

1 Vectors in \mathbb{R}^n

A vector is characterized by 2 quantities: **length** and **direction**, and is represented by a directed line segment. But they are just 2 special types of vectors.

1.1 Vectors in the Plane

A **vector in the plane** is represented geometrically by a **directed line segment** whose **initial point** is the origin and whose **terminal point** is the point (x_1, x_2) . This vector is represented by the same **ordered pair** used to represent its terminal point

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$$

- x_1, x_2 : the **components** of the vector \mathbf{x}
- $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$ if and only if $u_1 = v_1$ and $u_2 = v_2$

1.2 Vectors in \mathbb{R}^n

A vector in n -space is represented by an **ordered n -tuple**. The set of all n -tuple is called **n -space** and is denoted by \mathbb{R}^n .

Properties of Vectors Addition and Scalar Multiplication in \mathbb{R}^n

1. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is a vector in R^n .
2. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$
3. $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}))$
4. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$
5. $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$
6. $c\mathbf{u}$ is a vector in R^n .
7. $c\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$
8. $(c + d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}$
9. $c(d\mathbf{u}) = (cd)\mathbf{u}$
10. $1(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u}$

THEOREM 4.3 *Properties of Additive Identity and Additive Inverse*

1. $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$, then $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$.
2. $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$, then $\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{v}$.
3. $0\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ (scalar)
4. $c\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ (vector 0)
5. $c\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$, then $c = 0$ or $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.
6. $-(-\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}$

Writing a Vector as a Linear Combination of Other Vectors

Vector \mathbf{x} can be written as the sum of scalar multiples of n other vectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_nv_n$$

then the vector \mathbf{x} is called a **linear combination** of the vectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n

2 Vector Spaces

Any set that satisfies these aforementioned properties (or **axioms**) is called **vector space**, and the objects in the set are called **vectors**.

Definition of Vector Space. Let V be a set on which 2 operations (**vector addition** and **scalar multiplication**) are defined. $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V$.

V is called a **vector space** if the listed axioms are satisfied for every $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ and real number c, d :

1. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ in V
2. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$
3. $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}))$
4. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$: V has a **zero vector** $\mathbf{0}$
5. $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$: For every \mathbf{u} in V , there exists $-\mathbf{u}$.
6. $c\mathbf{u}$ in V
7. $c\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$
8. $(c + d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}$
9. $c(d\mathbf{u}) = (cd)\mathbf{u}$
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REMARK. A vector space consists of 4 entities:

1. a set of vectors
2. a set of scalars
3. 2 operations

Example 3.

1. The set of all 2×3 matrices with the operations of matrix addition and scalar multiplication is a vector space.
2. The set of all 2×2 matrices of the form $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$ with the operations of matrix addition and scalar multiplication is a vector space.

Example. The Vector Space of All Polynomials of Degree 2 or Less

Let P_2 be the set of all polynomials of the form

$$p(x) = a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$$

with the usual operations of polynomial addition and scalar multiplication. P_2 is a vector space. This can be extended to P_n .

Summary of Important Vector Spaces.

- R = set of all real numbers
- R^2 = set of all ordered pairs
- R^3 = set of all ordered triples
- R^n = set of all n-tuples
- $C(-\infty, \infty)$ = set of all continuous functions defined on the real number line
- $C[a, b]$ = set of all continuous functions defined on a closed interval $[a, b]$
- P = set of all polynomials
- P_n = set of all polynomials of degree $\leq n$
- $M_{m,n}$ = set of all $m \times n$ matrices
- $M_{n,n}$ = set of all square matrices

THEOREM 4.4 *Properties of Scalar Multiplication*

1. $0\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$
2. $c\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$
3. If $c\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$, then $c = 0$ or $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$
4. $(-1)\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v}$

Example.

The Set of Integer is Not a Vector Space.

The Set of Second-Degree Polynomials Is Not a Vector Space.

$$p(x) = x^2, \quad q(x) = -x^2 + x + 1 \implies p(x) + q(x) \notin V$$

3 Subspaces of Vector Spaces

Definition of Subspace of a Vector Space.

A non-empty subset W of a vector space V is called a **subspace** of V if W is a vector space under the operations of addition and scalar multiplication defined in V .

