

Subject: Linear Algebra

Topic: Span of a Set of Vectors

Given:

The set H consists of all vectors of the form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} s \\ s \\ -5s \end{pmatrix}$$

Task:

Find a vector \vec{u} in \mathbb{R}^3 such that $H = \text{span}\{\vec{u}\}$.

Solution:

Given a vector in the form $\begin{pmatrix} s \\ s \\ -5s \end{pmatrix}$, the aim is to express H as the span of a single vector \vec{u} .

Step 1: Identification of Basis Vector

A general vector in H looks like $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} s \\ s \\ -5s \end{pmatrix}$.

Since s is a scalar, this vector can be factored as:

$$\vec{v} = s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Explanation: Each component of \vec{v} is a multiple of s . Therefore, the vector \vec{v} can be written as s times the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$, indicating that all vectors of this form are scalar multiples of $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$.

Supporting Statement: This demonstrates that $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$ spans H .

Step 2: Final Representation

To confirm that $H = \text{span}\{\vec{u}\}$, note:

$$H = \left\{ s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} ; s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

which is precisely the definition of the span of \vec{u} :

$$H = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Explanation: The set H is the collection of all scalar multiples of the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$. Therefore, $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$ is the vector that spans H .

Supporting Statement: The entire set H can be generated by all scalar multiples of one vector, confirming that $H = \text{span}\{\vec{u}\}$.

Final Solution:

The vector \vec{u} in \mathbb{R}^3 such that $H = \text{span}\{\vec{u}\}$ is: $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$