

Example) Is the given set  $W$  a vector space?

$$(a) W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} : 5x = y + 2z \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow i) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in W$$

$$ii) \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix} \in W \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} \in W \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1+x_2 \\ y_1+y_2 \\ z_1+z_2 \end{bmatrix} \in W$$

∴ Yes

$$(b) W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} : 5x - 1 = y + 2z \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{No, } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin W$$

$$(c) W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ x+y \end{bmatrix} : x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

⇒ Yes.

$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}y : x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Example) Find  $\text{Nul}(A)$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{Nul}(A) = \{x \mid Ax = 0\}.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{R1} \leftarrow \text{R1} - 3\text{R2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -7 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 7x_3 - 6x_4 \\ x_2 = -4x_3 + 2x_4 \\ x_3 = \text{free} \\ x_4 = \text{free} \end{cases}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}x_3 + \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}x_4 \Rightarrow \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

- Linear independence.

Review)  $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  is a vector space.

Example) Is  $\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$  equal to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

$\Rightarrow$  Recall that the span is equal to

$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} x : x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \right\}$$

Hence, the span is equal to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  iff the system with the augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & b_2 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & b_3 \end{array} \right]$$

is consistent for all  $b_1, b_2$ , and  $b_3$ .

Gaussian elimination

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & b_2 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b_2 - b_1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & b_3 - b_1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b_2 - b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 - 2b_2 + b_1 \end{array} \right]$$

It is consistent iff  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 | b_3 - 2b_2 + b_1]$  is not the form of  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 | b]$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (b_3 - 2b_2 + b_1 = 0)$

Hence, the span does not equal  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

• What went wrong with  $\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$ ?

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = -3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right\} = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right\}.$$

Definition) Vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_p$  are said to be linearly independent if the equation

$$x_1 v_1 + x_2 v_2 + \dots + x_p v_p = 0$$

has only the trivial solution. (i.e.,  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_p = 0$ ).

Example) Are the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  independent?

$\Rightarrow$  We need to check whether the equation

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

has more than the trivial solution.

In other words,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has no free variables.  
unique solution.

To check,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\sim} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{the vectors are linearly dep.}$$

$x_3$  is free.

To find the linear dependence relation.

$$\text{RREF: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 3x_3 \\ x_2 = -2x_3 \\ x_3 = \text{free} \end{cases} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{To check, } 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Linear independence of matrix columns.

$\rightarrow$  Each linear dependence relation of columns of A corresponds to a non trivial solution to  $AX=0$ .

Theorem) Let A be an  $m \times n$  matrix, the columns of A are linearly independent

- $\Leftrightarrow Ax=0$  has only the solution  $x=0$
- $\Leftrightarrow \text{Nul}(A) = \{0\}$
- $\Leftrightarrow$  A has n pivots (A has no free variable).  
(practical)

Example) Are the vectors independent?

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

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$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\sim} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \therefore \text{linearly independent.}$$

(b)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

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$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \therefore \text{linearly dependent}$$

Example) Are the following statements true?

(a) A set of a single vector is linearly independent?

→ No,  $\{\vec{v}\} \because c_1\vec{v} = \vec{v}$  for all  $c_1 \in \mathbb{R}$

(b) A set of a single non-zero vector is linearly indep.?

→ Yes,  $c_1v = 0$  only for  $c_1=0$ , hence  $\{v\}$  is linearly indep.

(c) A set of two vectors  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is linearly indep. iff neither of the vectors is the multiple of others.

→ Yes,

$\because$  If  $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 = 0$ , where  $c_1 \neq 0$  or  $c_2 \neq 0$ . Then  $v_2 = -\frac{c_1}{c_2}v_1$ .

(d) A set of vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  containing the zero vector is linearly dependent.

→ Yes

$\because$  Suppose  $v_1=0$  (wlog), then  $v_1 + 0 \cdot v_2 + 0 \cdot v_3 + \dots + 0 \cdot v_p = \vec{0}$

• A basis of a vector space.

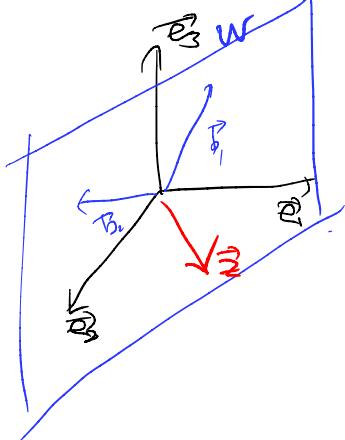
Definition) A set of vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  in  $V$  is a basis of  $V$  if

1)  $V = \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$

2) the vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_p$  are linearly indep.

Example) Let  $\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{e}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , show that  $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

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$$\vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \in W$$

$$\vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = a \cdot \vec{e}_1 + b \cdot \vec{e}_2 + c \cdot \vec{e}_3$$

$$= \alpha_1 \cdot \vec{e}_1 + \alpha_2 \cdot \vec{e}_2 + \alpha_3 \cdot \vec{e}_3 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem) If  $S$  is a basis of a vector space  $V$ , then every vector in  $V$  has exactly one representation as a linear combination of elements of  $S$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Every vector  $\vec{v} \in V$  is equal to the linear combination of the vectors from  $S$ .  
 (By contradiction), suppose that there exist a vector  $\vec{v} \in V$  which is equal to two different combinations of vectors from  $S$ :

$$\vec{v} = x_1 \vec{s}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{s}_n$$

$$\vec{v} = y_1 \vec{s}_1 + \dots + y_n \vec{s}_n$$

Substracting the first from the second:

$$\vec{0} = (x_1 - y_1) \vec{s}_1 + \dots + (x_n - y_n) \vec{s}_n$$

Thus, the zero vector  $\vec{0}$  is equal to a linear combination of elements of  $S$ . Since,  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{y}$ , some of the coefficients,  $(x_i - y_i)$ , are not zero. But this contradicts the assumption that  $S$  is a basis ( $\rightarrow$  linearly indep.).