Example 1. The set $W = (x_1, 0, x_3) : x_1 \text{ and } x_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^e with the standard operations. Graphically, it's the xz -plane.

Test for a subspace. If W is a non-empty subset of V , then W is a subspace of V if and only if

1. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \in W$
2. $c\mathbf{u} \in W$

The 2 trivial subspaces are the **zero subspace** (contain only the zero vector), and the space itself. The subspaces other than those 2 are **proper** (or nontrivial) subspaces.

Example. The Set of Singular Matrices Is Not a Subspace of $M_{n,n}$.

To prove, we need to show that W is empty, W is not closed under addtion, or W is not closed under scalar multiplication. For this particular set, W is not closed under addition

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies A + B \notin W$$

Note. Sequences of subspaces nested within each other

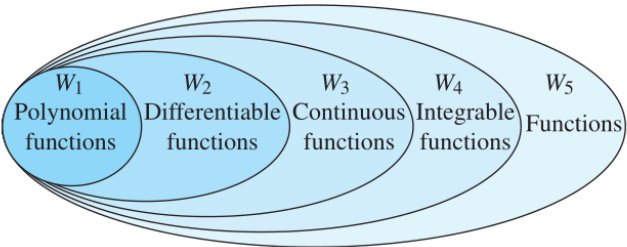
$$P_o \subset P_1 \subset \cdots \subset P_n$$

Example 5. Subspaces of Functions (Calculus)

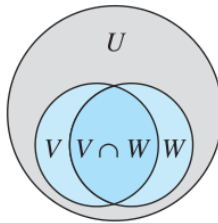
Let W_5 be the *vector space* of all functions defined n $[0, 1]$, and let

- W_1 = set of all polynominal functions defined on the interval $[0, 1]$
- W_2 = set of all functions that are differentable on $[0, 1]$
- W_3 = set of all functions that are continuous on $[0, 1]$
- W_4 = set of all functions that are integrable on $[0, 1]$

Show that $W_1 \subset W_2 \subset \cdots \subset W_5$, and $W_i \subset W_j$ for $i \leq j$.



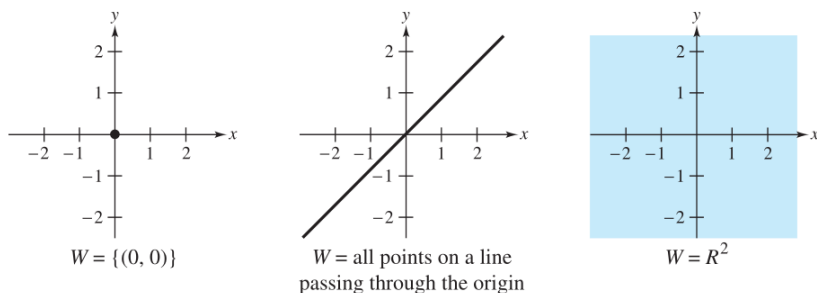
The Intersection of 2 Subspaces Is a Subspace. If V and W are both subspaces of a vector space U , then $V \cap W$ is also a subspace of U .



3.1 Subspace of \mathbb{R}^n

A characteristic of \mathbb{R}^2 . If $W \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, then it is a subspace if and only if **one** of the three possibilities listed below is true.

1. W consists of the *single point* $(0, 0)$.
2. W consists of all points on a *line* that pass through the origin.
3. W consists of all of \mathbb{R}^2 .



Example 7. The Set of all points on the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ is not a subspace. Take the sum $a = (0, 1)$ and $b(1, 0)$, then the Set is not closed under addition.

REMARK. Another way: a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 must contain $(0, 0)$.

3.2 Subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3

Subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 . $W \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 (with the standard operations) if and only if it has **one** of the forms listed below.

1. W consists of the *single point* $(0, 0)$.
2. W consists of all points on a *line* that pass through the origin.
3. W consists of all points on a *plane* that pass through the origin.
4. W consists of all of \mathbb{R}^3 .

4 Spanning Sets and Linear Independence

Def. Linear Combination of Vectors.

A vector \mathbf{v} in a vector space V is called a **linear combination** of the vectors $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k$ in V if \mathbf{v} can be written in the form

$$\mathbf{v} = c_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + c_k \mathbf{u}_k,$$

where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k are scalars.

