

# APPLIED LINEAR ALGEBRA

## 3. Vector Spaces (Sections 7.4-7.5 of Kreyszig)

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# Section 1

## Vector Spaces

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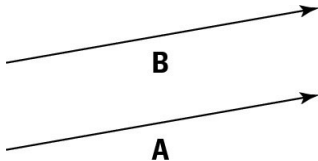
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- The goal of this section is to study *vector spaces*, and its fundamental properties:
  1. Linear dependence/independence.
  2. Spanning sets.
  3. Bases and dimensions.

# What is a Vector?

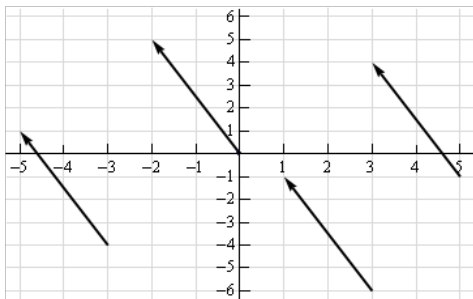
- A vector, represented by an arrow, has both a *direction* and a *magnitude*. Magnitude is shown as the length of a line segment. Direction is shown by the orientation of the line segment, and by an arrow at one end.



- Equal vectors have the same length and direction but may have different starting points.



# What is a Vector?



Each of the directed line segments in the above figure represents *the same vector*. In each case the vector starts at a specific point then moves 2 units to the left and 5 units up. Notation:  $\vec{v} = \langle -2, 5 \rangle$  or  $\vec{v} = (-2, 5)$ .

**Note:** It is important to distinguish the vector  $\vec{v} = (-2, 5)$  from the point  $A(-2, 5)$ .



# Vectors

- Given the two points  $A(a_1, a_2)$  and  $B(b_1, b_2)$ , the vector with the representation  $\vec{AB}$  is  $\vec{AB} = (b_1 - a_1, b_2 - a_2)$ .
- The magnitude, or length, of the vector  $\vec{v} = (a, b)$  is given by,

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

- Example, if  $\vec{v} = (-3, 5)$  then its magnitude

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{9 + 16} = 5$$

- Any vector with magnitude of 1 is called a unit vector, e.g.,  $\vec{v}_1 = (0, 1)$ , or  $\vec{v}_2 = (1, 0)$  (standard basis vectors).
- The zero vector,  $\vec{0} = (0, 0)$ , is a vector that has magnitude zero, but no specific direction.

# Vector Spaces

A vector space is a nonempty set  $V$  on which are defined two operations, called *addition and multiplication* by scalars (real numbers), satisfying the following nine axioms for all  $u, v, w \in V$  and for all  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ :

1. The sum  $u + v$  and product  $cu$  are in  $V$ .
2.  $u + v = v + u$ .
3.  $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$ .
4. There exists a zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$  in  $V$  such that  $u + \mathbf{0} = u$ .
5. For each  $u$  in  $V$ , there is a vector  $-u$  in  $V$  such that  $u + (-u) = \mathbf{0}$ .
6.  $c(u + v) = cu + cv$ .
7.  $(c + d)u = cu + du$ .
8.  $c(du) = (cd)u$ .
9.  $1u = u$ .

# Vector Spaces

- Technically,  $V$  is a real vector space. All of the theory in this chapter also holds for a complex vector space in which the scalars are complex numbers. From now on, all scalars are assumed to be real.
- The zero vector in Axiom 4 is unique. The vector  $-u$  called the negative vector of  $u$ .

## Properties

For any  $u$  in  $V$  and scalar  $c$ ,

1.  $0u = \mathbf{0}$ , where  $\mathbf{0}$  is the zero vector of  $V$ .
2.  $c\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ .
3.  $-u = (-1)u$ .

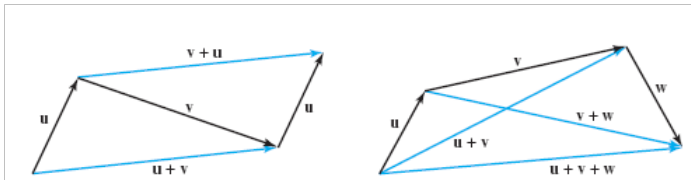
# Vector Spaces

## Example: Three-dimensional vector space

Let  $V$  be the set of all arrows (directed line segments) in three-dimensional space, with two arrows regarded as equal if they have the same length and point in the same direction.

