

Theorem) Suppose that  $V$  has dimension  $d$ .

- a) A set of  $d$  vectors in  $V$  are a basis if they span  $V$ .
- b) A set of  $d$  vectors in  $V$  are a basis if they are linearly independent.

Example) Are the following sets a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

(a)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  : No

(b)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  : No

(c)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

→ To check lin. indep.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{---}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \therefore \text{LI} \rightarrow \text{Yes}$$

Example) Let  $P_2$  be the space of polynomials of degree at most 2.

$$P_2 = \{at + bt + ct^2 \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

• What is the dimension of  $P_2$ ?

→ 3, ∵  $\{1, t, t^2\}$  is a basis of  $P_2$

• Is  $\{t, 1-t, 1+t-t^2\}$  a basis of  $P_2$ ?



$$\begin{aligned} x_1t + x_2(1-t) + x_3(1+t-t^2) &= 0 \\ (\underline{x_2+x_3}) + (\underline{x_1-x_2+x_3})t - \underline{x_3}t^2 &= 0 \\ = 0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_2+x_3=0 \\ x_1-x_2+x_3=0 \\ x_3=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \therefore \text{trivial solution!}$$

Hence,  $\{t, 1-t, 1+t-t^2\}$  is linearly independent → a basis of  $P_2$ .

Example) Subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  can have dimension, 0, 1, 2, 3.

- The only 0-dimensional subspace is  $\{\vec{0}\}$ .
- The 1-dimensional subspace is of the form  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}\}$  where  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$ .
- The 2-dim. subspace is of the form  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$  where  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}, \vec{w} \neq \vec{0}$  and  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  are not multiples of each other.
- The only 3-dim. subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is  $\mathbb{R}^3$  itself.

True or False:

- 1) Suppose that  $V$  has dimension  $n$ . Then any set in  $V$  containing more than  $n$  vectors are linearly dependent.  
→ True
- 2)  $\mathbb{P}_n$  of polynomials of degree at most  $n$  has dimension  $n+1$ .  
→ True.  $\{1, t, t^2, \dots, t^n\}$
- 3) The vector space of functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is infinite-dimensional.  
→ True
- 4) Consider  $V = \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ . If one of the vectors, say  $\vec{v}_k$ , in the spanning set is a linear combination of the remaining ones, then the remaining ones still span  $V$ .  
→ True

- Bases for column and null spaces

To find a basis for  $\text{Nul}(A)$

- find the parametric form of the solutions to  $Ax=0$ .
- express solutions  $\vec{x}$  as a linear combination of vectors with free variables as coefficients.
- These vectors form a basis of  $\text{Nul}(A)$ .

• Example) Find the basis of  $\text{Nul}(A)$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 6 & 3 & 9 \\ 6 & 12 & 15 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 6 & 3 & 9 \\ 6 & 12 & 15 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 6 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -6 & -15 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 0 & 15 & 39 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -6 & -15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1/3, R_2/3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = -2x_2 - 5x_4 - 13x_5 \\ x_2 = x_2 \\ x_3 = 2x_4 + 5x_5 \\ x_4 = x_4 \\ x_5 = x_5 \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_2 + \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_4 + \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_5$$

$$\therefore \text{Nul}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

→ Are the vectors linearly independent?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{v}_1, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{v}_2, \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{v}_3 \right\}$$

$$\text{Then, } c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0} \text{ only when } c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$$

- Bases for column spaces

→ A basis of  $\text{Col}(A)$  is given by the pivot columns of  $A$ .

Example) Find a basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$  with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 & 22 \\ 4 & 8 & 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 & 22 \\ 4 & 8 & 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\sim} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, a basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

- The four fundamental subspaces.

- Definition
  - The row space of  $A$  is the column space of  $A^T$
  - The left nullspace of  $A$  is the nullspace of  $A^T$ .

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  of rank  $r$ .

- $\dim \text{Col}(A) = r$
- $\dim \text{Col}(A^T) = r$
- $\dim \text{Nul}(A) = n - r$
- $\dim \text{Nul}(A^T) = m - r$

## • Linear transformations

- Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces.

**Definition)** A map  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation if  
 $\downarrow T(c\vec{x} + d\vec{y}) = cT(\vec{x}) + dT(\vec{y}) \in W, \forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V$  and  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

In other words, a linear transformation respects addition & scaling

- 1)  $T(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = T(\vec{x}) + T(\vec{y})$
- 2)  $T(c\vec{x}) = cT(\vec{x})$
- 3)  $T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$

**Example)** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix

Then,  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$  is a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ .

$$\therefore A(c\vec{x} + d\vec{y}) = cA\vec{x} + dA\vec{y}$$

**Example)** Let  $\mathbb{P}_n$  be the vector space of polynomials of degree at most  $n$ . Consider the map  $T: \mathbb{P}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_m$  given by

$$T(p(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} p(t)$$

This map is linear.  $\because \frac{d}{dt} [a \cdot p(t) + b \cdot q(t)] = a \cdot \frac{d}{dt} p(t) + b \cdot \frac{d}{dt} q(t)$   
 where  $p(t), q(t) \in \mathbb{P}_n, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

## • Representing linear maps by matrices.

- Let  $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n$  be a basis for  $V$ .

A linear map  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is determined by the values  $T(\vec{x}_1), \dots, T(\vec{x}_n)$ .

Why?

Take any  $\vec{v} \in V$ , then  $\vec{v} = c_1\vec{x}_1 + \dots + c_n\vec{x}_n$

Again, it means that we can represent  $\vec{v}$  as

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

By the linearity of the map  $T$ ,

$$T(\vec{v}) = T(c_1\vec{x}_1 + \dots + c_n\vec{x}_n) = c_1T(\vec{x}_1) + \dots + c_nT(\vec{x}_n) \in W$$

**Definition)** From linear maps to matrices

Let  $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n$  be a basis for  $V$ ,  $\vec{y}_1, \dots, \vec{y}_m$  a basis for  $W$ .

The matrix representing  $T$  with respect to these bases

- has  $n$  columns (one per  $\vec{x}_j$ )

- the  $j$ th column has  $m$  entries  $a_{1j}, a_{2j}, \dots, a_{mj}$  determined by

$$T(\vec{x}_j) = a_{1j}\vec{y}_1 + a_{2j}\vec{y}_2 + \dots + a_{mj}\vec{y}_m$$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & \vdots & & \\ & 2 & & \\ & \vdots & & \\ & i & & \\ & \vdots & & \\ & n & & \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$\dim(W) = m$

$T(\vec{x}_j \in \mathbb{R}^m) = a_{1j}\vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_{nj}\vec{v}_n$

$n = \dim(V)$

Example)  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $W = \mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $T$  be the linear map such that

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the matrix  $A$  representing  $T$  w.r.t. the standard bases.

$\Rightarrow$  The standard bases are

$$\left[\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right] \text{ for } \mathbb{R}^2, \quad \left[\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right] \text{ for } \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} T(\vec{x}_1) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \underbrace{a_{11}}_{1} \cdot \vec{v}_1 + \underbrace{a_{21}}_{2} \cdot \vec{v}_2 + \underbrace{a_{31}}_{3} \cdot \vec{v}_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \square & \square \\ 2 & \square & \square \\ 3 & \square & \square \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(\vec{x}_2) &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 7 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 4\vec{v}_1 + 0\vec{v}_2 + 7\vec{v}_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$