

# Lecture 16

$W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  : "W is a set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ "

$\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$W = \text{Span}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k) = \{ \text{all linear combos of } \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k \}$

How do you recognize when a given set  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a span?

e.g.  $\mathbb{R}^n = \text{span}(\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n)$

e.g.  $W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1 + x_2 = 1 \right\}$



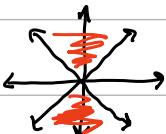
Not a span because  $\vec{0} \notin W$

e.g.  $W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1 \geq 0 \right\}$



Not a span because scalar times vectors are also in your span. You can multiply (1) by -1 then the new vec is not in the domain.

e.g.  $W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |x_1| \leq |x_2| \right\}$



Proposition : Given  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $W = \text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k)$

Then :

(i)  $\vec{0} \in W$

(ii) if  $\vec{v} \in W$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $c\vec{v} \in W$

(iii) if  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v} \in W$  then  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in W$ .

Def -  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace if

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(iii) if  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v} \in W$ , then  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in W$

Prop :  $\forall \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k)$  is a subspace.

Examples of subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

- $\mathbb{R}^n$

- trivial subspace  $\{\vec{0}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

- $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  linear transformation

$\Rightarrow \ker(T) \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \text{image}(T) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  are subspaces.

$$T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \dots & \vec{a}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{image}(T) = \text{image}(A) = \text{span}(\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n)$$

For  $\ker(T)$ , recall  $\vec{x} \in \ker(T)$  i.f.f.  $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$

Since  $T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$ , we get  $\vec{0} \in \ker(T)$ .

Also  $\vec{x} \in \ker(T), c \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow T(c\vec{x}) = cT(\vec{x}) = c \cdot \vec{0} = \vec{0}$ .

Finally if  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \ker(T)$  then  $T(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = T(\vec{x}) + T(\vec{y}) = \vec{0} + \vec{0} = \vec{0}$

So  $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in \ker(T)$ .

Defn	Common Cold	Functions	Sets
Prescriptive	Disease caused by family of viruses.	Matrix transformation	Span of $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$
Descriptive	Symptoms (runny nose, sore throat).	Check if it is a Linear transformation	Subspaces

Question : Is every subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  a span?

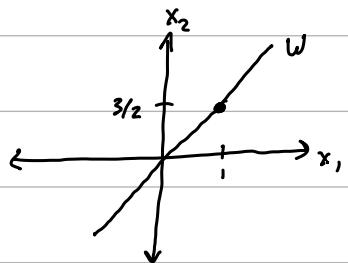
Defn : A basis for a subspace  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linearly independent list of vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in W$  that span  $W$

Example:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

So is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\{\vec{0}\}$  has no basis.

$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 3x_1 = 2x_2 \right\}$



$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3/2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $W$ .