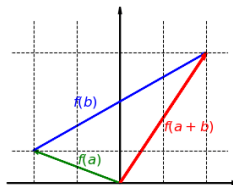
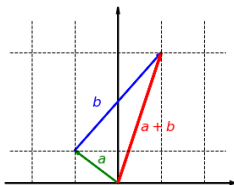


## MA313 : Linear Algebra I

### Week 4: Spanning sets and column spaces

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## Assignment 2

- ▶ Opened last Monday (19 Sep 2022).
- ▶ **Deadline:** 5pm, Friday 30 Sep 2022.
- ▶ It contributes 5% to the final grade for MA313.
- ▶ Tutorials continue Thursdays at 12 in IT206.

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# Part 1: Recall from last week

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### Linear combinations

A **linear combination** of vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_p$  in some vector space is a vector of the form  $c_1 u_1 + \dots + c_p u_p$  for scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p \in \mathbb{R}$ .

### Span

The **span** of a set of vectors is the set of all possible linear combinations of them. That is, given vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_p$  in some vector space  $V$ , their **span** is

$$\text{span}\{u_1, \dots, u_p\} := \{c_1 u_1 + \dots + c_p u_p : c_1, \dots, c_p \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

## Part 1: Recall from last week

### Subspaces

Given any set of a vectors in a vector space  $V$ , their span is a **subspace** of  $V$ .

### Null space

Given a  $m \times n$  matrix,  $A$ , its **null space** is the set of all vectors for which  $Ax = 0$ . That is:

$$\text{Nul } A = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = 0\}.$$

- ▶ For some matrices, the only vector in the null space is the zero vector.
- ▶ The null space of an  $m \times n$  matrix is itself a vector space (and so a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^N$ ).

# Part 2: Spanning Sets

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## **PART 2: Spanning Sets**

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### Definition (Spanning Set)

A **spanning set** of a vector space  $V$  is a collection of vectors in  $V$  whose span is all of  $V$ .

Equivalently, the set of vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  in  $V$  form a spanning set if and only if every vector in  $V$  can be written as a linear combination of  $v_1, \dots, v_p$ .



### Example (A spanning set for $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

The vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

form a spanning set of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$\mathbb{R}^2$  is the space of all vectors of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

These can be written as  $a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

so they are a linear combination of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Example (A spanning set for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ )**

In the same way, for each  $n \geq 1$ , the vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

form a spanning set of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

e.g.  $n=3$  : set is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

or

Recall that  $\mathbb{P}_n$  is the vector space of all polynomials

$$p(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + \cdots + a_n t^n,$$

of degree  $n$  or less.

### Example

$$\mathbb{P}_n = \text{span}\{1, t, \dots, t^n\}.$$

Recall:  $M_{m \times n}$  is the vector space of all  $m \times n$  matrices.

### Example

$$M_{2 \times 2} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Any matrix in  $M_{2 \times 2}$  is of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}.$$

And

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So this is a spanning set for  $M_{2 \times 2}$ .

**Important:** Spanning sets are (in general) not unique.

### Example (Another spanning set of $M_{2 \times 2}$ )

We also, for example,

have  $M_{2 \times 2} = \text{span} \left\{ \overset{u_1}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}, \overset{u_2}{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}, \overset{u_3}{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}, \overset{u_4}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}} \right\}.$

we can write  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  as

$$a \left( \frac{1}{2} u_1 + \frac{1}{2} u_4 \right) + b u_2 + c u_3 + d \left( \frac{1}{2} u_1 - \frac{1}{2} u_4 \right).$$

$$\text{Note, eg, } \frac{1}{2} u_1 + \frac{1}{2} u_4 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

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Note also

①  $M_{2 \times 2} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

② But  $M_{2 \times 2} \neq \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$

**Important:** Spanning sets are (in general) not unique.

### Example (Another spanning set of $M_{2 \times 2}$ )

We also, for example,

$$M_{2 \times 2} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Note also  $V = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \neq M_{2 \times 2}$ ,  
since any matrix in  $V$  is of the  
form  $a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix}.$

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**PART 3:** Column spaces



## Part 3: Column spaces

### Definition (COLUMN SPACE)

Let  $A = [a_1 \cdots a_n]$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix, where  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . That is,  $a_i$  is the  $i$ th column of  $A$ .

