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eg. Is the set of Skew symmetric  $3 \times 3$  matrices a subspace of  $M_{33}$ ?

Solution

Subspaces = Vegas i.e. check if closed under addn. & scalar multn.

$S$  = set of skew-symmetric matrices.

$$= \{ A \mid A^T = -A \}$$


$$\begin{aligned} \text{Say, } \vec{u} \in S &\Rightarrow u^T = -u \\ \vec{v} \in S &\Rightarrow v^T = -v \end{aligned} \left\{ \begin{aligned} (\vec{u} + \vec{v})^T &= u^T + v^T \\ &= (-u) + (-v) \\ &= -u - v = -(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \end{aligned} \right. \quad \checkmark$$

so  $u + v \in S \Rightarrow$  closed under addn.

now  $k\vec{u}$   
(k scalar  $\in \mathbb{R}$ )  $\rightsquigarrow$   $(k\vec{u})^T = k\vec{u}^T = k(-\vec{u})$  ✓  
 $= -k\vec{u} = \underline{\underline{- (k\vec{u})}}$

$k\vec{u} \in S$

closed under multn.

$\& \quad 0^T = -0 \Rightarrow$  non-empty!  $\Rightarrow$  It's a  
subspace!

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Let's find a spanning set for this subspace!

If  $A \in M_{33} \Rightarrow$   $\begin{bmatrix} \cancel{a_{11}^0} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & \cancel{a_{22}^0} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \cancel{a_{33}^0} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{If } A^T = -A \Rightarrow a_{11} = a_{22} = a_{33} = 0$$

$$a_{12} = -a_{21}, \quad a_{32} = -a_{23}, \quad a_{13} = -a_{31}$$

So any  $A \in S$  = set of skew. symmetric matrices.

$$\text{hence } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ -b & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & 0 \\ -a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \text{ } & b & \text{ } \\ \text{ } & \text{ } & \text{ } \\ -b & \text{ } & \text{ } \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= a \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow$   $v_1$                        $\uparrow$   $v_2$                        $\uparrow$   $v_3$

$$\{v_1, v_2, v_3\} \text{ span } S$$

Are these LI? Is  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  LI?

LI means  $a\vec{v}_1 + b\vec{v}_2 + c\vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$  iff  $a=b=c=0$

Here  $a\vec{v}_1 + b\vec{v}_2 + c\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ -b & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix}$

iff  $a=b=c=0$

$\Rightarrow$  LI

(LI & span also  $\Rightarrow$  basis of  $S$ !)

What is  $\dim(S)$ ?

$$\dim S = n(\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}) \\ = \underline{\underline{3}} \text{ elements in basis } \\ \text{re } \underline{\underline{3-D}}.$$

e) Consider:  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & -3 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in S$

now consider

$$\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

I claim  $P = \{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3\}$  are L.I., &  $n(P) = 3$   
 $\Rightarrow$  basis

express  $M$  as a vector in that basis

Solution  $M = a\vec{u}_1 + b\vec{u}_2 + c\vec{u}_3 \}$  goal: get  $(a, b, c)$

$$\hookrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a & 0 \\ a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b & b \\ -b & 0 & 0 \\ -b & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & c & c \\ -c & 0 & c \\ -c & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1 = -a + b + c \leadsto -a = 1 - (b + c) \leadsto -a = -1$$

$$2 = 0 + b + c \leadsto (b + 2 - (c)) = (+5) \quad (a = 1)$$

$$-3 = 0 + 0 + c \leadsto (c = -3)$$

$$M = 1\vec{u}_1 + 5\vec{u}_2 - 3\vec{u}_3$$

or  $M = (1, 5, -3)$  in  $P$  basis

eg Consider  $\mathbb{R}^3$  & let  $W = \text{Span} \{ (1, 1, 3), (1, 0, 1) \}$

Let  $\vec{v} = (1, 2, 3)$ , find  $\text{proj}_W \vec{v}$

Soln. Remember if  $\{ \vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n \}$  is an orthogonal basis of  $W$ .

$$\rightarrow \text{proj}_W \vec{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{proj}_{\vec{u}_i} \vec{v}$$

So here orthogonalize our basis of W.

$$\{(1, 1, 3), (1, 0, 1)\}$$

for simplicity let  $u_1 = (1, 0, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \& u_2 &= (1, 1, 3) - \text{proj}_{u_1} (1, 1, 3) \\ &= (1, 1, 3) - \frac{(1+0+3)}{(1^2+0^2+1^2)} (1, 0, 1) \\ &= (-1, 1, 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{ortho basis of } W = \{(1, 0, 1), (-1, 1, 1)\}$$

$$\text{proj}_W (1, 2, 3) = \text{proj}_{u_1} (1, 2, 3) + \text{proj}_{u_2} (1, 2, 3)$$

$$= \frac{(1+2+3)}{(1^2+1^2+1^2)} (-1, 1, 1) + \frac{(1+0+3)}{(1^2+0^2+1^2)} (1, 0, 1) = \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{10}{3}\right)$$