

3.5 Subspaces and Dimension Cont'd

Fact

A set of vectors S is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n if and only if S is the span of some vectors.

3 Subspaces Associated with a Matrix

row space of A : span of the rows of A
written $\text{row}(A)$

column space of A : span of columns of A
written $\text{col}(A)$

null space of A : $\{ \vec{x} \text{ such that } A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \}$
written $\text{null}(A)$

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

a) Is $\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$ in $\text{col}(A)$?

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} ?$$

$$0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Yes

b) Is $[1 \ 2 \ 5]$ in $\text{row}(A)$?

$$[1 \ 2 \ 5] = c_1 [1 \ 2 \ 0] + c_2 [1 \ 2 \ 1] ?$$

$$\begin{array}{c} c_1 \quad c_2 \\ \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right] \\ \rightsquigarrow \\ \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \text{ RREF} \\ c_1 = -4 \\ c_2 = 5 \end{array}$$

Yes

$$-4[1 \ 2 \ 0] + 5[1 \ 2 \ 1] = [1 \ 2 \ 5]$$

c) Is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ in $\text{null}(A)$?

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{0} ?$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \neq \vec{0}$$

No

Def

A set B is a basis for a subspace S if :

- 1) $\text{span}(B) = S$
- 2) B is linearly independent

Intuitively: Set B contains enough vectors to describe S and set B has no redundancy.

\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 are lin. ind. if
 $c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$
 $\rightarrow 0\vec{v}_1 + 0\vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$

Ex: a) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^2

b) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ "

c) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is not a basis for \mathbb{R}^2

d) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is not a basis for \mathbb{R}^2

(not lin. ind.)

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 7 & 10 \\ 8 & 17 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

Find a basis for :

a) $\text{row}(A)$

Use nonzero rows of REF/RREF

$\rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ REF

Basis for $\text{row}(A) = \left\{ [2 \ 3 \ 7], [0 \ 1 \ -4] \right\}$

b) $\text{col}(A)$

Use columns of A corresponding to the leading entries of REF/RREF

$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ REF

$$\begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ REF}$$

Use Columns 1 and 2 of A

$$\text{Basis for } \text{Col}(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Caution: Row operations change the column space.
(Don't use Columns of REF/RREF)

e.g. $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is not in $\text{Col}(A)$

c) $\text{row}(A)$ consisting of rows of A
DIFFERENT FROM PART a)

$$\text{row}(A) = \text{Col}(A^T)$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 3 & 7 & 17 \\ 7 & 10 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ REF}$$

Find a basis for $\text{Col}(A^T)$

Use Columns 1 and 2 of A^T

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{or } \{ [2 \ 3 \ 7], [4 \ 7 \ 10] \}$$

A basis is not unique.

