

$\Rightarrow S \subseteq V$ 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.
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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

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

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 are 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 $A = (\frac{1}{x_1}, \frac{1}{x_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{x_m}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ (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 $\Leftrightarrow \text{Null}(A) \neq \{\vec{0}\}$ $\Leftrightarrow \dim(\text{Null}(A)) > 0 \Leftrightarrow \underline{\text{nullity}(A) > 0}$.
Proved below!

By rank-nullity theorem: $\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = m$. 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 -tuples 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

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

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