

Linear Algebra (Gilbert Strang) : Ob. column space and nullspace

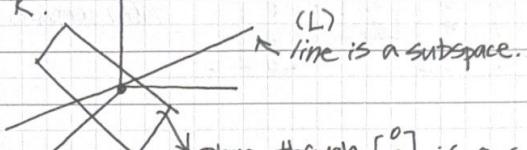
□ Vector Spaces and Subspaces

↳ Vector Space Requirements: $V + W$ and cV are in the space
 ↳ all combs $cV + dW$ are in the space

! Subspaces must go through
an origin.

→ must have $Ax=0$.

ex) \mathbb{R}^3



plane through $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is a subspace.
(P)

2 Subspaces: P and L.

$P \cup L =$ all vectors in P or L or both.

↳ This is not a subspace, because if you add a vector from P to a vector from L, it will go outside of the union.

$P \cap L =$ all vectors in both P and L

↳ This is a subspace.

↳ Column Space of a Matrix A:

↳ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \text{all linear combinations of columns}$$

Does $Ax=b$ always have a solution for every b ?

↳ No. ex) 4 equations but only 3 unknowns.

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ You can't solve 4 with only 3 unknowns.
 However, there are b 's that allow this equation to be solved.
 → when x is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, it solves it.

even if you throw away

column 1 or column 3,

you get the same column space.

Column 1 + Column 2 = Column 3.

⇒ 2 dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 .

∴ You can solve $Ax=b$ when the right hand side b is a vector in the column space (C(A)).

↪ Nullspace of A :

↪ all solutions $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$ to $Ax = 0$.

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad N(A) \text{ contains } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

\rightarrow a line in \mathbb{R}^3 .

↪ to use the word space (for nullspace):

If $Ax = 0$ and $Aw = 0$, then $A(x+w) = 0$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

↙
Solutions are a subspace? No.
No zero vector.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \dots \quad \hookrightarrow \text{it is a plane or a line}$$

that doesn't go through the origin.