

Section 4.3: Linearly Independent Sets ; Bases :

Note: Here we identify & study the subsets that span a vector space V &/or a subspace H .

* Linear Independence vs. Linear Dependence *

① An indexed set of vectors $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\} \in V$ is said to be Linearly Independent if the vector-equation

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p = \vec{0}$$

has ONLY the trivial solution.

* IOW: $c_1 = 0, \dots, c_p = 0$ st $\{c_1, \dots, c_p\}$ = Scalars/Weights.

Recall: (Similarly to \mathbb{R}^n)
• A set containing a single vector \vec{v} is Linearly Independent
IFF $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$.

② An indexed set of vectors is said to be Linearly Dependent if the vector-equation has a Nontrivial Solution.

* IOW: \exists a scalar/weight = $\{\bar{c}_1, \dots, \bar{c}_p\}$ (NCT all zero)
st the vector-eq. still holds true.

Recall: (Similarly to \mathbb{R}^n)

- A set of 2 vectors is Linearly Dependent IFF $\vec{v}_1 = c \vec{v}_2$ (i.e. Scalar Multiples).
- Any set containing $\vec{0}$ is Linearly Dependent.

*Theorem 4:

An indexed set $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$, of 2 or more vectors st $\vec{v}_1 \neq \vec{0}$, is Linearly Dependent IFF $\exists \vec{v}_j$ (with $j > 1$) st it's a Linear Combination of the proceeding vectors: $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{j-1}$

*Note:

The main difference btw Linear Dependence in \mathbb{R}^n & in a general vector space is that the vectors cannot always be made into the columns of a matrix A in order to study the eq: $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

\therefore We must rely on the general definition of Linear Dependence -AND- theorem 4 as we proceed.

Example 1 (Linear Dependence):

Determine if $\{p_1(t), p_2(t), p_3(t)\} \in \mathbb{P}$ st $t \in \mathbb{R}$
is Linearly Independent. Explain:

$$p_1(t) = 1, \quad p_2(t) = t, \quad p_3(t) = 4 - t$$

Answer:

* Recall: " \mathbb{P} " = The set of all Polynomials w/ \mathbb{R} -coefficients,
w/ operations in \mathbb{P} defined as for functions.

* Check if the provided vectors are dependent:

(IOW: Do \exists redundant vectors w/in the indexed set?)

$$\begin{aligned} p_3(t) &= 4 - t = 4(1) - 1(t) \\ &= 4[p_1(t)] - 1[p_2(t)] \end{aligned}$$

yes!

∴ Since $p_3(t) = 4p_1(t) - p_2(t)$, the set of
vectors $\{p_1(t), p_2(t), p_3(t)\} \in \mathbb{P}$ is Linearly
Dependent.

Answer.

Example² (Linear Independence/Dependence):

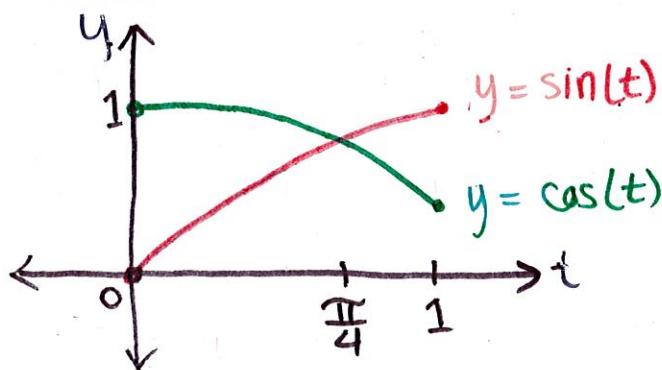
Determine if the following sets of vectors are Linearly Independent -OR- Linearly Dependent. Explain.

(a) $\{\sin(t), \cos(t)\}$ ST $0 \leq t \leq 1$

(b) $\{\sin(t)\cos(t), \sin(2t)\}$ ST $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$

Answer: Recall: A set of 2 vectors is Linearly Dep. IFF $\vec{v}_1 = c\vec{v}_2$.

