

HCAI5TML01 – Mathematics of Learning.

Week – 1: Lecture – 02

A **Refresher** on the **Mathematics** Behind **Machine Learning**.
Linear Algebra – **Towards Fundamental Theory of Linear Algebra.**

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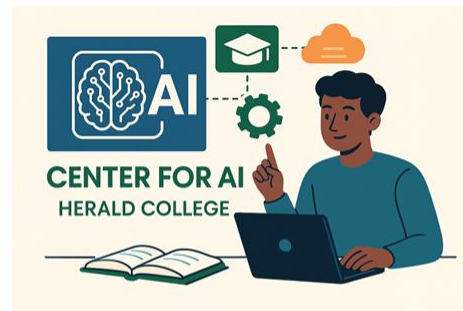


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Exercise

Problem 1: Span

Determine whether the vector $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ is in the span of the vectors $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Problem 2: Basis

Do the vectors $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ form a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 ?

1. The Fundamental Subspace of a Matrix.

1.1 Matrix as a Function: Linear Transformation.

- For a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$,
 - we can view **this matrix** as a **function** that **maps** vectors from \mathbb{R}^n to vectors in \mathbb{R}^m .
- This mapping is implemented by **matrix – vector multiplication** i.e. $Ax = b$.
 - Here, A **vector** $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is **mapped** to **vector** $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$.
- Stated as Linear Transformation:
 - We can define a function $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ as:
 - $T(x) := Ax$

- What is the Range of a Matrix?

- For matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, The **range** of **A** (aka **image of the linear transformation A**),
 - is the set of all **vectors in** \mathbb{R}^m that can be written as **Ax for some $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$** .
 - $\text{Range}(A) = \{b \in \mathbb{R}^m | b = Ax \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$.**

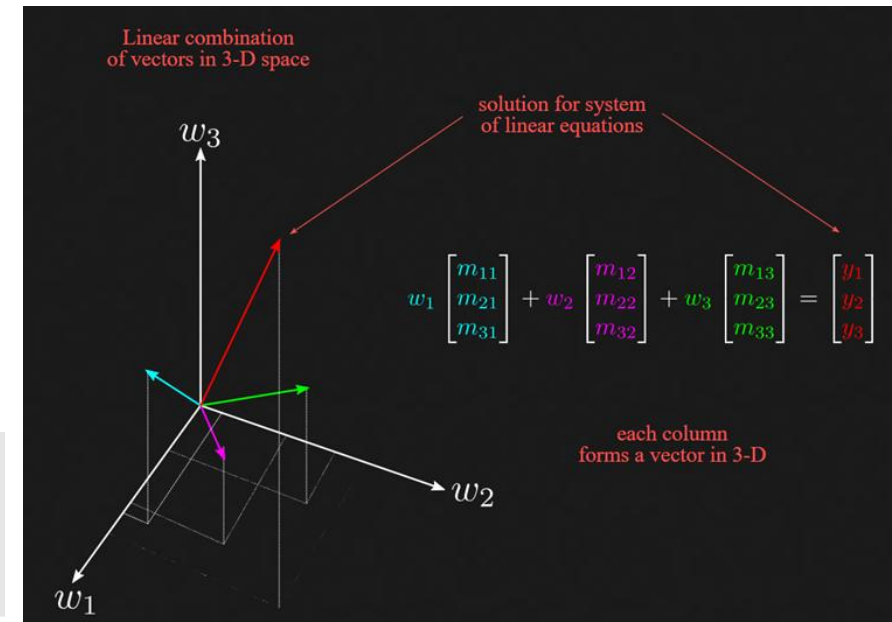


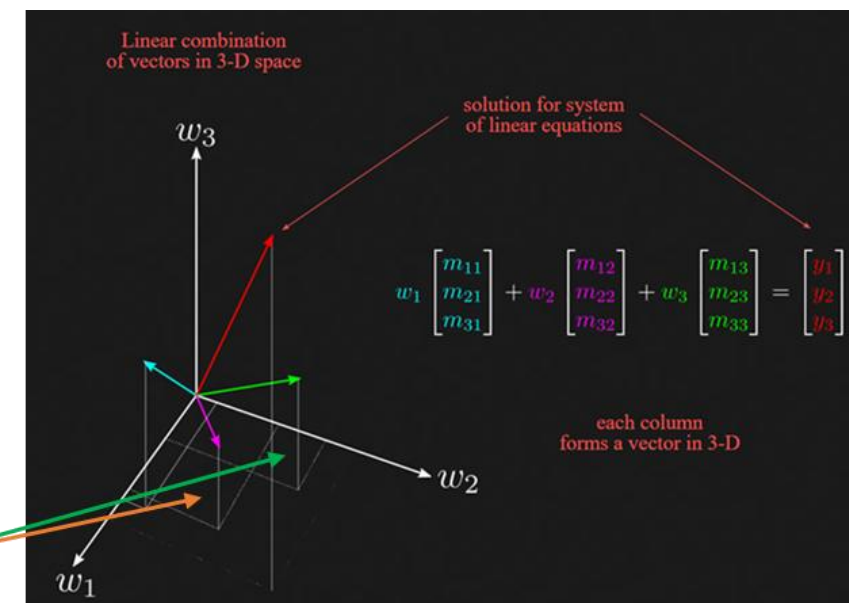
Fig: Solution of Ax {image: pablo (©catbug88)}.

