



Lecture 2 Spans and Matrices

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Reminders

- Get access to Gradescope, Campuswire.
- Obtain the textbook.
- Problem Set 1 due by 11.59 pm on Friday (NY time).
 - ✓ Late work policy applies.
- Recap Quiz 1 due by 11.59 pm on Sunday (NY time).
 - ❖ Late work policy does not apply.
- Recap Quiz is timed.
 - ❑ Once you start, you have 60 minutes to finish it (even if you close the tab)

Not every matrix have an inverse

Cyclic

$$Cx = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_3 \\ x_2 - x_1 \\ x_3 - x_2 \end{bmatrix} = b.$$

Two ways to calculate the matrix vector multiplication

Linear combination

Dot product

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A

$$b = (1, 3, 5)$$

if $\bar{E}_f(1), (2)$ holds $\Rightarrow \bar{E}_f(3)$ will not hold!

$$\text{add } (1) + (2) - (3)$$

$$[\cancel{x_1 - x_3}] + [\cancel{x_2 - x_1}] + [\cancel{x_3 - x_2}]$$

$$= 0$$

$$b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_3 = b_1 \\ x_2 - x_1 = b_2 \\ x_3 - x_2 = b_3 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{ll} 1 & (1) \\ 3 & (2) \\ 5 & (3) \end{array}$$

$$\bar{E}_f(1) \quad x_1 = x_3 + 1$$

$$\bar{E}_f(2) \quad x_2 = x_1 + b_1 = x_3 + 1 + 3 = x_3 + 4$$

check

$$\bar{E}_f(3) \quad x_3 - x_2 = x_3 - (x_3 + 4) = -4 \neq 5$$

Not every matrix have an inverse

Cyclic

$$Cx = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_3 \\ x_2 - x_1 \\ x_3 - x_2 \end{bmatrix} = b.$$

if $b_1 + b_2 + b_3 \neq 0$
 No solution
 if $b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 0$
 infinite solution

$$b = (0,0,0)$$

$$b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 0$$

My matrix C don't have an inverse

infinite Solution !

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_2 = 0 \\ x_2 - x_3 = 0 \\ x_3 - x_1 = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = \text{any real number}$$

The span of column vectors is not the whole space. (3 vectors in \mathbb{R}^3)

Recap of Column Representation

all the possible $C \cdot x$ = L.C. of the column vectors $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Span of Column Vectors $\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

\rightarrow If b in the span{...} $\Leftrightarrow b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 0$

Exercise

$Ax = b$

copy A ↗ Gef

$\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ square matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ -x_1 + x_2 \\ x_1 - x_2 + x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\underline{Ax = b}$

$x = \underline{A^{-1}b}$

Find the solution x for any b . From $x = A^{-1}b$ read off the inverse matrix A^{-1} .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 = b_1 \\ -1x_1 + 1x_2 + 0x_3 = b_2 \\ 1x_1 + -1x_2 + 1x_3 = b_3 \end{array} \right. \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 = b_1 \\ x_2 = b_2 + x_1 = b_2 + b_1 \\ x_3 = b_3 + x_2 - x_1 \end{array}$$

only depend on x_1
know by prev Eq

only depend on x_1, x_2
know by prev Eq

only depend on x_1, x_2, x_3
know by prev Eq

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 = b_1 \\ x_2 = b_1 + b_2 \\ x_3 = b_2 + b_3 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{A^{-1}} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_1 + b_2 \\ b_2 + b_3 \end{pmatrix} = \overline{b}$$

Exercise

$$Ax = b \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ -x_1 + x_2 \\ x_1 - x_2 + x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the solution x for any b . From $x = A^{-1}b$ read off the inverse matrix A^{-1} .

What is $A^{-1}b$ when $b = (0,0,1)$, $b = (0,1,0)$, $b = (1,0,0)$?

Exercise: Elimination Matrix

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\ell & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \ell & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Later



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Linear Dependence and Independence

Linear In/Dependence

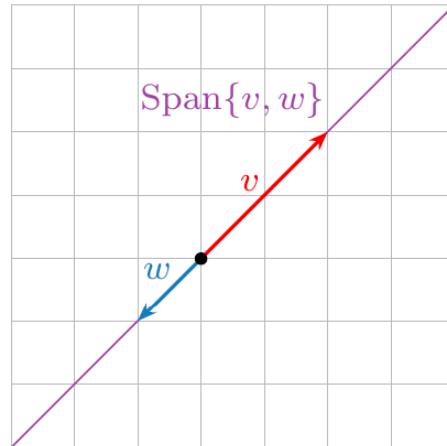
Sometimes the span of a set of vectors is "smaller" than you expect from the number of vectors.

