

Math 2270-3  
Wednesday Sept 16

- Finish pages 3-5 Tuesday notes, then begin § 3.2-3.3
- Big matrix example, pages 3-5 today.
- Precise definitions (we've been using these; here's a list).

Def A subset  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace iff it is closed under addition and scalar multiplication

i.e. iff whenever  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in W$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , then also

- (i)  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in W$
- (ii)  $k\vec{u} \in W$

Examples On Tuesday's notes we verified that for  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$  linear,  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  then

$$\ker(T) = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ such that } A\vec{x} = \vec{0}\}$$

$$\text{and } \text{Im}(T) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^m \text{ s.t. there exists } \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ with } A\vec{x} = \vec{y}\}$$

are subspaces of the domain and target spaces, respectively.

We also showed that the only subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are

- $\{\vec{0}\}$
- a line thru  $\vec{0}$ , i.e.  $\{t\vec{u} \text{ s.t. } t \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \vec{u} \neq \vec{0}\}$
- a plane thru  $\vec{0}$ , i.e.  $\{t\vec{u} + s\vec{v}, \quad t, s \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \vec{u}, \vec{v} \text{ non-zero and not multiples}\}$
- all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

This reasoning generalizes, so that we'll be able to understand all subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Def A linear combination of the vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  is any vector  $\vec{v}$  which is a sum of multiples of those vectors, i.e.

$$\vec{v} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k\vec{v}_k \quad c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Def the span of  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  := the collection of all linear combinations, i.e.

$$\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\} = \left\{ \vec{v} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k\vec{v}_k \text{ s.t. } c_j \in \mathbb{R} \quad j=1, 2, \dots, k \right\}$$

Examples the span of a single  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$  is  $\{t\vec{v} \text{ s.t. } t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , i.e. a line thru  $\vec{0}$   
if  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  are not scalar multiples,  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , then their span is a plane thru  $\vec{0}$ .

Def We shall say that  $\vec{v}$  is linearly dependent on  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  (or  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ ) if we can write  $\vec{v}$  as a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$

Example  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  so  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is linearly dependent on  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Def A set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is linearly dependent iff at least one of the vectors  $\vec{v}_j$  is "dependent" on the rest, i.e. a linear combo of the others.

A symmetric way to say  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is linearly dependent is that some linear combination

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k = \vec{0} \quad \text{where not all } c_j = 0.$$

check!

Def  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is linearly independent iff it is not linearly dependent, i.e. the only way

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k = \vec{0} \quad \text{is if all } c_j = 0 \\ (c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0)$$

(or equivalently, no  $\vec{v}_j$  is a linear combination of the other  $\vec{v}_i$ 's).

Def A subset  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  of a subspace  $W$  is a basis for  $W$  if  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  spans  $W$  and is linearly independent

[this is good!]. In this case we say that the dimension of  $W$ ,  $\dim(W)$  =  $k$ .

Example: Find a basis for  $W = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$ . What geometric object is  $W$ ? What is  $\dim(W)$ ?

Theorem If  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is a basis for  $W$ , then each  $\vec{w} \in W$  has a unique linear combination representation,  $\vec{w} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k$ .

proof: If also,  $\vec{w} = d_1 \vec{v}_1 + d_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + d_k \vec{v}_k$

$$\text{then } \vec{0} = \vec{w} - \vec{w} = (c_1 - d_1) \vec{v}_1 + (c_2 - d_2) \vec{v}_2 + \dots + (c_k - d_k) \vec{v}_k$$

by independence,  $c_1 - d_1 = 0, c_2 - d_2 = 0, \dots, c_k - d_k = 0$   
so  $c_i = d_i$  each  $i$

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kernel and image – big example  
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Consider  $T(x)=Ax$ , for the large matrix

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[> with(LinearAlgebra):
> A := Matrix(4, 6, [1, 2, 3, -1, -2, 6,
   0, 1, 1, -2, -1, 3,
   2, -4, -2, -1, 4, 3,
   3, -2, 1, -2, 2, 9]);
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$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -1 & -2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -4 & -2 & -1 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & -2 & 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

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- 1) Find an explicit representation for  $\ker(T)$  (which we also write as  $\ker(A)$ ). Use this representation to find a basis for  $\ker(T)$  and verify that it's a basis. You might want to use:

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> ReducedRowEchelonForm(A);
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

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(4)

2a) For the same transformation, find an explicit representation for  $\text{Im}(T)$ . Use the fewest number of vectors which still span this subspace. Verify that they are a basis. Hint: reuse your work in the previous part to cull vectors from this "column space." You can read this information from

> *ReducedRowEchelonForm(A);*

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad (3)$$

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Notice column dependencies correspond to solutions to  $Ax=0$ , which do not change as you do elementary row operations. For example, since the third column of the reduced matrix is the sum of the first two, this must also be true for the original matrix!

2b) A clever way to get an especially nice basis for  $\text{Im}(T)$  is to use "elementary column operations" to replace the column vectors (which span  $\text{Im}(T)$ ) with a nicer collection which still spans. This amounts to computing the reduced column echelon form of the matrix:

>  $B := \text{Transpose}(A); \# \text{turn columns into rows}$

$$B := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

>  $C := \text{ReducedRowEchelonForm}(B);$

*Transpose(C); # turn rows back into columns; this is the reduced column echelon form!*

*# Identify a "nice" basis of  $\text{Im}(T)$ . Check work!*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

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