1.1 Matrix subspaces

- Let's **recall the definition of a subspace** in the **context of vectors**:
 - Contains the zero vector**, $\mathbf{0} \in S$
 - Closure under multiplication**, $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \alpha \times \mathbf{s}_i \in S$
 - Closure under addition**, $\forall \mathbf{s}_i \in S \rightarrow \mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_2 \in S$
- Since matrices are collections of vectors (as rows or columns), we can explore all the subspaces formed by their structure.
 - Thus, now we can ask what are all possible subspaces that can be "covered" by a collection of vectors in a matrix.
- There are four fundamental subspaces that can be "covered" by a matrix of valid vectors, Hence called :
 - "The Four Fundamental Subspaces"**

- What is the Range of a Matrix?**

- For matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, The **range of A** (aka **image of the linear transformation A**),
 - is the set of all **vectors in \mathbb{R}^m** that can be written **as \mathbf{Ax} for some $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$** .
 - $\text{Range}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m | \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{Ax} \text{ for some } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$.**



Subspaces of matrix A

1.2 The Four Fundamental Subspaces.

Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. Then:				
Subspace	Symbol	Defined in:	Dimension	Description
Column Space	$\text{Col}(\mathbf{A})$	\mathbb{R}^m	$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$	All vectors \mathbf{b} for which $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ is solvable.
Null Space	$\text{Null}(\mathbf{A})$	\mathbb{R}^n	$n - \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$	All solutions to $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$.
Row Space	$\text{Row}(\mathbf{A})$	\mathbb{R}^n	$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$	The span of rows of \mathbf{A} (or columns of \mathbf{A}^T).
Left Null Space	$\text{Null}(\mathbf{A}^T)$	\mathbb{R}^m	$m - \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$	All $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ such that $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$.

1.2.1 Column Spaces.

- The **column space** of a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, denoted as $C(A)$,
 - is the set of all **linear combinations** of its **column vectors**.
 - For any Matrix A , the column space of A , is the vector space that spans the column vectors of A .
- Formal Definition:**
 - Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. The **column space** of A is: $C(A) = \{b \in \mathbb{R}^m | b = Ax \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$
- Interpretation:**
 - Each **column** of A is a vector in \mathbb{R}^m .
 - The **column space** is **the span of these vectors**.
 - Any **output** $b \in C(A)$ is formed by multiplying with some **vector** $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
 - Determines the **range** of the **linear transformation** A .
 - Range**(A) = $\{b \in \mathbb{R}^m | b = Ax \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{R}^n\} = C(A)$.

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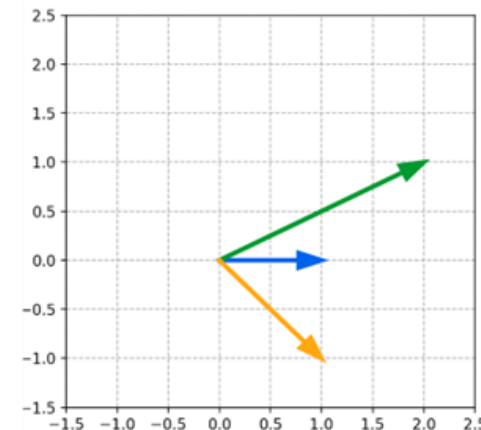


Fig: Matrix as a column vector.

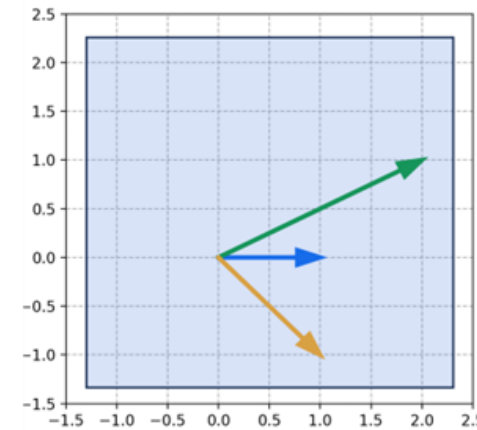


Fig: Column space.