*Part (a) : $\{\sin(t), \cos(t)\}$ ST $t \in [0, 1]$:



\therefore Since $\sin(t) \neq c\cos(t)$, where c is any scalar, the vectors are NOT scalar multiples & so they are NOT dependent.

$\therefore \{\sin(t), \cos(t)\}$ ST $0 \leq t \leq 1$ is Linearly Independent.

Ans.

*Part (b) : $\{\sin(t)\cos(t), \sin(2t)\}$ ST $t \in \mathbb{R}$:

> Recall: (Double-Angle Formula) $\rightarrow \sin(2k\theta) = 2\sin(k\theta)\cos(k\theta)$ ST $k \in \mathbb{R}$

\therefore Since $\sin(2t) = c \cdot \sin(t)\cos(t)$ ST $c=2$, the vectors ARE scalar multiples & thus Linearly Dependent.

Ans.

*Definition: Let H be a subspace of a vector space V . An indexed set of vectors $B = \{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_p\} \in V$ is a Basis for H if:

(i) B is a Linearly Independent Set.

- AND -

(ii) The subspace spanned by B coincides w/ H

\Rightarrow IOW: $H = \text{Span}\{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_p\}$

• Since any vector space is a subspace of itself, the def. of basis applies to the case when $H = V$:

\therefore A basis of V is a Linearly Independent set that spans V .

Note: (When $H \neq V$)

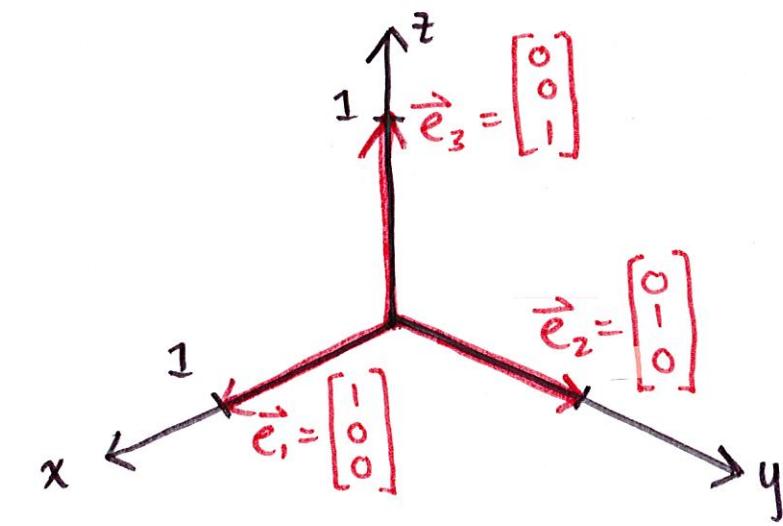
The 2nd condition of the Def of Basis includes the requirement that each vector $\{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_p\} \in V$ MUST belong to H b/c $H = \text{Span}\{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_p\}$ must contain $\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_p$.

Illustration of a Basis:

Consider the column-vectors of the 3×3 Identity

$$\text{Matrix, } I_3 = [\vec{e}_1 \ \vec{e}_2 \ \vec{e}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

* To verify that both conditions of the Def. are met, let's consider the Geometric Interpretation:



- Prop #1: Since \exists NO redundant vectors, $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3\}$ is a Linearly Independent set ($A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has ONLY the trivial sol.)
↔ logically equivalent
- Prop #2: Span $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3\} = \mathbb{R}^3$;
The Columns of I_3 fill \mathbb{R}^3 .

∴ The set $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3\}$ is the Standard Basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

*General Conclusion:

The set $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$ is called the "Standard Basis of \mathbb{R}^n "

where $\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n$ = the Columns of an $n \times n$ Identity Matrix :

Example³ (Basis): Let A be an $n \times n$ invertible matrix. Do the columns of A form a basis in \mathbb{R}^n ? Explain.

