

Unit 2 – Vector Spaces

Vector Spaces and Subspaces (definitions only) , Linear Independence, Basis and Dimensions, The Four Fundamental Subspaces.

Self Learning Component : Examples of vector spaces and subspaces

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Class work Problems:

1	Describe (geometrically) the column space and null space of the following matrices: (do not do a detailed procedure) (i) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (ii) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ (iii) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ (iv) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (v) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (vi) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ Sample Answer : (i) $C(A) = Z$, $N(A) = R^1$
2	Find the column space and null space of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 7 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Give an example of a matrix whose column space is the same as that of A but null space is different. Answer : $C(A)$ is a 2d plane in R^3 and $N(A)$ is the origin in R^2 . The matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 7 & 9 \\ 5 & 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ has same $C(A)$ but its $N(A)$ is a line in R^3 passing through $(1, 1, -1)$
3	For which vectors $b = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$ do the following systems $Ax = b$ have a solution ? (this is same as finding $C(A)$) (i) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ (ii) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Answer : (i) all b (ii) $b_3 = 0$ (iii) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ (iv) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ Answer : (iii) $b_2 = 2b_1$, $b_3 = -b_1$, (iv) $b_3 = -b_1$

4	<p>Reduce the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & -4 & 6 & 10 \\ 3 & 6 & -6 & 9 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$ to its echelon form U and hence find its rank. Identify the pivot and free variables. Find the special solutions to $Ax = 0$ by reducing A to its row reduced form R.</p> <p>Answer : $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$, $R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, rank $r = 3$</p> <p>Special solutions are $(-2, 1, 0, 0, 0)$ and $(-7, 0, -2, 1, 0)$</p>
5	<p>Reduce these matrices to their echelon form to find their rank. Also find a special solution to each of the free variables.</p> <p>(i) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ (ii) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$</p> <p>Answer : (i) $(-2, 1, 0, 0, 0)$, $(0, 0, -2, 1, 0)$, $(0, 0, -3, 0, 1)$ (ii) $(1, -1, 1)$</p>
6	<p>For every c, find R and the special solutions to $Ax = 0$:</p> <p>(i) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & c & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ (ii) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1-c & 2 \\ 0 & 2-c \end{bmatrix}$</p> <p>Answer : Pl refer Gilbert Strang book.</p>
7	<p>Choose the number q so that (if possible) the ranks are (i) 1 (ii) 2 (iii) 3</p> <p>$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 2 \\ -3 & -2 & -1 \\ 9 & 6 & q \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 3 \\ q & 2 & q \end{bmatrix}$</p> <p>Answer : For A, $q = 3$ gives rank 1 and every other q gives rank 2. For B, $q = 6$ gives rank 1 and every other q gives rank 2.</p>
8	<p>Which vectors (b_1, b_2, b_3) are in the column space of A ? Which combination of the rows of A give 0 ?</p> <p>(i) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ (ii) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$</p> <p>Answer : (i) all b and no combination of the rows (ii) $b_3 = 2b_2$ and $R_3 - 2R_2 = 0$</p>
9	<p>Examine if the following sets of vectors are linearly independent. When the set is dependent find a relation between the vectors</p> <p>1. $\{(1, 2, 0), (0, 3, 1), (-1, 0, 1)\}$. Answer : independent 2. $\{(-1, 2, 1), (3, 0, -1), (-5, 4, 3)\}$ Answer : dependent, $v_3 = 2v_1 - v_2$</p>
10	<p>If v_1, v_2, v_3 are vectors and a and b are scalars show that the set $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ is linearly dependent whenever the set $\{v_1 + av_2 + bv_3, v_2, v_3\}$ is linearly dependent.</p>
11	<p>Find a maximal linearly independent set of vectors from the set $v_1 = (2, -2, -4)$, $v_2 = (1, 9, 3)$, $v_3 = (-2, -4, 1)$, $v_4 = (3, 7, -1)$</p> <p>Answer : Any two of the given vectors</p>

