

Problem 9.1 (3.5 #2. Introduction to Linear Algebra: Strang).

Find the largest possible number of independent vectors among:

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

We can see that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} &v_4 = v_2 - v_1 \\ &v_5 = v_2 - v_1 \end{aligned} \right\} \therefore v_4, 5, 6 \Rightarrow \text{dependent}$$

on vectors v_1, v_2, v_3

- $v_6 = v_3 - v_2$

\Rightarrow

$$\begin{matrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{A} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{A} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{matrix}$$

\Rightarrow 3 pivots \Rightarrow independent

rank = 3

Problem 9.2 (3.5 # 20)

Find a basis for the plane $x - 2y + 3z = 0$ in \mathbb{R}^3

Then find a basis for the intersection of plane with the xy plane.

Then find a basis for all vectors perpendicular to the plane.

Solution

\Rightarrow Since the plane $= 0$, then it's part of the nullspace

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

\therefore The special solutions are $Ax=0$

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

basis for the nullspace of A
and thus for the plane.

\rightarrow Intersection of this plane with xy
plane contains v_1 and does not
contain $v_2 \rightarrow$ Line

Need to be \perp to the plane

$$v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$