

## LEC: 4 WEEK 1

Let  $u_1, u_2 \dots u_k$  be  $k$   
 $n$ -component vectors and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_k$   
be scalars.

Look at the l.c that results in  $0_n$ .

$$\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_k u_k = 0_n$$

If the above l.c. is that the  
only way to get the  $0_n$  is  
by making the scalars 0, then

we say that  $u_1 \dots u_k$  are  
linearly indep vectors.

For example

$$u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0 \quad \& \quad \alpha_2 = 0$$

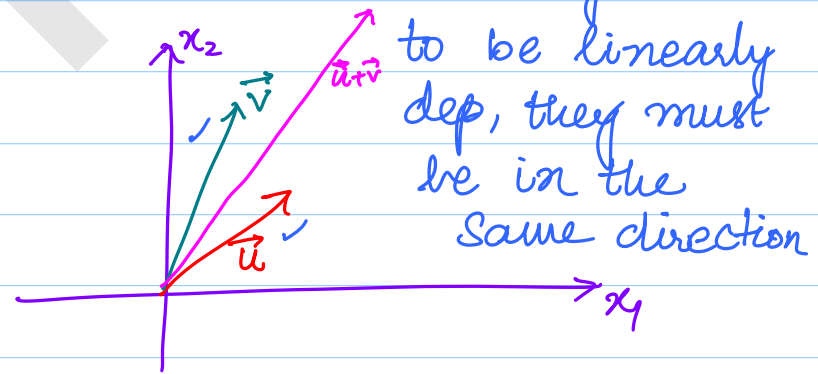
$u_1$  &  $u_2$   
are  
l.i.

## Some observations:

- 1) A linearly indep set cannot contain the  $\mathbf{0}_n$  vector.
- 2) A single vector is always linearly indep unless it is the zero vector.
- 3) Any subset of a linearly indep set of vectors is always linearly independent.

4) Any Superset of a linearly dependent set of vectors is linearly dependent.

5) Two vectors are linearly indep if one is not a multiple of the other.  $\Rightarrow$  For any 2 vectors



Span of a Set of vectors.

Let  $u_1, u_2 \dots u_k$  be  $k$  vectors

Span := Set of all possible  
l.c. of  $u_1, u_2 \dots u_k$ .

Span is a vector space

Span of a Set of linearly indep.  
vectors.

Let  $v_1, v_2 \dots v_n$  be l.i. Set of vectors.

$$\text{Span} : \left\{ \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n \right. \\ \left. \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}. \right\} \\ \text{for } i=1 \dots n.$$



Smallest Subspace that contains  
the set of linearly indep vectors.

For ex:  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\{ \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \alpha_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$(i) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$(ii) \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \text{ is closed under VA.}$$

$$(iii) \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \text{ is closed under SM.}$$

$\text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$  is a vector space.

BASIS:

A set of  $n$  linearly indep  $n$ -component vectors is called a basis for the vector <sup>sub</sup>space that contains these  $n$ -linearly indep  $n$ -comp. vectors.

Basis: Sampling set for a vector space.

Suppose  $u_1, u_2 \dots u_k$  are linearly indep vectors, and let

$$x = \alpha_1 u_1 + \dots + \alpha_k u_k \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Let  $x$  also have another representation in terms of  $u_1, u_2 \dots u_k$

$$x = \beta_1 u_1 + \beta_2 u_2 + \dots + \beta_k u_k \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{1} - \textcircled{2}$$

$$\vec{x} - \vec{x} = \vec{0} = (\alpha_1 - \beta_1)u_1 + (\alpha_2 - \beta_2)u_2 + \dots + (\alpha_k - \beta_k)u_k$$

$$\vec{0} = (\alpha_1 - \beta_1)u_1 + (\alpha_2 - \beta_2)u_2 + \dots + (\alpha_k - \beta_k)u_k$$

Since  $u_1, u_2 \dots u_k$  are l.i.

$\vec{0}$  has only one rep, where the scalars  $\alpha_1 - \beta_1, \alpha_2 - \beta_2 \dots \alpha_k - \beta_k$  are all 0

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \beta_1, \alpha_2 = \beta_2 \dots \alpha_k = \beta_k.$$

$\Rightarrow$  Any vector, when expressed as a l.c. of a l.i. Set of vectors has A UNIQUE SET OF SCALARS.

$\Rightarrow$  Any vector in a vector space has a unique representation in terms of the basis vectors.

For exp:  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

$$B_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow 1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Consider the vector space  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$   
for any  $n$ .

There are infinitely many  
bases for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . However  
all the basis will have  
exactly  $n$  vectors.

The number of elements/vectors  
in any given basis for a  
vector space is called the  
DIMENSION OF THE VECTOR SPACE.