12	Find the condition on a, b, c so that the vector (a, b, c) belongs to the space spanned by $u = (2, 1, 0)$, $v = (1, -1, 2)$ and $w = (0, 3, -4)$. Do the vectors u, v, w span \mathbb{R}^3 ? Answer: $2a - 4b - 3c = 0$. The vectors u, v, w do not span \mathbb{R}^3
13	For what value of λ will the vectors $(1, 3, -5)$, $(0, 5, \lambda)$ and $(-2, -1, 0)$ span a two dimensional subspace? For this value of λ , (i) express $(-2, -1, 0)$ as a linear combination of the other two vectors and (ii) find a vector in \mathbb{R}^3 that is not in the span of these vectors. Answer: For $\lambda = -10$, the vectors span a 2-d subspace. (i) $(-2, -1, 0) = -2(1, 3, -5) + 1(0, 5, -10)$ (ii) Any vector (a, b, c) that satisfies $-a + 2b + c \neq 0$ will not be in the span of the given vectors.
14	Let $v_1 = (1, 2, 1)$, $v_2 = (3, 1, 5)$ and $v_3 = (3, -4, 7)$. Show that the subspaces spanned by $\{v_1, v_2\}$ and $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ are the same.
15	If $V_1 = \{(a, b, 0) \mid a, b \text{ are real}\}$ and V_2 is spanned by $(1, 2, 3)$ and $(1, -1, 1)$ find a nonzero vector in \mathbb{R}^3 that is in both V_1 and V_2 . Answer: any multiple of $(-2, 5, 0)$
16	If the set vectors $\{(1, x, 1), (x, 1, 0), (0, 1, x)\}$ is linearly dependent find x . Answer: $x = 0, \pm\sqrt{2}$.
17	Show that the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ generate the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ in the vector space of all 2×2 matrices.
18	Expand the set $\{(1, 2, 0), (1, -2, 4)\}$ to a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 by choosing an appropriate vector from the set $\{(-2, 4, -8), (2, -1, -5), (3, -6, 0)\}$. Justify your choice. Answer: $(-2, 4, -8)$. The right combination is $-2a + b + c = 0$.
19	Find a basis and the dimension of the subspaces $V = \{(a, b, 0) \mid a \text{ and } b \text{ are real numbers}\}$, $W = \{(0, b, c) \mid b \text{ and } c \text{ are real}\}$ and $V \cap W$. Answer: Basis for V is $\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0)\}$, $\dim V = 2$ Basis for W is $\{(0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$, $\dim W = 2$ Basis for $V \cap W$ is $\{(0, 1, 0)\}$, $\dim = 1$
20	Let $V = \{(a, b, c, d) \mid b + c + d = 0\}$ and $W = \{(a, b, c, d) \mid a + b = 0 \text{ and } c = 2d\}$ be subspaces of \mathbb{R}^4 . Find the dimension of $V \cap W$. Answer: $(3, -3, 2, 1)$ is a vector in the intersection. $\dim = 1$.
21	If the column space of A is spanned by the vectors $(1, 4, 2)$, $(2, 5, 1)$ and $(3, 6, 0)$ find all those vectors that span the left null space of A . Determine whether or not the vector $b = (4, -2, 2)$ is in that subspace. What are the dimensions of $C(A^T)$ and $N(A^T)$? Answer: Solutions of $A^T x = 0$ are $(2, -1, 1)$. The vector b is in $N(A^T)$. $\dim C(A^T) = 2$ and $\dim N(A^T) = 1$
22	Find the four fundamental subspaces, their dimensions and a basis given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & -1 & 6 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 & 3 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$ Answer: Basis for $C(A)$ is columns 1, 2, 3; Basis for $C(A^T)$ is rows 1, 2, 3 Basis for $N(A)$ is $\{(7, 1, 0, 3, 0), (-8, -5, -3, 0, 3)\}$; $N(A^T) = \{c(1, 0, 1, 1)\}$

23	<p>Obtain the four fundamental subspaces of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$</p> <p>Answer : Basis for $C(A)$ is columns 1, 2, 3, 4 ; Basis for $C(A^T)$ is all four rows ; Basis for $N(A)$ is $(0, -1, -1, 0, 1)$ and $N(A^T) = Z$.</p>
24	<p>Find a left inverse / right inverse for</p> <p>(i) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (ii) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$</p> <p>Answer : (i) $\begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & -1/3 \\ 1/3 & 1/3 \\ -1/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$ (ii) $\begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & 1/3 & -1/3 \\ -1/3 & 1/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$</p>