

Linear Algebra (Gilbert Strang) : 09. Independence, Basis, and Dimension

□ Linear Independence

↪ Suppose A is $m \times n$ with $m < n$ (more columns than rows).

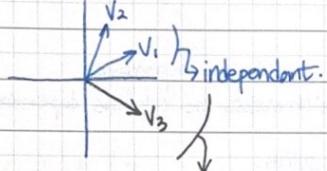
Then there are non-zero solutions to $Ax=0$. (more unknowns than eqns)

Reason: There will be free variables!

n variables, at most m pivots
→ at least one free variable.

' Vectors x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are independent if
no combination gives zero-vector (except for the zero comb). '

$$c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \dots + c_nx_n \neq 0.$$



when there is a 3rd equation in a 2-D space,
it is no longer independent.

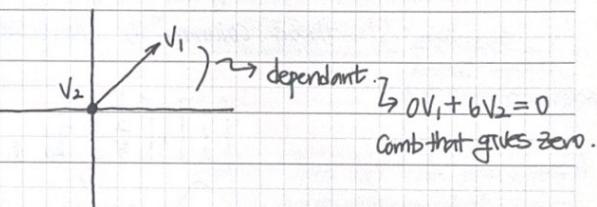
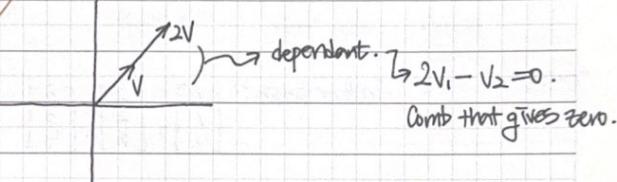
$$\text{ex)} A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2.5 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The columns are dependent if there is
something in the null space.

Repeat: When v_1, \dots, v_n are columns of A .

They are independent if nullspace of A is only the zero-vector.) : rank = m . no free variable

They are dependent if $A \cdot c = 0$ for some non-zero c .) : rank < n yes free variable.



□ Span

↪ Vectors v_1, \dots, v_n span a space means:

→ The space consists of all combs of those vectors.

"take all linear combinations and put them in a space"

□ BASIS

↳ Basis for a space is a sequence of vectors

v_1, v_2, \dots, v_d with 2 properties.

- 1) they are independent
- 2) they span the space.

ex) Space is \mathbb{R}^3 .

↳ one basis is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ → you can't add these up to make 0.
(only 0 vectors)

Another basis? $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ↳ no! the 'rows' are dependent!
→ which makes the columns dependent.

$\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow n$ vectors give basis if the $n \times n$ matrix with those columns is invertible.

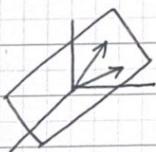
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{for}$$

↳ Q. Is there a space which

this is a basis?

A. Yes. ↳ 1) They are independent.

2) They are a plane. (span).



* Given a space:

Every basis for the space has the same number of vectors.

→ which tells you how big the space is.

how many vectors do you have to have
to have a basis.

= Dimension of the space.

Space is $C(A)$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$N(A)$

$\text{rank}(A) = \# \text{ of pivot columns}$

= dimension of the column space.

$\text{Span}(C) \cdot$ not independent.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{span of E.g.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} N(A) &= \left[\begin{array}{cc} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] & \# \text{ of free variables} \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{cc} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] & = \# \text{ of dimension of nullspace.} \end{aligned}$$