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Yiddish phrase of the day

"A moshel iz nisht"

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נָפָרֶת יְרֵכֶי

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## Lecture 3 - Linear Independence

Recall: Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & \cdots & v_r \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_j & \cdots & v_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$  matrix.

Then we saw last class that the vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_r$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if and only if the

• Note: We don't require the solution to be unique.

### Recall - Free Variables

~ In an equation, the leading variable is

A free variable in a system of equations is

ex) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Linear Independence (want some "sense" of uniqueness of solutions)

Def: Let  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then we say  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  are linearly independent if

## 2 questions

- 1) How to tell if any given vectors are linearly independent?
- 2) Who cares? What's the utility if they are?

ex) Determine if the vectors  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  are LI?

Ex2: Are the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} v_2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} v_3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} v_4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  LI?

ex) Are the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  LI?

## A pattern Emerges

-To answer Q1- (How to tell) we do the following

~ Pull out vectors

~ Put \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_

~ Check if there are \_\_\_\_\_

-If there are \_\_\_\_\_

= they are \_\_\_\_ LI

-If there are no \_\_\_\_\_

= they are \_\_\_\_ WI)

- Thus if vectors are LI then their matrix has a     
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• This tells us the following : If  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  are LI  
vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  then

Q2 - Why do we care?

Suppose that  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  are LI vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

• Now let  $\vec{b}$  in  $\text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k)$

(that is  $\vec{b} = \dots$ )

Then if  $\vec{b} = \dots$  for some other

Then

Proof:

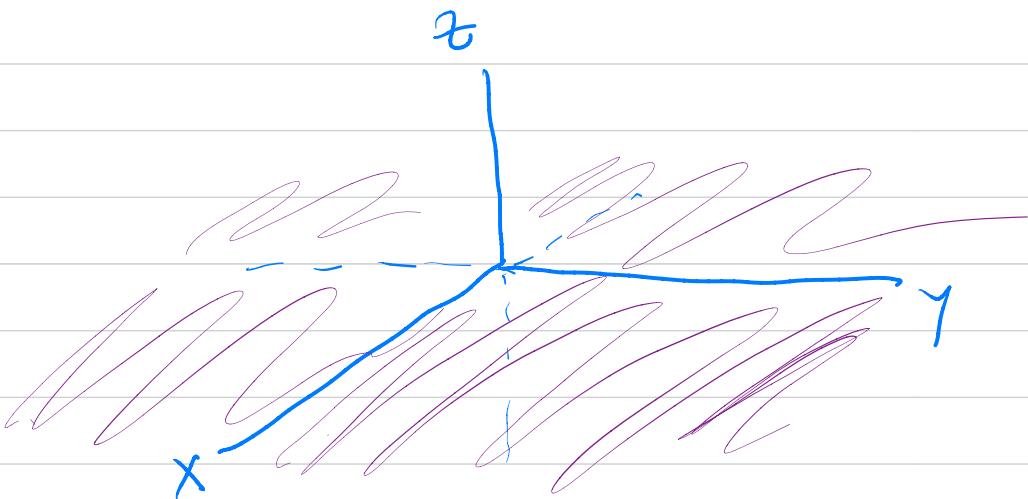
## Subspaces and Basis

Subspace - A subspace  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is

- If  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  are in  $W$  then
- If  $c$  any real #, and  $\vec{v}_1$  in  $W$  then

ex!: Consider  $\text{span}(\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_0)$  for  $\vec{v}_i$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

ex)  $W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} : x, y \text{ are real #'s} \right\}$

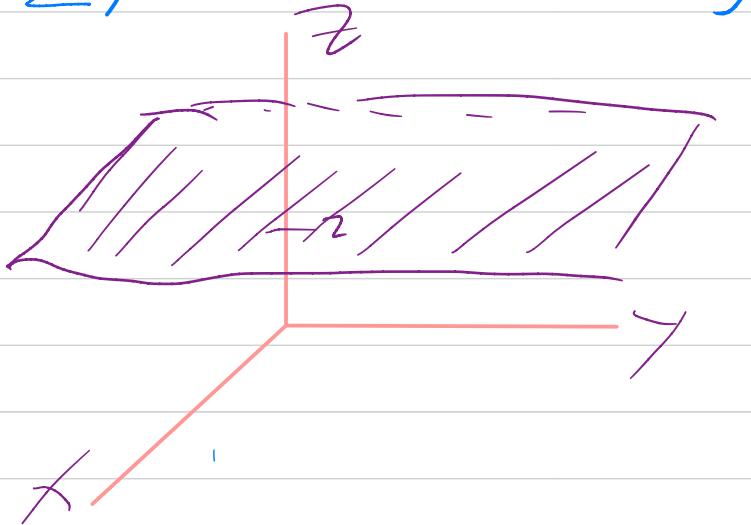


Q: Is this a subspace?

1) Closed under addition:

2) Closed under multiplication by a #.

ex)  $W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} : x, y \text{ are real #'s} \right\}$



Q: Is  $W$  a subspace?

ex)  $W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x+y \\ x-y \\ x \end{pmatrix} : x, y \text{ are real } \mathbb{H}'s \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$

Is this a subspace?

ex)  $W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x+y \\ x-y \end{pmatrix} : x, y \text{ are real H's} \right\}$

Verify that  $W$  is a subspace!

• Closed under addition.

Not Correct Way:

Basis - Combine the ideas of LI and spanning.

Def: Let  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (could be  $\mathbb{R}^n$  itself)

Then the vectors  $\vec{v}_1 \dots \vec{v}_k$  of  $W$  are called basis for  $W$  if

1)

2)

Q: What's the meaning of this?

$\circ 2 \Rightarrow$

$\circ 1 \Rightarrow$

ex:  $W = \mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
then since  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we must have

- Also since  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  are L.I. we must have

$\Rightarrow$  thus any basis has

Also note: As mentioned before, if  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
the linear system

$$\begin{pmatrix} & & \\ & \vdots & \\ & & \end{pmatrix} \text{ has}$$

Thm: Every subspace  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  has a basis!

ex: Are the vectors  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

ex) Consider the subspace  $W_2 \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} : x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \right\}$

(hyperplane)

Are the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  a basis for  $W$ ?

1) Check they are LI as "usual"

2) Now we show that any vector in  $W$  can be expressed  
as a linear combo of these two vectors.

