

Subject: Linear Algebra

Topic: Linear (In)dependence of Vectors

(1) Linear Independence of Vectors

Given:

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Introduction

To determine if the vectors \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 are linearly independent, check if the only solution to the equation $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ is $c_1 = 0$ and $c_2 = 0$.

Step 1: Set Up the Equation

$$c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Explanation: This equation must be solved to find out if $c_1 = 0$ and $c_2 = 0$ are the only solutions.

Step 2: Formulate System of Equations

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ c_1 - c_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

This transforms into:

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ -c_1 + c_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Step 3: Solve System of Equations

Add both equations:

$$\begin{cases} (c_1 + c_2) + (-c_1 + c_2) = 0 + 0 \\ 2c_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Substitute $c_2 = 0$ back into the first equation:

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + 0 = 0 \\ c_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Explanation: Both c_1 and c_2 are zero, indicating linear independence.

Final Solution

$\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ are linearly independent.

(2) Linear Independence of Vectors

Given:

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Introduction

To determine if \mathbf{v}_1 , \mathbf{v}_2 , and \mathbf{v}_3 are linearly independent, check if the only solution to $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + c_3\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$ is $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$.

Step 1: Set Up the Equation

$$c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Explanation: Solve this system to find (c_1, c_2, c_3) .

Step 2: Formulate System of Equations

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 + 2c_3 = 0 \\ c_1 - c_2 + 0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Step 3: Solve System of Equations

Write in matrix form and row reduce:

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

Perform row operations to apply row reduction:

- $R_2 = R_2 - R_1$
- $R_3 = R_3 - R_1$

New matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice inconsistency:

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

Explanation: System implies non-trivial solution exists.

Final Solution

$\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is linearly dependent.

(3) Linear Independence of Vectors

Given:

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 12 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Introduction

To determine if \mathbf{v}_1 , \mathbf{v}_2 , and \mathbf{v}_3 are linearly independent, check if the only solution to $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + c_3\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$ is $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$.

Step 1: Set Up the Equation

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 12 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Explanation: Solve this system to find (c_1, c_2, c_3) .

Step 2: Formulate System of Equations

$$\begin{cases} 4c_1 + c_2 + 8c_3 = 0 \\ 4c_1 - c_2 + 12c_3 = 0 \\ 2c_1 + 2c_2 + 4c_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Step 3: Solve System of Equations

Write in matrix form and row reduce:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 8 \\ 4 & -1 & 12 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Perform row operations to apply row reduction:

- $R_2 = R_2 - R_1$
- $R_3 = R_3 - (1/2)R_1$

New matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Perform:

$$\begin{aligned} - (R_3 &= 2R_3) \\ - (R_2 &= R_2 + 4R_3) \end{aligned}$$

Explanation: System implies $(c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0, c_3 = 0)$.

Final Solution

$\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is linearly independent.