

Math 2270-3  
Monday Sept 21

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We will go through the large (Maple) example from Friday (Wed) last week.  
We will use the definitions and concepts below - you need to memorize and learn how to use these!

Def: Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation.

Then

$$\text{Image}(T) := \{ \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m \text{ s.t. } \exists \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ with } T(\vec{x}) = \vec{y} \}$$

$$\text{kernel}(T) := \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ s.t. } T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0} \}.$$

Def: A linear combination of the vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  is any sum of scalar multiples of these vectors, i.e. any  $\vec{v}$  expressible as

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

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

$$\text{span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k \} = \left\{ \vec{v} \text{ s.t. } \vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k \text{ some } c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Def  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace iff  $W$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication, i.e. iff whenever  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in W$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

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

$$(ii) k\vec{u} \in W$$

Examples • Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  linear. Then  $\ker(T)$ ,  $\text{Im}(T)$  are subspaces.

•  $\text{span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k \}$  is a subspace.

Def  $\vec{v}$  is linearly dependent on  $\{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k \}$  if  $\vec{v}$  is in  $\text{span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k \}$ ,

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k$$

$\vec{v}$  is linearly independent of  $\{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k \}$  if it's not in their span

Definition  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is linearly dependent if at least one of the  $\vec{v}_j$  is dependent on the remaining vectors. Equivalently, some linearly combination

$$c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k\vec{v}_k = \vec{0} \quad \text{with not all of the } c_i = 0.$$

Definition  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is linearly independent if no  $\vec{v}_j$  is a linear combo of the rest. Equivalently, if

$$c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k\vec{v}_k = \vec{0}, \quad \text{then } c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0.$$

Definition : If  $W = \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  and  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is linearly independent, then  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is called a basis for  $W$ . And, we define the dimension of  $W$ , dim( $W$ ) to be the number of vectors, k, in this (and it turns out, any) basis for  $W$

Basic

Example : Check that the "standard basis",  $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (So  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is n-dim!) )

a) : linearly independent:

b) span:

In our last several lectures we make use of these two important facts:

① removing redundant vectors : If  $\vec{w}$  is dependent on  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ ,

$$\text{then } \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k, \vec{w}\} = \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$$

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

$$\text{then } c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k\vec{v}_k + d\vec{w} = (c_1 + dd_1)\vec{v}_1 + (c_2 + dd_2)\vec{v}_2 + \dots + (c_k + dd_k)\vec{v}_k \quad \blacksquare$$

② adding vectors not in the span : If  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  are lin. ind. and  $\vec{w}$  is not in  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$

Then  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k, \vec{w}\}$  is lin. ind.

proof: Let  $c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k\vec{v}_k + d\vec{w} = \vec{0}$

Case I :  $d \neq 0$ . Then  $\vec{w} = -\frac{c_1}{d}\vec{v}_1 - \frac{c_2}{d}\vec{v}_2 - \dots - \frac{c_k}{d}\vec{v}_k$ .

Since  $\vec{w} \notin \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  this case cannot occur.

Case II :  $d = 0$ . Then  $c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k\vec{v}_k = \vec{0}$

Thus  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0 = d \quad \blacksquare$