My C matrix



a) 2 vectors in \mathbb{R}^2

if $\vec{v} \parallel \vec{w}$ (colinear),
 $\text{span}\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$ is a line
but not a plane.



a)

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

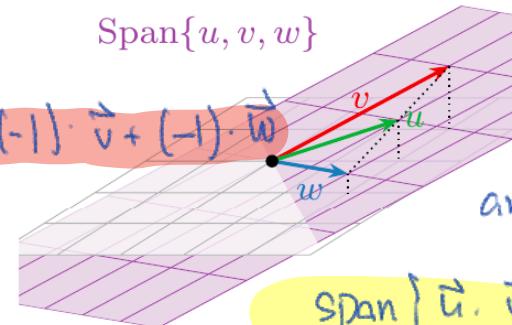
\vec{v} \vec{w} \vec{u}

b) 3 vectors in \mathbb{R}^3

\vec{u} in $\text{span}\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$

$\text{Span}\{u, v, w\}$

$$\vec{u} = (-1) \cdot \vec{v} + (-1) \cdot \vec{w}$$



① $\vec{u} = C_1 \vec{v} + C_2 \vec{w}$

② $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$ is a plane
and \vec{u} lies on the plane

$\text{span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$ is the same plane
as $\text{span}\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$

This can mean many things. For example, it can mean you're using too many vectors to write your solution set.

Notice in each case that one vector in the set is already in the span of the others—so it doesn't make the span bigger. 1 vector \rightarrow line, 2-vectors \rightarrow plane, 3-vectors \rightarrow space

We will formalize this idea in the concept of *linear (in)dependence*.

"largest" plane

Linear Dependence

linear independent : span a plane. $\vec{u} \neq \vec{w}$

Two vectors are said to be linearly dependent if they are multiples of each other, i.e., \vec{u} and \vec{v} are linearly dependent if $\vec{u} = c\vec{v}$ for some constant c .

Three vectors are linearly dependent if they all lie in the same plane, i.e., one of them is a linear combination of the other two. For example, \vec{u} , \vec{v} , and \vec{w} are

linearly dependent if $\vec{u} \in \text{span}\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\} \Rightarrow \vec{u} = c_1\vec{v} + c_2\vec{w} \Rightarrow c_1\vec{v} + c_2\vec{w} - \vec{u} = 0$

$$a\vec{u} + b\vec{v} + c\vec{w} = \vec{0}$$

$\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$ symmetric

for scalars a , b , and c not all zero.

In general, n vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ are linearly dependent if

$$c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\vec{v}_n = \vec{0} \quad L.C.$$

for scalars c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n not all zero. \star (at least one of c_1, \dots, c_n should not be zero)

$$(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \neq (0, 0, \dots, 0) \leftarrow \text{trivial soln}$$

Linear Independence

A set of n vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ is said to be linearly independent if

$$c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \cdots + c_n\vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$$

has only one solution $c_1 = c_2 = \cdots = c_n = 0$. ← all the cof is zero

Example, $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ Yes! Linear Independent!

Are $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$ linear independent?

$$c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

solve \rightarrow

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_1 + c_1 = 0 \\ c_1 + 2c_2 - c_3 = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$c_1 + 2c_3 = 0$$

$$c_1 + 2c_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = -c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_3 = -\frac{1}{2}c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_3 = -\frac{1}{2}c_1 = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} c_1 + c_1 = 0 \\ c_1 + 2c_2 - c_3 = 0 \\ c_1 + 2c_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow c_1 + 2 \cdot (-c_1) - [-\frac{1}{2}c_1] = -\frac{1}{2}c_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = c_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = c_3 = 0$$

if I can find a solution

$c_1 \neq 0$, or $c_2 \neq 0$ or $c_3 \neq 0$

Then They are linear dependent
otherwise, ... independent

Combining Both

Definition

A set of vectors $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ in \mathbf{R}^n is **linearly independent** if the vector equation

$$x_1\vec{v}_1 + x_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + x_p\vec{v}_p = \vec{0}$$

has only the trivial solution $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_p = 0$. The set $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ is **linearly dependent** otherwise.

