

# Exercises on column space & nullspace

## Problem 6.1

(3.1 #30. Introduction to Linear Algebra)

Suppose  $\underline{S}$  and  $\underline{T}$  are 2 subspaces of vector space  $\underline{V}$

a) Definition:

The sum  $\underline{S} + \underline{T}$  contains all  $s + t$  of a vector  $s$  in  $\underline{S}$  and a vector  $t$  in  $\underline{T}$ .

Show that  $\underline{S} + \underline{T}$  satisfies the requirements (addition and scalar multiplication) for a vector space.

$\Rightarrow$  let  $s, s'$  be vectors in  $\underline{S}$

let  $t, t'$  be vectors in  $T$

$$(s + t) + (s' + t') = (s + s') + (t + t')$$

$$\therefore C(stt) = Cs + Ct$$

$\therefore$  Scalar multiplication  $\checkmark$

(b) If  $S$  &  $T$  are lines in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , what is the difference between  $S + T$  and  $S \cup T$ ?

That union contains all vectors from  $S$  &  $T$  or both.

Explain this statement:

The span of  $S \cup T$  is  $S + T$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $S$  &  $T$  are distinct lines then  $S + T$  is a plane

whereas  $S \cup T$  is only the 2 lines.

↳ The span of  $S \cup T$  is the set of all combinations of vectors in this union, of 2 lines. In particular it contains all sums  $s+t$  of a vector  $s$  in  $S$  and vector  $t$  in  $T$ , and these sums form  $S+T$ .

Since  $S+T$  contains both  $S$  &  $T$  it contains  $S \cup T$

Further  $S+T$  is a vector space.

So it contains all combinations of vectors in itself; in particular it contains the span of  $S \cup T$

Thus the span of  $SVT$  is  $STT$

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Problem 6-2 : (3, 2  $\neq$  18)

The plane  $x - 3y - z = 12$  is parallel to the plane  $x - 3y - z = 0$ .

One particular point on this plane is  $(12, 0, 0)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{equation } x = 12 + 3y + z$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 + 3y + z \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$


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Problem 6.3: (3, 2 # 36)

How is the nullspace  $N(C)$  related to the subspace  $N(A)$  &  $N(B)$  if  $C = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow N(C) = N(A) \cap N(B)$$

contains both subspaces

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$$Cx = \begin{pmatrix} Ax \\ Bx \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{if } \underline{Ax \text{ \& } Bx = 0.}$$