

# Topic 1 - Vector Space and Subspace

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## Vectors

### Vectors in $\mathbb{R}^n$

- ▶ A  $n \times 1$  matrix (with only one column) is called a **column vector**, or simply a **vector**.
- ▶ The set of all  $n \times 1$  vectors is denoted by  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- ▶ The vector whose entries all zero is called the **zero vector** and is denoted by  $\mathbf{0}$ .

**Example**  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ .

(Addition:)  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(Scalar Multiplication:)  $(-3)\mathbf{v} = -3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 15 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(Linear Combination:)  $4\mathbf{u} + (-3)\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -8 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 15 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 7 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$

## Algebraic Properties of $\mathbb{R}^n$

For any  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  and scalars  $c$  and  $d$ ,

1.  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$ ,
2.  $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ ,
3.  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$ ,
4.  $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = (-\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ , where  $-\mathbf{u} = (-1)\mathbf{u}$ ,
5.  $c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$ ,
6.  $(c + d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{u}$ ,
7.  $c(d\mathbf{u}) = (cd)\mathbf{u}$ ,
8.  $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$ .

# Linear combination

## Linear combination

Given vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_p$ , the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  defined by

$$\mathbf{b} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p = \sum_{j=1}^p c_j\mathbf{v}_j$$

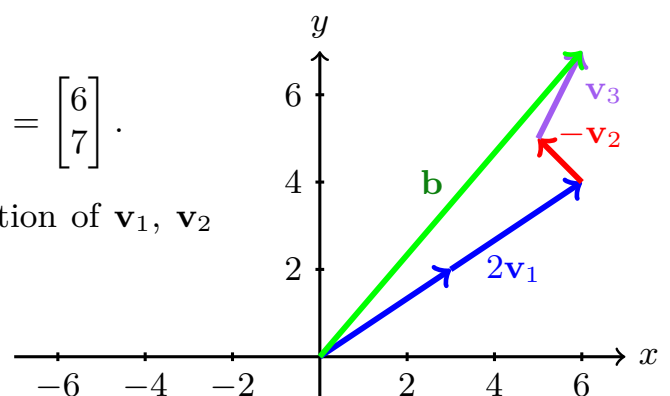
is called a **linear combination** of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  with **weights**  $c_1, \dots, c_p$ .

**Example** Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Take

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} &= 2\mathbf{v}_1 + (-1)\mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_3 \\ &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + (-1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Then the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ .

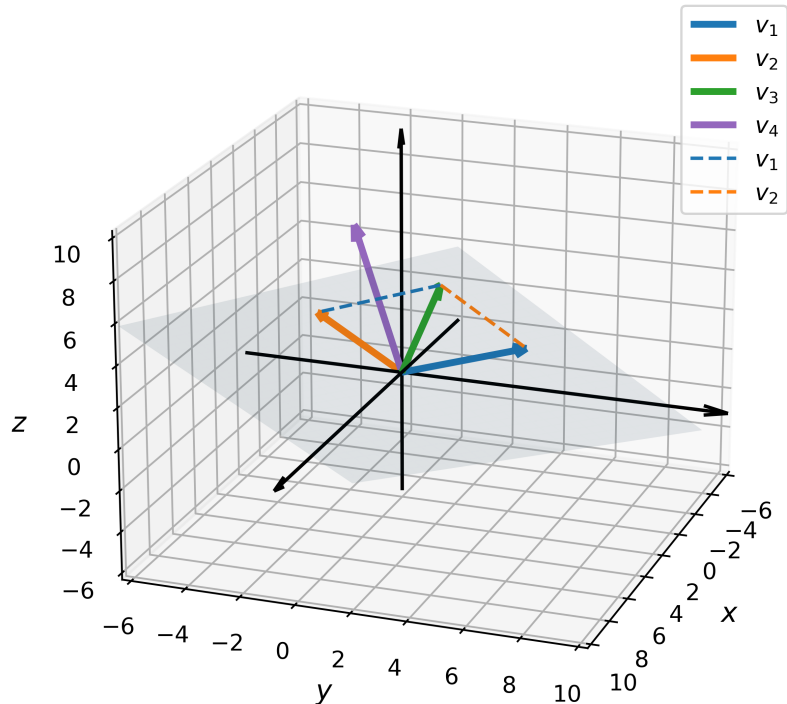


**Example** Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

and  $\mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then

$\mathbf{v}_3$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  while  $\mathbf{v}_4$  is NOT a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ .



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[1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D

# create the figure
fig = plt.figure(figsize=[10,6],dpi=500)

# add axes
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
ax.set_xlim(-6, 10)
ax.set_ylim(-6, 10)
ax.set_zlim(-6, 10)
ax.view_init(elev=20, azim=20)

# plot x-axis / y-axis / z-axis
ax.set_xlabel(r'$x$', fontsize='large')
ax.set_ylabel(r'$y$', fontsize='large')
ax.set_zlabel(r'$z$', fontsize='large')
ax.quiver(-6, 0, 0, 18, 0, 0, color='k',
↳arrow_length_ratio=0.05)
ax.quiver(0, -6, 0, 0, 18, 0, color='k',
↳arrow_length_ratio=0.05)
ax.quiver(0, 0, -6, 0, 0, 18, color='k',
↳arrow_length_ratio=0.05)

# plot vectors v_1 v_2 v_3 v_4
ax.quiver(0, 0, 0, 4, 6, 4, color='C0',
↳arrow_length_ratio=0.1, linewidth=3,
↳label=r'${v_1}$')
ax.quiver(0, 0, 0, 3, -2, 4, color='C1',
↳arrow_length_ratio=0.1, linewidth=3,
↳label=r'${v_2}$')
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ax.quiver(0, 0, 0, 7, 4, 8, color='C2',
↳arrow_length_ratio=0.1, linewidth=3,
↳label=r'${v_3}$')
ax.quiver(0, 0, 0, 2, -1, 8, color='C4',
↳arrow_length_ratio=0.1, linewidth=3,
↳label=r'${v_4}$')
ax.quiver(3, -2, 4, 4, 6, 4, color='C0',
↳arrow_length_ratio=0, linestyle = '--',
↳label=r'${v_1}$')
ax.quiver(4, 6, 4, 3, -2, 4, color='C1',
↳arrow_length_ratio=0, linestyle = '--',
↳label=r'${v_2}$')

#plot the plane region
s, t = np.meshgrid(range(-15,15),
↳range(-15,15))
s = s*.1
t = t*.1
X = s*4+t*3
Y = s*6+t*-2
Z = s*4+t*4
ax.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, alpha=0.1)

plt.legend()

plt.show()
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## Linear combination vs Matrix equation

Let  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{a}_n]$  and  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ . Then

$$\sum_{j=1}^n x_j \mathbf{a}_j = x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + \cdots + x_n \mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{b} \iff [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{a}_n] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b} \iff \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}.$$

So  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  if and only if  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent.

## Spanning Set

Suppose  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The set of all linear combinations of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  is denoted by

$$\text{Span} \{ \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p \}$$

and is called the **subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  spanned (or generated) by  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$** . So a vector  $\mathbf{b} \in \text{Span} \{ \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p \}$  when  $\mathbf{b}$  can be written in the form

$$\mathbf{b} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + c_p \mathbf{v}_p \quad \text{with weighting } c_1, \dots, c_p.$$

**Example 1.1** Let

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 5 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ -8 \\ 9 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ -8 \\ 9 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine whether  $\mathbf{b}_1$  and  $\mathbf{b}_2$  can be written as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ . That is, whether  $\mathbf{b}_1$  and  $\mathbf{b}_2$  are in  $\text{Span} \{ \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3 \}$  or not.

*Solution.* Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 5 & -4 \\ -5 & 6 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Consider the matrix equation  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}_j$

for  $j = 1, 2$ .

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[1]: A = sp.Matrix([[1,2,3],[-2,5,-4],[-5,6,5],[3,-1,-2],[1,2,3]]); A
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[1]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 5 & -4 \\ -5 & 6 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ 
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[2]: x1,x2,x3 = sp.symbols('x1 x2 x3')
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[3]: b1 = sp.Matrix([[4,8,-8,9,4]]).T; b1
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[3]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ -8 \\ 9 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ 
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[4]: b2 = sp.Matrix([[4,8,-8,9,5]]).T; b2
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[4]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ -8 \\ 9 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ 
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[5]: sp.linsolve((A,b1),x1,x2,x3)
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[5]: {(3, 2, -1)}
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[6]: sp.linsolve((A,b2),x1,x2,x3)
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[6]:  $\emptyset$ 
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Therefore,  $Ax = \mathbf{b}_1$  is consistent and  $Ax = \mathbf{b}_2$  is inconsistent. So  $\mathbf{b}_1$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$  while  $\mathbf{b}_2$  is not. That is  $\mathbf{b}_1 \in \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  and  $\mathbf{b}_2 \notin \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ . In particular,

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = 3\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3.$$

## Spanning set

### Some simple facts about $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$

Given  $p$  vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ . For any scalar  $c$  and  $j = 1, \dots, p$ ,

1.  $\mathbf{v}_j \in \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ .
2.  $c\mathbf{v}_j \in \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ .
3.  $\mathbf{0} \in \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ .
4. If  $\mathbf{v}_p$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{p-1}$ , then

$$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{p-1}, \mathbf{v}_p\} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{p-1}\}.$$

That is, the set remains unchanged after removing the vector  $\mathbf{v}_p$ .

