

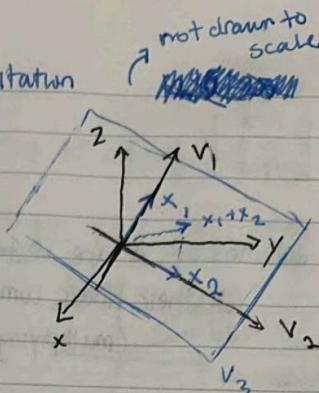
## Subspaces of Three Dimensional Space - Recitation

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Find  $V_1$  = subspace generated by  $x_1$ ,

$V_2$  = subspace generated by  $x_2$

Describe  $V_1 \cap V_2$



generated = the smallest subspace that contains  $x_1 \rightarrow V_1$  same with  $V_2$

$V_1$  = line,  $V_2$  = line  $\rightarrow$  can only multiply with scalars

$V_1 \cap V_2 \rightarrow$  is at  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  <sup>maybe just \mathbf{0} is good</sup> because of the zeroes in  $x_1$  &  $x_2$   
they should never intersect elsewhere

2. Find  $V_3$  = subspace generated by  $\{x_1, x_2\}$

Is  $V_3$  equal to  $V_1 \cup V_2$ ?

Find a subspace  $S$  of  $V_3$  such that  $x_1 \notin S$ ,  $x_2 \notin S$

Let's say  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  <sup>linear combination</sup>  $\rightarrow$  not on original line

$V_3 = \boxed{\text{the entire plane formed by } x_1, x_2}$

$\boxed{V_3 \neq V_1 \cup V_2}$

$\boxed{x_1 + x_2 = S}$

$\downarrow$  choice is not unique, this isn't the only answer

$S$  of  $V_3$  must mean it's in  $V_3$

$\hookrightarrow$  need to draw 3rd line ( $S$ ) on same

paper that isn't  $x_1$  or  $x_2$

3. What is  $V_3 \cap \{xy\text{ plane}\}$ ?

It is just  $V_2$  because the intersection between  $V_3$  and  $xy$  plane is just when  $z=0$  (2-component = 0)

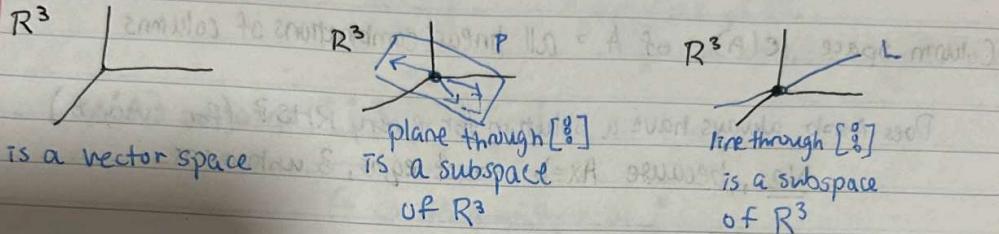
which is just the subspace generated by  $x_2$

## Column Space and Nullspace - Lecture 6

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### Vector Space Requirements

- ↳  $v+w$  and  $c \cdot v$  are in the space
- ↳ all combinations  $cv + dw$  are in the space



2 subspaces : P and L

$P \cup L =$  all vectors in P or L

↳ Is this a subspace? No, because  $v+w$  is not in the space

$P \cap L =$  all vectors in both P and L

↳ Is this a subspace? Yes, the only common vector is [0]

### General Question

Subspaces S and T

intersection  $S \cap T$  IS a subspace

Column space of A

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , we're in 4-dimensional space  
Subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$

Column space  $C(A)$  of A = all linear combinations of columns

Does  $Ax=b$  always have a solution for every RHS? (for every b)

No, because  $Ax=b \rightarrow 4 \text{ eqns, 3 unknowns}$

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Can't always do it  
Combinations of columns cannot fill 4D space

So which vectors b, allow this system to be solved?

