EECS 16A   Designing Information Devices and Systems I
Fall 2020   Discussion 4B

1. Exploring Column Spaces and Null Spaces

- The **column space** is the **span** of the column vectors of the matrix.
- The **null space** is the set of input vectors that output the zero vector.

For the following matrices, answer the following questions:

   i. What is the column space of $\mathbf{A}$? What is its dimension?

  ii. What is the null space of $\mathbf{A}$? What is its dimension?

 iii. Are the column spaces of the row reduced matrix $\mathbf{A}$ and the original matrix $\mathbf{A}$ the same?

 iv. Do the columns of $\mathbf{A}$ form a basis for $\mathbb{R}^2$? Why or why not?

(a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(c) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(d) $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$

(e) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

2. Identifying a Basis

Does each of these sets of vectors describe a basis for $\mathbb{R}^3$? If the vectors do not form a basis for $\mathbb{R}^3$, can they be thought of as a basis for some other vector space? If so, write an expression describing this vector space.

$$V_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \qquad V_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \qquad V_3 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

3. (Optional Practice) Identifying a Subspace: Proof

Is the set

$$V = \left\{ \vec{v} \;\middle|\; \vec{v} = c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^3$? Why/why not?