The **column space** of  $A$  is

$$\text{Col } A := \text{span}\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}.$$

Note that  $\text{Col } A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

Eg  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . then

$$\text{Col}(A) = \text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}\right).$$

Eg  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Col}(A)$  since  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

## Part 3: Column spaces

### Example

Let  $I_n$  be the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

Then  $\mathbb{R}^n = \text{Col } I_n$ .

$$\text{Eg } I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{And } \mathbb{R}^3 &= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ &= \text{Col } I_3 \end{aligned}$$

## Part 3: Column spaces

Here is another way of thinking about the column space: we have already seen that  $Ax$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ . So, ...

$$\text{Col } A = \{Ax : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

and

$$\text{Col } A = \{b \in \mathbb{R}^m : \exists x \in \mathbb{R}^n : b = Ax\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 x &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Given a matrix  $A$ , we can construct two vector spaces:

### Nul $A$

- ▶ Easy to test membership: does  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  belong to Nul  $A$ ?
- ▶ Not as easy to produce a (finite) spanning set.

### Col $A$

- ▶ Very easy to give a spanning set: it is how the space is defined!
- ▶ Not as easy to check to test membership.

# Part 4: Spanning sets of $\text{Nul } A$

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**PART 4: Spanning sets of null spaces**

## Part 4: Spanning sets of $\text{Nul } A$

### Question

Given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , can we find a finite spanning set of  $\text{Nul } A$ ?

That is, can we find vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that those vectors  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $Ax = 0$  are precisely the linear combinations

$$c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_p v_p,$$

where  $c_1, \dots, c_p \in \mathbb{R}$ ?

To see the answer, we'll recall that the  $Ax = b$  is just another way of writing a linear system of equations.

"precisely" – includes all such vectors,  
but not anything else.

When we write

$$Ax = b$$

where  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, and  $x, b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we mean

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

This is the system of equations

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

Remember that we used solve such systems using “row reduction” (a.k.a., Gaussian Elimination): we rearrange the equations to get

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$\hat{a}_{22}x_2 + \hat{a}_{23}x_3 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\hat{a}_{33}x_3 + \cdots + \hat{a}_{3n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\hat{a}_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

This is done by so-called *elementary row operations*. And we do this because it is easy to solve this version.



## Elementary row operations

Performing an **elementary row operation** on a matrix means:

- ▶ Multiply some row by a non-zero scalar.
- ▶ Add a scalar multiple of some row to another row.
- ▶ Interchange (i.e., swap) two rows.

## Fact!

Let  $A'$  be obtained from  $A$  by performing an **elementary row operation**.

The

$$\text{Nul } A = \text{Nul } A'.$$

**Definition (Row Echelon Form)**

A matrix is in **row echelon form** if

- ▶ all non-zero rows are above all zero rows and
- ▶ the **leading entry** (or “*pivot*”) in a row is in a column to the right of the leading entry in the row above it.
- ▶ All entries in a column below a leading entry are zero.

Eg  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

But not  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

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**Definition (Reduced Row Echelon Form)**

A matrix is in **reduced row echelon form** if it is in row echelon form, and also

- ▶ Each leading entry is one; 
- ▶ If a column contains a leading entry, all its other entries are zero.

### Theorem and Definition

Using elementary row operations, *every* matrix  $A$  can be row reduced to obtain a **unique** matrix  $A'$  in reduced row echelon form. We call  $A'$  **the reduced row echelon form** of  $A$ .

