

### 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 vector(s)

e.g. line through origin  
plane through origin  
etc.

### 3 Subspaces Associated with a Matrix

- row space of  $A$  : span of the rows of  $A$
- Column space of  $A$  : " columns "
- null space of  $A$  :  $\{ \vec{x} \text{ such that } A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \}$

Notation:  $\text{row}(A)$ ,  $\text{col}(A)$ ,  $\text{null}(A)$

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

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

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

Yes

To check:  $-4[1 \ 2 \ 0] + 5[1 \ 2 \ 1] = [1 \ 2 \ 5] \checkmark$

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

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \neq \vec{0} \quad \text{No}$$

Def

A set  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for a subspace  $S$  if ;

1)  $\text{span}(\mathcal{B}) = S$

2)  $\mathcal{B}$  is linearly independent

$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  are lin. independent if

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \vec{v}_1 + 0 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$$



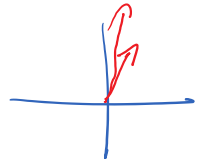
Intuition: A basis contains enough vectors to describe  $S$ , and has no redundancy.

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)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is not a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
(Property 1 fails)

d)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is not a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
(not lin. ind.)



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

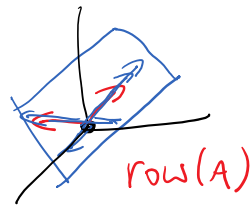
Find a basis for:

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



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

USE COLUMNS OF  $A$  CORRESPONDING TO LEADING ENTRIES OF REF/RREF

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

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: Can't use columns from REF/RREF

Row operations change the column space

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is not in } \text{col}(A)$$

c)  $\text{row}(A)$ , consisting of rows of  $A$

Different than a)

$[0 \ 1 \ -4]$  is not a row of  $A$

Rows of  $A =$  Columns of  $A^T$

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

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

$$" [7 \ 10 \ 8]$$

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

Use Columns 1 and 2 of  $A^T$

$$\text{Basis} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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

