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# Linear Algebra

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# Lecture Overview

- Elements in linear algebra
- Linear system
- Linear combination, vector equation,  
Four views of matrix multiplication
- Linear independence, span, and subspace
- Linear transformation
- Least squares
- Eigendecomposition
- Singular value decomposition



# Span and Subspace

- **Definition:** A **subspace**  $H$  is defined as a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  **closed under linear combination**:

  - For any two vectors,  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2 \in H$ , and any two scalars  $c$  and  $d$ ,  $c\mathbf{u}_1 + d\mathbf{u}_2 \in H$ .
  - Span  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is always a subspace. Why?
    - $\mathbf{u}_1 = a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + a_p\mathbf{v}_p$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = b_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + b_p\mathbf{v}_p$
    - $c\mathbf{u}_1 + d\mathbf{u}_2 = c(a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + a_p\mathbf{v}_p) + d(b_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + b_p\mathbf{v}_p)$   
 $= (ca_1 + db_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + (ca_p + db_p)\mathbf{v}_p$
  - In fact, a **subspace is always represented as** Span  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ .



# Basis of a Subspace

- **Definition:** A **basis** of a subspace  $H$  is a set of vectors that satisfies both of the following:
  - Fully spans the given subspace  $H$
  - Linearly independent (i.e., no redundancy)
- In the previous example, where  $H = \text{Span } \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ ,  $\text{Span } \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  forms a plane, but  $\mathbf{v}_3 = 2\mathbf{v}_1 + 3\mathbf{v}_2 \in \text{Span } \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ ,  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  is a basis of  $H$ , but not  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  nor  $\{\mathbf{v}_1\}$  is a basis.

# Non-Uniqueness of Basis

subset > span > subspace (closed under linear combination) < basis

subspace > basis (fully span, independent & )

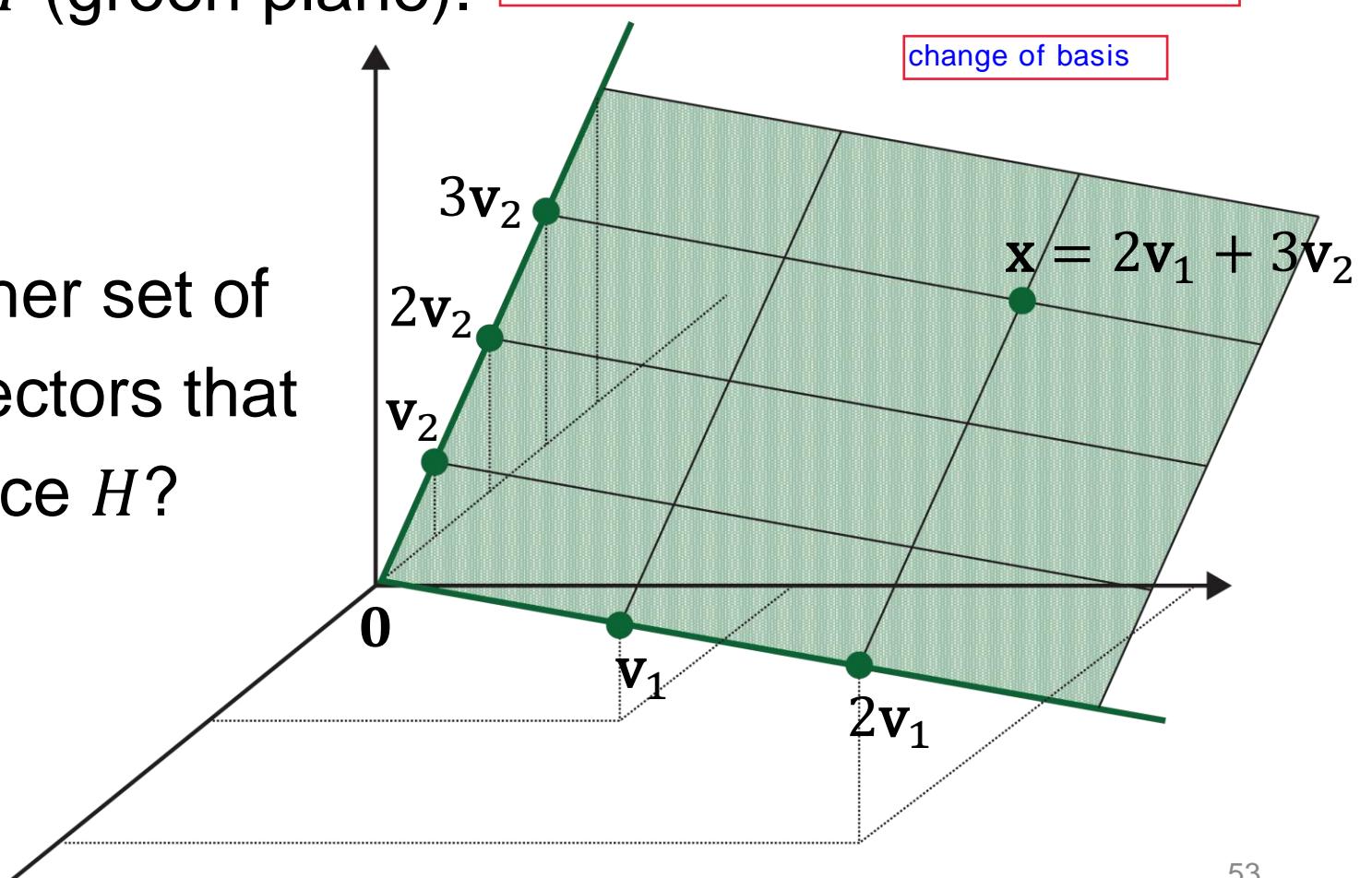
- Consider a subspace  $H$  (green plane).

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change of basis

- Is a basis unique?
- That is, is there any other set of linearly independent vectors that span the same subspace  $H$ ?

standard basis / 3  
(1,0,0)  
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(0,0,1)  
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# Dimension of Subspace

basis

- What is then unique, given a particular subspace  $H$ ?
- Even though different bases exist for  $H$ , the number of vectors in any basis for  $H$  will be unique.
- We call this number as the dimension of  $H$ , denoted as  $\dim H$ .
- In the previous example, the dimension of the plane is 2, meaning any basis for this subspace contains exactly two vectors.



# Column Space of Matrix

- **Definition:** The **column space** of a matrix  $A$  is the subspace spanned by the columns of  $A$ . We call the column space of  $A$  as **Col**  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Col } A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- What is  $\dim \text{Col } A$ ?

# Matrix with Linearly Dependent Columns

- Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , note that  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  
i.e., the third column is a linear combination of the first two.

$$\text{Col } A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Col } A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- What is  $\dim \text{Col } A$ ?



# Rank of Matrix

- **Definition:** The **rank** of a matrix  $A$ , denoted by  $\text{rank } A$ , is the dimension of the column space of  $A$ :
- $\text{rank } A = \dim \text{Col } A$

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# Summary So Far

- Scalars, vectors, matrices, and their operations such as addition, scalar multiple, matrix multiplication, transpose
- Linear system: solving using inverse matrix
- Matrix equation and vector equation
- Linear combination and Span
  - When does the solution of a linear system exist?
- Four views of matrix multiplication: inner product, column combination, row combination, sum of rank-1 outer products
- Linear independence
  - If the solution of a linear system exists, when is it unique or many?
- Subspace
  - Subset of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  closed under linear combination
  - Basis and dimension
  - Column space and rank of a matrix