Answer:

- Given: A is an $n \times n$ invertible matrix

$$\Rightarrow A = [\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{a}_n]$$

*Goal: Determine if the indexed set of vectors $B = \{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$ in V is a Basis for H : ① B is a Linearly Independent set
② $H = \text{Span} \{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$

*By the Invertible Matrix Theorem: (Section 2.3)

Since A is an $n \times n$, invertible matrix, then:

- ① The Columns of A form a Linearly Independent Set ✓
- ② The Columns of A span \mathbb{R}^n ✓

*Note: Remember that these 2 statements are logically equivalent.

∴ Since both conditions are met, the Columns of A form a basis in \mathbb{R}^n .

Example (Basis): Determine if $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer:

*Recall: The columns of an $n \times n$ invertible matrix A form a basis for \mathbb{R}^3

• Let $A = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3]$

*Determine if A is an invertible matrix:

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -6 & 7 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{+2R_1 \\ \text{N.R}_3}} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \\ +R_3 \\ \text{N.R}_3}} \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \det(A) = -3(1)(2) = -6 \neq 0$. So A invertible.

*Alternatively: Row-reducing $[A \ ; \ \vec{c}]$ similarly shows that since A has $n=3$ pivots $\Rightarrow A$ invertible

*There is NOT an exclusive solution.

\Rightarrow verify these types of questions w/ the prop. you see first &/or you find the easiest.

∴ Since A is invertible, the Col. of A are Linearly Independent & $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\} = \mathbb{R}^3 \Rightarrow \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is a Basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

Example: Determine whether the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a Basis for \mathbb{R}^3 . If the set is not a Basis, determine whether the set is Linearly Independent & whether the set spans \mathbb{R}^3 .

Answer:

*Given: $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

\Rightarrow Let matrix $A = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3]$ *We actually do NOT even need this here... Do you see why?

Recall: Let H be a subspace of a Vector Space V . An indexed set of vectors $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\} \in V$ is a Basis of H if:

- ① B is Linearly Independent
- ② The subspace spanned by B coincides w/ $H = \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$.

*The indexed set of vectors is Linearly Dependent:

$$-\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_3 \Rightarrow - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1-2 \\ 0-1 \\ 3+8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since \vec{v}_3 is a redundant vector, $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$:

- NOT Linearly Independent.

- Does NOT span \mathbb{R}^3

\Rightarrow Is NOT a Basis for \mathbb{R}^3 (By Def.)

Answer

Example: Determine if the following set of vectors is a Basis for \mathbb{R}^3 . If the set is NOT a Basis, determine whether it is Linearly Independent & whether the set spans \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -12 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Answer:

Recall: Let H be a subspace of some Vector Space V . An indexed set of vectors $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\} \in V$ is a Basis of H IF:

① B is Linearly Independent.

② The subspace spanned by B coincides w/ $H = \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$

* Since no obvious dependence relations jump out, let's row-reduce $A = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3]$ to Echelon Form.

$$[A \mid \vec{0}] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 3 & -12 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -4 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 + R_2 \\ N.R_2 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 + R_3 \\ N.R_3 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_2 + R_3 \\ N.R_3 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

* Echelon Form *

Since the Matrix has a pivot-position in each Column/Row:

* The vectors form a Basis for \mathbb{R}^3

⇒ The vectors are Linearly Independent

⇒ The vectors span \mathbb{R}^3 .

Answer.

Example: Determine if the following set of vectors forms a Basis for \mathbb{R}^3 . If the set is NOT a Basis, determine whether it is Linearly Independent -AND- whether the set of vectors spans \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 4 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Answer:

*Recall: Let H be a subspace of some vector space V . An indexed set of vectors $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\} \in V$ is a Basis of H if:

① B is Linearly Independent.

