

4.1 Spaces of vectors

A vector space V consists of a nonempty set of objects, called vectors, that can be added, multiplied by real numbers, and for which certain axioms hold.

V is closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication.

Eg. \mathbb{R}^n The set M_{mn} of all m by n matrices with real entries

Subspace: A vector space inside another vector space.

Example In \mathbb{R}^3 , a plane going through the origin point.
It is a vector space inside \mathbb{R}^3

Definition A subspace of a vector space is a set of "vectors", including $\vec{0}$,

that satisfies the following two requirements: If \vec{v} and \vec{w} are vectors in the subspace, and c is a scalar, then

1, $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$ is in the subspace
2, $c\vec{v}$ is in the subspace

[$\vec{v} - \vec{w} = \vec{v} + (-1)\vec{w}$ is also in the subspace] \rightarrow A subspace containing \vec{v} and \vec{w} must contain all their linear combinations $c\vec{v} + d\vec{w}$

Q: Is any plane in \mathbb{R}^3 a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 ? Every subspace contains the zero vector.

All possible subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 :
1) Planes in \mathbb{R}^3 through the origin $(0,0,0)$

2) Line in \mathbb{R}^3 through $(0,0,0)$.

All possible subspaces of \mathbb{R}^2 :
3) \mathbb{R}^2 The whole space is a subspace of itself.

4) The smallest subspace is the space \mathbb{Z} that only contains the zero vector.

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{ \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \vec{v} = (0,0,0) \}$$

Q: Is part of a plane or line a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 ?

Counter example in \mathbb{R}^2

- (1) Keep only the vectors (x, y) whose components are positive or zero.

Choosing $\vec{v} = (1, 1)$ in this plane, $(-1)\vec{v}$ is NOT in this plane.



The quarter plane is not a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 .

- (2) Now we include the vectors (x, y) whose components are negative.

$\vec{v} = (2, 0)$ and $\vec{w} = (-1, -1)$ are in the plane, but $\vec{v} + \vec{w} = (1, -1)$ is not.

Two quarter planes also don't make a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 .

Example. Inside the vector space M of all 2 by 2 real matrices, verify that

- (1) U : the set consisting all upper triangular matrices $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$, are two subspaces of M .

- (2) D : the set consisting all diagonal matrices $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$.

And in this case, D is also a subspace of U .

$Z = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a subspace of M , of U , of D . with one "vector".

$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ itself is NOT

a subspace

But multiples cI , where c can be any number, form a subspace.

Column space of A $C(A)$ is a vector space made up of column vectors.

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

Definition The column space of an m by n matrix, denoted by $C(A)$, consists of all linear combinations of the columns of A .

$C(A)$ can be the whole \mathbb{R}^m , or only a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m .

$C(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m , and it includes the zero vector in \mathbb{R}^m .

Example. Describe the column spaces for $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, which are all subspaces of \mathbb{R}^2 .

1) $C(I)$ is \mathbb{R}^2 For any $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $\vec{b} = b_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

2) $C(A)$ is a line inside \mathbb{R}^2 $\mathcal{L} = \{ \vec{v} = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y = 2x \}$. $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is only solvable when \vec{b} is on the line \mathcal{L} .

3) $C(B)$ is also all of \mathbb{R}^2 .

$B\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is always solvable for any given \vec{b} .
A system of 2 equations but with 3 unknowns.

B has the same column space as I , because every vector in \mathbb{R}^2 can be written as a combination of the columns of B .

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ are solvable if and only if \vec{b} is in $C(A)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{for } \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b} &= \text{col } 2 + \text{col } 3 \\ &= 2(\text{col } 1) + \text{col } 3 \end{aligned}$$

Both $\vec{x}_1 = (0, 1, 1)$ and $\vec{x}_2 = (2, 0, 1)$ are solutions to $B\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

Review linear combination $c\vec{v} + d\vec{w} =$

When $n=3$, what are the pictures of $a\vec{u}$, $a\vec{u} + b\vec{v}$, $a\vec{u} + b\vec{v} + c\vec{w}$?

dot product $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{v}^T \vec{w}$ perpendicular \Leftrightarrow

length $\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} =$

unit vector \vec{u} ?

unit vector in the same direction as \vec{v} ?

θ : angle between nonzero vectors
is of size m by n

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{\|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|}$$

$$|\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}| \leq \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|$$

$$\|\vec{v} + \vec{w}\| \leq \|\vec{v}\| + \|\vec{w}\|$$

$(A\vec{x})$: linear combination of columns of A .

dot product of the row of A with \vec{x}

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ Column picture
row picture

"pivot" "multiplier"

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ forward elimination \rightarrow $U\vec{x} = \vec{c}$ which can be solved by back substitution

Breakdown of elimination EA

Eij Pij $[A \ \vec{b}] \rightarrow [U, \vec{c}]$

Rules for matrix operations $AB \neq BA$ $(ABC = A \cdot BC)$

AB $\begin{cases} (i,j) \text{ entry} \\ \text{columns of } A \\ \text{rows of } B \end{cases}$
Column times row

A square matrix A is invertible if and only if $AC = I$ or $CA = I$

invertibility of $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, diagonal matrices

$(AB)^{-1} =$
when $n=3$ $A = LU$, where $L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 $A = LDU$ $U(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$
 $= L(\vec{z})$