Define addition by the parallelogram rule and for each  $v$  in  $V$ , define  $cv$  to be the arrow whose length is  $|c|$  times the length of  $v$ , pointing in the same direction as  $v$  if  $c > 0$  and otherwise pointing in the opposite direction.

Show that  $V$  is a vector space. This space is a common model in physical problems for various forces



# Vector Spaces

## Spaces of Matrices

The set of all  $m \times n$  matrices with matrix addition and multiplication of a matrix by a real number (scalar multiplication), is a vector space (verify). We denote this vector space by  $M_{mn}$ .

## Example: Vector space of Matrices with zero trace

Let  $V$  be the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with trace equal to zero, that is,

$$V = \left\{ A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : \text{Tr}(A) = a + d = 0 \right\}$$

$V$  is a vector space with the standard matrix addition, and the standard scalar multiplication of matrices.

## Example: $n$ -dimensional vector space

Let  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be the set of all vector in the following form

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

This is the set of all matrices of size  $n \times 1$ , a specific case of the previous example. So  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector space.

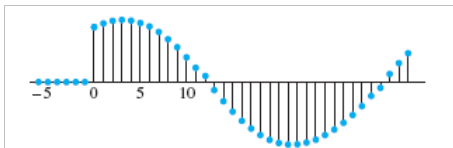
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## Example: discrete-time signals

Let  $S$  be the space of all doubly infinite sequences of numbers (usually written in a row rather than a column) with operations

$$\{y_k\} + \{z_k\} = \{y_k + z_k\}; c\{y_k\} = \{cy_k\}$$

Elements of  $S$  arise in engineering, for example, whenever a signal is measured (or sampled) at discrete times. A signal might be electrical, mechanical, optical, and so on. For convenience, we will call  $S$  the space of (discrete-time) signals.





# Vector Spaces

## Example: The vector spaces of polynomials of degree $n$ th

For  $n > 0$ , the set  $P_n$  of polynomials of degree at most  $n$  consists of all polynomials of the form

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n,$$

where the coefficients  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  and the variable  $x$  are real numbers. If all the coefficients are zero,  $p$  is called the *zero polynomial*.

If  $q(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_nx^n$ , then we define

$$(p + q)(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + \dots + (a_n + b_n)x^n$$

$$(cp)(x) = ca_0 + (ca_1)x + (ca_2)x^2 + \dots + (ca_n)x^n$$

Then  $P_n$  is a vector space.

# Vector Spaces

## Example: The vector space of all real-valued functions

Let  $V$  be the set of all real-valued functions defined on a set  $D$ . Addition of two functions and multiplication with scalar are defined pointwise

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$(\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x).$$

The zero vector in  $V$  is the function that is identically zero, i.e.  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ .

The axioms are easily shown to hold, hence  $V$  is a vector space.

## Section 2

# Subspaces, Linear Combination and Span

## Definition

A *subspace* of a vector space  $V$  is a nonempty subset  $H$  of  $V$  that is

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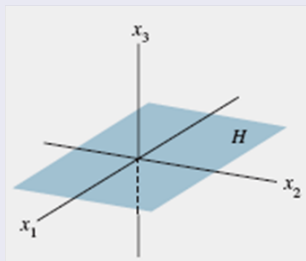
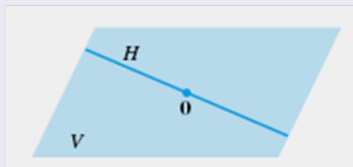
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**Note:** A subspace  $H$  of  $V$  must contain the zero vector.

# Subspaces

## Example



(a) A line  $H$  through  $0$  is a subspace of  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ .

(b) The  $x_1x_2$ -plane

$$H = \{(x, y, 0) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

is a subspace of  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ .

