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## Linear Dependence / Independence

set of vectors  $\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$  is L.D. iff

Equivalent Defn.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{a}_j = \sum_{m \neq j} \alpha_m \vec{a}_m \text{ with at least one } \alpha_m \neq 0 \\ \vec{0} = \sum_m \alpha_m \vec{a}_m \text{ with at least one } \alpha_m \neq 0 \end{array} \right.$

Span of a set of vectors  $\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$

All vectors that satisfy  $\vec{v} = \sum_i c_i \vec{a}_i$  linear combination of  $\vec{a}_i$   
 $= c_1 \vec{a}_1 + c_2 \vec{a}_2 + c_3 \vec{a}_3 + \dots + c_n \vec{a}_n$

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | \\ \vec{v} \\ | \end{bmatrix}$$

System of Linear Eqs. (see prot. lecture notes)

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

- ①  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a soln iff  $\vec{b} \in \text{span}(\text{col}(A))$
- ②  $A\vec{x}$  is a linear comb. of  $\text{col}(A)$
- ③ Unique soln  $\hat{=}$  unique  $\vec{x}$  that satisfies  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$
- ④ Every  $\vec{b} \in \text{span}(\text{col}(A))$  is unique iff the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.

$$\text{if cols}(A) \text{ L.D.} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A\vec{x} = \vec{0}}}$$

Possible solns to system of Linear Eqs

case 1:  $\vec{b} \notin \text{span}(\text{col}(A)) \sim \text{no soln}$

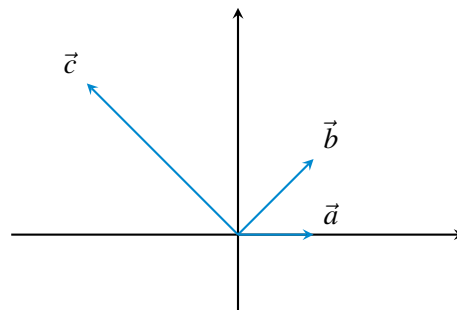
case 2:  $\vec{b} \in \text{span}(\text{col}(A)) \rightarrow \text{L.I. cols.} \sim \text{unique}$

$\rightarrow \text{L.D. cols.} \sim \text{inf.}$

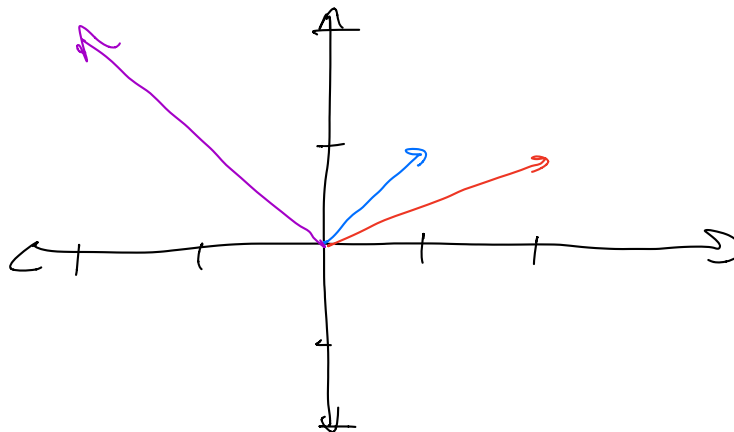
# EECS 16A Designing Information Devices and Systems I Discussion 2A

## 1. Visualizing Span

We are given a point  $\vec{c}$  that we want to get to, but we can only move in two directions:  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ . We know that to get to  $\vec{c}$ , we can travel along  $\vec{a}$  for some amount  $\alpha$ , then change direction, and travel along  $\vec{b}$  for some amount  $\beta$ . We want to find these two scalars  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , such that we reach point  $\vec{c}$ . That is,  $\alpha\vec{a} + \beta\vec{b} = \vec{c}$ .



- (a) First, consider the case where  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Draw these vectors on a sheet of paper.



