

Math 2250-1  
Wed October 8

4.1-4.3 HW due date extended  
to the Monday after break, Oct 20  
(there will be additional 4.4, 4.5, 4.7)  
hw due that Friday Oct 24

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We finished thru page 3 of  
Tuesday's notes,

must now do pages 4, 5 there.

first, warm up by recalling linear algebra concepts:

linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ :

span  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ :

$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  are linearly dependent:

linearly independent:

now do pages 4-5 Tuesday, on vector spaces and subspaces

Exercise 1 Let  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ s.t. } x+2y-3z=0 \right\}$

(you're used to saying  
"the plane  $x+2y-3z=0$ ")

1a) Show  $W$  is a subspace by checking  $(\alpha), (\beta)$ ,  
i.e. closure with respect to addition and scalar multiplication

( $\alpha$ )

( $\beta$ )

1a') Is this a special case of the bullet point on page 5 Tuesday?  
1b) Show  $W$  is a subspace by showing it is the span of 2 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   
hint: rref!

Exercise 2 Is the plane  $x+2y-3z=1$  a subspace? Hint: no! Explain!

Exercise 3 span  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  must be a plane thru  $\vec{0}$ , in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

(2)

Find the equation  $ax + by + cz = 0$  for this plane

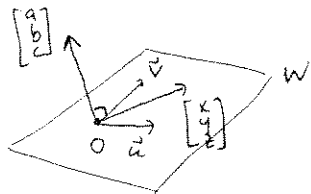
Ans: If  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \in W$  then we can solve

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + 3c_2 \\ -c_1 \\ 2c_1 + c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{for } c_1, c_2$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & x \\ -1 & 0 & & y \\ 2 & 1 & & z \end{array} \\ \hline -R_1 \\ R_2 \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -y & \\ 1 & 3 & x & \\ 2 & 1 & z & \end{array} \\ \hline -R_1 + R_2 \\ -2R_1 + R_3 \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -y & \\ 0 & 3 & x+y & \\ 0 & 1 & z+2y & \end{array} \\ \hline R_3 \\ R_2 \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -y & \\ 0 & 1 & z+2y & \\ 0 & 3 & x+y & \end{array} \\ \hline -3R_2 + R_3 \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -y & \\ 0 & 1 & z+2y & \\ 0 & 0 & x+y-3(z+2y) = x-5y-3z & \end{array} \end{array}$$

so  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \in W$  iff  $\boxed{x - 5y - 3z = 0}$

another way for this special case:



$$ax + by + cz = 0$$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-1, 5, 3)$$

$$-x + 5y + 3z = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

example Describe all subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

Let  $W$  be such a subspace

(0)  $\vec{0} \in W$ .

that might be all!

if  $W$  has more elements, let  $\vec{u} \in W, \vec{u} \neq \vec{0}$

then  $\text{span}(\vec{u}) \subset W$

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"is a subset of"

(1) that might be all. In this case  $W = \{t\vec{u}, t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a line thru  $\vec{0}$

if  $W$  has more elts, let  $\vec{v} \in W, \vec{v} \notin \text{span}\vec{u}$ .

then  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$  are linearly independent: (if  $c_1\vec{u} + c_2\vec{v} = \vec{0}$   
 $c_2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \vec{v} \in \text{span}\vec{u}$ ,  
so  $c_2 = 0$ .  
then  $\vec{u} \neq \vec{0} \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$ )  
and  $\text{span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\} \subset W$ .

(2) that might be all. In this case  $W = \{t\vec{u} + s\vec{v}, s, t \in \mathbb{R}\}$

is a plane.

See last example;

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} \vec{u} & \vec{v} & x \\ & & y \\ & & z \end{array} \right]$$

↓ rref

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & \sim \\ 0 & 1 & \sim \\ 0 & 0 & ax+by+cz \end{array} \right]$$

if that's not all, then let  $\vec{w} \in W, \vec{w} \notin \text{span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$ .

Then  $\left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} u & v & w \end{array} \right]$

↓ rref

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

(otherwise either  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{u}$  are dependent,  
 $\vec{w}$  is a l.c. of  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$ )

Thus  $\text{span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\} = \mathbb{R}^3$

(3). so  $W = \mathbb{R}^3$

Def A basis for the vector space  $V$  is a linearly independent set  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  in  $V$  which also spans  $V$

Def The number of elements in a (any!) basis for  $V$  is the dimension of  $V$ .

We exhibited the dimension 0, 1, 2, 3 subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .