

ch. 3 VECTOR SPACES & SUBSPACES

3.1 VECTOR SPACES

↳ this is the real college level linear algebra

↳ getting comfy w/ higher dimensions

WHAT IS VECTOR SPACE?

SET OF OBJECTS (NOT NECESSARILY VECTORS PER SE) THAT POSSESS SAME ALGEBRAIC PROPERTIES AS VECTORS IN \mathbb{R}^n

WHAT IS SUBSPACE?

VECTOR SPACE INSIDE VECTOR SPACE

an overview

GETTING TO KNOW VECTOR SPACE

\mathbb{R}^n AS A PROTOTYPE FOR VECTOR SPACE

WHAT IS \mathbb{R}^n ANYWAYS?

↳ it's a set of vectors w/ n components $\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$

• addition $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$ is defined $\forall \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

• scalar mult. $c\vec{u}$ is defined $\forall c \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall \vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

• 8 properties:

1) $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u} \quad \forall \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

2) $\vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} \quad \forall \vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

3) $\exists \vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \vec{u} + \vec{0} = \vec{0} + \vec{u} = \vec{u} \quad \forall \vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

4) $\forall \vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \exists -\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\vec{u} + (-\vec{u}) = (-\vec{u}) + \vec{u} = \vec{0}$

5) $1\vec{u} = \vec{u} \quad \forall \vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

6) $(c_1 c_2)\vec{u} = c_1(c_2\vec{u}) \quad \forall c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall \vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

7) $c(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = c\vec{u} + c\vec{v} \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

8) $(c_1 + c_2)\vec{u} = c_1\vec{u} + c_2\vec{u} \quad \forall c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall \vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

REAL DEFINITION OF VECTOR SPACE

LET V BE A SET OF OBJECTS (like VECTORS/FUNCTIONS/MATRIX) FOR WHICH ADDITION + SCALAR MULTIPLICATION ARE DEFINED

↳ we will know what we mean by $\vec{u} + \vec{v} + c\vec{u} \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R} + \forall \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$

V is called a vector space if all 8 properties (w/ \mathbb{R}^n replaced by V) are satisfied.

EXAMPLE:

↳ \mathbb{R}^n (it was our prototype)

↳ $V = M_{2,2}$ = set of all 2×2 matrices $= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ w/ STANDARD ADDITION + SCALAR MULTIPLICATION

↳ we claim this set V is a vector space

↳ it satisfies all 8 properties, in fact, $M_{2,2}$ is basically the same as \mathbb{R}^4 :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} M_{2,2} \\ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \end{array} & \longleftrightarrow & \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{R}^4 \\ (a, b, c, d) \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} & \longleftrightarrow & \begin{array}{c} (a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1) + (a_2, b_2, c_2, d_2) \end{array} \\ & & \text{8 PROPERTIES } \checkmark \end{array}$$

↳ THAT'S TOO EZ, LETS MAKE IT MORE ABSTRACT

↳ $V = P_2$ = set of all polynomials of degree ≤ 2 $= \{ a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 \mid a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R} \}$

w/ STANDARD ADD. + SCALAR MULT

$$p(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2, \quad q(t) = b_0 + b_1 t + b_2 t^2$$

$$p(t) + q(t) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)t + (a_2 + b_2)t^2$$

$$c p(t) = (c a_0) + (c a_1)t + (c a_2)t^2$$

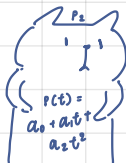
THEN P_2 can be identified with \mathbb{R}^3

$$\begin{array}{c} P_2 \\ a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{R}^3 \\ (a_0, a_1, a_2) \end{array}$$

→

SO ALL 8 PROPERTIES ARE SATISFIED $\rightarrow P_2$ IS A VECTOR SPACE



we can come up w/ \mathbb{R}^n $\circ V = F(\mathbb{R})$ = set of all functions defined on \mathbb{R} (x-axis) w/ standard addition + scalar multiplication
 \circ doesn't identify w/ \mathbb{R}^n

- what corresponds to $\vec{0}$ is the zero function $z(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

- \ominus exist $\overbrace{\quad}^{f(x)}$
 $\quad \quad \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{-f(x)}$
 \vdots

all 8 properties are satisfied

$\Rightarrow F(\mathbb{R})$ is a vector space

what is this for?

this helps us see higher dimensions better!

subspaces are very useful later on too!