*Proof.* The results hold since for any scalar  $c$  and  $j = 1, \dots, p$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_j &= 0\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + 0\mathbf{v}_{j-1} + 1\mathbf{v}_j + 0\mathbf{v}_{j+1} + \dots + 0\mathbf{v}_p, \\ c\mathbf{v}_j &= 0\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + 0\mathbf{v}_{j-1} + c\mathbf{v}_j + 0\mathbf{v}_{j+1} + \dots + 0\mathbf{v}_p, \\ \mathbf{0} &= 0\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + 0\mathbf{v}_p \end{aligned}$$

*Proof. (cont.)* It is clear that

$$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{p-1}\} \subseteq \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{p-1}, \mathbf{v}_p\}.$$

Now we **want to show** that

$$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{p-1}, \mathbf{v}_p\} \subseteq \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{p-1}\}.$$

Suppose  $\mathbf{v}_p$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{p-1}$ , then

$$\mathbf{v}_p = d_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + d_{p-1}\mathbf{v}_{p-1} \quad \text{for some scalars } d_1, \dots, d_{p-1}.$$

For any  $\mathbf{b} \in \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} &= c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_{p-1}\mathbf{v}_{p-1} + c_p\mathbf{v}_p \\ &= c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_{p-1}\mathbf{v}_{p-1} + c_p(d_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + d_{p-1}\mathbf{v}_{p-1}) \\ &= (c_1 + c_pd_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + (c_{p-1} + c_pd_{p-1})\mathbf{v}_{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{p-1}$ , i.e.,

$\mathbf{b} \in \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{p-1}\}$ . Hence,  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\} \subseteq \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{p-1}\}$  and  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{p-1}\}$ .

## Spanning $\mathbb{R}^m$

A set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  **spans**  $\mathbb{R}^m$  if every vector  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ . Equivalently,

$$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\} = \mathbb{R}^m.$$

## Some equivalent conditions

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Then the following statements are equivalent.

1. The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
2. Each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .
3. For each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent.
4.  $A$  has pivot positions in every row.

**Example** Let

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 5 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ -8 \\ 10 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ -8 \\ 9 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5\} = \mathbb{R}^5$ . (Hint: the RREF of  $[\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3 \ \mathbf{v}_4 \ \mathbf{v}_5]$ .)

## Linearly independent and dependent

Given an set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Consider the vector equation

$$\sum_{j=1}^p x_j \mathbf{v}_j = x_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + x_p \mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}.$$

- ▶ The set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is said to be **linearly independent** if the vector equation has **trivial solution** only (unique solution). i.e.,  $\sum_{j=1}^p x_j \mathbf{v}_j = \mathbf{0}$  implies  $x_1 = \dots = x_p = 0$ .
- ▶ The set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is said to be **linearly dependent** if the vector equation has **non-trivial solution** (infinitely many solutions). i.e., there are scalars  $x_1, \dots, x_p$ , **NOT ALL ZERO**, such that  $\sum_{j=1}^p x_j \mathbf{v}_j = \mathbf{0}$ .

## Linear independence vs Matrix equation

The columns of a matrix  $A$  are linearly independent if and only if the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution.

*Proof.* Let  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{a}_n]$ . Notice that the column vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  are linearly independent if and only if the vector equation

$$A\mathbf{x} = x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{has trivial solution only.}$$

# Linear independence

**Example 1.2** Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ -8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Determine if the set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$  is linearly independent and find a linear dependence relation among  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4$  if the set is linearly dependent.

*Solution.* Let

$$A = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3 \ \mathbf{v}_4] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 8 & 5 & -4 \\ -5 & -8 & 6 & 5 \\ 3 & 9 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then the general solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -3x_4 \\ x_2 = x_4 \\ x_3 = -2x_4 \\ x_4 \text{ is free} \end{cases}.$$

Thus,  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$  is linearly dependent. Furthermore,

$$-3\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 - 2\mathbf{v}_3 + \mathbf{v}_4 = \mathbf{0}.$$

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[1]: A = sp.Matrix([[1,4,2,3],
↳ [-2,8,5,-4], [-5,-8,6,5],
↳ [3,9,-1,-2]]); A
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[1]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 8 & 5 & -4 \\ -5 & -8 & 6 & 5 \\ 3 & 9 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ 
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[2]: b = sp.zeros(4,1); b
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[2]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 
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[3]: x1,x2,x3,x4 = sp.symbols('x1
↳ x2 x3 x4')
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[4]: sp.linsolve((A,b),x1,x2,x3,x4)
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[4]:  $\{(-3x_4, x_4, -2x_4,$ 
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**Example 1.3** Determine if the columns of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 & 5 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 5 & 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 8 & 1 & 6 \\ 8 & 7 & 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  are

linearly independent.

*Solution.* Row reduce the matrix  $A$  as follows.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 & 5 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 5 & 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 8 & 1 & 6 \\ 8 & 7 & 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \dots \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

All variables of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  are basic variables. Thus, the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has trivial solution only. So the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.

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[5]: A = sp.Matrix([[2,8,5,5],
↳ [3,6,5,3], [1,1,0,0],
↳ [8,5,4,0], [6,8,1,6],
↳ [8,7,3,1], [5,3,7,2]]); A
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[5]: \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 & 5 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 5 & 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 8 & 1 & 6 \\ 8 & 7 & 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}
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[6]: A.rref()
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[6]: (Matrix([
[1, 0, 0, 0],
[0, 1, 0, 0],
[0, 0, 1, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 1],
[0, 0, 0, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0]]),
(0, 1, 2, 3))
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## Some facts about linear independence

1. The set of **two** vectors is linearly independent if and only if neither of the vectors is a scalar multiple of other.
2. If a set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  contains the zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$ , then the set is linearly dependent.
3. Any set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is linearly dependent if  $n > m$ .
4. A set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is linearly dependent if and only if at least one of the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_j$  is a linear combination of the others.

*Proof.*

1. Suppose the two vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are scalar multiple, say,  $\mathbf{v}_1 = k\mathbf{v}_2$ . Then  $(-1)\mathbf{v}_1 + k\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{0}$  so  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  are linearly dependent. Now suppose  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are linearly dependent. Then  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{0}$  for some nonzero scalar  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ . Then  $\mathbf{v}_1 = -\frac{c_2}{c_1}\mathbf{v}_2$ , so  $\mathbf{v}_1$  is a scalar multiple of  $\mathbf{v}_2$ .
2. Suppose  $\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}$ . Then it is clear that  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is linearly dependent since

$$0 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + 0 \cdot \mathbf{v}_{p-1} + 1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}.$$

*Proof. (cont.)*

3. Let  $A = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{v}_n]$ . Since  $n > m$ , the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  must have non-trivial solutions. Therefore,  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is linearly dependent.
4. Suppose  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is linearly dependent. Then there exist  $c_1, \dots, c_p$ , not all zeros, such that  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}$ . Suppose  $c_j \neq 0$ . Then

$$\mathbf{v}_j = -\frac{c_1}{c_j}\mathbf{v}_1 - \cdots - \frac{c_{j-1}}{c_j}\mathbf{v}_{j-1} - \frac{c_{j+1}}{c_j}\mathbf{v}_{j+1} - \cdots - \frac{c_p}{c_j}\mathbf{v}_p.$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{v}_j$  is a linear combination of the others.

On the other hand, suppose  $\mathbf{v}_j$  is a linear combination of the others, say

$$\mathbf{v}_j = k_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + k_{j-1}\mathbf{v}_{j-1} + k_{j+1}\mathbf{v}_{j+1} + \cdots + k_p\mathbf{v}_p$$

for some scalars  $k_i$ . Then

$$k_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + k_{j-1}\mathbf{v}_{j-1} + (-1)\mathbf{v}_j + k_{j+1}\mathbf{v}_{j+1} + \cdots + k_p\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}$$

and so  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is linearly dependent.

**Example** Determine if the given set is linearly dependent.

1.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 6 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$

2.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

3.  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ -9 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$

*Solution.*

1. Linearly dependent. There are 5 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
2. Linearly dependent. There is a zero vector.
3. Linearly independent. The two vectors are not scalar multiple of each other.

**Example 1.4** Let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  be linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  nonsingular matrix. Show that  $A\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, A\mathbf{v}_p$  are linearly independent.

*Solution.* Consider the vector equation

$$x_1 A\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + x_p A\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0} \implies A(x_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + x_p \mathbf{v}_p) = \mathbf{0}.$$

Since  $A$  is invertible,

$$x_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + x_p \mathbf{v}_p = A^{-1} \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}.$$

As  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  are linearly independent, we must have  $x_1 = \dots = x_p = 0$ . Thus,  $A\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, A\mathbf{v}_p$  are also linearly independent.