1.2.2 Row Spaces

- The row space of a matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, denoted as $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$, is the set of all linear combinations of its row vectors.
- Formal Definition:**
 - Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. Then the row space of A is:
 - $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{y} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{r}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{r}_2 + \cdots + \alpha_m \mathbf{r}_m \text{ for some } \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$ or can also be written as:
 - $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{span of the row vectors of A.}$
- Interpretation:**
 - Each row of A is a vector in \mathbb{R}^n
 - The row space is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n
 - It contains all possible linear combinations of the rows.
- Key properties:**
 - Dimension of **row space** = **rank(A)**.
 - The row space of A is the column space of \mathbf{A}^T : $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^T)$
 - Row space **captures constraints** on the **input x** in solving $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$.

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

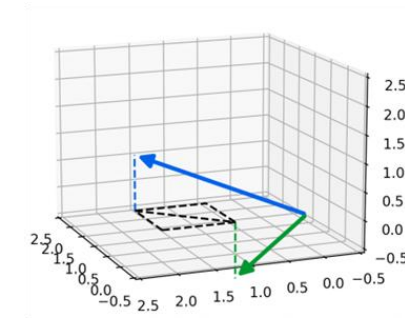


Fig: Matrix as a row vector.

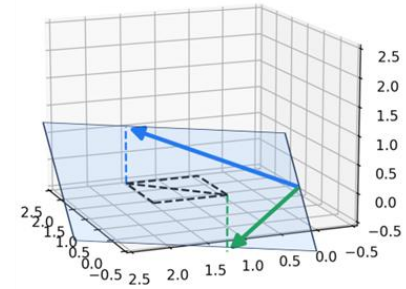


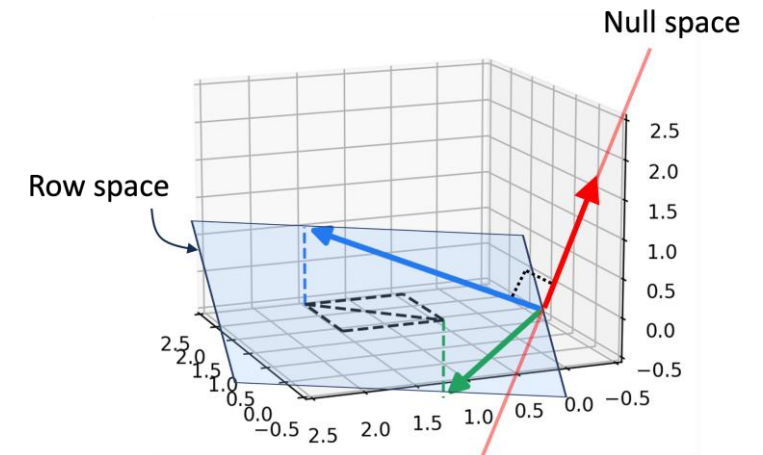
Fig: Row space.

Constraint in Linear Algebra:

- A **constraint** is a rule or condition that a solution must satisfy.
 - In the context of solving a system of equations like: $Ax = b$
 - Each row of the matrix A represents a linear equation,
 - and each of these equation is constraint on the unknown vector x .
- Example:
 - Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$, $b = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$
 - This gives two constraints:
 - $x_1 + 2x_2 = 5$
 $3x_1 + x_2 = 7$ so, vector x must satisfy both equations at same time,
 - each equation constraints what the value or solution of $x \in \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ can be.
- Interpretation:
- The solution x must lie in space of inputs that satisfy all linear constraints defined by the rows.
 - Must lie in the subspace of Row vectors i.e. Row space.
- If multiple rows are linearly dependent some constraints are redundant i.e., they give the same constraint, just scaled not adding any new information.