Example 1.

(a) For the set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 ,

$$S = \overbrace{(1, 3, 1)}^{v_1}, \overbrace{(0, 1, 2)}^{v_2}, \overbrace{(1, 0, -5)}^{v_3},$$

\mathbf{v}_1 is a **linear combination** of \mathbf{v}_2 and \mathbf{v}_3 since $\mathbf{v}_1 = 3\mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_3$.

(b) For the set of vectors in $M_{2,2}$, (page 226)

4.1 Finding a Linear Combination

Def. Spanning Set of a Vector Space.

Let $S = \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k \in V$. S is called a **spanning set** of V if *every* vector in V can be written as a linear combination of vectors in S . (S **spans** V)

Example. $S = (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)$ spans \mathbb{R}^3 because any vector $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ can be written as

$$\mathbf{u} = u_1(1, 0, 0) + u_2(0, 1, 0) + u_3(0, 0, 1)$$

Example. $S = 1, x, x^2$ spans P_2 because any polynomial function $p(x) = a + bx + cx^2$ in P_2 can be written as

$$p(x) = a(1) + b(x) + c(x^2)$$

These above 2 spanning sets are called **standard spanning sets** of \mathbb{R}^3 and P_2 , respectively.

A nonstandard Spanning Set of \mathbb{R}^3 .

$$S_1 = (1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-2, 0, 1)$$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 & -2c_3 = u_1 \\ 2c_1 + c_2 & = u_2 \\ 3c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3 = u_3 \end{cases}$$

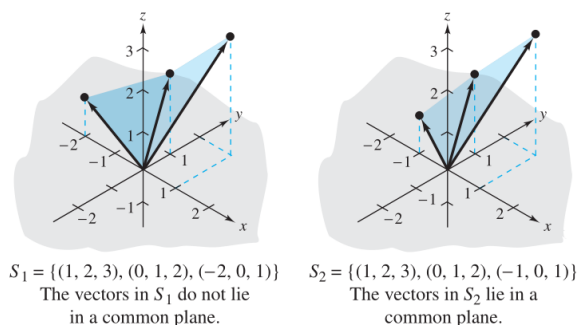
Since the coefficient matrix of the system has a nonzero determinant, this system has a unique solution.

A Set that Does Not Span \mathbb{R}^3

$$S_2 = (1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-1, 0, 1)$$

does not span \mathbb{R}^3 since $\mathbf{w} = (1, -2, 2)$ can not be expressed as a linear combination of these vectors.

Consider these 2 aforementioned sets S_1, S_2 . The vectors in S_2 lie in a common plane while those in S_1 do not.



Although S_2 does not span \mathbb{R}^3 , it does span a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 - namely, the plane in which the 3 vectors of S_2 lie. This subspace is called the **span** of S_2 .

Def. The Span of a Set. If $S = \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$ is a set of vectors in V , then the **span** of S is the set of all linear combinations of the vectors in S .

$$\text{span}(S) = \text{span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k) = \{c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k : c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

If $\text{span}(S) = V$: V is **spanned** by $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$, or S **spans** V .

THEOREM 4.7 Span(S) Is a Subspace of V

If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is a set of vectors in V , then $\text{span}(S)$ is a subspace of V . Moreover, $\text{span}(S)$ is the smallest subspace of V that contains S , in the sense that every other subspace of V that contains S must contain $\text{span}(S)$.

4.2 Linear Dependence and Linear Independence

The set $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ in V is called **linearly independent** if the vector equation

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0$$

has only the trivial solutions. If there are also nontrivial solutions, then S is **linearly dependent**.

4.2.1 Testing for Linear Independence and Linear Dependence

Let $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ be a set of vectors in a vector space V . To determine whether S is linearly independent or not:

1. Write a homogeneous system of equations in the variables c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k

$$\{c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0\}$$

2. Determine whether the matrix of k column vectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k has a nonzero determinant or not.
3. If yes, it is linearly independent. Otherwise, linearly dependent.

Example.(page 233)

THEOREM 4.8 A Property of Linearly Dependent Sets A set S containing ≥ 2 vectors is linearly dependent if and only if at least 1 vector v_j can be written as a linear combination of the other ones.