In other words, $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ is linearly dependent if there exist numbers x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p , not all equal to zero, such that

at least one ≠ zero $x_1\vec{v}_1 + x_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + x_p\vec{v}_p = \vec{0}$.

This is called a **linear dependence relation**.

Note that linear (in)dependence is a notion that applies to a *collection of vectors*, not to a single vector, or to one vector in the presence of some others.

Like span, linear (in)dependence is another one of those big vocabulary words that you absolutely need to learn. Much of the rest of the course will be built on these concepts, and you need to know exactly what they mean in order to be able to answer questions on quizzes and exams (and solve real-world problems later on).

An Important Result

Theorem

A set of vectors $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$ is linearly dependent if and only if one of the vectors is in the span of the other ones.

This Lecture .

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This Lecture definition .

Linear Dependent \Leftrightarrow

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p = \vec{0} \quad \text{for } c_1, \dots, c_p \text{ at least one of them are nonzero}$$

with loss of generality , $c_1 \neq 0$

\Leftrightarrow

$$c_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 = -c_2 \vec{v}_2 - \dots - c_p \vec{v}_p$$

\Leftrightarrow

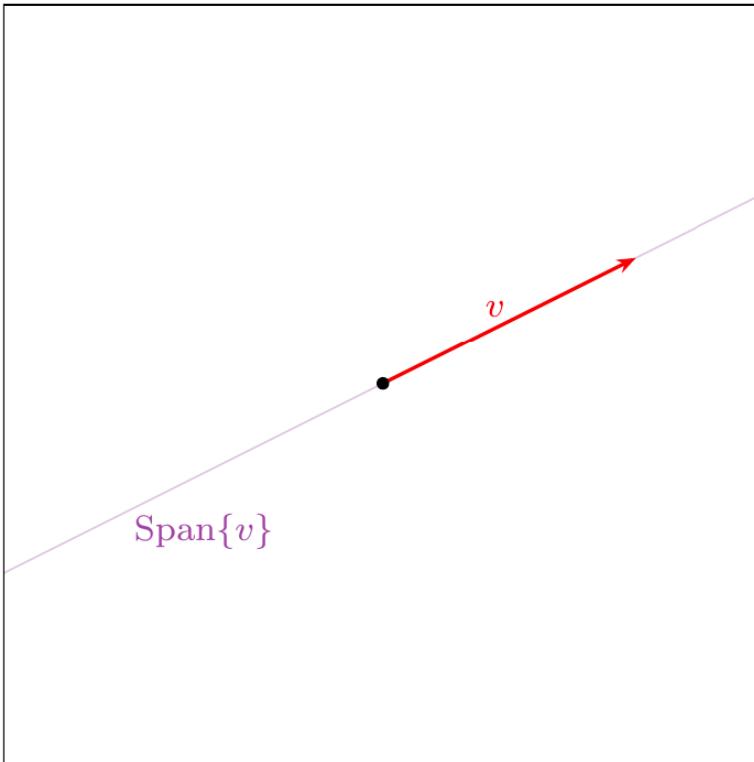
$$\vec{v}_1 = -\frac{c_2}{c_1} \vec{v}_2 - \dots - \frac{c_p}{c_1} \vec{v}_p$$

$c_1 \neq 0$

\Leftrightarrow

$$\vec{v}_1 \in \text{span}\{\vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$$