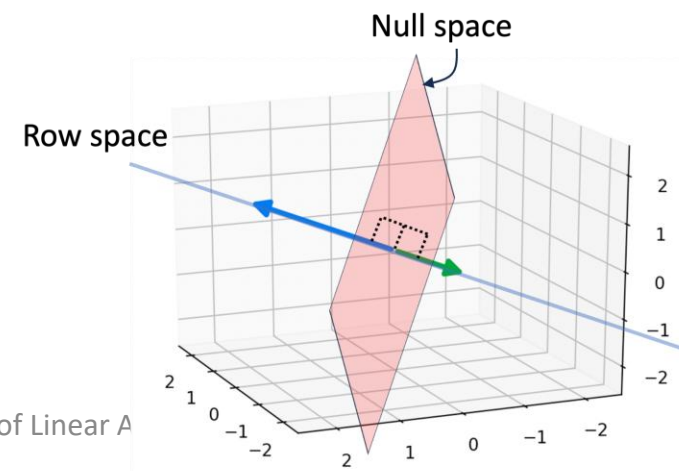
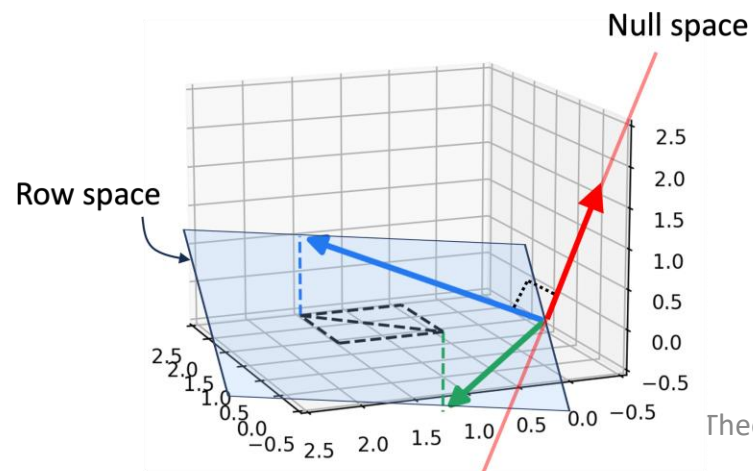
1.2.3 Null Space.

- Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.
 - The null space of \mathbf{A} , denoted as $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$, is the set of all vectors $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ that get mapped to the zero vector when multiplied by \mathbf{A} :
 - $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n | \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$
 - So, It is the set of all input vectors that get mapped to the zero vector in output.
 - The entire direction of \mathbf{x} is lost or flattened by the transformation.
- Interpretation:**
 - Each vector in the null space is an **input** $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ that gets sent to $\mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^m$
 - The null space lives in \mathbb{R}^n (input space)
 - If \mathbf{A} is full rank, **null space** $\{\mathbf{0}\}$
 - If \mathbf{A} is rank – deficient, null space contains infinitely many directions.
 - The dimension of the null space is called the nullity: **nullity** $(\mathbf{A}) = n - \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$
 - This tells you the **number of independent directions in input space** that are **flattened to zero** by \mathbf{A} .
 - nullity tells you how many input dimensions are invisible in the output



1.2.4 Left Null Space – Null Space of Transpose.

- Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.
 - The left null space of \mathbf{A} , also known as the **null space of \mathbf{A}^T** is:
 - $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}\}$
- Interpretation:
 - It is the set of all vectors in \mathbb{R}^m that are orthogonal to rows of \mathbf{A} .
 - In layman terms:
 - What vectors, when dotted with each row of \mathbf{A} , give zero?
 - So,
 - While $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ (input directions killed by \mathbf{A})**
 - $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ (output directions orthogonal to the row space of \mathbf{A})**



Fundamental Subspaces of Matrix.

{Example Walkthrough with a Matrix.}

Example.

- Let's take:

- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$

- Compute all Four Subspaces:

1. Step 1: Row reduced to Echelon Form:

- Apply row operations:

- $\begin{matrix} R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_1 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

- $R_3 \leftarrow -1 \cdot R_3 \text{ and swap} \Rightarrow A_{\text{ref}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

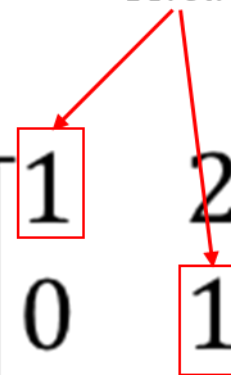
- Identify the rank of Matrix:

- $\text{rank}(A) = 2$
 - As there are **two pivots** in **A_{ref}** matrix.
 - What are Pivots?

Understanding Pivot and Rank.

- **Pivots** are the first non-zero entries in each row of a matrix after it has been transformed into **row echelon form (REF)** or **reduced row echelon form (RREF)**.
- **Key Properties:**
 - **Location:**
 - Each pivot must be the **leftmost non-zero element** in its row.
 - Pivots shift to the right as you move down the rows.
 - **Structure:**
 - In **REF**: Pivots can be any non-zero number (often normalized to 1).
 - In **RREF**: Pivots are 1, and all entries above/below them are 0.
 - **Uniqueness:**
 - Each row and column can contain **at most one pivot**.
 - The number of **pivots** = **rank of the matrix**.
 - In the example above: **2 pivots** → **rank = 2**.
 - **Singular (Rank-Deficient) Matrix:**
 - At least one row lacks a pivot

Pivot.

$$A_{\text{ref}} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$


Good to Know: REF vs RREF

Property	REF	RREF
Leading Entry	First non-zero entry in a row (pivot) can be any non-zero number.	Pivots must be 1.
Pivot Columns	Entries below pivots are 0.	Entries above and below pivots are 0.
Uniqueness	Not unique (multiple REFs possible).	Unique for a given matrix.

$$A_{\text{ref}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

REF or RREF.