SUBSPACES

TRIVIAL EXAMPLE

Given a vector space V , V itself is a subspace of V

A subspace W of a vector space V is a subset that satisfies the following.

i) $\forall \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in W \quad \vec{u} + \vec{v} \in W$

ii) $\forall c \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall \vec{u} \in W \quad c\vec{u} \in W$

if these are satisfied, W is a subspace of V

* must define a vector space before trying to define a subspace *

THEOREMS

1 Any linear combo of elements from a subspace W is in W

proof:

let $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in W$, show $c\vec{u} + d\vec{v} \in W$

$c\vec{u}, d\vec{v} \in W$ by (ii)

$\Rightarrow c\vec{u} + d\vec{v} \in W$ by (i) \circ

2 IF W IS A SUBSPACE OF V , then W contains $\vec{0} \in V$

IN OTHER WORDS: IF A SUBSET W OF V DOES NOT CONTAIN $\vec{0}$, THEN W CANNOT BE A SUBSPACE

EXAMPLES

① $V = \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow$ \mathbb{R}^2 \circ DETERMINE WHETHER THE GIVEN SET IS A SUBSPACE OF \mathbb{R}^2 OR NOT

a) $W_1 = \{(x, y) \mid y = 2x\}$

we need to check the conditions

$\hookrightarrow \{(x, 2x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

(i) $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$(a, 2a) + (b, 2b)$

$= ((a+b), 2(a+b)) \in W \quad \checkmark$

(ii) $\forall a, c \in \mathbb{R}$

$c(a, 2a) = (ca, 2ca) \in W, \checkmark \Rightarrow$

W_1 is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2

② $W_2 = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$



(i) take $(1, 0) + (0, 1)$, both in W_2

but $(1, 0) + (0, 1) = (1, 1) \notin W_2 \quad \times$

violated. NOT A SUBSPACE

(ii) $(1, 0) \in W_2$ but

$2(1, 0) = (2, 0) \notin W_2 \quad \times$

③ $\{(x, y) \mid y = 2x + 1\}$

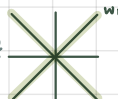


* $\vec{0}$ IS NOT IN W_3 , W_3 IS NOT A SUBSPACE!!! *

also... (i) violates it

$(2, 5) + (3, 7)$
 $\quad \quad \quad \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\quad \quad \quad \uparrow$
 $\quad \quad \quad \text{not } 2x+1$

④ $W_4 = \{(x, y) \mid y = \pm x\}$



NOT A SUBSPACE,

VIOLATES (i)

(i) $(1, 1) + (1, -1) = (2, 0) \notin W_4$

NOT IN W_4 ! NOT SUBSPACE

⑤ $W_5 = \{(n, 0) \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

(i) $\forall n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (n_1, 0) + (n_2, 0) = (n_1 + n_2, 0) \quad \checkmark$

(ii) $\sqrt{2}(1, 0) = (\sqrt{2}, 0) \notin \mathbb{Z} \neq W_5$ = VIOLATION
 $\quad \quad \quad \uparrow$
 $\quad \quad \quad c \text{ can be } \mathbb{R}$

NOT A SUBSPACE

→ HARDER TO VISUALIZE,
MUST WORK W/ DEFINITIONS

• GIVEN $M_{22} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

DETERMINE WHETHER THE GIVEN SET IS A SUBSET OF M_{22}

① $W_1 =$ all 2×2 diagonal matrices

" $c = -w$ " - IT LOOKS LIKE A SUBSPACE

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

(i) $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1+a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & d_1+d_2 \end{bmatrix}$

GIVE A DIAGONAL MATRIX $\in W_1$ ✓

(ii) $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} \in W_1, c \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}, c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} ca & 0 \\ 0 & cd \end{bmatrix} \in W_1 \quad \checkmark$$

W_1 IS A SUBSPACE OF M_{22}

② $W_2 =$ all 2×2 invertible matrices

" $c = -v$ " - I THINK NOT

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid ad-bc \neq 0 \right\} \Rightarrow \text{THIS HAS NO } \vec{0}$$

a, b, c, d CANNOT BE 0

$$0: \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin W_2 \rightarrow \text{NOT A SUBSPACE } X$$

(i) + (ii) ARE NOT SATISFIED EITHER

(i) $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, -I = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \in W_2$

$$I + (-I) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin W_2 \quad X$$

(ii) $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in W_2$

$$c=0, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin W_2 \quad X$$

③ $W_3 =$ all 2×2 symmetric matrices

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

let's define it more abstractly

$$= \left\{ A \in M_{22} \mid A^T = A \right\} \quad \text{use this to prove}$$

(i) $A, B \in W_3$

$$(A+B)^T = A^T + B^T \text{ by property}$$

$$A^T = A, B^T = B \text{ by def.}$$

$$A^T + B^T = A + B \Rightarrow A+B \in W_3 \quad \checkmark$$

(ii) let $A \in W_3$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(cA)^T = cA^T = cA = cA \in W_3 \quad \checkmark$$