Linear In/Dependence – Visuals in \mathbb{R}^2

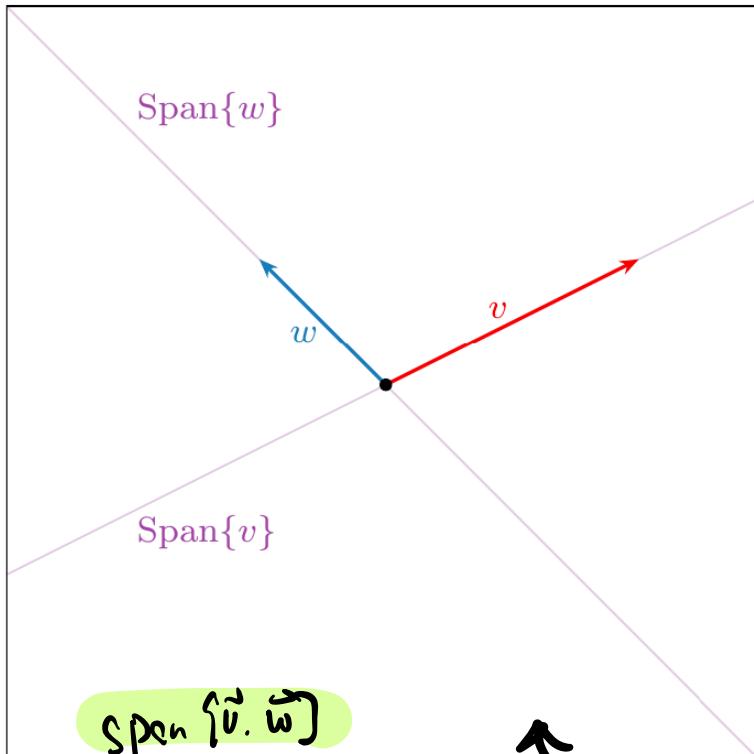


In this picture

One vector $\{\textcolor{red}{v}\}$:
Linearly independent if $v \neq \vec{0}$.

$$c \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{0} \quad \text{Then } c = 0$$

Linear In/Dependence – Visuals in \mathbb{R}^2



In this picture

One vector $\{v\}$:

Linearly independent if $v \neq 0$.

Two vectors $\{v, w\}$:

Linearly independent: neither is in the span of the other.

① \vec{v}, \vec{w} linear dependent .

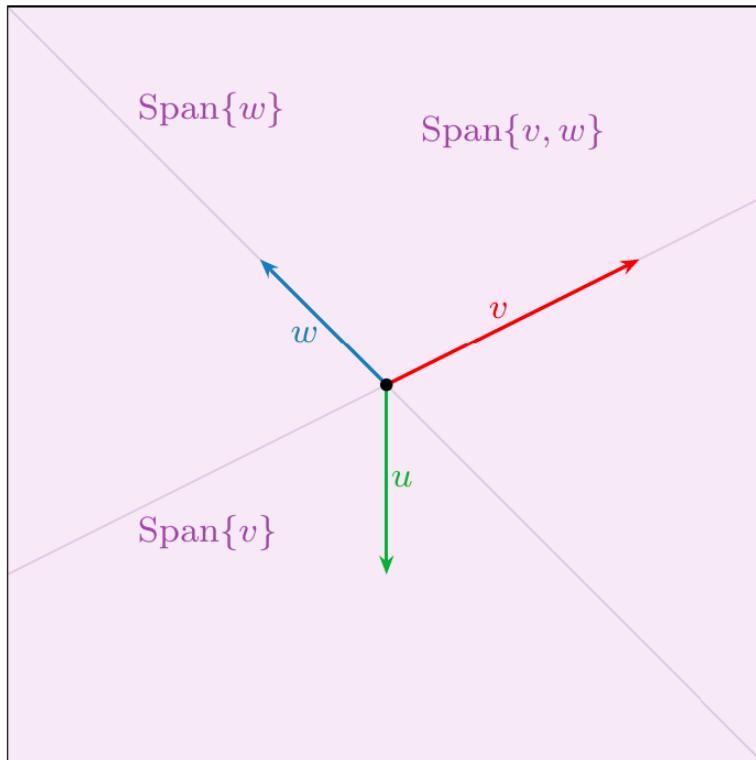
$\Leftrightarrow \vec{v} \parallel \vec{w}$ (collinear) $\Leftrightarrow \vec{v} \in \text{span}\{\vec{w}\}$



$$c \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{w}$$

② \vec{v}, \vec{w} linear independent
 $\vec{v} \notin \text{span}\{\vec{w}\}$

Linear In/Dependence – Visuals in \mathbb{R}^2



Quiz! Can $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ be linearly independent?

In this picture

No!

One vector $\{v\}$: $\Rightarrow \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
Linearly independent if $v \neq 0$.