Compute Column and Row Space.

- **Column Space:**

- Use original columns (1st and 2nd):

- $\text{Col}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

- $\dim(\text{Col}(\mathbf{A})) = 2$

- "Pivot columns in RREF \rightarrow corresponding columns in original A."

- **Row space:**

- Take non – zeros from row reduced form:

- $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{span}\{[1 \ 2 \ 3], [0 \ 1 \ 2]\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

- "Non-zero rows in RREF (not original matrix!) define the row space."

Null and Left Null Space

- **Null Space:**

- Solve $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

- Form REF:

- $$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_1 + 2\mathbf{x}_2 + 3\mathbf{x}_3 &= 0 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 + 2\mathbf{x}_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_2 = -2\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{x}_3$$

- General Solution:

- $$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Null}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

- **Left Null Space:**

- $$\mathbf{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Solve $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$, i.e.,

- $$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}_1 + 2\mathbf{y}_2 + \mathbf{y}_3 &= 0 \\ 2\mathbf{y}_1 + 4\mathbf{y}_2 + \mathbf{y}_3 &= 0 \\ 3\mathbf{y}_1 + 6\mathbf{y}_2 + \mathbf{y}_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{solution: } \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Null}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Summary

Subspace	Space it lies in	Dimension	Spanned by
Column Space	\mathbb{R}^3	2	First and Second Column of A.
Null Space	\mathbb{R}^3	1	$[1 \ -2 \ 1]^T$
Row Space	\mathbb{R}^3	2	Two non – zero rows from REF of A
Left Null Space	\mathbb{R}^3	1	$[-1 \ 0 \ 1]^T$

What does it mean for Machine Learning?

Exercise.

Problem 3: Null Space

Find the null space of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.3 Revisiting: Rank.

- The rank of a **matrix** $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is defined as:
 - **rank(A) = dimension of the column space of A.**
 - That is, it is the maximum number of linearly independent columns (or rows) in the matrix.
- Equivalently:
 - **rank(A) = number of pivot columns in row echelon form of A.**
- **Column rank = Row rank**; Even though they come from different spaces.
 - Column space is in \mathbb{R}^m and
 - Row space is in \mathbb{R}^n
- The **number of linearly independent columns = number of linearly independent rows**, always.

1.3.1 Rank: Number of Useful Directions.

- In linear algebra and machine learning,
 - **rank** tells us **how much of the input space survives** after applying a **linear transformation (represented by a matrix)**.
- **Formal Statement:**
 - The **rank** of a **matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$** is the **dimension of the column space** (or row space).
 - It tells you **how many linearly independent directions** (basis vectors) are preserved or **not collapsed** into zero.
- **Interpretation:**
 - Think of a matrix as a **machine** that transforms input vectors $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ into outputs $Ax \in \mathbb{R}^m$.
 - Some directions get **flattened** or **lost** in the process (they become zero or redundant).
 - The **rank** tells you how many directions **don't get flattened** — i.e., the **useful directions**.

Example:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full Rank (rank = n):<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No information lost.• Transformation is invertible (if square).• All directions in input space are useful.• E.g., Identity matrix. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rank 1 matrix in $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All input vectors get mapped to a line.• Only one direction is preserved.• The rest collapse (projected onto that line).• So: only 1 “useful direction.” |
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1.3.2 Rank and Machine Learning Example.

