

Lecture 3. Vector spaces, coordinates, rank

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The main benefit of abstraction

Any vector space with **finite basis** is essentially \mathbb{R}^n , so you could use it.

Abstract Vector Space

An **abstract vector space** is a set V along with two operations, addition (+) and scalar multiplication (\cdot), that satisfy the following axioms:

1. **Closure under addition:** $\forall u, v \in V, u + v \in V$
2. **Commutativity of addition:** $\forall u, v \in V, u + v = v + u$
3. **Associativity of addition:**
 $\forall u, v, w \in V, (u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$
4. **Existence of additive identity:** $\exists 0 \in V$ such that
 $\forall v \in V, v + 0 = v$
5. **Existence of additive inverse:** $\forall v \in V, \exists -v \in V$ such that
 $v + (-v) = 0$

- 6. **Closure under scalar multiplication:** $\forall c \in \mathbb{F}, v \in V, c \cdot v \in V$
- 7. **Associativity of scalar multiplication:**
 $\forall c, d \in \mathbb{F}, v \in V, (cd) \cdot v = c \cdot (d \cdot v)$
- 8. **Distributivity of scalar multiplication over addition:**
 $\forall c \in \mathbb{F}, u, v \in V, c \cdot (u + v) = c \cdot u + c \cdot v$
- 9. **Distributivity of scalar addition over scalar multiplication:** $\forall c, d \in \mathbb{F}, v \in V, (c + d) \cdot v = c \cdot v + d \cdot v$
- 10. **Identity for scalar multiplication:** $\forall v \in V, 1 \cdot v = v$

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And one slide for Tropical Space

A *tropical space* is a set equipped with two binary operations, referred to as addition and multiplication.

Let's denote the tropical space as (T, \oplus, \odot) , where T is the set, and \oplus and \odot are two binary operations satisfying the following axioms:

T1 (T, \oplus) is a commutative monoid with identity element ∞

T2 \oplus is idempotent, meaning that for all $x \in T$, $x \oplus x = x$

T3 \odot distributes over \oplus , meaning that for all $x, y, z \in T$,
$$x \odot (y \oplus z) = (x \odot y) \oplus (x \odot z)$$

In tropical mathematics, addition corresponds to taking a minimum and multiplication corresponds to usual addition:

$$a \oplus b = \min(a, b) \text{ and } a \odot b = a + b$$

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1. **Linear independence:** The vectors in \mathcal{B} are linearly independent, i.e., no vector in the set can be expressed as a linear combination of the others
2. **Span:** The vectors in \mathcal{B} span the vector space V , i.e., every vector in V can be expressed as a unique linear combination of the vectors in \mathcal{B}

In other words, a basis is a linearly independent set of vectors that spans the entire vector space V

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- ▶ So **isomorphism** exists between \mathbb{R}^n and V , we use the notation $\mathbb{R}^n \cong V$
- ▶ Isomorphic vector spaces have the same algebraic properties, such as dimension and basis cardinality, and can be thought of as essentially the same space, just represented in different ways

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2. for any solution $v = (a \ b \ c \ d)$: $bv_1 + dv_2 = v$, because vector $v - bv_1 - dv_2$ is solution of our system

We have built the **fundamental system of solutions**.

Linear Span

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2. After that, we express the remaining vectors in terms of the found ones, each time solving the system of linear equations with the right side equal to one of the remaining vectors

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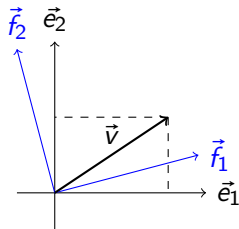
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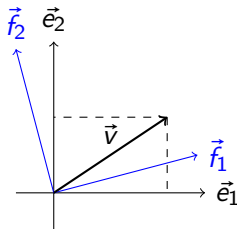


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$$[\vec{v}]_{\vec{f}} = C^{-1}[\vec{v}]_{\vec{e}}$$

where $[\vec{v}]_{\vec{f}}$ denotes the coordinates of \vec{v} with respect to the basis $\{\vec{f}_1, \dots, \vec{f}_n\}$, and $[\vec{v}]_{\vec{e}}$ denotes the coordinates of \vec{v} with respect to the basis $\{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$.

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6. $\text{rank}(A) =$ number of **principal** variables

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Provide the examples of matrices $\text{rank}(A) = 3$, $\text{rank}(B) = 2$, where we'll see all the possibilities.

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► **Rank-Nullity Theorem:** For an $m \times n$ matrix A , the rank of A plus the nullity of A is equal to the number of columns in A :

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n$$

The nullity of a matrix A is the dimension of its null space (also known as the kernel). The null space of a matrix A is the set of all vectors x that satisfy the equation $Ax = 0$.

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► **Rank-Nullity Theorem:** For an $m \times n$ matrix A , the rank of A plus the nullity of A is equal to the number of columns in A :

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n$$

The nullity of a matrix A is the dimension of its null space (also known as the kernel). The null space of a matrix A is the set of all vectors x that satisfy the equation $Ax = 0$.

► **Submatrix Property:** The rank of a matrix is always greater than or equal to the rank of any of its submatrices:
 $\text{rank}(A) \geq \text{rank}(B)$, where B is a submatrix of A .

Task 6

$$\operatorname{rank} \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix} = \operatorname{rank} A + \operatorname{rank} D$$

Find the rank $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 5A & 7B \end{pmatrix}$.

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Hint for the hardest case

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