**Example** Consider

$$\overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \mathbf{a}_3 & \mathbf{a}_4 & \mathbf{a}_5 \end{bmatrix}}^A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 12 & 1 & 5 & 5 \\ 2 & 8 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 20 & 2 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_3 & \mathbf{a}_5 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \mathbf{a}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 12 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 8 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 8 & 20 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Notice that

$$\mathbf{a}_2 = 4\mathbf{a}_1 + 0\mathbf{a}_3 + 0\mathbf{a}_5 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{a}_4 = 2\mathbf{a}_1 + (-1)\mathbf{a}_3 + 0\mathbf{a}_5.$$

It follows that  $\mathbf{a}_2$  and  $\mathbf{a}_4$  are linear combinations of  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{a}_5$ . Then

$$\text{Col } A = \text{Span} \{ \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{a}_4, \mathbf{a}_5 \} = \text{Span} \{ \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{a}_4, \mathbf{a}_5 \} = \text{Span} \{ \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{a}_5 \}.$$

Also  $\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$  are linearly independent.

## Vector Space

A set  $V$  of objects, called **vectors**, on which the two operations, called **addition** and **scalar multiplication** are well defined if

- ▶ The sum of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ , denoted by  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ , is in  $V$ .
- ▶ The scalar multiple of  $\mathbf{u}$  by  $c$ , denoted by  $c\mathbf{u}$ , is in  $V$ .

The set  $V$  together with the addition and scalar multiplication is called a **vector space** if the axioms listed below hold for all vectors  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $V$  and for all scalars  $c$  and  $d$ .

1.  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$ .
2.  $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ .
3. There is a zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$  in  $V$  such that  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$ .
4. For each  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $V$ , there is a vector  $-\mathbf{u}$  in  $V$  such that  $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$ .
5.  $c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$ .
6.  $(c + d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{u}$ .
7.  $c(d\mathbf{u}) = (cd)\mathbf{u}$ .
8.  $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$ .

## Examples of Vector Space

1. The set  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the usual addition and scalar multiplication
2. The set of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$  with the usual addition and scalar multiplication
3. The set of  $n$ -tuples of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with the usual addition and scalar multiplication
4. The set of  $m \times n$  matrices with real entries  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with matrix addition and scalar multiplication
5. The set of positive real numbers  $\mathbb{R}^+$  with the addition operation by

$$u \oplus v = uv \quad \text{for all } u \text{ and } v \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^+$$

and scalar multiplication operation by

$$c \circ u = u^c \quad \text{for all } u \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ and scalar } c.$$

Notice that the zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^+$  is 1 and  $(-u) = \frac{1}{u}$ .

6. For  $n \geq 0$ , denote by  $\mathbb{P}_n$  the set of polynomials of degree **at most**  $n$ , i.e., all polynomials of the form

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n$$

with coefficients  $a_0, \dots, a_n$  and variable  $x$ . For any polynomials  $p$  and  $q$  in  $\mathbb{P}_n$ ,

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n \quad \text{and} \quad q(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_nx^n,$$

the addition and scalar multiplication are defined as follows,

$$(p + q)(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + \cdots + (a_n + b_n)x^n$$

$$(cp)(x) = ca_0 + (ca_1)x + \cdots + (ca_n)x^n.$$

Then  $\mathbb{P}_n$  is a vector space with  $\mathbf{0} = 0(x) = 0$ .

7. Let  $C[a, b]$  be the set of all real-valued continuous functions defined on  $[a, b]$  with the usual addition and scalar multiplication. i.e.,

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \quad \text{and} \quad (cf)(x) = c(f(x)).$$

Then  $C[a, b]$  is a vector space.

## Subspace

A subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is called a **subspace** if  $S$  satisfies the following two properties.

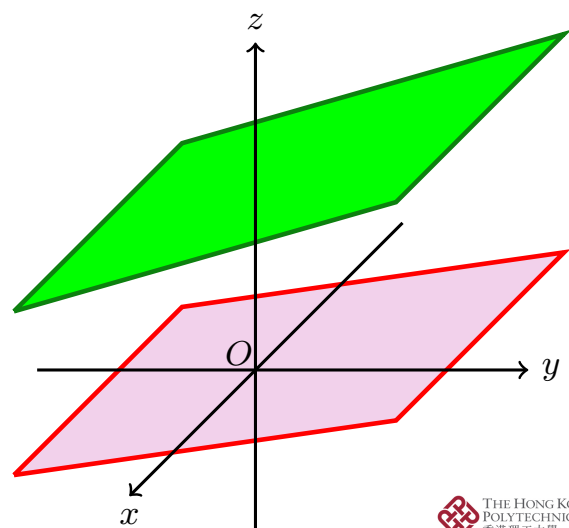
1.  $S$  is closed under addition. That is, for each  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $S$ , the sum  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  is in  $S$ .
2.  $S$  is closed under scalar multiplication. That is, for each  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $S$  and scalar  $c$ , the scalar  $c\mathbf{u}$  is in  $S$ .

## Subspace vs Vector space

Every subspace itself is a vector space.

## Zero vector in subspace

If  $S$  is a subspace of a vector space  $V$ , then  $S$  must contain the zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$  of  $V$ .



**Example 1.5** Are  $S_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} : x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  and  $S_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

*Proof.* For any  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $S_1$  and scalar  $c$ ,

1. the sum  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is in

$S_1$ .

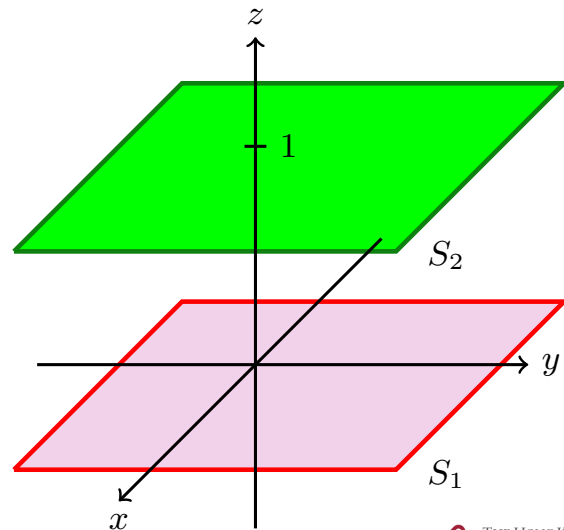
2. the scalar multiple  $c\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} cu_1 \\ cu_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is

also in  $S_1$ .

So  $S_1$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Because the zero vector  $\mathbf{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is

NOT in  $S_2$ .  $S_2$  is not a subspace.



## Examples of Subspace

1. The set of all  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrices  $T_n$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .
2. The set of all  $n \times n$  diagonal matrices  $D_n$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .
3. The set of polynomials of degree at most  $n$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_n$ , is a subspace the set of all real-valued continuous functions  $C[a, b]$ .
4. The set  $S = \{A = [a_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} : a_{13} = 2a_{31}\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ .

*Proof of Example 4.* For any  $A = [a_{ij}]$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]$  in  $S$  and scalar  $c$ ,

1. the (1, 3)th entry of  $A + B$  is

$$(a_{13} + b_{13}) = 2(a_{31} + b_{31}),$$

which is equal to two times of the (3, 1)th entry of  $A + B$ .

2. the (1, 3)th entry of  $cA$  is

$$ca_{13} = 2(ca_{31}),$$

which is the same as two times of the (3, 1)th entry of  $cA$ .

Thus,  $S$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ .

## Span $\implies$ Subspace

If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  are vectors in  $V$ , then the set  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is a **subspace** of  $V$ .

*Proof.* For any  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  and scalar  $\alpha$ ,

$$\mathbf{u} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v} = d_1\mathbf{v}_1 + d_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + d_p\mathbf{v}_p$$

for some  $c_1, \dots, c_p$  and  $d_1, \dots, d_p$ . Then

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = (c_1 + d_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + (c_2 + d_2)\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + (c_p + d_p)\mathbf{v}_p$$

and

$$\alpha\mathbf{u} = (\alpha c_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + (\alpha c_2)\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + (\alpha c_p)\mathbf{v}_p.$$

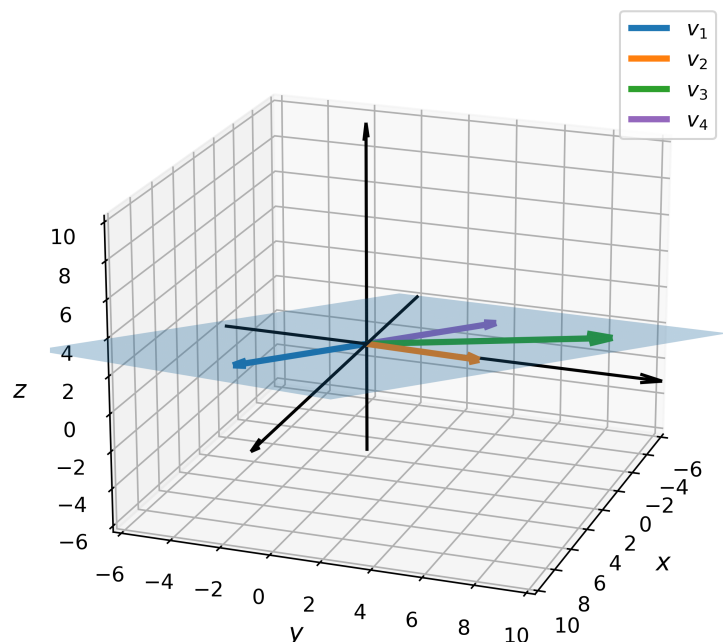
Thus,  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  and  $\alpha\mathbf{u}$  are in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ .

# Vector space and subspace

**Example** Let

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 10 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\} \\ = & \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\} \\ = & \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_4\} \\ = & \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\} \\ = & \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\} \\ = & \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\} \\ = & \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3\} \\ = & \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\} \\ = & \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_4\} \\ = & \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\} \\ \neq & \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_4\} \end{aligned}$$



**Example** Let

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 10 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

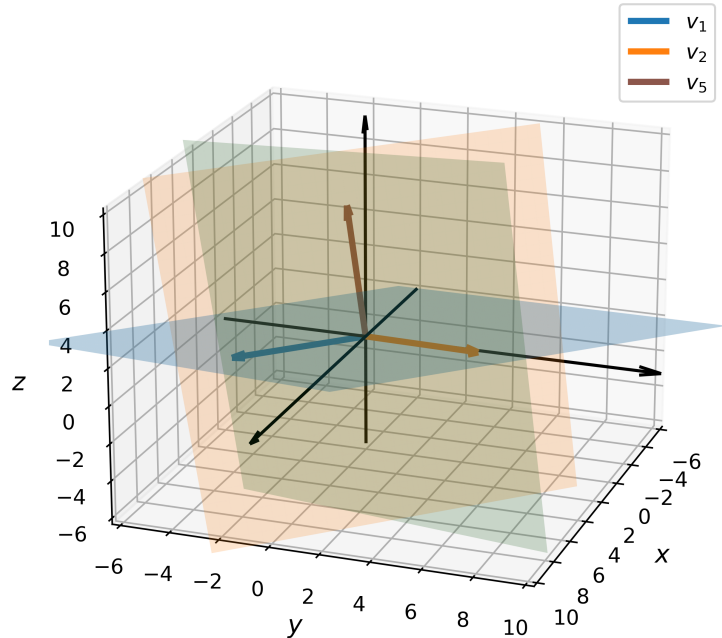
$$\text{Span} \{ \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \} \neq \text{Span} \{ \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_5 \}$$

$$\text{Span} \{ \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \} \neq \text{Span} \{ \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_5 \}$$

$$\text{Span} \{ \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_5 \} \neq \text{Span} \{ \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_5 \}$$

All the three subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are not the same. But

$$\text{Span} \{ \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_5 \} = \mathbb{R}^3.$$



**Example 1.6** Show that  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a - 3b \\ b - a \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

*Proof.* For any  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $S$ ,

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} a - 3b \\ b - a \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ -a \\ a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -3b \\ b \\ 0 \\ b \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence, we see that

$$S = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Thus,  $S$  is subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

**Example 1.7** Let

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 5 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ -8 \\ 9 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ -8 \\ 10 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

and  $S = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ .

1. Suppose  $S = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{v}_\ell\}$  for some  $i, j, k, \ell$ . What are these four vectors?

2. Can  $S$  be spanned by any three vectors in  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5\}$ ? Why or why not?

*Solution.* Let  $A = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{v}_5]$ . It follows from the RREF of  $A$  that  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_5$  are linearly independent and  $\mathbf{v}_4$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_5$ . Thus,

$$S = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_5\}.$$

Furthermore, any of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_5$  cannot be written a linear combination of the other three vectors,  $S$  cannot be spanned by three vectors.

```
[7]: A = sp.Matrix([[1,-2,-5,3,1],
↳ [2,5,6,-1,2],
↳ [3,-4,5,-2,3],
↳ [4,8,-8,9,4],
↳ [4,8,-8,10,4]]).T; A
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[7]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 4 \\ -2 & 5 & -4 & 8 & 8 \\ -5 & 6 & 5 & -8 & -8 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 & 9 & 10 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ 
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[8]: A.rref()
```

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[8]: (Matrix([
[1, 0, 0, 3, 0],
[0, 1, 0, 2, 0],
[0, 0, 1, -1, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 1],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0]]),
(0, 1, 2, 4))
```

## Null space and column space

### Column Space

The **column space** of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , written as  $\text{Col } A$ , is the set of all linear combinations of the columns of  $A$ . If  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{a}_n]$ , then

$$\text{Col } A = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\} = \{\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \mathbf{b} = A\mathbf{x} \text{ for some } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n\},$$

which is **subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$** .

### Null Space

The **null space** of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , written as  $\text{Nul } A$ , is the set of all solutions to the homogeneous equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . i.e.,

$$\text{Nul } A = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}.$$

The null space  $\text{Nul } A$  is a **subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$** .

*Proof.* Take any  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\text{Nul } A$ . Then  $A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ . Now

$$A(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{u} + A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Therefore,  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  is in  $\text{Nul } A$ . For any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$A(c\mathbf{u}) = c(A\mathbf{u}) = c \cdot \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Thus,  $c\mathbf{u}$  is also in  $\text{Nul } A$ .

## Example 1.8 Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 6 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 & -2 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 & -1 & 2 & -2 & -10 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -6 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

1. Determine if  $\mathbf{b}$  is in  $\text{Nul } A$ .
2. Determine if  $\mathbf{b}$  is in  $\text{Col } A$ .

```
[1]: A = sp.Matrix([[0,-1,-1,1,-2,0,6],
↳ [-1,-1,1,1,-2,-2,2],
↳ [1,0,-2,0,2,-2,-8], [0,0,0,0,1,-2,-6],
↳ [2,1,-3,-1,2,-2,-10],
↳ [-2,-2,2,2,1,1,4],
↳ [0,-2,-2,2,1,-1,0]]); A
```

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[2]: b = sp.Matrix([[-7,-6,6,7,8,0,0]]).T; b
```

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[2]:
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$$\begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -6 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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[1]:
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 6 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 & -2 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 & -1 & 2 & -2 & -10 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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[3]: A*b
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[3]:
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$$\begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 10 \\ -3 \\ 8 \\ -29 \\ 60 \\ 22 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Solution.*

1. Compute the product  $\mathbf{Ab}$ ,

$$\mathbf{Ab} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 10 \\ -3 \\ 8 \\ -29 \\ 60 \\ 22 \end{bmatrix} \neq \mathbf{0}.$$

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[4]: A.row_join(b)
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[4]:
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 6 & -7 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -2 & 2 & -6 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 & -2 & -8 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 & -1 & 2 & -2 & -10 & 8 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Obviously,  $\mathbf{b}$  is not a solution of  $\mathbf{Ab} = \mathbf{0}$ , so  $\mathbf{b}$  is not in  $\text{Nul } A$ .

2. We need to solve  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ .

$$[\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{b}]$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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[5]: A.row_join(b).rref()
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[5]: (Matrix([
[1, 0, -2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
[0, 1, 1, -1, 0, 0, -2, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, -2, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]],
(0, 1, 4, 5, 7))
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We see that the system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent, so  $\mathbf{b}$  is not in  $\text{Col } A$ .

**Example 1.9** Find a spanning set for the null space of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -3 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 & -8 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & -2 & -2 & 6 & -2 & -6 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -4 & -7 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & -3 & -3 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 6 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 & 4 & -2 & 2 & 4 & -6 & -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

### Method 1

```
[1]: A = sp.Matrix([[1,0,-1,-1,0,2,0,-3,-3,4], [0,1,1,1,1,2,0,-3,-8,1],
↳ [-2,0,2,2,2,-2,-2,6,-2,-6], [-1,2,3,3,0,1,2,-4,-7,-2], [2,-1,-3,-3,0,2,-1,-2,0,6],
↳ [-2,2,4,4,-2,2,4,-6,-6,2]]); A
```

```
[1]: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -3 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 & -8 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & -2 & -2 & 6 & -2 & -6 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -4 & -7 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & -3 & -3 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 6 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 & 4 & -2 & 2 & 4 & -6 & -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

```

```
[2]: x1,x2,x3,x4,x5,x6,x7,x8,x9,x10 = sp.symbols('x1 x2 x3 x4 x5 x6 x7 x8 x9 x10')
sp.linsolve((A,sp.zeros(10,1)),x1,x2,x3,x4,x5,x6,x7,x8,x9,x10)
```

```
[2]: {(x3 + x4 + x8 - x9, 2x10 - x3 - x4 - x7 + 2x8 + 2x9, x3, x4, x10 + x7 - x8 + 2x9,
-2x10 + x8 + 2x9, x7, x8, x9, x10)}
```