If S is linearly dependent, assuming $c_1 \neq 0$, then you can solve the equation for v_1 and write v_1 as a linear combination of the remaining other ones. In other words, v_1 *depends* on the other vectors on the set.

$$v_1 = -\frac{c_2}{c_1} v_2 - \frac{c_3}{c_1} v_3 - \dots - \frac{c_k}{c_1} v_k$$

Corollary. 2 vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in V are linearly dependent if and only if one is a scalar multiple of the other.

5 Basis and Dimension

Def. Basis

A set $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ in V is called a **basis** for V if

1. S spans V .
2. S is linearly independent.

REMARK. A basis has 2 features. It must have *enough vectors* to span V , but *not so many vectors* that 1 one them could even be written as a linear combination of the others in S .

If V has a basis consisting of a finite number of vectors, then V is **finite dimensional**. Otherwise, like the vector space P of all polynomials, is **infinite dimensional**.

Example 1. The Standard Basis for \mathbb{R}^3

$$S = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$$

- S span \mathbb{R}^3 .
- S is linear independent because the vector equation $c_1(1, 0, 0) + c_2(0, 1, 0) + c_3(0, 0, 1) = 0$ has only the trivial solution. Thus, S is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

That basis is called the **standard basis** for \mathbb{R}^3 . That is, the vectors

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{e}_1 &= (1, 0, \dots, 0) \\ \mathbf{e}_2 &= (0, 1, \dots, 0) \\ &\vdots \\ \mathbf{e}_n &= (0, 0, \dots, 1)\end{aligned}$$

form the **standard basis** for \mathbb{R}^n .

Standard Basis for P_n . $S = \{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$

Standart Basis for $M_{2,2}$. $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

THEOREM 4.9 Uniqueness of Basis Representation If S is a basis for V , every vectors in V can be written in **only one** way as a linear combination of vectors of S .

Now, these are 2 important theorems concerning bases.

THEOREM 4.10 Bases and Linear Dependence

If S is a set of n vectors and is a basis for V , then every set containing $\geq n$ vectors in V is **linearly dependent**.

THEOREM 4.11 Number of Vectors in a Basis If V has one basis with n vectors, then every basis for V has n vectors.

5.1 The Dimension of a Vector Space

Def. Dimension of a Vector Space.

If V has a basis with n vectors, then n is the **dimension** of V , denoted by $\dim(V) = n$.

If $V = \{0\}$, $\dim(V) = 0$.

1. $\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n$.
2. $\dim(P_n) = n + 1$.
3. $\dim(M_{m,n}) = mn$.

If W is V 's subspace, W is finite dimensional and $\dim(W) \leq n$.

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Basis Tests in an n -Dimensional Space. Let V be a vector space of dimension n .

1. If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a linearly independent set of vectors in $V \implies S$ is a basis for V .
2. If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ spans $V \implies S$ is a basis for V .

6 Rank of a Matrix and System of Linear of Equations

Def. Row Space and Column Space of a Matrix. Let A be a $m \times n$ matrix.

1. The **row space** of A is the subspace of \mathbb{R}^n spanned by the **row vectors** of A .
2. The **column space** of A is the subspace of \mathbb{R}^m spanned by the **column vectors** of A .

Recall that 2 matrices are **row-equivalent** if one can be obtained from the other by elementary row operations.

THEOREM 4.13 Row-Equivalent Matrices Have the Same Row Space.
If $A_{m \times n}$ is row-equivalent to $B_{m \times n}$, then they have the *same row space*.

REMARK. The row space of a matrix does not change by elementary row operations. However, it can **change** the *column space*.

Basis for the Row Space of a Matrix. If A is row-equivalent to a matrix B in *row-echelon* form, then the nonzero row vectors of B form a basis for A 's **row space**.

Suppose you are asked to find a **basis** for the subspace spanned by $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$.

- Form a matrix A consisting of B 's vectors as **row vectors**.
- Rewrite A in **row-echelon** form.

Find a Basis for the Column Space. There are 2 options. On the one hand, the column space of A is the row space of A^T . On the other hand, observe that:

REMARK. Although row operations can *change* the column space, they *do not change* the **dependency relationships** between columns. (*Notice that, the determinant remains unchanged.*)

THEOREM 4.15 Row and Column Spaces Have Equal Dimension.