It turns out that we can read off a spanning set of  $\text{Nul } A$  from the reduced row echelon form of  $A$ .

**Example**

Find a spanning set of  $\text{Nul } A$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 & -1 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$



# Part 5: Checking column space

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## **PART 5:** Checking column space

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### Question

Given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , how can we decide if  $b \in \text{Col } A$ ?

Since  $\text{Col } A = \{Ax : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$ , this problem is equivalent to deciding whether there exists a solution  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  to the system of linear equations

$$Ax = b.$$

Again, **row reduction** (a.k.a. **Gaussian elimination**) can be used for this purpose.



## Part 5: Checking column space

### Example

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & -5 & 7 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is  $b \in \text{Col } A$ ?

Details on board.... we see

$x_4 = 1/17$

$x_3$  is free, and then  $x_2 = -2 + 5x_3 + 4/17$ .

Take  $x_3 = 0$ , to get  $x_2 = -30/17$ .

Similarly,  $x_1 = 5$ .

## Part 5: Checking column space

### Example (From 2018/19 exam paper)

Decide (with justification) if

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ belongs to the column space of } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Answer: No!** Why? The RREF of

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \text{ is } \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

So...

So now we know that, given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , we can use **row reduction** to perform the following tasks:

- ▶ Construct a finite spanning set of  $\text{Nul } A$ .
- ▶ Decide, for a given  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , whether  $b \in \text{Col } A$ .

But what has this to do with **vector spaces**?

Do these matrix computations (row reduction) and concepts (null spaces, column spaces) have analogues for general vector spaces?

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# Part 6: Linear Transformations

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## **PART 6:** Linear Transformations

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### Definition (LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS)

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces. A **linear transformation** from  $V$  to  $W$  is a function  $T: V \rightarrow W$  (i.e., a “rule” which assigns a unique  $T(u) \in W$  to each  $u \in V$ ) such that

- ▶  $T(u + v) = T(u) + T(v)$  for all  $u, v \in V$  and
- ▶  $T(cu) = cT(u)$  for all  $u \in V$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

That is, a linear transformation is a function which “respects” (or “is compatible with”) the vector space structures.

## Part 6: Linear Transformations

### Example

Determine if the following map from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a *linear transformation*.

$$T_1\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Part 6: Linear Transformations

### Example

Determine if the following map from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a *linear transformation*.

$$T_2\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 - x_2^2 \\ x_1^2 + x_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Part 6: Linear Transformations

### Example

Determine if the following map from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a *linear transformation*.

$$T_3\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Part 6: Linear Transformations

### Example

Determine if the following map from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a *linear transformation*.

$$T_3\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example**

The matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

defines a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**An important fact**

Linear transformations preserve linear combinations: if  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation, then

$$T(c_1 v_1 + \cdots + c_p v_p) = c_1 T(v_1) + \cdots + c_p T(v_p)$$

for all  $v_1, \dots, v_p \in V$  and  $c_1, \dots, c_p \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Example (Matrices)**

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Define  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  via

$$T(x) = Ax \quad (x \in \mathbb{R}^n).$$

Then  $T$  is a linear transformation.

**Question**

Are there any other linear transformations  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ?

**Answer:** No! Linear transformations  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $m \times n$  matrices are essentially the “same thing”. What we mean is,

- ▶ Every  $m \times n$  matrix defines a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- ▶ Every linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , we can find a matrix that defines it.

**The matrix of a linear transformation**

Let  $e_i$  be the usual vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with 1 in row  $i$ , and zero everywhere else. Then the matrix for a given linear transformation,  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is

$$A := [T(e_1) \cdots T(e_n)].$$

Why?

Since linear transformations are generalizations of matrices, we need the analogous idea of **null spaces** and **column spaces**.

### Definition (KERNEL and RANGE of a linear transformation)

Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation.

