets and Linear Independence

- **Linear combination:**

A vector \mathbf{v} in a vector space V is called a linear combination of the vectors $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k$ in V if \mathbf{v} can be written in the form

$$\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + c_k\mathbf{u}_k \qquad c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k : \text{scalars}$$

▪ **Ex 2-3: (Finding a linear combination)**

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = (1,2,3) \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = (0,1,2) \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = (-1,0,1)$$

Prove (a) $\mathbf{w} = (1,1,1)$ is a linear combination of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$

(b) $\mathbf{w} = (1,-2,2)$ is not a linear combination of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$

Sol:

$$(a) \quad \mathbf{w} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1,1,1) &= c_1(1,2,3) + c_2(0,1,2) + c_3(-1,0,1) \\ &= (c_1 - c_3, 2c_1 + c_2, 3c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3) \end{aligned}$$

$$c_1 - c_3 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2c_1 + c_2 = 1$$

$$3c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Guass-Jordan Elimination}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 1 + t, \quad c_2 = -1 - 2t, \quad c_3 = t$$

(this system has infinitely many solutions)

$$\stackrel{t=1}{\Rightarrow} \mathbf{w} = 2\mathbf{v}_1 - 3\mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_3$$

(b)

$$\mathbf{w} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Guass-Jordan Elimination}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

\Rightarrow this system has no solution ($\because 0 \neq 7$)

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{w} \neq c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3$$

- **the span of a set: $\text{span}(S)$**

If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is a set of vectors in a vector space V , then **the span of S** is the set of all linear combinations of the vectors in S ,

$$\text{span}(S) = \{c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \mathbf{v}_k \mid \forall c_i \in R\}$$

(the set of all linear combinations of vectors in S)

- **a spanning set of a vector space:**

If every vector in a given vector space can be written as a linear combination of vectors in a given set S , then S is called **a spanning set** of the vector space.

$$\text{span}(S) = \{c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \mathbf{v}_k \mid \forall c_i \in R\} = V$$

■ **Notes:**

$$\text{span}(S) = V$$

$\Rightarrow S$ spans (generates) V

V is spanned (generated) by S

S is a spanning set of V

■ **Ex 5: (A spanning set for R^3)**

Show that the set $S = \{(1,2,3), (0,1,2), (-2,0,1)\}$ spans R^3

Sol:

We must determine whether an arbitrary vector $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ in R^3 can be as a linear combination of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$, and \mathbf{v}_3 .

$$\mathbf{u} \in R^3 \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 - 2c_3 = u_1$$

$$2c_1 + c_2 = u_2$$

$$3c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3 = u_3$$

The problem thus reduces to determining whether this system is consistent for all values of u_1, u_2 , and u_3 .

$$\because |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has exactly one solution for every \mathbf{u} .

$$\Rightarrow \text{span}(S) = R^3$$

- **Thm 4.7: ($\text{Span}(S)$ is a subspace of V)**

If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is a set of vectors in a vector space V ,
then

(a) $\text{span}(S)$ is a subspace of V .

(b) $\text{span}(S)$ is the smallest subspace of V that contains S .

(Every other subspace of V that contains S must contain $\text{span}(S)$.)

- **Linear Independent (L.I.) and Linear Dependent (L.D.):**

$S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$: a set of vectors in a vector space V

$$c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{0}$$

- (1) If the equation has only the trivial solution ($c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0$) then S is called linearly independent.
- (2) If the equation has a nontrivial solution (i.e., not all zeros), then S is called linearly dependent.

■ **Ex 8: (Testing for linearly independent)**

Determine whether the following set of vectors in R^3 is L.I. or L.D.

$$S = \{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-2, 0, 1)\}$$

Sol:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \mathbf{v}_1 & & \mathbf{v}_2 & & \mathbf{v}_3 & \\ & & & & c_1 & & -2c_3 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & 2c_1 + & c_2 + & = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & 3c_1 + 2c_2 + & c_3 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss - Jordan Elimination}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0 \quad (\text{only the trivial solution})$$

$$\Rightarrow S \text{ is linearly independent}$$

■ Ex 9: (Testing for linearly independent)

Determine whether the following set of vectors in P_2 is L.I. or L.D.

$$S = \{1+x-2x^2, 2+5x-x^2, x+x^2\}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \qquad \mathbf{v}_2 \qquad \mathbf{v}_3$$

Sol:

$$c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + c_3\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\text{i.e. } c_1(1+x-2x^2) + c_2(2+5x-x^2) + c_3(x+x^2) = 0+0x+0x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} c_1 + 2c_2 = 0 \\ c_1 + 5c_2 + c_3 = 0 \\ -2c_1 - c_2 + c_3 = 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{G.J.}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

\Rightarrow This system has infinitely many solutions.

(i.e., This system has nontrivial solutions.)

$\Rightarrow S$ is linearly dependent. (Ex: $c_1=2$, $c_2=-1$, $c_3=3$)

- Ex 10: (Testing for linearly independent)

Determine whether the following set of vectors in 2×2 matrix space is L.I. or L.D.

$$S = \left\{ \underset{\mathbf{v}_1}{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}, \underset{\mathbf{v}_2}{\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}, \underset{\mathbf{v}_3}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} \right\}$$

Sol:

$$c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$$

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \quad & 2c_1 + 3c_2 + c_3 = 0 \\ & c_1 = 0 \\ & 2c_2 + 2c_3 = 0 \\ & c_1 + c_2 = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss - Jordan Elimination}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0 \text{ (This system has only the trivial solution.)}$$

$$\Rightarrow S \text{ is linearly independent.}$$

- **Thm 4.8: (A property of linearly dependent sets)**

A set $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$, $k \geq 2$, is linearly dependent if and only if at least one of the vectors \mathbf{v}_j in S can be written as a linear combination of the other vectors in S .

Pf:

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

$\because S$ is linearly dependent

$$\Rightarrow c_i \neq 0 \text{ for some } i$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_i = \frac{c_1}{c_i} \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \frac{c_{i-1}}{c_i} \mathbf{v}_{i-1} + \frac{c_{i+1}}{c_i} \mathbf{v}_{i+1} + \dots + \frac{c_k}{c_i} \mathbf{v}_k$$

(\Leftarrow)

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{v}_i = d_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + d_{i-1} \mathbf{v}_{i-1} + d_{i+1} \mathbf{v}_{i+1} + \dots + d_k \mathbf{v}_k$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + d_{i-1} \mathbf{v}_{i-1} - \mathbf{v}_i + d_{i+1} \mathbf{v}_{i+1} + \dots + d_k \mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = d_1, \dots, c_{i-1} = d_{i-1}, c_i = -1, c_{i+1} = d_{i+1}, \dots, c_k = d_k \text{ (nontrivial solution)}$$

$\Rightarrow S$ is linearly dependent

Key Learning in Section 4.4

- Write a linear combination of a set of vectors in a vector space V .
- Determine whether a set S of vectors in a vector space V is a spanning set of V .
- Determine whether a set of vectors in a vector space V is linearly independent.

Keywords in Section 4.4:

- linear combination : 線性組合
- spanning set : 生成集合
- trivial solution : 顯然解
- linear independent : 線性獨立
- linear dependent : 線性相依