# Subspaces

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The set consisting of only the zero vector in a vector space  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ , called the zero subspace and written as  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

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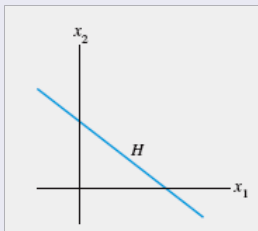
Let  $P$  be the set of all polynomials with real coefficients, with operations in  $P$  defined as for functions. Then  $P$  is a subspace of the space of all real-valued functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Also, for each  $n > 0$ ,  $P_n$  is a subspace of  $P$ .

# Subspaces

## Example

A line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  not containing the origin is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

A plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  not containing the origin is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .





## Example

Which of the given subsets of the vector space  $P_2$  are subspace?

- (a)  $a_2t^2 + a_1t + a_0$ , where  $a_1 = 0, a_0 = 0$
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Answers: (a) and (b).

## Exercises

Let  $W$  be the set of all  $3 \times 3$  matrices of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & b \\ 0 & c & 0 \\ d & 0 & e \end{bmatrix}$$

Show that  $W$  is a subspace of  $M_{33}$ .

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Answer: The subsets in (a) and (b) are subspaces.

The subset in (c) is not, because it does not contain the zero matrix.

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$W$  is called the solution space of the homogeneous system, or the *null space* of the matrix  $A$ .

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If  $v_1 = [1 \ 0 \ 1]^T$  and  $v_2 = [0 \ 1 \ 1]^T$  then every  $w = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ a + b \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2$  since  $w = av_1 + bv_2$ .

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We call  $\text{span} \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  the subspace spanned (or generated) by  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$

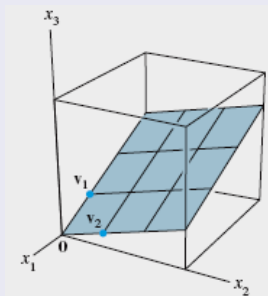
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## Example

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$$H = \text{span} \{v_1, v_2\} = \{av_1 + bv_2 : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

is a plane, which is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .



# A Subspace Spanned by a Set

## Example

Consider the set  $S$  of  $2 \times 3$  matrices given by

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Then  $\text{span } S$  is the set in  $M_{23}$  consisting of all vectors of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & a_3 & a_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $a_j \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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## Example

Let  $S = \{t^2, t, 1\}$ , then we have  $\text{span } S$  be a subset of  $P_2$ . Then  $\text{span } S$  is the subspace of all polynomials of the form  $a_2 t^2 + a_1 t + a_0$ .

## Example

Let

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Then  $\text{span } S$  is the subspace of all  $2 \times 2$  diagonal matrices .

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Proof:

An arbitrary vector in  $H$  has the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a - 3b \\ b - a \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,  $H = \text{span} \{v_1, v_2\}$ , where

$$v_1 = (1, -1, 1, 0)^T, \quad v_2 = (-3, 1, 0, 1)^T.$$

Hence  $H$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .



# A Subspace Spanned by a Set

## Example

Let

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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*Solution:* Find  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  such that

$$a_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + a_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + a_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve this linear system to obtain  $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 2, a_3 = -1$ .

Thus,  $v = v_1 + 2v_2 - v_3$  so  $v \in \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ .

# A Subspace Spanned by a Set

## Example

For what value(s) of  $a$  will  $v$  be in the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  spanned by  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ , if

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } v = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ a \end{bmatrix}$$

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Answer:  $a = 5$ .

# A Subspace Spanned by a Set

## Example

In  $P_2$  let

$$v_1 = 2t^2 + t + 2, v_2 = t^2 - 2t, v_3 = 5t^2 - 5t + 2, v_4 = -t^2 - 3t - 2$$

Determine whether the vector

$$v = t^2 + t + 2$$

belongs to  $\text{span} \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ .

# A Subspace Spanned by a Set

*Solution:* Find scalars  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$  such that

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + a_3 v_3 + a_4 v_4 = v$$

$$\begin{aligned}(2a_1 + a_2 + 5a_3 - a_4) t^2 + (a_1 - 2a_2 - 5a_3 - 3a_4) t + (a_1 + 2a_3 - 2a_4) \\ = t^2 + t + 2\end{aligned}$$

Thus we get the linear system:

$$2a_1 + a_2 + 5a_3 - a_4 = 1$$

$$a_1 - 2a_2 - 5a_3 - 3a_4 = 1$$

$$a_1 + 2a_3 - 2a_4 = 2$$

# A Subspace Spanned by a Set

To determine whether this system of linear equations is consistent. We form the augmented matrix and transform it to reduced row echelon form, obtaining (verify)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

which indicates that the system is inconsistent; that is, it has no solution. Hence  $v$  does not belong to  $\text{span} \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ .

# A Subspace Spanned by a Set

## Example

Let  $V$  be the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Show that  $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\} = \mathbb{R}^3$ .



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*Solution:*

Pick any

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \in V$$

# A Subspace Spanned by a Set

## **Solution (Cont.):**

This leads to the linear system

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = a$$

$$2a_1 + a_3 = b$$

$$a_1 + 2a_2 = c$$

A solution is (verify)

$$a_1 = \frac{-2a + 2b + c}{3}, a_2 = \frac{a - b + c}{3}, a_3 = \frac{4a - b - 2c}{3}$$

# A Subspace Spanned by a Set

## Example

Explain why the set  $S$  is not a spanning set for the vector space  $V$ .

(a)  $S = \{t^3, t^2, t\}$ ,  $V = P_3$

(b)

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, V = \mathbb{R}^2$$

(c)

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, V = M_{22}$$

## Section 3

# Linear Independence

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## Definition

The vectors  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k$  in a vector space  $V$  are said to be linearly dependent if there exist constants  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$ , not all zero, such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^k a_j v_j = \mathbf{0}$$

Otherwise,  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k$  are called linearly independent.

That is,  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k$  are linearly independent if

$$\sum_{j=1}^k a_j v_j = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow a_j = 0, \forall j = 1, \dots, k.$$

# Linear Independence

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# Linear Independence

We obtain the homogeneous system

$$3a_1 + a_2 - a_3 = 0$$

$$2a_1 + 2a_2 + 2a_3 = 0$$

$$a_1 - a_3 = 0$$

Doing the row operations

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Row operations}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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Thus the only solution is the trivial solution  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0$ , so the vectors are linearly independent.

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Setting up the equation:

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# Linear Independence

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Solving the linear system to find  $a_j$ :

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We will prove the result for column-vectors.

Suppose that  $S$  is linearly independent. Then it follows that the reduced row echelon form of  $A$  is  $I_n$ . Thus,  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I_n$ , and hence  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .

Conversely, if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , then  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I_n$ . Hence, the rows of  $A$  are linearly independent.

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## *Solution*

We form the matrix  $A$  whose columns are the vectors in  $S$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = 2$$

So  $S$  is linearly independent.

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Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be finite subsets of a vector space and let  $S_1$  be a subset of  $S_2$ . Then the following statements are true:

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*Proof:* Let

$$S_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}, S_2 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_m\}$$

(a) Since  $S_1$  is linearly dependent, there exist constants  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$ , not all zero, such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^k a_j v_j = \mathbf{0}$$

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*Proof (Cont.)* Therefore,

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_k v_k + 0v_{k+1} + \dots + 0v_m = \mathbf{0}$$

Since not all the coefficients in the equations above are zero, we conclude that  $S_2$  is linearly dependent.

Statement (b) is the contrapositive of statement (a), so it is logically equivalent to statement (a).



# Linear Independence

## Remarks

- The set  $S = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  consisting of only the vector  $\mathbf{0}$  is linearly dependent.

From this it follows that if  $S$  is any set of vectors that contains  $\mathbf{0}$ , then  $S$  must be linearly dependent.

- A set of vectors consisting of a *single nonzero* vector is linearly independent.
- If  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  are vectors in a vector space  $V$  and for some  $i \neq j$ ,  $v_i = v_j$ , then  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  are linearly dependent.