The general solution is of  $Ax = 0$  is

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 + x_4 + x_8 - x_9 \\ -x_3 - x_4 - x_7 + 2x_8 + 2x_9 + 2x_{10} \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_7 - x_8 + 2x_9 + x_{10} \\ x_8 + 2x_9 - 2x_{10} \\ x_7 \\ x_8 \\ x_9 \\ x_{10} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x_3 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}_1} + x_4 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}_2} + x_7 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}_3} + x_8 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}_4} + x_9 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}_5} + x_{10} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}_6}$$

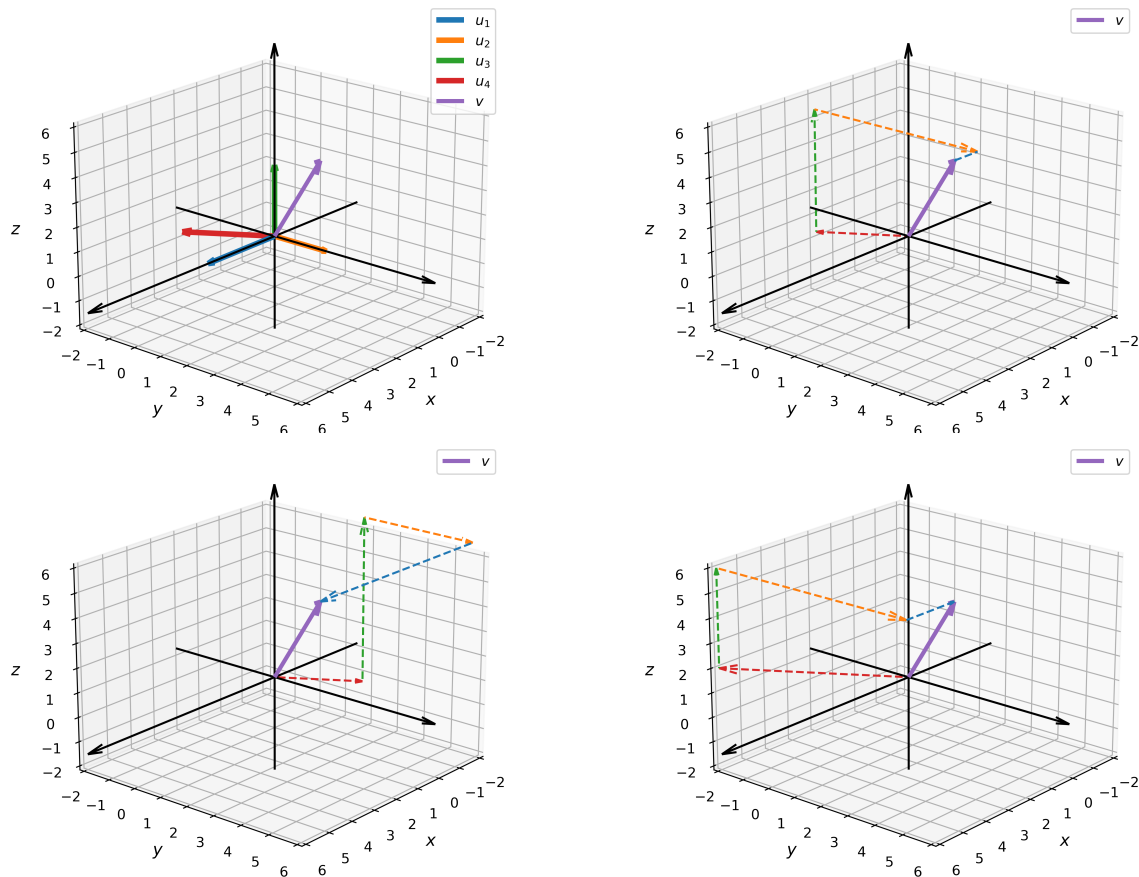
$$= x_3 \mathbf{u}_1 + x_4 \mathbf{u}_2 + x_7 \mathbf{u}_3 + x_8 \mathbf{u}_4 + x_9 \mathbf{u}_5 + x_{10} \mathbf{u}_6.$$

So

$$\text{Nul } A = \text{Span} \{ \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4, \mathbf{u}_5, \mathbf{u}_6 \}$$

and  $\{ \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4, \mathbf{u}_5, \mathbf{u}_6 \}$  is the spanning set for  $\text{Nul } A$ .





If we just consider

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Again,  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\} = \mathbb{R}^3$ . Now if  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

then

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{4}{3}\mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{5}{2}\mathbf{u}_2 + 2\mathbf{u}_3.$$

The combination is now **unique**.

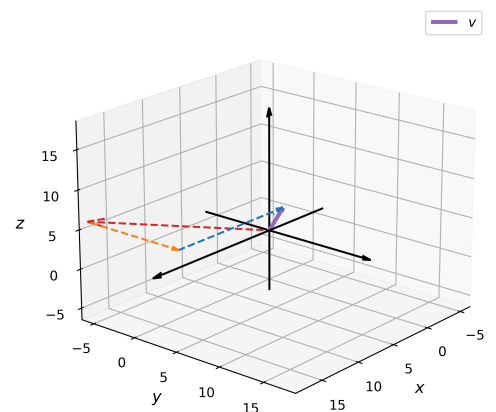
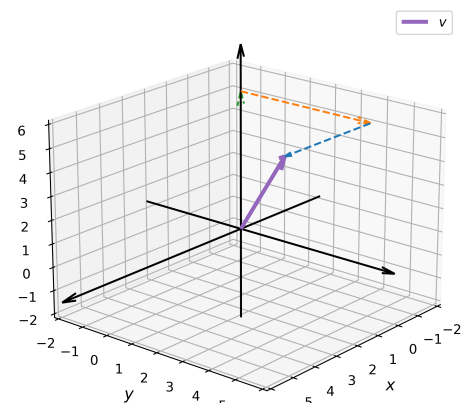
Even if we just consider

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{u}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

One can show that  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_4\} = \mathbb{R}^3$  and

$$\mathbf{v} = -\frac{14}{3}\mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{11}{2}\mathbf{u}_2 + 6\mathbf{u}_4.$$

The combination is also **unique**.



```
[1]: u1 = sp.Matrix([[3,0,0]]).T;
      u2 = sp.Matrix([[0,2,0]]).T;
      u3 = sp.Matrix([[0,0,3]]).T;
      u4 = sp.Matrix([[3,-1,1]]).T;
      v = sp.Matrix([[4,5,6]]).T;
```

```
[2]: x1,x2,x3,x4 = sp.symbols('x1 x2 x3 x4')
```

```
[3]: # A = [u1 u2 u3 u4]
      A = sp.BlockMatrix([u1,u2,u3,u4]).
      ↪ as_explicit(); A
```

```
[3]: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```

```
[4]: v
```

```
[4]: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

```

```
[5]: sp.linsolve((A,v),x1,x2,x3,x4)
```

```
[5]: 
$$\left\{ \left( \frac{4}{3} - x_4, \frac{x_4}{2} + \frac{5}{2}, 2 - \frac{x_4}{3}, x_4 \right) \right\}$$

```

```
[6]: # A = [u1 u2 u3]
      A = sp.BlockMatrix([u1,u2,u3]).
      ↪ as_explicit(); A
```

```
[6]: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

```

```
[7]: sp.linsolve((A,v),x1,x2,x3)
```

```
[7]: 
$$\left\{ \left( \frac{4}{3}, \frac{5}{2}, 2 \right) \right\}$$

```

```
[8]: # A = [u1 u2 u4]
      A = sp.BlockMatrix([u1,u2,u4]).
      ↪ as_explicit(); A
```

```
[8]: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```

```
[9]: sp.linsolve((A,v),x1,x2,x3)
```

```
[9]: 
$$\left\{ \left( -\frac{14}{3}, \frac{11}{2}, 6 \right) \right\}$$

```

## Basis for a vector space

An indexed set of vectors  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$  in a vector space  $V$  is a **basis** for  $V$  if

1.  $\mathcal{B}$  is a linearly independent set, and
2. the subspace spanned by  $\mathcal{B}$  coincides with  $V$ , that is,

$$\text{Span } \mathcal{B} = \text{Span } \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\} = V.$$

Suppose  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  is a basis for a vector space  $V$ . Then for each  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $V$ , there exists a **unique set of scalars**  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  such that

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n.$$

## Dimension of a Vector Space

- ▶ The dimension of the zero vector space  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$  is defined to be zero.
- ▶ If  $V$  is spanned by a finite set, then  $V$  is said to be **finite-dimensional**, and the **dimension** of  $V$ , written as  $\dim V$ , is the number of vectors in a basis for  $V$ .
- ▶ If  $V$  is not spanned by a finite set, then  $V$  is said to be **infinite-dimensional**.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  is a basis for a vector space  $V$ . Then  $V = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ . So for any vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $V$ ,  $\mathbf{x}$  can be written as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n$ .