are linear independent

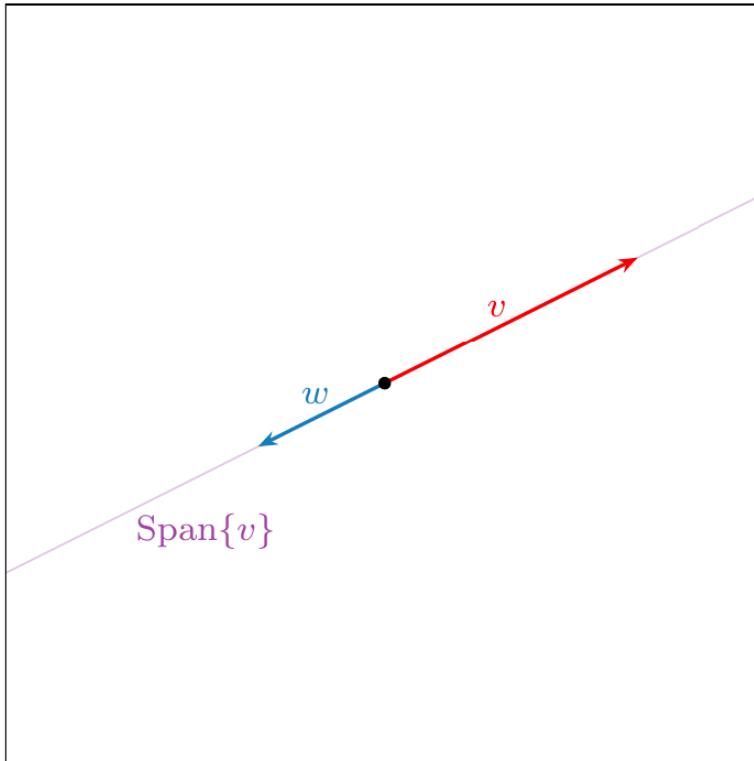
Two vectors $\{v, w\}$: means
Linearly independent: neither is in the span of the other.

Three vectors $\{v, w, u\}$:
Linearly dependent: u is in $\text{Span}\{v, w\}$.

Also v is in $\text{Span}\{u, w\}$ and w is in $\text{Span}\{u, v\}$.

if $\vec{u} \in \text{span}\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\} \Rightarrow \text{Span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$ is still a plane even I have 3-vectors.

Linear In/Dependence – Visuals in \mathbb{R}^2

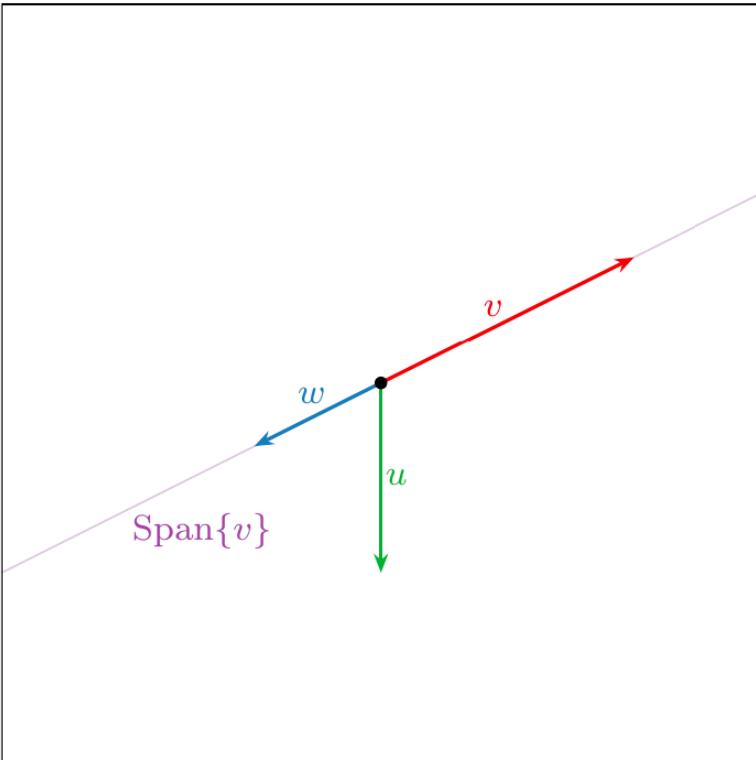


Two collinear vectors $\{v, w\}$:

Linearly dependent: w is in $\text{Span}\{v\}$ (and vice-versa).

Observe: Two vectors are linearly *dependent* if and only if they are *collinear*.

Linear In/Dependence – Visuals in \mathbb{R}^2



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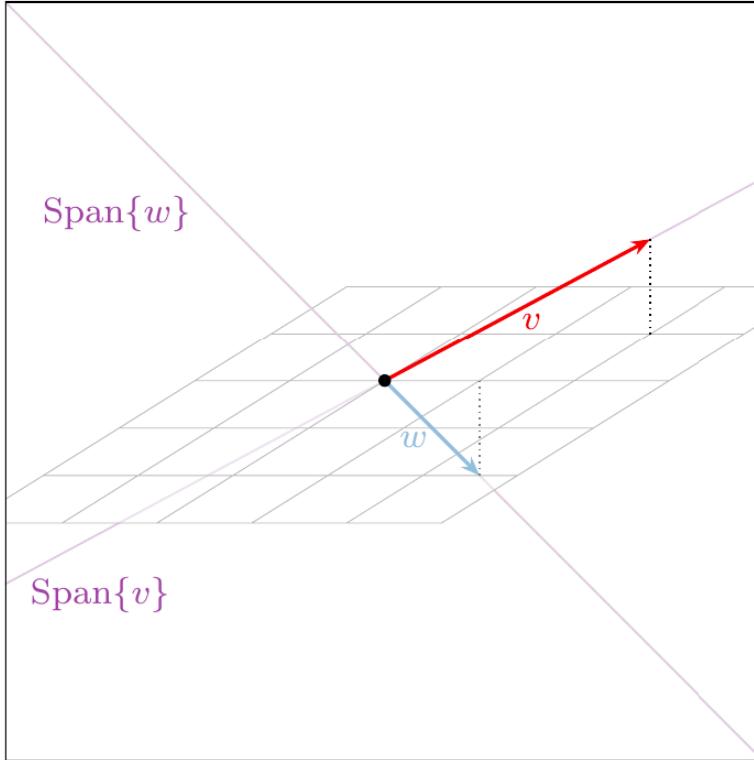
Observe: Two vectors are linearly *dependent* if and only if they are *collinear*.

Three vectors $\{v, w, u\}$:

Linearly dependent: w is in $\text{Span}\{v\}$ (and vice-versa).

Observe: If a set of vectors is linearly dependent, then so is any larger set of vectors!

Linear In/Dependence – Visuals in \mathbb{R}^3



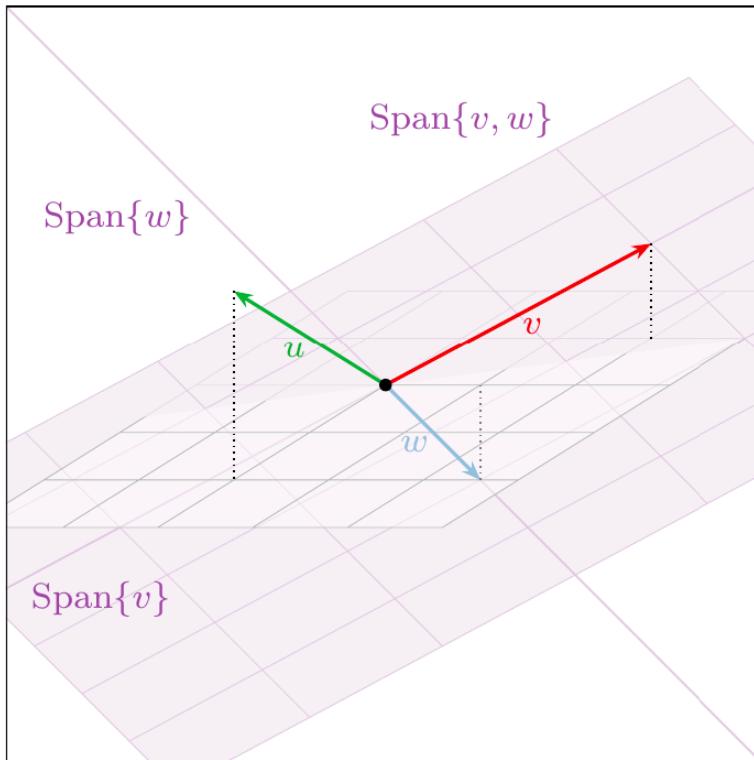
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Two vectors $\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$:

Linearly independent: neither
is in the span of the other.

$\text{Span}\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$ is plane in \mathbb{R}^3

Linear In/Dependence – Visuals in \mathbb{R}^3



In this picture

Two vectors $\{v, w\}$:

Linearly independent: neither is in the span of the other.

$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4$ in (\mathbb{R}^3)

linear dependent
↓

Three vectors $\{v, w, u\}$:

Linearly independent: no one is in the span of the other two.

if $\vec{w} \notin \text{Span}\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$
 \Rightarrow linear independent.