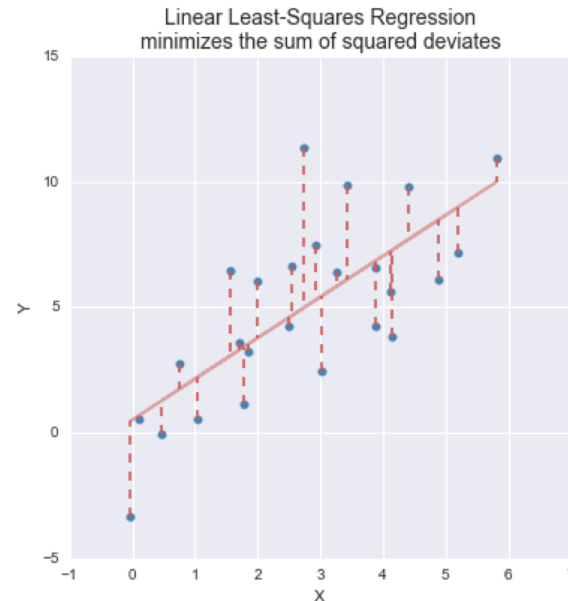
- Suppose you have a **feature matrix** $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$, but many **features** are **linear combinations** of each other (collinearity).
 - The **rank**(\mathbf{X}) $< p$, and you are not learning from p truly independent directions.
 - Techniques like PCA, regularization, and SVD help isolate these useful directions.

2. Col Space and Machine Learning.

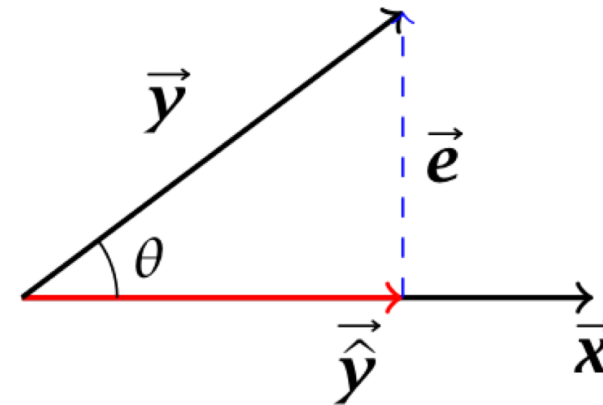
2.1 What Fundamental Subspace tells about data?

- For a **feature matrix**:
 - $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ (**with n samples, and d features**),
 - the four fundamental subspaces reveal critical insights about your data and model.
- In upcoming slides, we will explore each subspace with a context of **linear regression problem**.

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B)



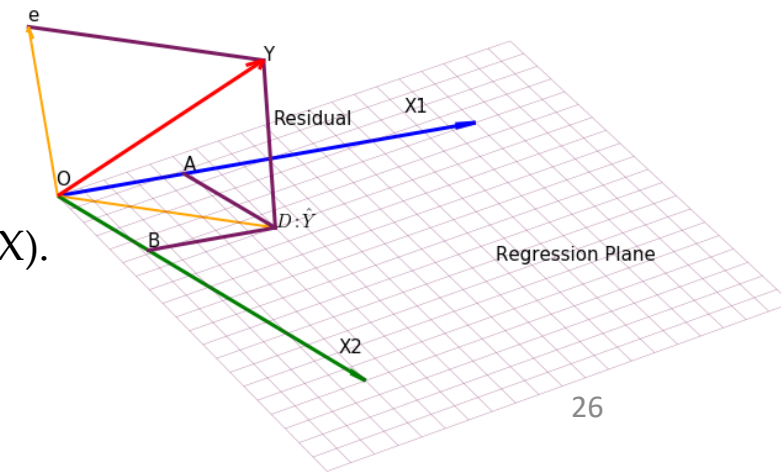
2.2 Linear Regression and the Col Space: A Geometric Intuition.

- **Linear Regression as a Linear System:**
 - In linear regression, we model the relationship: $y = X\beta + \epsilon$,
 - Where:
 - $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d} \rightarrow$ is the feature matrix (each row is a sample, each column feature)
 - $y \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow$ is the target vector
 - $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow$ is the coefficient vector to find,
 - $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow$ is the error/residual
- The goal is to solve: $X\beta \approx y$.

2.2 Linear Regression and the Col Space: A Geometric Intuition.

- **Column Space: The “Reachable” Outputs:**
 - The column space of X ($\text{Col}(X)$) is the span of the feature vectors (columns of X).
 - It contains all possible linear combinations of the features, i.e. all possible predictions $X\beta$.
- **Key insights:**
 - If $\mathbf{y} \in \text{Col}(X)$, there exists a **perfect solution** β such that $X\beta = \mathbf{y}$.
 - If $\mathbf{y} \notin \text{Col}(X)$, not exact solution exists, and we seek the best approximation (least squares).
- **Geometric Interpretations:**
 - Perfect Fit (Rare):
 - If \mathbf{y} lies exactly in $\text{Col}(X)$, the regression line/passes through all data points.
 - This is almost impossible in real world scenario.
 - Approximate fit:
 - If \mathbf{y} is not in $\text{Col}(X)$, the best we can do is
 - project \mathbf{y} onto $\text{Col}(X)$, minimizing $\|\mathbf{y} - X\beta\|^2$ called residual.
 - The residual is orthogonal to $\text{Col}(X)$ i.e. it lies in $\text{Left NULL}(X)$.