② The subspace spanned by B coincides w/ $H = \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$

*Given a set of 2 vectors:

From \mathbb{R}^n , we know that $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ is Linearly Dependent IFF the vectors are scalar multiples (i.e. $\vec{v}_1 = c\vec{v}_2$ for $c \in \mathbb{R}$)

∴ Since \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 are NOT scalar multiples, the set of vectors is Linearly Independent

Ans.

*To Determine if the Set Spans \mathbb{R}^3 (making it a Basis of \mathbb{R}^3), lets row-reduce $A = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2]$ to Echelon Form:

$$[A : \vec{0}] = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -5 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ -8 & 16 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

STOP.

Since $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, A can have at most $n=2$ pivots

∴ Since matrix A CANNOT have a pivot in each row:

*The set of vectors does NOT span \mathbb{R}^3 .

∴ The set is NOT a Basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

Ans.

*The Spanning Set Theorem: Introduction *

Note: A basis can be constructed from a spanning set by discarding unneeded/redundant vectors :

→ We explore this idea w/ the next example.

Example: Let $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 16 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ & $H = \text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \}$.

Noticing that $\vec{v}_3 = 5\vec{v}_1 + 3\vec{v}_2$, show that:

(a) The $\text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \} = \text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \}$

(b) Then find a Basis for the subspace H .

Answer:

* Since $\vec{v}_3 = 5\vec{v}_1 + 3\vec{v}_2$: $\{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \}$ is Linearly Dependent
* \vec{v}_3 is redundant.

* (a) Show that: $\text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \} = \text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \}$:

Note: Every vector in $\text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \}$ belongs to $H = \text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \}$

$$\text{b/c: } c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + 0\vec{v}_3$$

• Let $\vec{x} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3$ be any vector in H ($\vec{x} \in H$)

Goal: Show that \vec{x} can be written as a Linear Combo of vectors \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 .

• Since $\vec{v}_3 = 5\vec{v}_1 + 3\vec{v}_2$:

$$\vec{x} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3 = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3(5\vec{v}_1 + 3\vec{v}_2)$$

$$= c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + 5c_3\vec{v}_1 + 3c_3\vec{v}_2$$

$$= \vec{v}_1(c_1 + 5c_3) + \vec{v}_2(c_2 + 3c_3) \Rightarrow$$

Ans. (a & b)

$$\therefore \vec{x} \in \text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \} = H$$

* Every vector in H already belongs $\text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \}$

(b) $\therefore \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \}$ is Linearly Independent & thus a Basis for H

*Theorem⁵ (The Spanning Set Theorem):

Let $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ be a set in V , & let $H = \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$.

(a) IF one of the vectors in S (say \vec{v}_k) is a Linear Combination of the remaining vectors in S , then the set formed from S by removing \vec{v}_k still spans H .

(b) IF $H \neq \{\vec{0}\}$, some subset of S is a basis for H .

Proof:

*Part (a):

• that \vec{v}_p is a Linear Combination of the proceeding vectors (rearranging if needed):

$$\vec{v}_p = a_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_{p-1} \vec{v}_{p-1} \text{ ST } \{a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}\} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{Appropriate} \\ \text{scalars} \end{matrix}$$

• Consider some arbitrary vector $\vec{x} \in H$:

$$\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_{p-1} \vec{v}_{p-1} + c_p \vec{v}_p \text{ ST } \{c_1, \dots, c_p\} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{Appropriate} \\ \text{Scalars.} \end{matrix}$$

• Substituting \vec{v}_p into the Linear Combination for \vec{x} :

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x} &= c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_{p-1} \vec{v}_{p-1} + c_p (a_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_{p-1} \vec{v}_{p-1}) \\ &= (c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_p a_1 \vec{v}_1) + \dots + (c_{p-1} \vec{v}_{p-1} + c_p a_{p-1} \vec{v}_{p-1}) \\ &= \vec{v}_1 (c_1 + c_p a_1) + \dots + \vec{v}_{p-1} (c_{p-1} + c_p a_{p-1}) \end{aligned}$$

* Applying the
Distributive Prop. &
regrouping terms

∴ \vec{x} is a Linear Combination of the proceeding vectors $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{p-1}\}$ & since $\vec{x} \in H$ is arbitrary $\rightarrow \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{p-1}\}$ spans H

Proof of Thm #5 Continued...

