

## Sec 4.3 Bases & Null space.

Def a set of vectors  $\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_k\}$  is a basis for a set  $V$  if both:

- 1)  $\text{span}\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_k\} = V$
- 2)  $\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_k\}$  is a lin. indep set.

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Note: adding/removing vectors from a set ~~can~~ can change depen/indep — need to check again.

Def: The standard ordered basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is

$$\{\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \dots, \underline{e}_n\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   $\{\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_3\} = \{\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}\}$

Sets can have many different bases... how do we find them?

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Def: If  $\underline{A}$  ( $n \times k$ ); then null space

$$\text{null}(\underline{A}) = \left\{ \underset{(k \times 1)}{\underline{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^k : \underset{(n \times k)}{\underline{A}} \underset{(k \times 1)}{\underline{x}} = \underset{(n \times 1)}{\underline{0}} \right\} \quad (n \times k)(k \times 1) \rightarrow (n \times 1)$$

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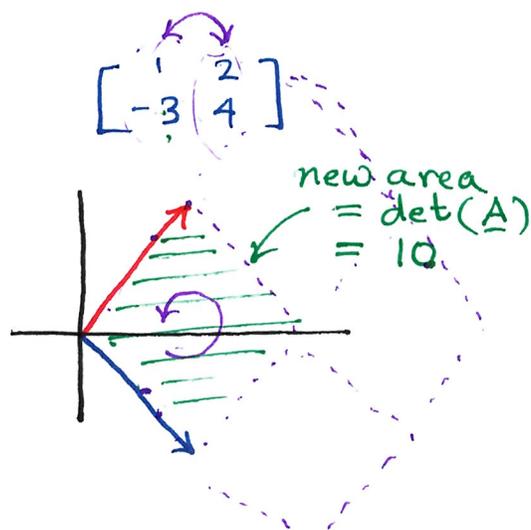
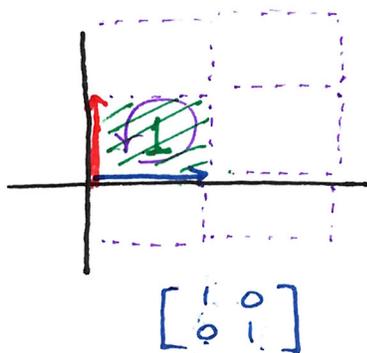
Ex: Compute a basis for  $\text{null}(\underline{A})$ , where

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -15 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 & -19 & 10 \\ 2 & 5 & -26 & 11 \end{bmatrix}_{(3 \times 4)}$$

Looking for solutions to system  $\underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -15 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 & -19 & 10 \\ 2 & 5 & -26 & 11 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

"Break" for pictures:



Going to REF in example:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{1} & 0 & -3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & -4 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} x_3 = s \text{ free param} \\ x_4 = t \text{ free param} \\ \text{"s, t} \in \mathbb{R}\text{"} \end{array}$$

$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4$  free

solutions are

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3s+2t \\ 4s-3t \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\underline{u} \qquad \qquad \underline{v}$

$$\text{null}(A) = \left\{ s \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\text{null}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$\underline{u} \qquad \qquad \underline{v}$

- Is  $\text{null}(A)$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ? Yes
- Are  $\underline{u}, \underline{v}$  lin indep? Yes.
- So,  $\text{null}(A) = \text{span}\{\underline{u}, \underline{v}\}$  &  $\{\underline{u}, \underline{v}\}$  lin indep.  
so  $\{\underline{u}, \underline{v}\}$  is a basis for  $\text{null}(A)$