

sec 4.4, 4.5 Dimension & Column space

Remember: a basis for V (or W) is a linearly indep spanning set for V (or W)

Def: The dimension of vector space V (or subspace W) is the exact # of lin. indep vectors required to make a basis for V (or W).

• $\dim(\mathbb{R}^2) = 2$, • $\dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3$, ...

"Theorem": The dimension of V (or W) is "unique":
All bases ~~any basis~~ of V (or W) must have the same number of vectors.

Ex: $\text{Null}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -15 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 & -19 & 10 \\ 2 & 5 & -26 & 11 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ had a basis
 $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ($\star \text{null}(A) = \text{span}\{\underline{u}, \underline{v}\}$
& $\{\underline{u}, \underline{v}\}$ lin. indep)

so $\dim(\text{null}(A)) = 2$.

Same A , ... can $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ be a basis for $\text{null}(A)$? No, it has too many vectors.

Notes: Say $\dim(V)$ is known, and $S = \{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_k\}$ is a set of vectors for V .

- If $k < \dim(V)$, then S cannot possibly span all of V . (LI/LD unknown)
- If $k > \dim(V)$, then S cannot be linearly indep. (may or may not span)
- If $k = \dim(V)$, it's not clear a-priori about span/indep.

★ Application: If $\underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}$ are vectors from \mathbb{R}^3 , and they are lin. indep. Does $\{\underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}\}$ span all of \mathbb{R}^3 ?

Can there be some $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such that

→ $\underline{x} \notin \text{span}\{\underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}\}$? (same as saying \underline{x} is LI from $\{\underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}\}$)

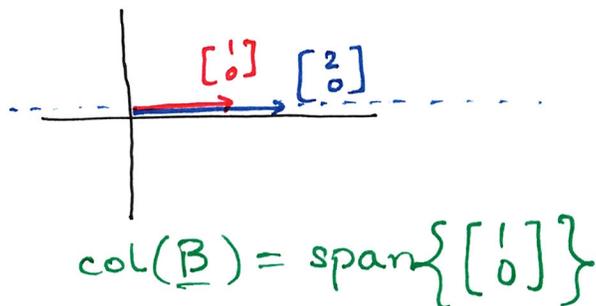
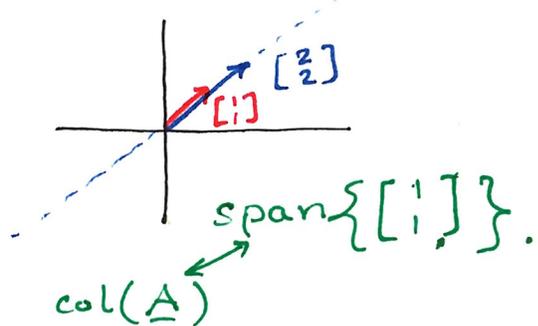
If there was, then $\{\underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}, \underline{x}\}$ would be an LI set that would make a basis of length 4 for \mathbb{R}^3 .

• Column Space: If $\underline{A} = [\underline{c}_1 \dots \underline{c}_k]_{(n \times k)}$, then column space (of \underline{A}) is the span of its columns, $\text{col}(\underline{A}) \stackrel{\text{DEF}}{=} \text{span}\{\underline{c}_1, \dots, \underline{c}_k\}$

Ex: $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $\text{col}(\underline{A}) = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Note: Doing row ops to a matrix changes its column space:

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \underline{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Read* "How to find row/column space."