Proof. (p.256) Suppose the basis S of A 's row space has r vectors. You can rewrite the matrix and observe that the column vectors of A are all linear combinations of the vectors S .

Thus, $\dim(\text{col space}) \leq \dim(\text{row space})$. Doing the same, we have $\dim(\text{row space}) \leq \dim(\text{col space})$. Proof complete.

Def. Rank of a Matrix. The dimension of the row (or col) space of A is called the **rank** of A , and denoted by $\text{rank}(A)$.

6.1 The Nullspace of a Matrix

Solutions of a Homogeneous System.

Consider the homogeneous linear system $A_{m \times n} \mathbf{x}_{n \times 1} = \mathbf{0}$

The set of all solutions of this is a subspace of R^n called the **nullspace** :

$$N(A) = \{\mathbf{x} \in R^n : A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$$

The dimension of A 's nullspace is the **nullity** of A .

REMARK. The *nullspace* of A is also the **solution space** of the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

Dimension of the Solution Space. If A is an $m \times n$ matrix of rank r , then the dimension of the nullspace is $n - r$. That is,

$$n = \text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A)$$

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6.2 Solutions of Systems of Linear Equations

The set of all solutions vectors of the *homogeneous* linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ is a **subspace**. However, for $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0}$, it's not a subspace - since $\mathbf{0}$ is never a solution of a nonhomogeneous system. However, there is a *relationship* between them.

THEOREM 4.18 Solutions of a Nonhomogeneous Linear System.

If \mathbf{x}_p is a *particular* solution for $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, then *every* solution of this system can be written in the form

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_p + \mathbf{x}_h$$

where \mathbf{x}_h is a solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

Example 8. Finding the Solution Set of a Nonhomogeneous System.

Find the set of all solution vectors of the system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} x_1 & -2x_3 + x_4 = 5 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 - 5x_3 & = 8 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 & -5x_4 = -9 \end{cases}$$

SOLUTION. The augmented matrix for the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ reduces as follows.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & -5 & 0 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & -5 & -9 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

The system of linear equations corresponding to the reduced row-echelon matrix is

$$\begin{cases} x_1 & -2x_3 + x_4 = 5 \\ & x_2 + x_3 - 3x_4 = -7 \end{cases}$$

Letting $x_3 = s$ and $x_4 = t$, you can write a representative solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2s - t + 5 \\ -s + 3t - 7 \\ s + 0t + 0 \\ 0s + t + 0 \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= s\mathbf{u}_1 + t\mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{x}_p \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 4.19 Solutions of a System of Linear Equations

The system of linear equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent if and only if \mathbf{b} is in the column space of A .

6.3 Sys. Linear Equations with Square Coefficient Matrices

SUMMARY. Equivalent Conditions for Square Matrices.

If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, then the following conditions are equivalent.

1. A is invertible.
2. $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a unique solution for *any* $n \times 1$ matrix \mathbf{b} .
3. $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.
4. A is row-equivalent to I_n .
5. $\det(A) = |A| \neq 0$
6. $\text{Rank}(A) = n$
7. The n row vectors of A are linearly independent.
8. The n col vectors of A are linearly independent.

7 Coordinates and Change of Basis

If B is a basis for V , then every vector $\mathbf{x} \in V$ can be expressed in one and only one way as a linear combination of B 's vectors. The *coefficients* in that linear combination are the **coordinates of \mathbf{x} relative**

to \mathbf{B} . In the context of *coordinate*, the order of vectors in basis is important, and this will be emphasized by referring to the basis B as an *ordered* basis.

Coordinate Representation Relative to a Basis.