This completes the proof.

Theorem. If  $V$  has a basis with  $n$  elements, then every set of  $m$  vectors ( $m > n$ ), is linearly dependent.

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be a basis of  $V$  and let  $S$  be a subset of  $V$  with  $m > n$ . We need to prove that  $S$  is linearly dependent.

Then, every element  $\{s_1, \dots, s_m\}$  of  $S$  is a linear combination of  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{s}_1 = a_{11} \vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_{1n} \vec{v}_n \\ \vdots \\ \vec{s}_m = a_{m1} \vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_{mn} \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider the following  $n$ -dim vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{c}_1 = (a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1n}) \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ \vdots \\ \vec{c}_m = (a_{m1}, a_{m2}, \dots, a_{mn}) \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{Coefficient vector}$$

We will show that  $\{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_m\}$  are linearly dependent. We can show this by constructing  $T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vec{e}_1 & \vec{e}_2 & \dots & \vec{e}_m \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  where  $m > n$ .

Since  $T$  can have at most  $n$  pivots,  $\{\vec{e}_i\}_{i=1}^m$  are linearly dependent. It means that there exists non-trivial  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^m$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m x_i \vec{e}_i = 0$$

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ \vdots \\ a_{1n} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{2n} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_m \begin{bmatrix} a_{m1} \\ a_{m2} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall that

$$\begin{cases} \vec{s}_1 = a_{11}\vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_{1n}\vec{v}_n \\ \vdots \\ \vec{s}_m = a_{m1}\vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_{mn}\vec{v}_n \end{cases}$$

multiply  $i$ -th entry with  $x_i$

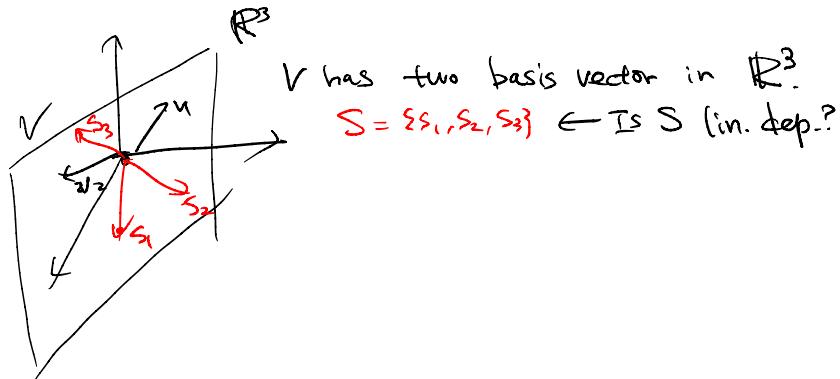
$$\begin{cases} x_1 \vec{s}_1 = x_1 a_{11}\vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_1 a_{1n}\vec{v}_n \\ \vdots \\ x_m \vec{s}_m = x_m a_{m1}\vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_m a_{mn}\vec{v}_n \end{cases}$$

Then, add all elements

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 \vec{s}_1 + \dots + x_m \vec{s}_m &= (x_1 a_{11} + x_2 a_{21} + \dots + x_m a_{m1}) \vec{v}_1 + \\ &\quad (x_1 a_{12} + x_2 a_{22} + \dots + x_m a_{m2}) \vec{v}_2 + \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad (x_1 a_{1m} + x_2 a_{2m} + \dots + x_m a_{mm}) \vec{v}_m \\ &= p_1 \vec{v}_1 + p_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + p_n \vec{v}_n \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $x$  is nontrivial.

We have shown that  $\{\vec{s}_1, \dots, \vec{s}_m\}$  are linearly dependent.



Theorem) If  $V$  has a basis with  $n$  elements, then every set of vectors fewer than  $n$  elements, say  $m < n$ , does not span  $V$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Suppose that  $S$  is a basis  $S = \{\vec{s}_1, \dots, \vec{s}_n\}$  of  $V$  and  $T$  is a subset of  $V$  with  $m$  elements ( $m < n$ ).

(By contradiction, assume that  $\text{span}(T) = V$ . Then  $S$  has  $n$  elements and from the previous theorem, the vectors of  $S$  are linearly dependent. But this contradicts the fact that  $S$  is linearly independent ( $\because$  basis))

This completes the proof.

Theorem) If  $V$  has a basis with  $n$  elements, then all bases of  $V$  have the same number of elements.

$\Rightarrow$  If  $V$  has a basis with  $n$  elements

$\rightarrow$  every set of ( $m > n$ ) elements are linearly dep.

$\rightarrow$  every set of ( $m < n$ ) elements does not span  $V$ .

Hence,  $V$  has a basis with  $n$  elements,

Definition: **dimension**  $\triangleq$  number of elements in a basis.