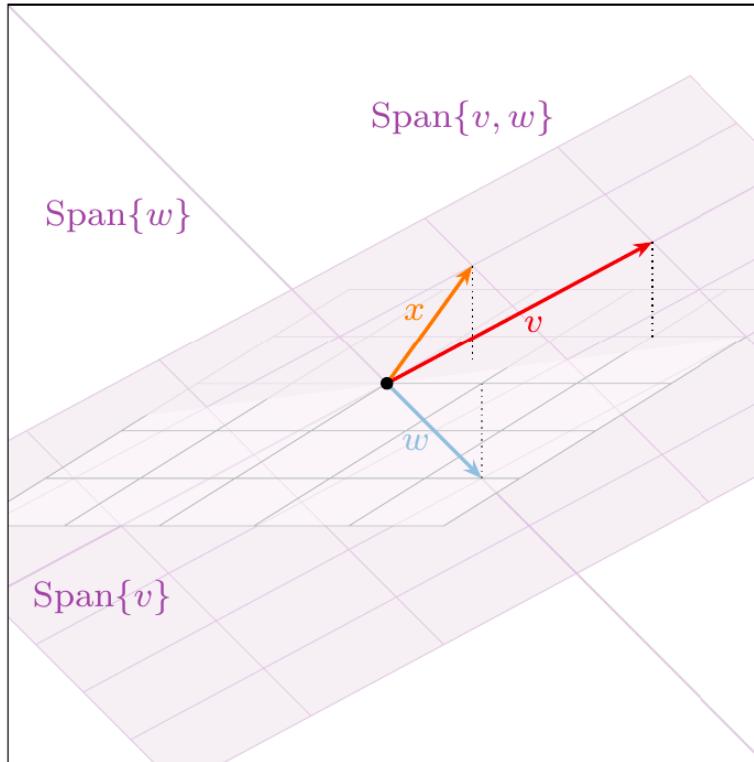
open $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$
is \mathbb{R}^3

if $\vec{u} \in \dots$

\Rightarrow linear dependent.

$\Rightarrow \text{Span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$
is the same plane
as open $\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$

Linear In/Dependence – Visuals in \mathbb{R}^3



In this picture

Two vectors $\{\textcolor{red}{v}, \textcolor{blue}{w}\}$:
Linearly independent: neither
is in the span of the other.

Three vectors $\{\textcolor{red}{v}, \textcolor{blue}{w}, \textcolor{orange}{x}\}$:
Linearly dependent: x is in
 $\text{Span}\{v, w\}$.

Exercise

"Only Square Matrix Can be Invertible" and **Column Vectors should be linear Independent**

Find a combination $x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2 + x_3 w_3$ that gives the zero vector:

$$w_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad w_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad w_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$w_1 + w_3 = 2w_2$$

Those vectors are (independent) (dependent). The three vectors lie in a plane. The matrix W with those columns is *not invertible*.

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{not invertible}$$

$$x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_3 = -2$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} \parallel & \parallel & \parallel \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \overline{R_1} & \dots & \overline{R_3} \end{bmatrix}$$

"fat" Matrix
 $\# \text{col} > \# \text{row}$
 $m < n$

$\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ in \mathbb{R}^m
and $n > m$
linear dependent!

$W \cdot x$ lies in a plane

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} \parallel & \parallel & \parallel \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \overline{R_1} & \dots & \overline{R_m} \end{bmatrix}$$

"tall" matrix
 $\# \text{col} < \# \text{row}$
 $m > n$

A vector in \mathbb{R}^m
span{ $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ } must smaller than \mathbb{R}^m

Harder example...

Not Required

If the columns combine into $Ax = \mathbf{0}$ then each row has $r \cdot x = 0$:

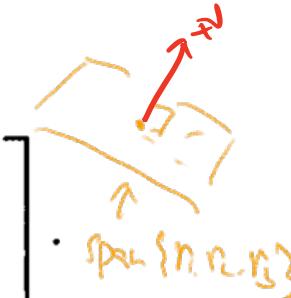
linear dependent if $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

By rows

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_1 \cdot x \\ r_2 \cdot x \\ r_3 \cdot x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{A}\vec{x}$



The three rows also lie in a plane. Why is that plane perpendicular to x ?

In Text

for square matrix

If Column Vector linear dependent ↑

\Leftrightarrow Row Vector linear dependent



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Questions?