- (b) We want to find the two scalars  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , such that by moving  $\alpha$  along  $\vec{x}$  and  $\beta$  along  $\vec{y}$  so that we can reach  $\vec{z}$ . Write a system of equations to find  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in matrix form.

$$\alpha\vec{x} + \beta\vec{y} = \vec{z} \quad \text{col. interp}$$

$$\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Solve for  $\alpha, \beta$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & | & 4 \end{bmatrix} -R_1$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & | & -4 \end{bmatrix} \times -1$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & | & -4 \end{bmatrix} -2R_2 \quad \begin{array}{l} \alpha = 6 \\ \beta = -4 \end{array}$$

$$6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + (-4) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

## 2. Span basics

(a) What is  $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ?

$$\left\{ \vec{v} \mid \vec{v} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\vec{v} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + 2\beta \\ 2\alpha + \beta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Is  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ?

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & -3 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & -3 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\div 3} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$\hookrightarrow$  can  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  be written as  
a L.C. of  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{5}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{5}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 5/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R_2}$$

(c) What is a possible choice for  $\vec{v}$  that would make  $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^3$ ?

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The vector space not in the span of  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is spanned by  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

(d) For what values of  $b_1, b_2, b_3$  is the following system of linear equations consistent? ("Consistent" means there is at least one solution.)

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{b} \in \text{span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{b}$$

$b_1 = \text{something}$   
 $b_2 = \text{something}$   
 $b_3 = 0$  } from (a)

Prove by construction

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & b_1 \\ 2 & 1 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & b_1 \\ 0 & -3 & b_2 - 2b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{b_2 - b_1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{2b_2 - b_1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{b_2 - b_1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{matrix}$$

### 3. Span Proofs

Given some set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ , show the following:

(a)

$$\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} = \text{span}\{\alpha\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}, \text{ where } \alpha \text{ is a non-zero scalar}$$

In other words, we can scale our spanning vectors and not change their span.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{q} &\in \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} = \sum_{i \in [n]} a_i' \vec{v}_i \\ &= a_1' \vec{v}_1 + a_2' \vec{v}_2 + \dots + a_n' \vec{v}_n \\ &= \left(\frac{a_1}{\alpha}\right) (\alpha \vec{v}_1) + a_2' \vec{v}_2 + \dots + a_n' \vec{v}_n \end{aligned}$$

start with defn.

transform to get the form (vectors) you want

variable transform

Now we have a linear comb of the RHS vectors

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$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r} &\in \text{span}\{\alpha \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} \\ &= b_1 (\alpha \vec{v}_1) + b_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + b_n \vec{v}_n \\ &= \alpha b_1 \vec{v}_1 + b_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + b_n \vec{v}_n \\ &= b_1' \vec{v}_1 + b_2' \vec{v}_2 + \dots + b_n' \vec{v}_n \\ &\in \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} \end{aligned}$$

for rigor, need to prove in both directions

$$\Rightarrow \vec{q} \in \text{span}\{\dots\} \quad \vec{q} = \sum c_i \vec{v}_i$$

(b) (Practice)

$$\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} = \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$$

In other words, we can replace one vector with the sum of itself and another vector and not change their span.

$$\vec{q} \in \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$$

$$= a_1 \vec{v}_1 + a_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + a_n \vec{v}_n$$

$$q = \sum a_i' \vec{v}_i$$

$$= a_1 \vec{v}_1 + \underbrace{a_1 \vec{v}_2 - a_1 \vec{v}_2}_{=0} + a_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + a_n \vec{v}_n$$

$$= a_1 (\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2) + (a_2 - a_1) \vec{v}_2 + \dots + a_n \vec{v}_n$$

$$a_1' = a_1 \quad a_2' = a_2 - a_1 \quad a_3' = a_3 \quad \dots$$

$$\vec{q} = a_1' (\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2) + a_2' \vec{v}_2 + \dots + a_n' \vec{v}_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{w}_1 &= \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 \\ \vec{w}_2 &= \vec{v}_2 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$\in \text{span}\{(\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2), \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$$

$$\vec{q} = \sum a_i' \vec{w}_i$$

$$\vec{r} \in \text{span}\{(\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2), \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$$

$$= b_1 (\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2) + b_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + b_n \vec{v}_n$$

$$= b_1 \vec{v}_1 + (b_1 + b_2) \vec{v}_2 + \dots + b_n \vec{v}_n$$

$$b_1' = b_1 \quad b_2' = b_1 + b_2 \quad b_3' = b_3 \quad \dots$$

$$\vec{r} = b_1' \vec{v}_1 + b_2' \vec{v}_2 + \dots + b_n' \vec{v}_n = \sum b_i' \vec{v}_i$$

$$\in \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$$