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$$v_1 + v_2 + 0v_3 - v_4 = \mathbf{0}$$

so  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ , and  $v_4$  are linearly dependent. We then have

$$v_4 = v_1 + v_2 + 0v_3.$$

## Section 4

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$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , called the natural basis or standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

## Example

Generally, the natural basis or standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is denoted by

$$\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$$

where

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$$at^2 + bt + c = a_1(t^2 + 1) + a_2(t - 1) + a_3(2t + 2)$$

We find

$$a_1 = a, a_2 = \frac{a + b - c}{2}, a_3 = \frac{c + b - a}{4}.$$

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is a basis for the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

## Hint

(a) To show that  $S$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , we let

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and find  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  and  $a_4$  such that

$$v = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + a_3 v_3 + a_4 v_4.$$

(b)  $S$  is linearly independent since  $\det(A) = 1$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Remarks

A vector space  $V$  is called *finite-dimensional* if there is a finite subset of  $V$  that is a basis for  $V$ . If there is no such finite subset of  $V$ , then  $V$  is called infinite-dimensional.

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*Solution:*  $A$  is already in echelon form and its pivot columns have indices 1, 3, and 5. Thus,

$$B = \{v_1, v_3, v_5\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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The first two columns are the pivot columns. Hence

$S = \{v_1, v_2\}$  is a basis for  $W$ .



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## Section 5

# Row and Column Spaces - Rank of a Matrix

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## Definition

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

be an  $m \times n$  matrix.

The subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  spanned by the rows of  $A$  is called the row space of  $A$ , denoted by *Row*  $A$ .

The subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  spanned by the columns of  $A$  is called the column space of  $A$ , denoted by *Col*  $A$ .

## Definition

The dimension of the row (column) space of  $A$  is called the row (column) rank of  $A$ .

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Find the row space, the null space, and the column space of the matrix

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The first three rows of  $B$  form a basis for  $\text{Row}(A)$ .

For  $\text{Col}(A)$ , observe that the pivots of  $B$  are in columns 1, 2, 4.

So a basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$  is

$$\left\{ [-2, 1, 3, 1]^T, [-5, 3, 11, 7]^T, [0, 1, 7, 5]^T \right\}$$

For the null space of  $A$ , we solve  $Bx = 0$ . Corresponding to nonpivot columns,  $x_3 = s$  and  $x_5 = t$  are arbitrary. By back substitution, we obtain

$$x_1 = -s - t, x_2 = 2s - 3t, x_4 = 5t.$$

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Thus, nullity  $A=1$ , rank  $A = 2$  and nullity  $A + \text{rank } A = 3 =$  numbers of column of  $A$ .

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Section 6

# Coordinates and Changes of Bases

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## Definition: Coordinates

Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space, with a basis

$$S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}.$$

Any vector  $v \in V$  can be uniquely expressed in the form:

$$v = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n.$$

We define

$$[v]_S = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

and call  $[v]_S \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the coordinate vector of  $v$  with respect to the basis  $S$ .

## Example

Consider the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  be the basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , where

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

If

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

compute  $[v]_S$



## Solution

To find  $[v]_S$ , we need to find the constants  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  such that  $a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + a_3 v_3 = v$ . Solve the linear system

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -5 \end{array} \right]$$

We get  $a_1 = 3, a_2 = -1, a_3 = -2$ . Thus,

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- (a) Two finite-dimensional vector spaces are isomorphic if and only if their dimensions are equal.
- (b) If  $V$  is an  $n$ -dimensional real vector space, then  $V$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

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*Question: Can we obtain  $[v]_S$  from  $[v]_T$ ?*

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Let the coordinate vector of  $w_j$  with respect to  $S$  be denoted by

$$[w_j]_S = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1j} \\ a_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{nj} \end{bmatrix}$$

The  $n \times n$  matrix whose  $j$ th column is  $[w_j]_S$  is called the *transition matrix* (or the change-of-coordinates matrix) from the T-basis to the S-basis and is denoted by  $P_{T \rightarrow S}$ . That is,

$$P_{T \rightarrow S} = ([w_1]_S, [w_2]_S, \dots, [w_n]_S)$$

Therefore,

$$[v]_S = P_{T \rightarrow S}[v]_T$$



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$$[w_1]_S = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, [w_2]_S = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We need to solve the following linear systems

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = w_1, \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = w_2$$

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We can solve both systems simultaneously.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} v_1 & v_2 & w_1 & w_2 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 3 & -9 & -5 \\ -4 & -5 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

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Q: Verify  $[v]_S = P_{T \rightarrow S}[v]_T$ ?

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