*Part (b):

Note: We verify (b) by different cases :-

- Let $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ be the O.G. spanning set.

Case1: IF S is Linearly Independent, then:

S is already a basis for H (done.) ✓

Case2: IF S is NOT Linearly Independent (i.e. S is Lin Dep.), then:

A redundant vector \vec{v} in the spanning set S needs to be removed. 2 possibilities Here ↴

i) IF 2+ vectors \vec{v} in the Spanning Set:

∴ Repeat (a) until S is Linearly Independent & thus a Basis for H . ✓

ii) IF 1 vector \vec{v} in the Spanning Set:

⇒ Let \vec{v} be the one vector in S .

⇒ $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$ because $H \neq 0$ (initial condition)

∴ Since $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$, then \vec{v} is Linearly Independent & thus a Basis for H . ✓

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Example: In the vector-space of all real-valued functions, find a Basis for the Subspace spanned by:

$$\{\sin(t), \sin(2t), \sin(t)\cos(t)\} = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$$

Answer:

*First, we need to identify if any redundant vectors \exists :

Recall (Double-Angle Formula): $\sin(2kt) = 2\sin(kt)\cos(kt)$

• Since $\vec{v}_2 = 2\vec{v}_3$ (or $\vec{v}_3 = \frac{1}{2}\vec{v}_2 \therefore$), the given set is Linearly Dependent.

*Next, Apply the Spanning Theorem to remove the redundant vector (\vec{v}_3) & find a Basis for the subspace:

• Let $\vec{x} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3$

• Since $\vec{v}_3 = \frac{1}{2}\vec{v}_2$, we can rewrite \vec{x} :

$$\vec{x} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\vec{v}_2\right)$$

$$\vec{x} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + (c_2 + c_3/2)\vec{v}_2 \quad *A \text{ linear combo. of } \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\} *$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} \in \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\} - \text{AND} - \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\} \text{ is lin. Indep.}$$

∴ Basis for the Subspace:

$$\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\} = \{\sin(t), \sin(2t)\}$$

Ans.

*Bases for the $\text{Nul}(A)$ - AND - $\text{Col}(A)$ *

*Basis For $\text{Nul}(A)$:

Note: We have already established a method that produces a Basis for $\text{Nul}(A)$ in the previous section :

- To Find a Set of Vectors that Spans the Null Space of a Matrix, we must find the General Solution of $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$:

→ Row-reduce the augmented matrix, $[A \mid \vec{0}]$, writing the solution in terms of the free variable(s).

→ Since the free variable(s) act as "weights", this spanning set is automatically Linearly Independent.

Note: We use the following theorem & the Spanning Theorem to produce a Basis for $\text{Col}(A)$:

*Theorem 6 (Basis for $\text{Col}(A)$):

The pivot columns of a matrix A form a Basis for $\text{Col}(A)$.

- To Find a Set of Vectors that Spans the Column Space of a Matrix, we must reduce A to Echelon Form:

→ We can then construct a basis for the spanning set by removing any redundant vectors (ie: The non-pivot columns).

Example 1 (Bases for $\text{Col}(B)$): Find a basis for $\text{Col}(B)$:

$$B = \left[\vec{b}_1 \ \vec{b}_2 \ \vec{b}_3 \ \vec{b}_4 \ \vec{b}_5 \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer:

Note: Each nonpivot column of B is a linear combination of the pivot columns:

$$*\vec{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 4\vec{b}_1$$

$$*\vec{b}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2\vec{b}_1 - \vec{b}_2$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{b}_2 \text{ & } \vec{b}_4 \text{ are redundant vectors}$

*By the Spanning Set Theorem:

Construct a basis from the spanning set by discarding the redundant vectors, \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_4

So, $\{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_3, \vec{b}_5\}$ will still span $\text{Col}(B)$.

