

1ZC3 ENGINEERING MATH II-B (Linear Algebra I)  
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# Yesterday

The span of  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r\}$  ↵

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$$\text{Span}(S) = \left\{ k_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + k_r \vec{v}_r \text{ for all choices of scalars } k_1, \dots, k_r \right\}$$

all linear combinations of  $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_r$

It is a subspace of  $V$  (though in general  $S$  won't be).

Example #2 of an important type of subspace

Take an  $m \times n$  matrix A

Def<sup>n</sup> The set of solutions  $\bar{x}$  to  $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  → called the null space of  $A$  or the kernel of  $A$  (or the solution space to  $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$ ).

$$\text{Test : } \textcircled{1} \ A\bar{0} = \bar{0} \quad \checkmark$$

② If  $\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2$  [solutions] are, then  $A(\bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_2)$

(3) If  $\bar{x}$  is a soln, k scalar

$$A(k\bar{x}) = k(A\bar{x}) = k\bar{0} = \bar{0}$$

SS10  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  has solutions to  $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$   
given by RREF of

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ \textcircled{2} & -2 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & -8 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \textcircled{3} & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & \textcircled{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$z = t$$

$$x = -2t, y = -t,$$

Solutions :  $\bar{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} t$  i.e.

null space of  $A$  is  $\text{Span}(\{-\frac{2}{1}\})$

### Example #3 of important type of subspace

Def" A  $n \times n$  matrix

The  $\lambda$ -eigenspace of  $A$  is  $E_\lambda = \{\bar{x} \text{ with } A\bar{x} = \lambda\bar{x}\}$ ,

a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue

of  $A$ )

then this actually has meaningful  
content, though the definition makes  
sense for any  $\lambda$ , and  $E_\lambda$  always

$$\textcircled{1} \quad A\bar{0} = \bar{0} = \lambda\bar{0} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{If } A\bar{x}_1 = \lambda\bar{x}_1, A\bar{x}_2 = \lambda\bar{x}_2, \text{ then } \dots \quad \text{contains } \bar{0} \dots$$

Did you try?  $A(\bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_2) = A\bar{x}_1 + A\bar{x}_2$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \text{If } A\bar{x} = \lambda\bar{x}, k \text{ scalar, then } \dots$$

$A(k\bar{x}) = k(A\bar{x}) = k(\lambda\bar{x}) = \lambda(k\bar{x}) \quad \checkmark$

Example SS 11

In Lecture 15 we found  $\lambda = 5$  is an eigenvalue of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

We said a basis for eigenvectors of  $\lambda = 5$  was <sup>together with 0</sup>

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{AKA eigen space of } \lambda = 5$$

$$\text{i.e. } E_5 = \text{Span}\left(\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}\right)$$

Notice We find eigenvectors by solving equations

$$(A - \lambda I) \bar{x} = \bar{0}.$$

So eigen spaces are always null spaces.

Question If  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  (vector space)

can we write down a list  $S$  of vectors in  $V$

so that  $W = \text{Span}(S)$  ?

(We'd say " $S$  is a spanning set for  $W$ ")

Yeah sure - write down every vector in  $W$ ! But surely we can do better?

How many vectors in  $S$  do we need? (few = good)

Observation (Thm 4.2.6)

If  $S = \{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_r\}$  and  $T = \{\bar{w}_1, \dots, \bar{w}_m\}$

are vectors in  $V$  with  $\text{Span}(S) = \text{Span}(T)$

then all  $\bar{v}_i \in \text{Span}(T)$

all  $\bar{w}_j \in \text{Span}(S)$ .

[And the theorem says  
the reverse is true too -  
if  $\bar{v}_i \in \text{span}(T)$  for all  $i$  &  
 $\bar{w}_j \in \text{span}(S)$  for  
all  $j$ , then  
 $\text{span}(S) = \text{span}(T)$ ]

Example

$$\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \leftarrow \text{in } \text{Span}$$

$$= \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

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UP TO HERE FOR TEST #2

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### 4.3 Linear Independence ("No redundancy")

in spanning

Def"  $S = \{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_r\}$  is linearly independent if the only choice of scalars

$k_1, \dots, k_r$  with  $k_1\bar{v}_1 + \dots + k_r\bar{v}_r = \bar{0}$  is

$$0 = k_1 = k_2 = \dots = k_r.$$

( $S$  is linearly dependent otherwise.)

↳ i.e. at least one of  
the vectors in  $S$  can be written as a linear combination

of the others.

e.g.  $k_1\bar{v}_1 + k_2\bar{v}_2 + \dots + k_r\bar{v}_r = \bar{0}$   
with  $k_2 \neq 0 \rightarrow$  then we could  
write  $\bar{v}_2 = -\frac{1}{k_2}(k_1\bar{v}_1 + k_3\bar{v}_3 + \dots + k_r\bar{v}_r)$

Example

$\{\bar{e}_1, \dots, \bar{e}_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly independent:

$$\bar{0} = k_1\bar{e}_1 + k_2\bar{e}_2 + \dots + k_n\bar{e}_n = (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n)$$
$$\Rightarrow k_i = 0 \text{ for all } i$$

Example Is  $S = \{(1, 0, 0, 1, 1), (3, 1, -1, 0, 2), (0, -2, 1, 3, 0)\}$

linearly dependent?

Solution Set  $\bar{0} = k_1(1, 0, 0, 1, 1) + k_2(3, 1, -1, 0, 2) + k_3(0, -2, 1, 3, 0)$

The question is, can we find  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  not all zero to make this true?

i.e. is there a non-zero solution to the system with augmented

matrix:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

?

Row  
Reduce

i.e.  $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = 0$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

So no, no redundancy,  $S$  not linearly dependent  
(in fact  $S$  linearly independent).

Example  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^d\} \subseteq P_d$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  is linearly independent.

If  $k_0 + k_1 x + k_2 x^2 + \dots + k_d x^d = 0$ ,  
how to check  $k_i = 0$  for all  $i$ ?

Plug in  $x=0$  :  $k_0 = 0$ .

Differentiate !  $k_1 + 2k_2 x + \dots + dk_d x^{d-1} = 0$

Plug in  $x=0$  :  $k_1 = 0$

: etc.

The essential point is that knowing that  $\{1, x, \dots, x^d\}$  is linearly independent means we can compare polys by comparing coefficients.

Example Is  $S = \{1+x^3, x-x^2, x^2-1, x+x^3\}$  linearly independent (in  $P_3$ )?

Spend 5 minutes thinking about this. What do you think? We'll look at it on Thursday!