Linear Regression Geometry- A Column Space View



To summarize:

Subspace	Dimension (if $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$)	ML meaning
Column space	$\text{rank}(A)$	All reachable predictions (range of model).
Null Space	$n - \text{rank}(A)$	Input directions that have no effect (feature redundancy)
Row Space	$\text{rank}(A)$	What constraints are imposed on inputs (in dual space)
Left Null Space	$m - \text{rank}(A)$	Residual errors in least squares, inconsistency.

Exercise

Problem 4: Fundamental Subspaces

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \\ 5 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the rank, nullity, and describe the fundamental subspaces.

3. Getting Started with Matrix Decompositions.

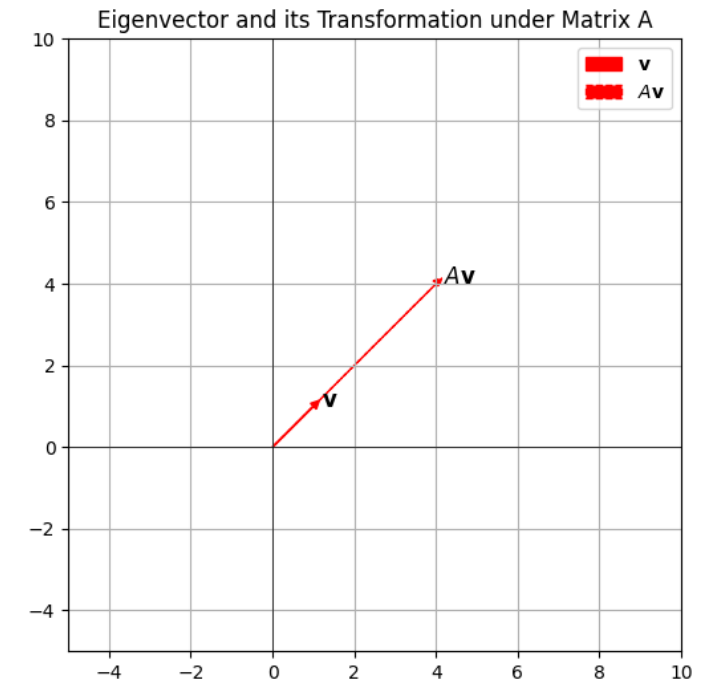
{Eigen Value Problem aka eigen – value Decompositions.}

3.1 Eigen Vector and Eigen Value.

- An **eigenvector** of a **square matrix A** is a **non-zero vector v** that, when **multiplied by A**, results in a scalar multiple of itself.
 - In other words, it is a vector that does not change direction when the linear transformation represented by A is applied to it.
 - Instead, it only gets scaled by a certain factor, called the **eigenvalue**.
- Mathematically, for any **Matrix – vector** pair if following holds:
 - $Av = \lambda v$
 - then the **vector v** is called **eigen vector** and the **scaling factor λ** is called **eigen value**.
- **Key points about eigen vectors:**
 - **Non-zero:** Eigenvectors are always non-zero vectors, **i.e. $v \neq 0$** .
 - **Scaling:** The transformation A simply scales the eigenvector by the **eigenvalue λ** ;
 - it does not change the **vector's direction**.
 - **Multiple eigenvectors:** For each eigenvalue, there can be infinitely many eigenvectors, all scalar multiples of each other. They form a subspace (**called the eigenspace**) corresponding to that eigenvalue.

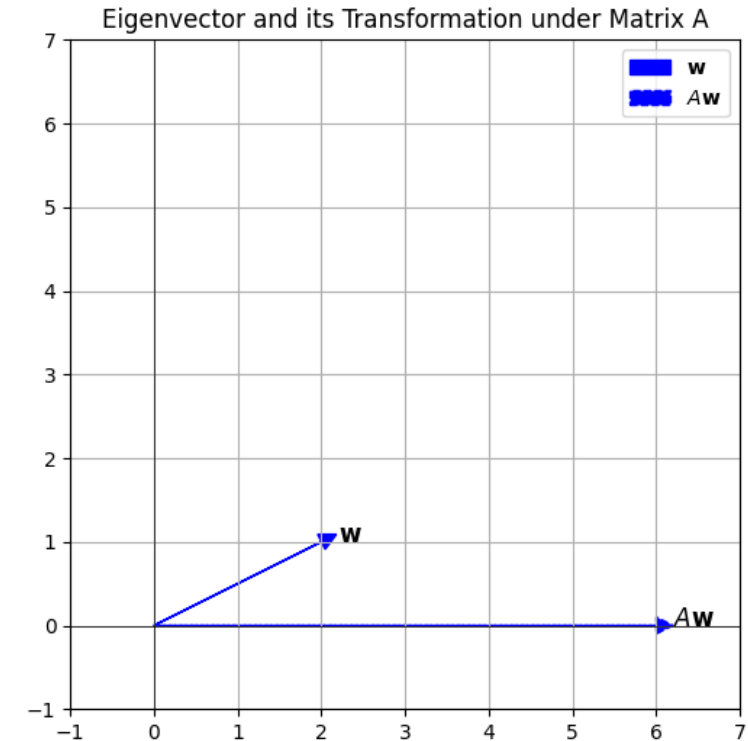
4.1.1 Identify the Eigen Vector.