*Let $S = \{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$:

Since $\vec{b}_1 \neq 0$ & no vector is a linear combo. of the preceding vectors, S is linearly Indp. $\therefore S$ is a Basis for $\text{Col}(B)$.

Example² (Bases for $\text{Col}(A) \neq \text{Col}(B)$):

It can be shown that the matrix A is row-equivalent to the matrix B. Find a Basis for $\text{Col}(A)$:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 12 & 1 & 5 & 5 \\ 2 & 8 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 20 & 2 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = B$$

Answer:

Recall: In the previous example we found that:

• $\text{Span}\{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3, \vec{b}_4, \vec{b}_5\} = \text{Span}\{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_3, \vec{b}_5\}$

-AND-

• Since $\{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_3, \vec{b}_5\} = S$ is Linearly Independent, S is a Basis for the $\text{Col}(B)$.

*When A is row-reduced to B, the columns will often appear completely different, BUT:

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \quad \& \quad B\vec{x} = \vec{0} \quad \text{still have exactly the same solution set} \quad \therefore$$

The Columns of A have EXACTLY the same Linear Dependence Relation as the Columns of B

$$\therefore \text{The Basis For } \text{Col}(A) \text{ is: } \{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_3, \vec{a}_5\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Example² Continued...

* We still need to check that our conclusions hold true by row-reducing A to echelon form:

$$[A; \vec{0}] = \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 12 & 1 & 5 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 8 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 5 & 20 & 2 & 8 & 8 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -3R_1 \\ +R_2 \\ \hline N.R_2 \end{array}} \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 8 & 0 \\ 2 & 8 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 5 & 20 & 2 & 8 & 8 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -2R_1 \\ +R_3 \\ \hline N.R_3 \end{array}} \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 & 0 \\ 5 & 20 & 2 & 8 & 8 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -5R_1 \\ +R_4 \\ \hline N.R_4 \end{array}} \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 13 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -R_2 \\ +R_3 \\ \hline N.R_3 \end{array}} \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 13 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -2R_2 \\ +R_4 \\ \hline N.R_4 \end{array}} \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -\frac{3}{4}R_3 \\ +R_4 \\ \hline N.R_4 \end{array}} \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Echelon Form

$\Rightarrow \vec{a}_2 \text{ & } \vec{a}_4 \text{ are still redundant & will be discarded } \checkmark$

$\therefore S = \{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_3, \vec{a}_5\}$ is a Basis for $\text{Col}(A)$ \checkmark

Example: Find a Basis for the Null Space of the matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -4 & -1 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -9 & 0 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer:

* Note: Finding the Basis for $\text{Nul}(A)$ is the same procedure for finding a spanning set for $\text{Nul}(A)$ seen in the last section: \Rightarrow Find a Gen.Sol. to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ in terms of free variable(s).

* Row-reduce $[A : \vec{0}]$ to rref:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & -4 & -1 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -9 & 0 & 18 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{9}R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & -4 & -1 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -R_2 \\ +R_1 \\ \hline N.R_1 \end{array}}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & -4 & 2 & 11 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} 4R_3 \\ +R_1 \\ \hline N.R_1 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \checkmark$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_4 + 3x_5 = 0 \\ x_2 - 3x_4 - 2x_5 = 0 \\ x_3 - 2x_5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

* General Solution:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -2x_4 - 3x_5 \\ x_2 = 3x_4 + 2x_5 \\ x_3 = 2x_5 \\ x_4 \text{ is free} \\ x_5 \text{ is free} \end{cases}$$



Example Continued...