Suppose a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $V$  has two representations,

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1\mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{b}_n \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x} = d_1\mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + d_n\mathbf{b}_n,$$

for some scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  and  $d_1, \dots, d_n$ . Then

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x} = (c_1 - d_1)\mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + (c_n - d_n)\mathbf{b}_n.$$

As  $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  is linearly independent, we must have

$$(c_1 - d_1) = 0 \quad (c_2 - d_2) = 0 \quad \dots \quad (c_n - d_n) = 0.$$

i.e.,

$$c_1 = d_1 \quad c_2 = d_2 \quad \dots \quad c_n = d_n.$$

Therefore, the representation is unique.

### Basis for a subspace

An indexed set of vectors  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_k\}$  in a subspace  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is a **basis** for  $S$  if

1.  $\mathcal{B}$  is a linearly independent set, and
2. the subspace spanned by  $\mathcal{B}$  coincides with  $S$ , that is,

$$\text{Span } \mathcal{B} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_k\} = S.$$

Suppose  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_k\}$  is a basis for a subspace  $S$ . Then for each  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $S$ , there exists a **unique set of scalars**  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  such that

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1\mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_k\mathbf{b}_k.$$

### Dimension of a subspace

Let  $S$  be a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ . Then  $S$  is finite-dimensional and

$$\dim S \leq \dim V.$$

*Proof.* Will be provided later.

## Examples

1. The sets  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  and  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  are two bases for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

2. Let

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{e}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The set  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3, \mathbf{e}_4\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . This basis is called the **standard basis** for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

3. In general, let  $\mathbf{e}_j$  be the vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with 1 in the  $j$ th entry and zero elsewhere. Then

- ▶  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$  is linearly independent, and
- ▶ every vector can be written as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$ .

Thus,  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . This basis is called the **standard basis** for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

4. Let

$$E_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_{13} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_{23} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The set  $\{E_{11}, E_{12}, E_{13}, E_{21}, E_{22}, E_{23}\}$  forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ .

5. In general let  $E_{ij}$  be the  $m \times n$  with 1 in the  $(i, j)$ th entry and zero elsewhere. Then

$$\{E_{11}, E_{12}, \dots, E_{1n}, \dots, E_{m1}, \dots, E_{mn}\}$$

forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . This is called the **standard basis** for  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .

6. Let

$$p_0(x) = 1, \quad p_1(x) = x, \quad p_2(x) = x^2, \quad \dots \quad p_n(x) = x^n.$$

The set  $\{p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$  forms a basis for  $\mathbb{P}_n$ , the space of polynomials of degree at most  $n$ .

**Example** Let

$$p_0(x) = 1, \quad p_1(x) = x, \quad p_2(x) = x^2, \quad \dots \quad p_n(x) = x^n$$

and  $\mathcal{B} = \{p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ .

► For any scalars  $c_0, \dots, c_n$ ,

$$c_0 p_0(x) + c_1 p_1(x) + \dots + c_n p_n(x) = \mathbf{0} \implies c_0 \cdot 1 + c_1 \cdot x + c_2 \cdot x^2 + \dots + c_n \cdot x^n = \mathbf{0}.$$

Then we must have  $c_0 = c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0$ . Therefore, the polynomial  $p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  are linearly independent.

► For any polynomial  $p(x)$  in  $\mathbb{P}_n$ ,  $p(x)$  must have the form

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n = a_0 p_0(x) + a_1 p_1(x) + a_2 p_2(x) + \dots + a_n p_n(x).$$

for some coefficients  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ . Thus,  $p(x)$  is a linear combination of  $p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ , or equivalently,  $p(x)$  is in  $\text{Span}\{p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ .

In summary,  $\mathcal{B} = \{p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$  forms a basis for  $\mathbb{P}_n$ .

**Example 1.9 (cont.)** Find a basis for  $\text{Nul } A$  and  $\text{Col } A$  respectively, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -3 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 & -8 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & -2 & -2 & 6 & -2 & -6 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -4 & -7 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & -3 & -3 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 6 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 & 4 & -2 & 2 & 4 & -6 & -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution.** Reduce  $A$  to its reduced row echelon form

$$A \sim \dots \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The general solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is

$$\mathbf{x} = x_3 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}_1} + x_4 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}_2} + x_7 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}_3} + x_8 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}_4} + x_9 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}_5} + x_{10} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}_6}$$

So  $\text{Nul } A = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4, \mathbf{u}_5, \mathbf{u}_6\}$ . These six vectors are linearly independent (why?). Therefore,  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4, \mathbf{u}_5, \mathbf{u}_6\}$  forms a basis for  $\text{Nul } A$ . Also  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 6$ .

From the reduced row echelon form of  $A$ ,

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{a}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{a}_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

are linearly independent and span the column space of  $A$ . Therefore, the set  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_5, \mathbf{a}_6\}$  forms a basis for  $\text{Col } A$ . Thus,  $\dim \text{Col } A = 4$ .

```
[4]: # Column Space of A
      A.columnspace()

[4]: [Matrix([
[ 1],
[ 0],
[-2],
[-1],
[ 2],
[-2]]),
Matrix([
[ 0],
[ 1],
[ 0],
[ 2],
[-1],
[ 2]])],
Matrix([
[ 0],
[ 1],
[ 2],
[ 0],
[ 0],
[-2]]),
Matrix([
[ 2],
[ 2],
[-2],
[ 1],
[ 2],
[ 2]])]
```

## Basis for null space

The vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  produced in parametric vector form of general solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  are **always** linearly independent and form a **basis** for  $\text{Nul } A$ .

## Basis for column space

The **pivot columns** of a matrix  $A$  form a **basis** for  $\text{Col } A$ .

*Outline of proof.*

- ▶ Every non-pivot column of  $A$  is a linear combination of pivot columns of  $A$ .
- ▶ The pivot columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.

Thus, the pivot columns of  $A$  form a basis of  $\text{Col } A$ .

## The Spanning Set Theorem

Let  $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  be a set in  $V$ , and let  $S = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\} \neq \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

1. If one of the vectors in  $B$ , say  $\mathbf{v}_k$  is a linear combination of the remaining vectors in  $B$ , then the set formed from  $B$  by removing  $\mathbf{v}_k$  still spans  $S$ , i.e.,

$$S = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{k-1}, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}.$$

2. **Some subset** of  $B$  forms a **basis** for  $S$ .

*Proof of (1.)* Clearly,  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{k-1}, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\} \subseteq S$ .

Suppose  $\mathbf{v}_k$  is a linear combination of remaining vectors in  $B$ . Then

$$\mathbf{v}_k = d_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + d_{k-1}\mathbf{v}_{k-1} + d_{k+1}\mathbf{v}_{k+1} + \dots + d_p\mathbf{v}_p.$$

Now for any  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $S = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} &= c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_{k-1}\mathbf{v}_{k-1} + c_k\mathbf{v}_k + c_{k+1}\mathbf{v}_{k+1} + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p \\ &= (c_1 + c_k d_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + (c_{k-1} + c_k d_{k-1})\mathbf{v}_{k-1} \\ &\quad + (c_{k+1} + c_k d_{k+1})\mathbf{v}_{k+1} + \dots + (c_p + c_k d_p)\mathbf{v}_p, \end{aligned}$$

so  $\mathbf{b}$  is also  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{k-1}, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ . Thus,

$$S \subseteq \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{k-1}, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\} \implies S = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{k-1}, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}.$$

## Basis vs Invertible matrix

Let  $A$  be an **invertible**  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the columns of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $A$  is invertible. Then

$A$  is invertible.

- $\implies A$  has a pivot entry in every column.
- $\implies$  The homogeneous equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has trivial solution only.
- $\implies$  The column vectors of  $A$  are linearly independent.

On the other hand,

$A$  is invertible.

- $\implies A$  has a pivot entry in every column.
- $\implies$  The linear equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent for all  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- $\implies$  The column vectors of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Thus, the column vectors of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

## Example 1.10 Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 & 6 & 0 & -6 & 8 & 0 \\ -1 & 8 & -2 & 1 & 1 & -9 & 5 \\ -5 & 7 & 3 & -1 & 7 & 2 & 7 \\ 3 & -5 & -1 & -6 & 7 & 3 & -4 \\ -5 & 2 & 2 & 6 & -9 & -7 & 3 \\ -8 & -8 & -5 & 8 & -5 & 8 & -7 \\ 8 & -9 & -7 & 8 & 6 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine if the columns of  $A$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^7$ .