W_3 is a subspace of M_{22}

• LET W be the subspace of P_2 defined as

$$W = \left\{ p(t) \in P_2 \mid p(3) = 0 \right\}$$

$a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2$ ENSURES THE 0

there are polynomials in P_2 which are not in W

that's the one condition so like if $f(t) = t^2 + 1 \notin W : f(3) = 10 \neq 0 \rightarrow$ it's NOT IN THE SUBSPACE W

$\hookrightarrow g(t) = t^2 - 2t - 3 \in W : g(3) = 0 \quad \checkmark$ IT IS IN THE SUBSPACE

(i) let $p(t), q(t) \in W$, i.e. $p(3) = q(3) = 0$

$$(p+q)(3) = p(3) + q(3) = 0 + 0 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

(ii) $p(t) \in W$ i.e. $p(3) = 0$

$$\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$3(p(3)) = 3(0) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

W IS A SUBSPACE OF P_2

SUBSPACE SPANNED BY VECTORS

\rightarrow LET $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Then the set of all linear combinations of them.

$$\text{span} \{ \vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n \} = \{ x_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n \mid x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

is called the subspace spanned by $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n$

A SPAN IS ALWAYS THE
SUBSPACE OF THAT VECTOR SPACE
IN THIS CASE, IT IS A SUBSPACE OF \mathbb{R}^3

EXAMPLE: TAKE $\vec{i} = (1, 0, 0)$ and $\vec{j} = (0, 1, 0)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 + FIND SPAN

$$\text{span} \{ \vec{i}, \vec{j} \} = \{ x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} = (x, y, 0) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$\vec{i} = x\text{-y plane} \rightarrow$

FINDING THE SUBSET AS ALL THE LIN. COMBOS OF $\vec{i} + \vec{j}$

SO THE SPAN OF $\{ \vec{i}, \vec{j} \}$ IS ALL THE VECTORS ON THE PLANE (i, j)

COLUMN SPACE

GIVEN AN $m \times n$ MATRIX $A = [\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n]$ where $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$

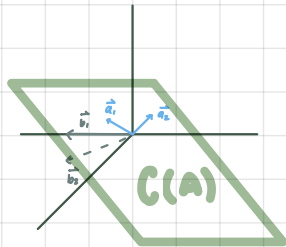
WE DEFINE THE COLUMN SPACE $C(A)$ OF THIS MATRIX AS $C(A) = \text{span} \{ \vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n \} =$ all lin. combos of $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n$

$$= \{ x_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n \mid x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R} \} = \{ A\vec{x} \mid \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \}$$

Then, according to the above example, $C(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m . Also, $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a solution $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \Leftrightarrow \vec{b} = A\vec{x} = x_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n$ for some $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 $\Leftrightarrow \vec{b} \in C(A)$

EXAMPLE:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = [\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2]$$



a) describe the column space $C(A)$

$$C(A) = \text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2\} = \{x_1\vec{a}_1 + x_2\vec{a}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

since $\vec{a}_2 \neq c\vec{a}_1 \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R}$, \vec{a}_1 and \vec{a}_2 are not parallel.

Hence $C(A)$ is the plane containing both \vec{a}_1 + \vec{a}_2

b) Determine whether $\vec{b}_1 = (3, -6, 4)$ is in $C(A)$

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2x + y = 3 & \textcircled{1} \\ -x + 4y = -6 & \textcircled{2} \\ 3x + 2y = 4 & \textcircled{3} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{1} + 2\textcircled{2} : 9y = -9 \Rightarrow y = -1$$

$$\textcircled{3} + 3\textcircled{2} : 14y = -14 \Rightarrow y = -1$$

then $\textcircled{2} \rightarrow x = 4y + 6 = 2$. so $(x, y) = (2, -1)$

This implies that $\vec{b}_1 = 2\vec{a}_1 - \vec{a}_2$, i.e., $\vec{b}_1 \in C(A)$

c) Determine whether $\vec{b}_2 = (3, -6, 2)$ is in $C(A)$

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}_2 \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2x + y = 3 & \textcircled{1} \\ -x + 4y = -6 & \textcircled{2} \\ 3x + 2y = 2 & \textcircled{3} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{1} + 2\textcircled{2} : 9y = -9 \Rightarrow y = -1$$

INCONSISTENT $\Rightarrow A\vec{x} = \vec{b}_2$ has no sol.

$$\textcircled{3} + 3\textcircled{2} : 14y = -16 \Rightarrow y = -16/14$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{b}_2$ is NOT a lin. comb. of \vec{a}_1 + $\vec{a}_2 \Rightarrow \vec{b}_2 \notin C(A)$