Let $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ be an *ordered* basis for V , and let $\mathbf{x} \in V$ such that

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

The scalar c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are the **coordinates of \mathbf{x} relative to the basis \mathbf{B}** . The **coordinate matrix** (or **coordinate vector**) of \mathbf{x} relative to B is the column matrix in \mathbb{R}^n whose components are the coordinates of \mathbf{x} .

$$[\mathbf{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Coordinate Representation in \mathbb{R}^n

Writing a vector in \mathbb{R}^n as $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ means that the x_i 's are the coordinates of \mathbf{x} relative to the *standard basis* S in \mathbb{R}^n . So you have

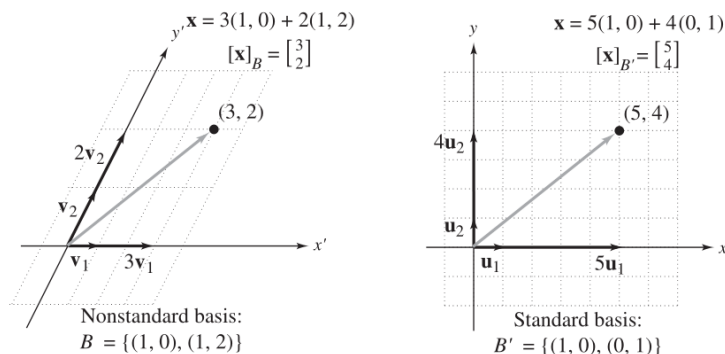
$$[\mathbf{x}]_S = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Example. The coordinate matrix of \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^2 relative to the (nonstandard) ordered basis $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\} = \{(1, 0), (1, 2)\}$ is

$$[\mathbf{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the coordinate of \mathbf{x} relative to the standard basis $B' = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\} = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$.

ANSWER. $[\mathbf{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\mathbf{x}]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$



Example. Find the coordinate matrix of $\mathbf{x} = (1, 2, -1)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 relative to the (nonstandard) basis

$$B' = \{(\mathbf{u})_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\} = \{(1, 0, 1), (0, -1, 2), (2, 3, -5)\}$$

SOLUTION. Begin by writing \mathbf{x} as a linear combination of $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3$:

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{u}_3$$

$$(1, 2, -1) = c_1(1, 0, 1) + c_2(0, -1, 2) + c_3(2, 3, -5)$$

Equating corresponding components produces the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} c_1 & + 2c_3 = 1 \\ & - c_2 + 3c_3 = 2 \\ c_1 + 2c_2 - 5c_3 = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution of this system is $c_1 = 5, c_2 = -8, c_3 = -2$. So, the coordinate matrix of \mathbf{x} relative to B' is

$$[\mathbf{x}_{B'}] = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -8 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

7.1 Change of Basis in R^n

In the previous example,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$P \qquad \qquad [\mathbf{x}]_{B'} \qquad \qquad [\mathbf{x}]_B$

The matrix P is the **transition matrix from B' to B** .

$$P[\mathbf{x}_{B'}] = [B]x_B$$

To perform a change of basis from B to B' , use the matrix P^{-1}

$$[\mathbf{x}_{B'}] = P^{-1}[\mathbf{x}_B]$$

This means that the change of basis problem in Eg.3 can be represented by the matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -7 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -8 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$P^{-1} \qquad \qquad [\mathbf{x}]_B \qquad \qquad [\mathbf{x}]_{B'}$

THEOREM 4.20 The Inverse of a Transition Matrix.

P : *transition matrix* from $B' \rightarrow B$ in R^n , then P is **invertible** and P^{-1} is the transition matrix from $B \rightarrow B'$.

My own thoughts. To perform a change of basis from B to S , use B itself

$$B[\mathbf{x}_B] = \mathbf{x}_S$$

Hence, for $[\mathbf{x}]_B$ and $[\mathbf{x}]_{B'}$ that is the same point

$$B[\mathbf{x}_B] = B'[\mathbf{x}_{B'}] = [\mathbf{x}_S]$$

To perform a change of basis from B' to B , simply

$$[\mathbf{x}_B] = B^{-1}B'[\mathbf{x}_{B'}]$$

In other words, $P = B^{-1}B'$ (from $[\mathbf{x}_{B'}] \rightarrow [\mathbf{x}_B]$). And $P^{-1} = B'^{-1}B$, we got a theorem.

THEOREM 4.21 Transition Matrix from B to B' .

The matrix P^{-1} from B to B^{-1} can be found by using Gauss-Jordan elimination on

$$[B' : B] \rightarrow [I_n : P^{-1}]$$

7.2 Coordinate Representation in General n -Dimensional Spaces

Example. $p = 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 4$ has the coordinate matrix $[p]_S = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.