Three different solutions:

- ▶ Since the reduced row echolon form of  $A$  is  $I_7$ , the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent and hence they form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^7$ .
- ▶ Since  $\text{Rank } A = 7$ , the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent and hence they form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^7$ .
- ▶ Since  $\det A = -2679572$ , the matrix  $A$  is invertible and hence the columns of  $A$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^7$ .

```
[8]: A = sp.Matrix([[2,8,6,0,-6,8,0],
↳ [-1,8,-2,1,1,-9,5],
↳ [-5,7,3,-1,7,2,7],
↳ [3,-5,-1,-6,7,3,-4],
↳ [-5,2,2,6,-9,-7,3],
↳ [-8,-8,-5,8,-5,8,-7],
↳ [8,-9,-7,8,6,1,2]]); A
```

```
[8]: [ 2  8  6  0 -6  8  0
-1  8 -2  1  1 -9  5
-5  7  3 -1  7  2  7
 3 -5 -1 -6  7  3 -4
-5  2  2  6 -9 -7  3
-8 -8 -5  8 -5  8 -7
 8 -9 -7  8  6  1  2]
```

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[9]: A.rref()
```

```
[9]: (Matrix([
[1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
[0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1]])
(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6))
```

```
[10]: A.rank()
```

```
[10]: 7
```

```
[11]: A.det()
```

```
[11]: -2679572
```

## Basis vs linearly dependent

If a vector space  $V$  has a basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ , then any set in  $V$  containing more than  $n$  vectors must be linearly dependent.

*Proof.* Let  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  be a set in  $V$  with  $p > n$ . Then

$$\mathbf{u}_j = \sum_{i=1}^n c_{ij} \mathbf{b}_i \quad j = 1, \dots, p.$$

Then

$$\mathbf{0} = \sum_{j=1}^p x_j \mathbf{u}_j = \sum_{j=1}^p x_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^n c_{ij} \mathbf{b}_i \right) = \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^n c_{ij} x_j \mathbf{b}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^p c_{ij} x_j \right) \mathbf{b}_i.$$

Since  $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  is linearly independent,

$$\sum_{j=1}^p c_{ij} x_j = 0 \quad j = 1, \dots, n \implies \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \cdots & c_{1p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n1} & \cdots & c_{np} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_p \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

Since  $p > n$ , the homogeneous system has nontrivial solutions and thus, not all  $x_j$  are zero. Therefore,  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p$  are linearly dependent.

### Number of vectors in different bases

If a vector space  $V$  has a basis of  $n$  vectors, then every basis of  $V$  must consist of exactly  $n$  vectors.

*Proof.* Suppose

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{V} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$$

are both basis of  $V$ .

- ▶ Since  $\mathcal{B}$  has  $n$  vectors and  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  are linearly independent,

$$k \leq n.$$

- ▶ Since  $\mathcal{V}$  has  $k$  vectors and  $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  are linearly independent,

$$n \leq k.$$

Hence,  $k = n$ .

### Dimension of Subspace

Let  $S$  be a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ . Then  $S$  is finite-dimensional and  $\dim S \leq \dim V$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_k\}$  is a basis of  $S$ , i.e.,  $k = \dim S$ . Then  $\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_k$  are  $k$  linearly independent vectors in  $V$ . As any set containing more than  $\dim V$  vectors must be linearly dependent, we must have  $k \leq \dim V$ .

### Examples

1. The dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is  $n$ .
2. The dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is  $n^2$ .
3. The dimension of  $\mathbb{P}_n$  is  $n + 1$ .
4. The dimension of the subspace of  $n \times n$  diagonal matrices is  $n$ .
5. The dimension of the subspace of  $n \times n$  triangular matrices is  $\frac{1}{2}n(n + 1)$ .

$$6. \text{ Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -3 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 & -8 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & -2 & -2 & 6 & -2 & -6 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -4 & -7 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & -3 & -3 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 6 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 & 4 & -2 & 2 & 4 & -6 & -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then}$$

$$\dim \text{Nul } A = 6 \quad \text{and} \quad \dim \text{Col } A = 4 = \text{Rank } A.$$

### The Basis Theorem

Let  $V$  be a  $n$ -dimensional vector space,  $n \geq 1$ .

1. Any linearly independent set in  $V$  can be expanded, if necessary, to a basis for  $V$ .
2. Any set of exactly  $n$  linearly independent vectors in  $V$  forms a basis for  $V$ .
3. Any set of exactly  $n$  vectors that spans  $V$  forms a basis for  $V$ .

Dimension of Nul  $A$  and Col  $A$ 

- ▶ The dimension of Nul  $A$  is equal to the number of free variables in the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  (number of non-pivot columns),
- ▶ The dimension of Col  $A$  is equal to the number of pivot columns of  $A$ , i.e.,

$$\dim \text{Col } A = \text{Rank } A.$$

- ▶ If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then

$$\dim \text{Nul } A + \dim \text{Col } A = n.$$

**Example** Find the dimensions of the null space and column space of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 & -1 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Solution.* Row reduce the matrix  $A$  to its row echelon form.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 & -1 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \dots \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 3$  and  $\dim \text{Col } A = 2 = \text{Rank } A$ .

## Row space

## Row space

The **row space** of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , written as  $\text{Row } A$ , is the set of all linear

combinations of the rows of  $A$ . If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{r}_m \end{bmatrix}$ , then

$$\text{Row } A = \text{Span} \{ \mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m \}.$$

**Example** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -5 & 8 \\ 1 & 3 & -5 \\ 3 & 11 & -19 \\ 1 & 7 & -13 \end{bmatrix}$ , then

$$\text{Row } A = \text{Span} \{ [-2 \ -5 \ 8], [1 \ 3 \ -5], [3 \ 11 \ -19], [1 \ 7 \ -13] \}.$$

## Row Space vs Row Equivalence

1. If two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are row equivalent, then their row spaces are the same.
2. If  $B$  is in row echelon form, the nonzero rows of  $B$  form a basis for the row space of  $B$  as well as for that of  $A$ .

*Proof.* Notice that  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by row operations.

- ▶ All rows of  $B$  are linear combinations of the rows of  $A$ .
- ▶ Any linear combinations of the rows of  $B$  is a linear combinations of the rows of  $A$ .
- ▶ The row space of  $B$  is contained in the row space of  $A$ .

By a similar argument, the row space of  $A$  is contained in the row space of  $B$ . Thus, the row space of  $B$  is the same as the row space of  $A$ .

Suppose  $B$  is in row echelon form.

- ▶ All nonzero rows of  $B$  span the row space of  $B$ .
- ▶ All nonzero rows of  $B$  are linearly independent.

All nonzero rows of  $B$  form a basis for the row space of  $B$  and hence the row space of  $A$ .

**Example 1.11** Find bases for the row space, the column space, and null space of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -5 & 8 & 0 & -17 \\ 1 & 3 & -5 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 11 & -19 & 7 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & -13 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Solution.* Reduce  $A$  to its reduced row echelon form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -5 & 8 & 0 & -17 \\ 1 & 3 & -5 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 11 & -19 & 7 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & -13 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \dots \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- ▶ The vectors

$$[1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1], \quad [0 \ 1 \ -2 \ 0 \ 3], \quad [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ -5]$$

form a basis for Row  $A$ .

- ▶ The vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \\ 11 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  form a basis for Col  $A$ .

- ▶ Write the general solution in parametric form

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 - x_5 \\ 2x_3 - 3x_5 \\ x_3 \\ 5x_5 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  form a basis for  $\text{Nul } A$ .

- ▶ Finally,

$$\dim \text{Col } A = \dim \text{Row } A = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad \dim \text{Nul } A = 2.$$

## Rank

- ▶ The **rank of  $A$** , denoted by  $\text{Rank } A$ , is the dimension of the column space of  $A$ .
- ▶ The **rank of  $A$**  is also equal to the number of pivot entries of  $A$ .

## The Rank Theorem

- ▶ The dimensions of the column space and the row space of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  are equal, i.e.,

$$\text{Rank } A = \dim \text{Col } A = \dim \text{Row } A.$$

- ▶ The rank of  $A$  satisfies the equation

$$\text{Rank } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = n.$$

*Proof.*

- ▶  $\dim \text{Row } A =$  the number of pivot columns in  $A$
- ▶  $\dim \text{Col } A =$  the number of pivot columns in  $A$
- ▶  $\dim \text{Nul } A =$  the number of non-pivot columns in  $A$

**Example 1.12**

1. If  $A$  is a  $7 \times 9$  matrix with a two-dimensional null space, what is the rank of  $A$ .
2. Could a  $6 \times 9$  matrix has a two dimensional null space?

*Solution.*

1. Since  $A$  has 9 columns, then  $\text{Rank } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = 9$ . i.e.,

$$\text{Rank } A = 9 - \dim \text{Nul } A = 9 - 2 = 7.$$

2. No!! If  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 2$ , then

$$\text{Rank } A = 9 - \dim \text{Nul } A = 9 - 2 = 7.$$

But  $\text{Col } A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^6$ . So

$$\text{Rank } A = \dim \text{Col } A \leq \dim \mathbb{R}^6 = 6!!$$

Contradiction!

**Equivalent conditions for invertible matrix**

Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following statements are equivalent.

1.  $A$  is an invertible matrix.
2.  $A$  is row equivalent to the identity matrix  $I_n$ .
3.  $A$  has  $n$  pivot positions.
4. The system  $Ax = \mathbf{0}$  has only trivial solution.
5. The system  $Ax = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution for each  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
6. The columns of  $A$  form a linearly independent set.
7. The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
8. The columns of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
9.  $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^n$ .
10.  $\dim \text{Col } A = n$ .
11.  $\text{Rank } A = n$ .
12.  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 0$ .
13.  $\text{Nul } A = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

## $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinate vector

Suppose  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  is a basis for a vector space  $V$ . Given a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $V$ .

- ▶ The **coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$  relative to the basis  $\mathcal{B}$**  (or the  **$\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$** ) are the weights  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  such that

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n.$$

- ▶ The **coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{x}$  relative to  $\mathcal{B}$**  is defined by

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

- ▶ The mapping

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

is called the **coordinate mapping determined by  $\mathcal{B}$** .

# Change of basis

**Example** Let

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Now

$$\mathbf{x} = 1 \cdot \mathbf{b}_1 + (-1) \cdot \mathbf{b}_2 + 2 \cdot \mathbf{b}_3$$

and so

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now let

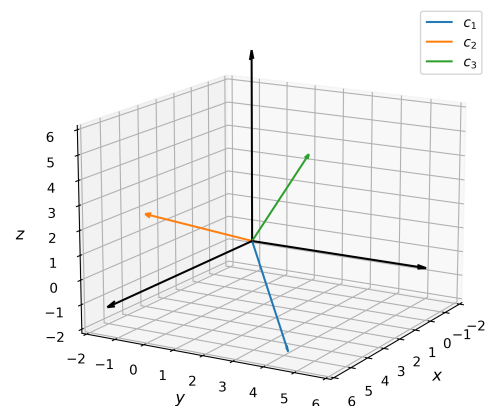
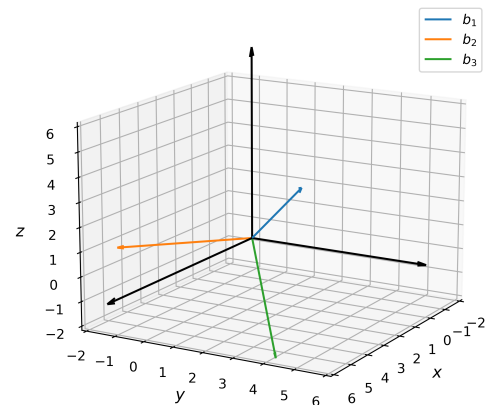
$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{c}_3\}$  is another basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Here

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{24}{7} \cdot \mathbf{c}_1 + \frac{-5}{7} \cdot \mathbf{c}_2 + \frac{2}{7} \cdot \mathbf{c}_3$$

and so

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{24}{7} \\ -\frac{5}{7} \\ \frac{2}{7} \end{bmatrix}.$$



**Example** Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$  be the standard basis of the space  $\mathbb{P}_3$  of polynomials of degree at most 3. For any  $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}_3$ ,  $p$  has the form

$$p(t) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3.$$

Then,

$$[p]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4.$$

Thus, the coordinate mapping  $p \mapsto [p]_{\mathcal{B}}$  is an **isomorphism from  $\mathbb{P}_3$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^4$** . For example,

$$\begin{aligned} p_1(x) &= 1 + 2x^3 && \iff [p_1]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ p_2(x) &= 4 + x + 5x^2 - x^3 && \iff [p_2]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## Linear independence for coordinate vectors

Suppose  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  is a basis for a vector space  $V$ . Then the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  in  $V$  are **linearly independent** if and only if the coordinate vectors  $[\mathbf{v}_1]_{\mathcal{B}}, \dots, [\mathbf{v}_p]_{\mathcal{B}}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are **linearly independent**.

*Proof.* The following statements are equivalent.

1. The vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  in  $V$  are linearly dependent.
2. One of the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_k$  is a linear combination of the remaining vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{k-1}, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ .
3. One of the coordinate vectors  $[\mathbf{v}_k]_{\mathcal{B}}$  is a linear combination of the remaining coordinate vectors  $[\mathbf{v}_1]_{\mathcal{B}}, \dots, [\mathbf{v}_{k-1}]_{\mathcal{B}}, [\mathbf{v}_{k+1}]_{\mathcal{B}}, \dots, [\mathbf{v}_p]_{\mathcal{B}}$ .
4. The coordinate vectors  $[\mathbf{v}_1]_{\mathcal{B}}, \dots, [\mathbf{v}_p]_{\mathcal{B}}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are linearly dependent.

## Example Let

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 12 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show that  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3\}$  forms a basis for  $S = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3\}$  and find  $[\mathbf{p}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ , the coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{b}$  relative to  $\mathcal{B}$ .

*Solution.* Let

$$A = [\mathbf{x}_1 \quad \mathbf{x}_2 \quad \mathbf{x}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $\text{Rank } A = 3$ , these three vectors are linearly independent. Thus, they form a basis for  $S = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3\}$ .

Now consider the linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . The solution is

$$[\mathbf{b}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -3 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