→ If  $b_1$  to  $b_4$  are all 0's ( $Ax=0$ )

→ Solve for columns (solution for col 1 =  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ )

$$\text{col 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{col 3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Can solve for  $Ax=b$  exactly when the RHS b is in the column space

a vector

[ I can solve  $Ax=b$  exactly when b is in  $C(A)$  ]

Are all the columns needed for A? Which ones are not needed?

Col 3 is not needed because adding col 1 + 2 = col 3

We don't get anything more from col 3

Col 1 and 2 are pivot columns, col 3 is not

But in all honesty, we can remove col 1 as well

The column space of this matrix is 2D subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$

## The Null Space

$$AX = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$N(A)$

Null space of  $A = \text{contains all solutions}$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ to } Ax=0$$

subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

because we have 3-x components

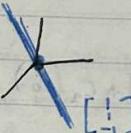
$$N(A) \text{ contains } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

so it's a multiple of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$N(A) \text{ contains } c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which includes the zero vector

The Nullspace is a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$



How do we know that nullspace is a vector space?

Check that the solutions to  $Ax=0$  always give a subspace

In order to use Space  
if  $Ax=0$  and  $Ax'=0$

$$\text{then } A(12v)=0 \quad (\text{if } Av=0 \text{ and } Aw=0)$$

the multiples will  $\rightarrow A(v+w)=0$

(also be 0)

$$\rightarrow Av+Aw=0$$

$$AX = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Two natural ways to tell what's in subspace

give a few vectors and fill it, or system of eqns that  $x$  has to satisfy

$$\text{solutions} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is not a subspace because doesn't go through origin

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is not a solution}$$

It's like a line or plane that doesn't go through origin

Subspaces must go through origin

## Vector Subspaces (Recitation)

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Which are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

1)  $b_1 + b_2 - b_3 = 0$

2)  $b_1, b_2, b_3 = 0$

This is a subspace because the zero vector holds true, the shape of this should be a plane that passes through the origin.

This is not a subspace because even though the zero vector holds true, scalar multiplication proves this equation as false.

ex.  $b_1 = 1, b_2 = 1$

$1(1) - 1 = 0 \rightarrow 2(2) - 2 \neq 0$

3)  $\begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

4)  $\begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Solving for 0 vector,

$$0 = 1 + c_1 + c_2$$

$$0 = 0 + 0 + 0$$

$$0 = 0 - c_1 + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = -0.5, c_2 = -0.5$$

This means that this is a subspace because the origin included

$$b_2 \Rightarrow 0 = 1 + c_1(0) + c_2(0)$$

$$0 = 1 + 0 + 0$$

This doesn't work, so there is no solution for  $b_2 = 0$  which means this doesn't pass the origin. This is not a subspace.

### Subspace Checklist

↳ Zero Vector Test

↳ Linearity Test

↳ Does the vector in parametric form shift from origin?

## Lecture #7

Solving  $AX=0$  : Pivot Variables, Special Solutions

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

At first looks col 2 is multiple of col 1  
and row 1+2 = row 3

by elimination

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = u$$

(not quite upper  $\Delta$ )

upper echelon?

Amount of pivots in  $A = 2 \Rightarrow$  rank of  $A = 2$

rank of  $A =$  number of pivots = 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = u$$

↑↑↑↑  
2 pivot columns  
2 free columns

You can assign any variable to  $x_2$  and  $x_4$ ,  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> column to solve for the  
other 2 variables. Hence free column.

$$\# \text{ of Free Variables} = n - r$$

The 2 eqns :  $x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 = 0$   
 $2x_3 + 4x_4 = 0$

Let's say  $x = \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix}$  ( $x_2 = 1, x_4 = 0$  since we are free)

Then the  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  that solve the 2 eqns are  $x_1 = -2, x_3 = 0$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{a vector in the nullspace}$$

↳ To get more just get multiples of this one

But this is just one iteration of free variables

Let's say  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  ( $x_2 = 0, x_4 = 1$ )  $\Rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

algo:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

So the solution to  $ux=0$  is all the combinations of special solutions :  $x = c \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$