

$\Rightarrow S \subseteq V$  is a subspace

4)  $V = \mathbb{C}$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $S = \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow S$  is not a subspace, because  $S$  is not closed under ~~scalar~~ multiplication. end of Jan 8

5)  $V = \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $S =$  the set of all symmetric matrices

i.e:  $S = \{A \in V : A^T = A\}$

(Homework: show that  $S$  is a subspace of  $V$ .)

6). Definition: Let  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\} \subseteq V$  be a subset. The span of  $S$  is

$$\text{Span } S = \{c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k : c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R} \text{ (or } \mathbb{C})\}.$$

Then  $\text{Span } S$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

6'). Definition: Let  $S \subseteq V$  be an infinite set. The span of  $S$  is

$$\text{Span } S = \{c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k \text{ for } \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\} \subseteq S \text{ any finite subset, and } \forall c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

Linear independence / dependent relations

Definition: A finite set of vectors  $\{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_k\} \subseteq V$  is called linearly dependent

if there exists  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$ , which are not all zeros, such that

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Examples: 1).  $\{\vec{x}\} \subseteq V$  is linearly independent if and only if  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ .

2)  $\{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2\} \subseteq V$  is linearly dependent if and only if  $\vec{x}_1$  and  $\vec{x}_2$  is scalar multiples of each other

3). Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  (or  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ). Let  $S = \{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_m\}$  where  $m > n$ , then  $S$  is linearly dependent.

Proof: Denote  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{x}_1 & \vec{x}_2 & \dots & \vec{x}_m \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  (or  $\mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ )

$\{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_m\}$  linearly dep.  $\Leftrightarrow \exists c_1, \dots, c_m$  not all zero such that  $c_1 \vec{x}_1 + c_2 \vec{x}_2 + \dots + c_m \vec{x}_m = \vec{0}$

$\Leftrightarrow A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has non-trivial solutions  $\Leftrightarrow \text{Null}(A) \neq \{\vec{0}\} \Leftrightarrow \dim(\text{Null}(A)) > 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{nullity}(A) > 0$ . proved below!

By rank-nullity thm:  $\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = m$ . as  $\text{rank}(A) \leq n$ ,  $\text{nullity}(A) \geq m - n > 0$ .

4). A set containing the zero vector is automatically linearly dependent. Jan 10.

Definition: A set  $S \subseteq V$  is linearly dependent if  $S$  contains a linearly dependent finite set.

Definition: A set  $S \subseteq V$  is linearly independent if every finite subset of  $S$  is linearly independent.

### Basis, Dimension

Definition: A subset  $S \subseteq V$  is a basis of  $V$  if it satisfies the following two conditions:

1)  $S$  is linearly independent, and

2)  $V = \text{Span } S$ , i.e.  $\forall \vec{v} \in V: \exists \vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n \in S$  and scalars  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  such that  $\vec{v} = a_1 \vec{x}_1 + a_2 \vec{x}_2 + \dots + a_n \vec{x}_n$ .

Corollary. Let  $S = \{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_n\} \subseteq V$  be a basis of  $V$ . Then  $\forall \vec{v} \in V$ , there exists a unique  $n$ -tuple  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  such that  $\vec{v} = a_1 \vec{x}_1 + \dots + a_n \vec{x}_n$ .

Proof. Suppose there exists scalars  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  such that

$$\vec{x} = a_1 \vec{x}_1 + a_2 \vec{x}_2 + \dots + a_n \vec{x}_n = b_1 \vec{x}_1 + b_2 \vec{x}_2 + \dots + b_n \vec{x}_n$$

$$\text{Then } a_1 \vec{x}_1 + a_2 \vec{x}_2 + \dots + a_n \vec{x}_n = b_1 \vec{x}_1 + b_2 \vec{x}_2 + \dots + b_n \vec{x}_n$$