

Lecture 15: § 3.3 More examples of subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n
 § 3.4 Basis for Subspaces

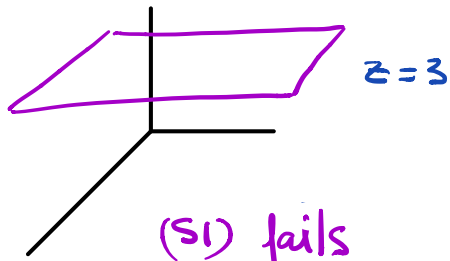
Recall: A subset \mathcal{W} of \mathbb{R}^n is a (vector) subspace if it satisfies:

(S1) $\vec{0}$ in \mathcal{W}

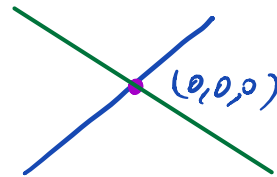
(S2) If \vec{v}, \vec{w} in \mathcal{W} , then $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$ is also in \mathcal{W}

(S3) If \vec{v} in \mathcal{W} & α in \mathbb{R} , then $\alpha\vec{v}$ is also in \mathcal{W} .

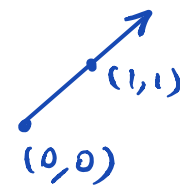
• Non examples



(S1) fails



(S2) fails



(S3) fails

• 2 Main examples

① $\mathcal{N}(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n : A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^m \right\}$ NullSpace of A
 (A $m \times n$ fixed) [Solutions to homogeneous systems]

② $\text{Sp}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p) = \text{linear combinations of vectors } \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p$
 $= \{ \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_p \vec{v}_p : \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \}$
 ($\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p$ fixed vectors) [Spans of vectors]

The Range of an $m \times n$ matrix A

Column
Space

Def: The range of A is $\mathcal{R}(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^m : \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ for some } \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \right\}$

Recall $A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \text{col}_1(A) + \dots + x_n \text{col}_n(A)$.

Theorem: $\mathcal{R}(A) = \text{Sp}(n \text{ columns of } A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{R}(A) = \text{Sp} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3$

Q: What is this subspace? Given \underline{y} in $\mathcal{R}(A)$, write $A\underline{x} = \underline{y}$ & solve for \underline{x} .

$$[A | \underline{y}] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & y_1 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 & 0 & y_2 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 & -3 & y_3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1}]{} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & y_2 - 2y_1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & -4 & y_3 - y_1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & y_2 - 2y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3y_1 - 2y_2 + y_3 \end{array} \right]$$

Compatible if and only if $3y_1 - 2y_2 + y_3 = 0$ plane in $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightsquigarrow y_3 = -3y_1 + 2y_2$ EF

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ -3y_1 + 2y_2 \end{bmatrix} = y_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + y_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{R}(A) = \text{Sp} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \mathcal{W}([3 \ -2 \ 1])$$

Example 2: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{R}(A) = \text{Sp} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

$$[A | \underline{y}] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & y_1 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 & 0 & y_2 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 & -1 & y_3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1}]{} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & y_2 - 2y_1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & -2 & y_3 - y_1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & y_2 - 2y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 3y_1 - 2y_2 + y_3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_3} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & y_2 - 2y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2}y_1 - y_2 + \frac{1}{2}y_3 \end{array} \right]$$

EF

Always consistent, for all $\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$

Conclude: $\mathcal{R}(A) = \mathbb{R}^3 = \text{Sp} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

In general: Range are either \mathbb{R}^n or it is determined by a linear system of equations.

Method $[A | \begin{matrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{matrix}] \sim \left[\begin{array}{c|c} A' & \text{linear eqns} \\ \hline 0 \dots 0 & \boxed{\text{linear eqns}} \\ 0 \dots 0 & \boxed{\text{linear eqns}} \end{array} \right]$ where

A' is REF with no zero rows.

↑ equations for $\mathcal{R}(A)$

The Row Space of an $m \times n$ matrix A

Def: The Row Space of A is $\text{Rows}(A) = \text{Sp}(\text{m rows of } A) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n$.

