

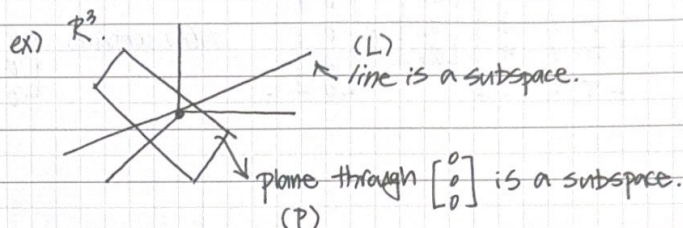
# Linear Algebra (Gilbert Strang): 06. column space and nullspace

## 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 solve  $Ax=0$ .



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.

→  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  when  $x$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , it solves it.

Same with  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

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 ( $CA$ ).



↳ Nullspace of A :

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

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$N(A)$  contains  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \dots \therefore c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

→ a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

↳ to use the word space (for null space):

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.

↓  
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \dots$

↳ it is a plane or a line that doesn't go through the origin.