

SECTION TWO.I.2: LINEAR INDEPENDENCE

1. Below are several subsets of $V = \mathbb{R}^3$. Which ones span \mathbb{R}^3 ? Are some more efficient than others?

(a) $A = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 0)\}$

doesn't span

on previous sheet, we established that $[A] \neq \mathbb{R}^3$

(b) $B = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$, $[B] = \mathbb{R}^3$ because

for every $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $a(1, 0, 0) + b(0, 1, 0) + c(0, 0, 1) = (a, b, c)$.

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(c) $C = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0)\}$ $[C] = \mathbb{R}^3$ because ① $B \subseteq C$ and $[B] = \mathbb{R}^3$

or ② for every $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $a(1, 0, 0) + b(0, 1, 0) + c(0, 0, 1) = (a, b, c)$.

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less efficient

or ③ for every $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $a(1, 1, 0) + (b-a)(0, 1, 0) + c(0, 0, 1) = (a, b, c)$.

(d) $D = \{(0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0)\}$ $[D] = \mathbb{R}^3$ because

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for every $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $a(1, 1, 0) + (b-a)(0, 1, 0) + c(0, 0, 1) = (a, b, c)$.

(Intuitive)

2. Definition: Let S be a subset of the vectors in the vector space V . We say S is linearly independent if

no vector in S can be written as a linear combination of other vectors in S .

Otherwise, we say S is linearly dependent.

trivial \rightarrow What does this mean?

• Don't count $\vec{s}_i = c\vec{s}_i$.

• Don't count all zero constants:

$0\vec{s}_1 + 0\vec{s}_2 + \dots + 0\vec{s}_k = 0\vec{s}_n$

3. Determine if the set $T = \{\vec{u} = (1, 2, 0), \vec{v} = (1, 1, 1), \vec{w} = (1, 3, -1)\}$ of vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 are linearly independent.

Observation: $2(1, 2, 0) + (-1)(1, 1, 1) = (2-1, 4-1, -1) = (1, 3, -1)$

So $2\vec{u} - \vec{v} = \vec{w}$. So T is linearly DEpendent.

Note, \vec{w} can be written in terms of \vec{u} and \vec{v} . But also \vec{u} can be written in terms of \vec{v} and \vec{w} : $\vec{u} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{v} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{w}$.

or even: $\vec{v} = 2\vec{u} - \vec{w}$.

→ Think first!

4. Determine if the set $S = \{\vec{s}_1 = (1, 2, 1, 1), \vec{s}_2 = (1, 1, 1, 1), \vec{s}_3 = (3, 4, 0, -1), \vec{s}_4 = (0, 8, -1, 4)\}$ of vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 are linearly independent.

Solve $c_1\vec{s}_1 + c_2\vec{s}_2 + c_3\vec{s}_3 + c_4\vec{s}_4 = \vec{0}$
 $c_1(1, 2, 1, 1) + c_2(1, 1, 1, 1) + c_3(3, 4, 0, -1) + c_4(0, 8, -1, 4) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 + 3c_3 = 0 \\ 2c_1 + c_2 + 4c_3 + 8c_4 = 0 \\ c_1 + c_2 - c_4 = 0 \\ c_1 + c_2 - c_3 + 4c_4 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 & : & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 8 & : & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & : & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 4 & : & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{rref}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & : & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ linearly independent}$$

Lemma 1.5 $S = \{\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \vec{s}_3, \dots, \vec{s}_n\}$ is a subset of the vector space V .

S is linearly independent

if and only if the only solution to

$$c_1\vec{s}_1 + c_2\vec{s}_2 + c_3\vec{s}_3 + \dots + c_n\vec{s}_n = \vec{0} \text{ is}$$

$$c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = \dots = c_n = 0$$

real definition.

Proof Restate.

Q) Can $\vec{0} \in S$ if S is linearly independent?

5. V is a vector space and $S \subseteq V, \vec{v} \in V$. What can you conclude if $[S \cup \{\vec{v}\}] = [S]$? Can you reverse this implication?

So adding \vec{v} doesn't change the span? Then $\vec{v} \in [S]$.

Lemma: $[S \cup \{\vec{v}\}] = [S]$ if and only if $\vec{v} \in [S]$.

$$\vec{v} = c_1\vec{s}_1 + c_2\vec{s}_2 + \dots + c_n\vec{s}_n$$

6. V is a vector space and $S \subseteq V, \vec{s} \in S$. What can you conclude if $[S - \{\vec{s}\}] = [S]$? Can you reverse this implication?

You can remove \vec{v} from S and not change span S ? \vec{v} must be a linear combination of elements of S .

Lemma: $[S - \{\vec{v}\}] = [S]$ if and only if \vec{v} can be written as a linear combination of $S - \vec{v}$

7. Let S be a subset of the vector space V . If, for every $\vec{v} \in S, [S - \vec{v}] \neq [S]$ (that is, the subspace $[S - \vec{v}]$ is smaller than the space $[S]$) what can you conclude about S ? Does the reverse implication still hold?

Every time an element of S is removed, the span of the set gets smaller? Then S is linearly independent?

Lemma: $[S - \vec{v}] \neq [S]$ for every $\vec{v} \in S$ if and only if S is linearly independent.
 equivalent to 6.

Extra Notes

Lemma Let S be a linearly independent set.

Let $\vec{v} \notin S$.

$S \cup \{\vec{v}\}$ is also linearly independent
if and only if

$$\vec{v} \notin [S]$$

Pf: $S \cup \{\vec{v}\}$ linearly dependent if and only if $\vec{v} \in [S]$

Equivalent.

Lemma: Let $S \subseteq V$, S a finite subset of vectors from V .

Then, there exists a **finite, linearly independent** subset of S , say T , so that $[T] = [S]$.

Let A be a matrix w/ rref $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = B$

Are the rows of B linearly independent? (No)

Are the **nonzero** rows of B linearly independent? (Yes)

What can you say about the rows of matrix A ?

They must have been linearly
DEpendent!