Obs: $\text{Rows}(A) = \text{Sp}(\text{Columns of } A^t) = \mathcal{R}(A^t)$

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ $\mathcal{R}(A) = \text{Sp}(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^2$
 $\text{Rows}(A) = \text{Sp}(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3$

Q: What happens under elementary row operations?

A: Same row space!

Advantage: We can use row operations to find a better set of generators for $\text{Row}(A)$ & in general, for $\text{Sp}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m)$ in \mathbb{R}^n .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1^t \\ \vdots \\ v_m^t \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{G-J}} B = \begin{bmatrix} w_1^t \\ \vdots \\ w_r^t \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \boxed{W = \text{Row}(A) = \text{Sp}(\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_r)}$$

Example $\mathbb{V} = \text{Sp} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ (4 generators)

Step ①. Write vectors as the ROWS of a matrix A $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \\ -1 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$
4x3

Step ②: Find $A \sim B$ with B in REF

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \\ -1 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1 \\ R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2 \\ R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \rightarrow -R_2 \\ R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{= B}{=} \text{REF}$$

Step ③: Pick non-zero rows of B, & transpose them.

$$\mathbb{V} = \text{Sp} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad \text{2 generators instead of 4}$$

Q: Can we do better?

A: NO! 2 is the minimal number we need (\vec{w}_1 & \vec{w}_2 are l.i)

Advantage $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ 7a-3b \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} a = x \\ b = y \\ 7a-3b = z \end{cases}$

\rightsquigarrow Eqn: $7x - 3y - z = 0 \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{V} = \mathcal{N}([7 \ -3 \ -1])$

Theorem 2: If A & B are row equivalent, then $\text{Rows}(A) = \text{Rows}(B)$

Why? It is enough to check each elementary row operation preserves row spaces

$$A = A_1 \xrightarrow{\text{Elem}} A_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Elem}} A_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Elem}} \dots \xrightarrow{\text{Elem}} A_k = B$$

$$\text{Then: } \text{Rows}(A) = \text{Rows}(A_2) = \dots = \text{Rows}(A_k) = \text{Rows}(B)$$

(E1) Swapping 2 rows clearly preserves the row space.

(E2) Multiplying a row (e.g. R_1) by a nonzero scalar $\alpha \neq 0$:

$$\underline{x} \text{ in } \text{Sp}(R_1^t, R_2^t, \dots, R_n^t) \stackrel{?}{=} \text{Sp}(\alpha R_1^t, R_2^t, \dots, R_n^t)$$

$$\underline{x} = \beta_1 R_1^t + \beta_2 R_2^t + \dots + \beta_n R_n^t = \frac{\beta_1}{\alpha} (\alpha R_1^t) + \beta_2 R_2^t + \dots + \beta_n R_n^t$$

← OK because $\alpha \neq 0$.

(E3) Adding to a row (say, R_1) a scalar multiply of a different row (R_2)

$$\text{Sp}(R_1^t, R_2^t, \dots, R_n^t) \stackrel{?}{=} \text{Sp}(R_1^t + \alpha R_2^t, R_2^t, \dots, R_n^t)$$

$$\beta_1 R_1^t + \beta_2 R_2^t + \dots + \beta_n R_n^t = \beta_1 (R_1^t + \alpha R_2^t) + (\beta_2 - \alpha \beta_1) R_2^t + \dots + \beta_n R_n^t$$

Spanning Sets & Bases

Def Fix a subspace \mathbb{V} of \mathbb{R}^n & a subset $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ of \mathbb{R}^n .

① We say S is a spanning set for \mathbb{V} ($\approx S$ spans \mathbb{V}) if

$$\mathbb{V} = \text{Sp}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p)$$

② S is a minimal spanning set for \mathbb{V} if:

(i) S spans \mathbb{V}

(ii) Any proper subset of S does not span \mathbb{V} .

$$\text{for all } i=1, \dots, p: \text{Sp}(\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{i-1}, \vec{v}_{i+1}, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}) \neq \mathbb{V}$$

\curvearrowright we removed \vec{v}_i .

Def: A basis for \mathbb{V} is a finite minimal spanning set for \mathbb{V}

Next Time: Basis $B =$

- (1) B spans \mathbb{V}
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- (2) B is linearly independent