```
[1]: A = sp.Matrix([[1,0,2,0,0],[0,-1,1,1,0],[2,1,1,0,0]],[0,0,0,0,0])
      ↪ T; A
```

```
[2]: [1 0 1]
      [0 -1 0]
      [2 1 1]
      [0 1 0]
      [0 0 0]
```

```
[2]: b = sp.Matrix([[4,3,12,-3,0]])
      ↪ T; b
```

```
[2]: [4]
      [3]
      [12]
      [-3]
      [0]
```

```
[3]: x1,x2,x3= sp.symbols('x1 x2 x3')
      ↪ x3'
```

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[4]: sp.linsolve((A,b),x1,x2,x3)
```

```
[4]: {(11, -3, -7)}
```

## Change-of-coordinates matrix

Suppose  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let

$$P_{\mathcal{B}} = [\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{b}_n].$$

Then  $P_{\mathcal{B}}$  is invertible.

For any vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with coordinate vector  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$$\mathbf{x} = P_{\mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \iff [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1} \mathbf{x}.$$

We call  $P_{\mathcal{B}}$  the **change-of-coordinates matrix** from  $\mathcal{B}$  to the standard basis in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Furthermore, the coordinate mapping  $x \mapsto [x]_{\mathcal{B}}$  can be defined by

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1} \mathbf{x}.$$

*Proof.*

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n = [\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{b}_n] \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = P_{\mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

**Example 1.13** Use coordinate vectors to verify that polynomials

$$p_1(x) = 1 + 2x^2, \quad p_2(x) = 4 + x + 5x^2, \quad p_3(x) = 3 + 2x$$

are linearly dependent in  $\mathbb{P}_2$ .

*Solution.* Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{1, x, x^2\}$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{P}_2$ . Then

$$[p_1]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [p_2]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [p_3]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is row equivalent to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , the columns of  $A$  are linearly dependent, and hence

$$\{[p_1]_{\mathcal{B}}, [p_2]_{\mathcal{B}}, [p_3]_{\mathcal{B}}\} \text{ is linearly dependent.}$$

Thus, the corresponding polynomials are also linearly dependent. Indeed,

$$p_3(x) = 3 + 2x = -5(1 + 2x^2) + 2(4 + x + 5x^2) = -5p_1(x) + 2p_2(x).$$

**Example 1.14** Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\}$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{c}_3\}$  with

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$P_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad P_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now if  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = P_{\mathcal{C}}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{24}{7} \\ \frac{5}{7} \\ \frac{2}{7} \end{bmatrix}.$$

```
[1]: PB = sp.Matrix([[1,1,1],  
↳ [1,-1,1], [1,0,-2]])  
PC = sp.Matrix([[1,2,0],  
↳ [1,0,2], [-1,1,4]])  
x = sp.Matrix([2,4,-3]).T
```

```
[2]: PB.inv()*x
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[2]: [ 1  
      -1  
      2]
```

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[3]: PC.inv()*x
```

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[3]: [ 24/7  
      -5/7  
      2/7]
```

```
[4]: PC.inv()*PB
```

```
[4]: [ 3/7  -3/7  9/7  
      2/7  -5/7  -1/7  
      2/7  -2/7  -1/7]
```

Suppose  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n\}$  are two bases for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For any vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\mathbf{x} = P_{\mathcal{B}}[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x} = P_{\mathcal{C}}[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}}.$$

Then

$$P_{\mathcal{C}}[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = P_{\mathcal{B}}[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \implies [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = P_{\mathcal{C}}^{-1}P_{\mathcal{B}}[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

Let  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{C}}^{-1}P_{\mathcal{B}}$ . Then

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

The matrix  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  is called **change-of-coordinates matrix from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$** .

Denote  $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$  be the standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

$$P_{\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{B}} \quad \text{and} \quad P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}} = P_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}.$$

Furthermore,

$$P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}}P_{\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{C}}^{-1}P_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

**Example 1.14 (cont.)** Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\}$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{c}_3\}$  with

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$P_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad P_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{C}}^{-1}P_{\mathcal{B}} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 9 \\ 2 & 5 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In fact,

$$[\mathbf{b}_1]_{\mathcal{C}} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\mathbf{b}_2]_{\mathcal{C}} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\mathbf{b}_3]_{\mathcal{C}} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$