* Decompose the vector giving the General Solution into a Linear Combination (ST weights/scalars = free variables):

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_4 - 3x_5 \\ 3x_4 + 2x_5 \\ 2x_5 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_4 \\ 3x_4 \\ 0 \\ x_4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -3x_5 \\ 2x_5 \\ 2x_5 \\ 0 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = x_4 \vec{v}_1 + x_5 \vec{v}_2$$

* Every Linear Combination of \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 is an element of $\text{Nul}(A) \Leftrightarrow \downarrow_{\text{Sc.}}$

∴ The Spanning Set & Basis for $\text{Nul}(A)$ is:

$$\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Answer *

Example: Find a Basis for the Set of Vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 in the plane $x - 2y + 4z = 0$.

*Hint: Think of the eq. as a "system" of homogeneous eq. *

Answer:

*Think about the Eq. as a "System" of Homogeneous Eq.)

$A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$:

$$x - 2y + 4z = 0 \iff [1 \ -2 \ 4] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

*Find a Gen. Sol. to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ by row-reducing $[A : \vec{0}]$ to rref.

$$x - 2y + 4z = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \cdot x = 2y - 4z \\ \cdot y \text{ is free} \\ \cdot z \text{ is free} \end{cases}$$

General Solution:

$$\boxed{\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2y - 4z \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = y \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}$$

Note: Every Linear Combination of these vectors is in the $\text{Nul}(A)$ *

∴ The Spanning Set -AND- Basis for $\text{Nul}(A)$ is:

$$\boxed{\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}}$$

Answer *

Example: Assume that matrix A is row-equivalent to matrix B . Find the Bases for $\text{Nul}(A)$ - AND - $\text{Col}(A)$:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 & -4 & 12 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \sim B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer:

* Since A is row-equiv. to B , it's faster to row-reduce $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ ✓

* Find the Basis for $\text{Nul}(A)$:

$$[B|\vec{0}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{6}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -R_3 \\ +R_2 \\ N \cdot R_2 \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -7R_3 \\ +R_1 \\ N \cdot R_1 \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_4 = 0 \\ x_3 - x_4 = 0 \\ x_5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -2x_2 - 2x_4 \\ x_2 \text{ is free} \\ x_3 = x_4 \\ x_4 \text{ is free} \\ x_5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

* General Sol:

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_2 - 2x_4 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

∴ The Basis for $\text{Nul}(A)$:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Ans✓



Example Continued...

*Find the Basis for $\text{Col}(A)$:

Recall (Theorem): The pivot columns of A form the Basis for $\text{Col}(A)$.

*Since A is row-equivalent to B , they have the same pivot columns:

\therefore

$$\Rightarrow A \sim B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: Matrix B is in Echelon Form w/ pivot-columns
 $\{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_3, \vec{b}_5\}$

\therefore The 1st, 3rd, & 5th columns of A are its pivot-columns.

Therefore, the Basis for $\text{Col}(A)$ is:

$$\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_3, \vec{a}_5\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Answer

Example: Find a basis for the space spanned by the given vectors:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -4 \\ 8 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ -2 \\ 4 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Answer:

*Note: This problem is equivalent to the procedure for finding the Basis for the $\text{Col}(A)$:-

*Recall (Theorem⁶): The pivot columns of A form the Basis for $\text{Col}(A)$.

*Let $A = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3 \ \vec{v}_4 \ \vec{v}_5] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 3 & 11 & 15 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 8 & 4 \\ 1 & -6 & -2 & -12 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$

*Row-reduce $[A \mid \vec{0}]$ to Echelon Form to Identify the Pivot-Columns:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 6 & 3 & 11 & 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -4 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 8 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & -6 & -2 & -12 & 13 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\text{N.R4}]{\substack{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_4 \\ R_2 + R_4 \\ R_3 + R_4}} \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 6 & 3 & 11 & 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -4 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 8 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -12 & -5 & -23 & -21 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\text{Interchange } R_2, R_3, R_4]{\substack{-R_4 \\ \frac{1}{2}R_3}} \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 6 & 3 & 11 & 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -4 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 8 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -12 & -5 & -23 & -21 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 6 & 3 & 11 & 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 5 & 23 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{-1} & -4 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\text{N.R4}]{\substack{R_3 + R_4 \\ R_2 \leftrightarrow R_4}} \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & 11 & 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 5 & 23 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -4 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Echelon Form of } A \uparrow}$$



Example Continued...

