

A subset W of \mathbb{R}^n is called a linear subspace if:

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

(ii) \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 in W then $\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2$ is in W .

(iii) $\vec{v} \in W, k \in \mathbb{R}$ then $k \cdot \vec{v} \in W$

Example:

1. \mathbb{R}^2

2. $T: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ n rows, m columns

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \ker(T) & & \text{im}(T) \end{array}$$

3. $\vec{0}$

4. Let V be a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 given by $x + y + z = 0$.

($x + y + z = 1$ is not a subspace since $\vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is not in it)

(a) Find a matrix A such that $\ker(A) = V$.

(v =) $\ker(A)$ is given by solutions to the system $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$. ($= x + y + z$)

Since V is in \mathbb{R}^3 , we need A to input a vector in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Since V is given by one equation, we need A to output something

in \mathbb{R} .

A is then a 1×3 matrix.

$$0 = A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = ax + by + cz$$

$$0 = ax + by + cz \iff 0 = x + y + z \quad \text{so } a=1, b=1, c=1.$$

So $A = [1 \ 1 \ 1]$ has kernel V .

(b) Find a matrix B such that $\text{im}(B) = V$.

"The image of B is the linear combination of its columns".

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_m \vec{v}_m}_{\text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m)}$$

If we take two vectors in V that span all of V , and we put

them in the columns of B , then $\text{im}(B) = V$.

$$V : x + y + z = 0$$

$$z=0, y=1 \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y=0, z=1 \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

both vectors are in V , they are not parallel

$$\text{So } B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has } \text{im}(B) = V.$$

Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = 3 \cdot \vec{v}_1$$

$$\vec{v}_4 = 2 \cdot \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_3$$

$\text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m)$ is the set of all linear combinations of $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{im}(A) &= \text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4) = \left\{ c_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 + \underline{c_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2} + c_3 \cdot \vec{v}_3 + \underline{c_4 \cdot \vec{v}_4} \right\} = \\ &= \left\{ c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \cdot 3 \cdot \vec{v}_1 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 + c_4 \cdot 2 \cdot \vec{v}_1 + c_4 \cdot \vec{v}_3 \right\} = \\ &= \left\{ (c_1 + 3c_2 + 2c_4) \cdot \vec{v}_1 + (c_3 + c_4) \cdot \vec{v}_3 \right\} = \text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_3). \end{aligned}$$

Let $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$ in \mathbb{R}^n . We say that \vec{v}_i is redundant if it is a linear combination of $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{i-1}$. If none of them is redundant, we say that $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$ are linearly independent.

$$v_1 + v_3 = v_2 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad v_1 - v_2 = -v_3 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad -v_1 + v_2 = v_3$$

If $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$ in a subspace V , span V and are linearly independent, we call them a basis of V . $V = \text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m)$

Example: Consider $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$. Are these vectors linearly independent?

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$. Compute $\text{ker}(A)$.
 $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 7 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{rref}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad x_3 = t$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ -2t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{so } \text{ker}(A) = \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

So:

basis of $\ker(A)$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{im}(A) = \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{span} \left(\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{basis of im}(A)} \right)$$

Theorem: Let $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$ in \mathbb{R}^n . The following are equivalent:

(one happens if and only if another happens)

(i) $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$ are linearly independent.

(ii) None of $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$ is redundant.

(iii) None of $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$ is a linear combination of the others.

(iv) $\ker \left(\begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \right) = \{0\}$

(v) $\text{rank} \left(\begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \right) = m$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad T: \mathbb{R}^4 \xrightarrow{\text{columns}} \mathbb{R}^3 \xleftarrow{\text{rows}}$$

$$A \vec{x} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ * \\ * \end{bmatrix} \quad A \begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ | \\ | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 10 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{im}(A) = \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ | \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} | \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$



