

# Linear Algebra

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# Linear dependence and independence

## Definition (linear combination)

A vector  $\vec{u}$  is said to be *linear combination* of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  if there exists constants  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  such that

$$\vec{u} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \vec{v}_i = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n$$

## $2 \times 2$ matrices

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$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -12 \\ 2 & 21 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -10 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ + (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} &= 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 5 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (-2) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \neq \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mid x, y \in \mathbb{C} \right\} \text{ with:}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 - 4 \\ y_1 + y_2 - 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha \odot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha x - 4\alpha + 4 \\ \alpha y - 3\alpha + 3 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \left[ 0 \odot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \oplus \left[ 0 \odot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \times 1 - 4 \times 0 + 4 \\ 0 \times 0 - 3 \times 0 + 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 \times 0 - 4 \times 0 + 4 \\ 0 \times 0 - 3 \times 0 + 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 + 4 - 4 \\ 3 + 3 - 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem

*If  $\vec{u}$  is linear combination of a subset of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  then it is linear combination of all the vectors.*

## $2 \times 2$ matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -12 \\ 2 & 21 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -10 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ + (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \\ + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \left[ \frac{-1}{2} \odot \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \right] \oplus \left[ \frac{1}{3} \odot \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= \left[ \frac{-1}{2} \odot \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \right] \oplus \left[ \frac{1}{3} \odot \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \right] \oplus \left[ 1 \odot \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}8 &= 5 \sin^2 x + 3 \sin^2 x^2 + 5 \cos^2 x + 3 \cos^2 x^2 \\&= 5 \sin^2 x + 3 \sin^2 x^2 + 9 \sin^2 x^3 - 9 \sin^2 x^4 \\&\quad + 5 \cos^2 x + 3 \cos^2 x^2 + 9 \cos^2 x^3 - 9 \cos^2 x^4\end{aligned}$$

## Theorem

*If  $\vec{u}$  is linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  and each  $\vec{v}_i$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_s$  then  $\vec{u}$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_s$ .*

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 7 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 7 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 7 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 6 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} &= \left[ 2 \odot \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \right] \oplus \left[ 2 \odot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= \left( 2 \odot \left[ (-4) \odot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right) \oplus \left( 2 \odot \left[ 3 \odot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right) \\ &= \left( (2 \times (-4)) \odot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \oplus \left( (2 \times 3) \odot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= (2 \times (-4) + 2 \times 3) \odot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -2 \odot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

## Definition (linear (in)dependence)

Let  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  be a set of vectors. If

$$a_1\vec{v}_1 + a_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + a_k\vec{v}_k = \vec{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_k = 0$$

then the vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  are called *linearly independent* otherwise they are *linearly dependent*.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} x_1 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} x_2 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} x_3 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} x_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Theorem

*The standard basis vectors are linearly independent, in other words the columns and rows of  $I$  are linearly independent.*

Are  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  linearly dependent?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} x_1 + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} x_2 + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 0$  is solution
- ▶  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = 1$  and  $x_3 = -1$  is another solution

Are  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  linearly dependent?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} x_1 + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

1.  $x_1 = 0$  and  $x_2 = 0$  is the *only* solution

Are  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  linearly dependent?

$$\left[ \alpha \odot \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right] \oplus \left[ \beta \odot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

look at

$$\begin{pmatrix} (4\alpha - 4\alpha + 4) + (\beta - 4\beta + 4) - 4 \\ (3\alpha - 3\alpha + 3) + (\beta - 3\beta + 3) - 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta = 0$  is a solution
- ▶  $\alpha = 7$  and  $\beta = 0$  is a solution



Is  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  linearly dependent?

$$\alpha \odot \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

look at

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4\alpha - 4\alpha + 4 \\ 3\alpha - 3\alpha + 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶  $\alpha = 0$  is a solution
- ▶  $\alpha = 7$  is a solution

Is  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  linearly dependent?

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4\alpha \\ 3\alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶  $\alpha = 0$  is the *only* solution

- ▶ Are the functions  $p_0(x) = x^0$ ,  $p_1(x) = x^1$  and  $p_2(x) = x^2$  linearly dependent or independent?
- ▶ Are the functions  $5x^0$ ,  $\sin^2 x$  and  $3 \cos^2 x$  linearly dependent or independent?

## Theorem

*Let  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  be collection of vectors. If  $k = 1$  the system of vectors is linearly dependent if and only if  $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{0}$ .*

## Theorem

*Let  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  be collection of vectors. If for some  $1 \leq i \leq k$  we have that  $\vec{v}_i = \vec{0}$  then the system of vectors is linearly dependent.*

## Theorem

*Let  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  be collection of vectors. If for some  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq k$  we have that  $\vec{v}_i = \vec{v}_j$  then the system of vectors is linearly dependent.*

## Theorem

*Let  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  be collection of linearly dependent vectors and  $k > 1$ . Then there is an index  $i$  such that  $\vec{v}_i$  can be written as a linear combination of the remaining vectors.*

## Theorem

*Let  $A : \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_s$  and  $B : \vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \dots, \vec{b}_k$  be two system of vectors. Suppose that for each  $1 \leq i \leq s$  we have that  $\vec{a}_i$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \dots, \vec{b}_k$ . Suppose also  $s > k$  then the vectors in  $A$  are linearly dependent.*



$$\begin{aligned}\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} &= 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} &= 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\begin{pmatrix} 8 & 8 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} &= 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 6 & 6 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 7 & 7 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$s \geq k$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$s \geq k$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Definition (basis)

Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be a vector space, the set of vectors  $\mathbf{B} = \{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_d\}$  is a *basis* for  $\mathbf{V}$  if every vector in  $\mathbf{V}$  can be represented as a linear combination of the vectors in  $\mathbf{B}$  and the vectors in  $\mathbf{B}$  are linearly independent.

## $2 \times 2$ matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



## Theorem

*Let  $\mathbf{B}_1$  and  $\mathbf{B}_2$  be two distinct basis for a vector space  $\mathbf{V}$ . Then the number of vectors in  $\mathbf{B}_1$  and  $\mathbf{B}_2$  is the same.*

## Definition (dimension)

Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be a basis for a vector space  $\mathbf{V}$ , then the size of  $\mathbf{B}$  is called the *dimension* of  $\mathbf{V}$ .

## Theorem

*Let  $\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n$  be linearly independent. Suppose*

- 1.  $\vec{u} = a_1\vec{e}_1 + \dots + a_n\vec{e}_n$  and*
- 2.  $\vec{u} = b_1\vec{e}_1 + \dots + b_n\vec{e}_n$ .*

*Then*

$$a_1 = b_1, a_2 = b_2, \dots, a_n = b_n$$