

Complement of a Vector Space

Input:

(i) dimension of the vector space \mathbb{Q}^n
(example: $n=3$)

(ii) family (non empty) of vectors in \mathbb{Q}^n

$$\left(\text{ex.: } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow V = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \right)$$

Method:

(i) augment matrix of input vector with identity matrix,

$$(v_1 | \dots | v_n | I_n)$$

ex
$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

\Rightarrow matrix now has rank n

(ii) compute echelon form:

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-1} \left(\begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

(iii) pivot points:

ex
$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|ccc} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

(iv) basis vectors can be read as the original vectors \Rightarrow basis of V : $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ basis of V^\perp : $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

- gauss process preserves linear independence / dependence
- the vectors at the pivot points are obviously independent

ex:

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

\Rightarrow original vectors also independent