

Math 2250-4

Friday Feb. 25

Vocabulary quiz! then 4.4.

linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$

span  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$

$\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  linearly independent  
linearly dependent

V a vector space

W a subspace [not just any subset!]  
2.4.4

Def  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is a basis for  $V$  iff

(a)  $V = \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$

(b)  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  linearly independent

} this is equivalent to saying  
that each  $\vec{v} \in V$  can  
be uniquely expressed as  
 $\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k$

in this case the linear combo  
coefficients are called the  
coords of  $\vec{v}$  with respect to the  
basis  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ .

review

Example The standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$\{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

where  $\vec{e}_j = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{entry } j$

(a) span:  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \vec{e}_1 + x_2 \vec{e}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{e}_n$

(b) linearly independent: if  $c_1 \vec{e}_1 + c_2 \vec{e}_2 + \dots + c_n \vec{e}_n = \vec{0}$   
then  $\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  so all  $c_j$ 's = 0

Exercise 1: On page 2 Wednesday, did we find a basis for  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ s.t. } x+2y-3z=0 \right\}$ ?  
check!

after answering that question, finish Wednesday notes (Exercise 3 page 3, example page 4.)  
Then return to today's notes...

HW for Friday March 4

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4.4 1, 2, 3, 6 8, 9, 11, 13, 26

4.5 1, 12, 16, 17, 26, 27, 28

4.7 1, 2, 3 4, 5 6 7, 8 9,  
10, 13, 15, 17, 21, 23, 25

(as in last week's HW, once you've  
set a problem up as a linear system  
you may use technology to compute  
rref, and just transcribe the  
result into HW before interpreting it.)

Recall, we figured out that

- (a) more than  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are always linearly dependent
- (b) less than  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  cannot span  $\mathbb{R}^n$

• so each basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has exactly  $n$  vectors  
and  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  iff

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ satisfies } \text{rref}(A) = I$$

Def For any vector space  $V$ , the dimension of  $V$  ( $\dim(V)$ ) is defined ~~the~~ to be the number of vectors in every basis of  $V$ . } so, what are the dimensions of the subspaces we've considered today?

This definition only makes sense because

Theorem Every basis of  $V$  has the same number of vectors.

Lemma: Let  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  span  $V$ . Then any collection  $\{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_{k+l}\}$  ( $l > 0$ ) of more than  $k$  vectors in  $V$  is linearly dependent.

proof of Lemma:

we search for lin combo coef's s.t.

$$c_1 \vec{w}_1 + c_2 \vec{w}_2 + \dots + c_{k+l} \vec{w}_{k+l} = \vec{0}.$$

Express each  $\vec{w}_j$  as a linear combo of the  $\vec{v}_i$ 's:

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \vec{v}_1 \\ + a_{21} \vec{v}_2 \\ + \vdots \\ + a_{k1} \vec{v}_k \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \vec{v}_1 \\ + a_{22} \vec{v}_2 \\ + \vdots \\ + a_{k2} \vec{v}_k \end{bmatrix} + \dots + c_{k+l} \begin{bmatrix} a_{1, k+l} \vec{v}_1 \\ + a_{2, k+l} \vec{v}_2 \\ + \vdots \\ + a_{k, k+l} \vec{v}_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \vec{v}_1 \\ + 0 \vec{v}_2 \\ + \vdots \\ + 0 \vec{v}_k \end{bmatrix}$$

We get a dependency if we can find  $\vec{c} \neq \vec{0}$  so that

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{c} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

But we can always do this because  $A$  has more columns than rows!   
 Lemma proven! ■

proof of theorem: Let  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ ,  $\{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_{k+l}\}$

If  $l > 1$ , then the  $\vec{w}_j$ 's ~~would be~~ would be dependent, i.e. not actually a basis.  
Thus  $l = 0$ . ■

$l > 0$  be two bases of  $V$ , where the second collection has at least as many elements as the first

Exercise 2 Find a basis for the solution space to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  for the matrix  $A$  below. Make sure to explain why your basis spans the solution space, and why it's linearly independent

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> with(LinearAlgebra):
> A := Matrix(4, 6, [1, 2, 0, 1, 1, 2,
                     2, 4, 1, 4, 1, 7,
                     -1, -2, 1, 1, -2, 1,
                     -2, -4, 0, -2, -2, -4]);
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homogeneous  
equation

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$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 7 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & -4 & 0 & -2 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$$

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> ReducedRowEchelonForm(A);
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$$\begin{matrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 & x_6 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$$

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Exercise 3 : Based on exercise 2,

3a) Why does our rref & backsolving with free parameters always yield a basis for the solution space to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ ? (As happened in Exercises 1, 2)

span:

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3b) What is dimension of solution space to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  (i.e. how can you calculate the dimension from  $\text{rref}(A)$ ?)