- Consider a matrix
 - $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ and
 - vectors $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$; $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.
- Which are Eigen vectors?
 - For $\mathbf{v} \rightarrow \mathbf{w}$ we check if \mathbf{v} is an eigenvector by calculating $A\mathbf{v}$:
 - $A\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 4\mathbf{v}$.
 - So, \mathbf{v} is an eigen vector with eigenvalue $\lambda = 4$.
- What about \mathbf{w} ?



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 - For $\mathbf{w} \rightarrow$ we check if \mathbf{w} is an eigenvector by calculating $A\mathbf{w}$:
 - $A\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq \lambda \mathbf{w}$.
 - So, \mathbf{w} is not an eigen vector there does not exist a scalar λ under which $A\mathbf{w} = \lambda \mathbf{w}$ holds true.



3.2 Eigen Value Problem.

- The **eigenvalue problem** is a fundamental concept in linear algebra and plays a critical role in various fields such as machine learning, physics, and computer science.
- It involves **finding scalar values** (called **eigenvalues**) and corresponding **non-zero vectors** (called **eigenvectors**) for a given **square matrix**.
 - Mathematically, Given a **square matrix A** , the eigenvalue problem is to find **scalars λ** and **eigen vector v** that satisfy the following equation.
 - **$Av = \lambda v$.**

3.3 Steps to solve the Eigenvalue Problem.

- Write the characteristic equation:
 - To find the **eigenvalues**, we rewrite the equation as:
 - $(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ {called characteristic equation}
 - Where:
 - \mathbf{I} is the **identity matrix** of the **same size as A**,
 - $\lambda \rightarrow$ **eigen values**.
 - $\mathbf{v} \rightarrow$ **eigen vector**.
 - *Cautions: the matrix $A - \lambda I$ must be singular i.e. $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.*
- Compute the characteristic polynomial:
 - Solve
 - $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0$,
 - which gives a **polynomial equation in λ** which is called **characteristic polynomial**.
- Solve the characteristic polynomial:
 - Solve the **polynomial equation** to find the eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$.
- Find the eigen vectors:
 - For each **eigen value λ_i** ,
 - substitute it back into the equation $(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ and solve for the **eigenvector \mathbf{v}** .

4.3.1 Example Problem.

Eigenvalues of Matrix A

Consider a matrix A :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The characteristic equation is:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 2 \\ 1 & 3 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Expanding the determinant:

$$(4 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) - 2 \times 1 = 0$$

Simplifying:

$$\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 10 = 0$$

Solving this quadratic equation:

$$\lambda_1 = 5, \quad \lambda_2 = 2$$

4.3.1 Example Problem.

Eigenvectors of Matrix A

Next, we find the eigenvectors:

For $\lambda_1 = 5$, solve $(A - 5I)v = 0$:

$$(A - 5I) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solving the system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

This gives the eigenvector:

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For $\lambda_2 = 2$, solve $(A - 2I)v = 0$:

$$(A - 2I) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solving the system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

This gives the eigenvector:

$$v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Conclusion: For the matrix A , the eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = 5$ and $\lambda_2 = 2$, with corresponding eigenvectors $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

and $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

4.4 Eigenvalue Decomposition.

- **Eigenvalue Decomposition** is a process where a **square matrix is factorized** into
 - its **eigenvalues** and **eigenvectors**.
 - Specifically, for a matrix A , if it can be decomposed into a product of three matrices:
 - $A = V\Lambda V^{-1}$
 - where:
 - A is the original matrix.
 - V is the matrix whose columns are the eigenvectors of A .
 - Λ is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are the eigenvalues of A .
 - V^{-1} is the inverse of the matrix V .
- One of the application of Eigenvalue decomposition is **Principal Component Analysis** used for dimensionality reduction purposes.

Thank You.