- ▶ The **kernel** of  $T$  is  $\text{Ker } T = \{u \in V : T(u) = 0\}$ .
- ▶ The **range** (or **image**) of  $T$  is  $\text{Ran } T = \{T(u) : u \in V\}$ .

**Example**

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $T(x) = Ax$  be the associated linear transformation. Then:

- ▶  $\text{Ker } T = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : T(x) = Ax = 0\} = \text{Nul } A.$
- ▶  $\text{Ran } T = \{T(x) = Ax : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\} = \text{Col } A.$



**Theorem**

*Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Then:*

- ▶  *$\text{Ker } T$  is a subspace of  $V$ .*
- ▶  *$\text{Ran } T$  is a subspace of  $W$ .*

Here is another result, though the importance might not be clear yet.

### Theorem

*Let  $V$  be a vector space and let  $H \subseteq V$  be a subspace.*

*Then there are vector spaces  $U$  and  $W$  and linear transformations  $S: U \rightarrow V$  and  $T: V \rightarrow W$  such that*

$$\text{Ran } S = H = \text{Ker } T.$$

We essentially get  $S$  for free...

But some new ideas would be required to produce  $T$ .

# Exercises

Q1. Construct a finite spanning set of each of the null space of each of the following matrices.

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$

(b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

(c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$

(d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -4 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

## Exercises

Q2. Let

$$w = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 & -4 & 1 \\ -5 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 9 & -11 & 7 & -3 \\ 19 & -9 & 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine whether  $w$  belongs to  $\text{Nul } A$  and whether  $w$  belongs to  $\text{Col } A$ .

Q3. Let

$$w = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 5 & -2 & 0 \\ -5 & 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 10 & -8 & 6 & -3 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine whether  $w$  belongs to  $\text{Nul } A$  and whether  $w$  belongs to  $\text{Col } A$ .

Q4. 4.2.30 Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation from a vector space  $V$  to a vector space  $W$ .

Q1..1 Show that the kernel  $\text{Ker } T$  of  $T$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Q2..2 Show that the range  $\text{Ran } T$  of  $T$  is a subspace of  $W$ .

## Exercises

**Q5.** 4.2.31 Recall that  $\mathbb{P}_n$  is the vector space of polynomials of the form  $p(t) = a_0 + a_1t + \cdots + a_nt^n$  for  $a_0, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ . Define  $T: \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$T(p(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} p(0) \\ p(1) \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Q1..1** Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.

**Q2..2** Find a polynomial  $p(t) \in \mathbb{P}_2$  with  $\text{Ker } T = \text{span}\{p(t)\}$ .

**Q3..3** What is the range of  $T$ ?

**Q6.** 4.2.32 Define  $T: \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$T(p(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} p(0) \\ p(0) \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Q1..1** Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.

**Q2..2** Find polynomials  $p_1(t), p_2(t) \in \mathbb{P}_2$  with  $\text{Ker } T = \text{span}\{p_1(t), p_2(t)\}$ .

**Q3..3** What is the range of  $T$ ?

## Exercises

**Q7.** 4.2.33 Recall that  $M_{m \times n}$  denotes the vector space of  $m \times n$  matrices with real entries. Further recall that  $A^\top$  denotes the *transpose* of a matrix  $A$ . Define  $T: M_{2 \times 2} \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}$  by  $T(A) = A + A^\top$ .

**Q1..1** Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.

**Q2..2** Show that the range of  $T$  consists precisely of those matrices  $B \in M_{2 \times 2}$  with  $B = B^\top$ . (Such matrices are called *symmetric*.)

**Q3..3** Describe the kernel of  $T$ .

**Q8.** 4.2.34 Recall that  $C([a, b])$  denotes the vector space of all continuous functions  $[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Define  $T: C([0, 1]) \rightarrow C([0, 1])$  as follows: for  $f \in C([0, 1])$ , let  $T(f)$  be the antiderivative  $F$  of  $f$  with  $F(0) = 0$ . Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.