From the Echelon Form of A we see that
 $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \text{ and } \vec{a}_3$ are the pivot columns



The Basis for the Space Spanned by the vectors:

$$\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Answer

Note: The following provides us w/ an important connection btw Linear Independence & Linear Transformations ::

*Ex // Prop:¹

Let V & W be vector spaces.

Let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a Linear Transformation.

Let $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ be a subset of V .

Show that if $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ is Linearly Dependent in V , then the set of images, $\{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_p)\}$, is Linearly Dependent in W .

Proof:¹

• \$ that $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ is Linearly Dependent.

• Then by Definition:

\exists scalars/weights $\{c_1, \dots, c_p\}$ not all zero, st

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p = \vec{0}.$$

*Goal: Want to show that $\{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_p)\}$ is also Linearly Dependent $\rightarrow c_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + c_p T(\vec{v}_p) = \vec{0}$

Recall: IF T is a Linear Transformation, then:

$$\begin{cases} *T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0} \\ *T(c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p) = c_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + c_p T(\vec{v}_p) \end{cases}$$

• Since T is a Linear Transformation:

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Proof' Continued....

- Since T is a Linear Transformation (By Def):

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet T(c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\vec{v}_p) = c_1T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + c_pT(\vec{v}_p) \\ \text{- AND -} \\ \bullet T(c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\vec{v}_p) = T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0} \end{array} \right.$$

- Thus:

$$c_1T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + c_pT(\vec{v}_p) = \vec{0}$$

- Since the scalars/weights $\{c_1, \dots, c_p\}$ are NOT all zero, then by definition:

$\{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_p)\}$ is Linearly Dependent. ✓



*Important Conclusion From this Proof *

This fact shows us that if a "Linear Transformation maps a set $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ onto a Linearly Independent set $\{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_p)\}$, then the original set is Linearly Independent too" (because it CANNOT be Linearly Dependent ::).

Note: The following provides us w/ an important connection b/w Linear Independence & Linear Transformations ::

*Ex. // Prop:²

Let V & W be vector spaces.

Let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a Linear Transformation.

Let $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ be a subset of V .

\$ that T is a 1-1 transformation st $T(\vec{u}) = T(\vec{v})$ always implies $\vec{u} = \vec{v}$.

*Show that if the set of all images $\{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_p)\}$ is Linearly Dependent, then $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ is Linearly Dependent *

Proof:²

• \$ that $\{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_p)\}$ is Linearly Dependent.

• Then by Definition:

\exists scalars/weights $\{c_1, \dots, c_p\}$, NOT all zero, st

$$c_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + c_p T(\vec{v}_p) = \vec{0}$$

*Goal: Want to show that $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ is also Linearly Dependent $\rightarrow c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p = \vec{0}$ (same scalar conditions)

• Since T is a Linear Transformation: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} *T(c\vec{u} + d\vec{v}) = cT(\vec{u}) + dT(\vec{v}) \\ *T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0} \quad (\text{Sect. 1.8}) \end{array} \right.$

$$T(c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p) = c_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + c_p T(\vec{v}_p) = \vec{0} = T(\vec{0})$$

Proof² Continued...

- Since T is 1-1: $T(\mathbf{x}) = \vec{0}$ has only the Trivial Sol.; $\mathbf{x} = \vec{0}$.

$T(c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\vec{v}_p) = T(\vec{0})$, which implies that

$$\Rightarrow c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\vec{v}_p = \vec{0}.$$

- Since the scalars/weights $\{c_1, \dots, c_p\}$ cannot all be zero (initial condition), then by definition:

$\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ is Linearly Dependent. ✓



*Important Conclusion From this Proof:

This fact shows us that a "1-1 Linear Transformation maps a Linearly Independent Set onto a Linearly Independent Set" (b/c in this case, the set of images cannot be linearly dependent).