

Bases for Subspaces

Two bases you know.

(1) any pt (x, y, z) can be represented/reached by $xe_1 + ye_2 + ze_3$.

(2) $\vec{T}, \vec{N}, \Sigma \vec{B}$ along a space curve.

You know the concept of the span. Now a spanning set for a subspace W is any set of vectors $S = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$ s.t. $W = \text{Sp}\{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$.

ex1: spanning sets for \mathbb{R}^2 .

(a) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, (b) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

show (a) is a spanning set for \mathbb{R}^2 .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & a \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & b \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & a-b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & b \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & a-b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = b + x_3$$

$$x_2 = (a-b) - 2x_3$$

$$x_3 \text{ is free.}$$

ex 2: Find a spanning set for $N(A)$ if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -5 & 26 \\ -1 & 0 & 7 \\ 1 & 1 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{as on quiz 2}).$$

$$N(A) = \left\{ x \mid x_1 = 7x_3 \text{ \& } -x_2 = 3x_3 \right\}$$

$$= \text{sp} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Goal: We want to be efficient, so we want to include the fewest possible vectors in our spanning set. We call this a minimal spanning set.

The vectors in a minimal spanning set must be L.I. If $S = \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ is a L.D. spanning set for W then at least 1 vector in W can be discarded to produce a smaller spanning set. Why? If S is L.I. ... no vectors can be removed.

Def. Let W be a nonzero subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . A basis for W is a L.I. spanning set for W .

Given a basis $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ for W , a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n , $x \in W$ has a unique rep.

$x = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_p v_p$. If not, $\exists b_1, \dots, b_p$ s.t.
 $x = b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_p v_p \Rightarrow x - x = 0 = (a_1 - b_1)v_1 + \dots + (a_p - b_p)v_p$
But this is the homogeneous eqn. Since B is L.I. it has only the trivial sol $\& a_1 = b_1, \dots, a_p = b_p \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

ex3: Find the range & a basis for the range of

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

ex4: Let W be the subset of \mathbb{R}^4 spanned by

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}; v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}; v_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a basis for W .

A basis must be C.I. so we can solve $x_1 v_1 + x_2 v_2 + \dots + x_5 v_5 = 0$ & find the v_i that can be eliminated.

Thm: If the nonzero matrix A is row equiv. to the matrix B in echelon form, then the nonzero rows of B form a basis for the row space of A .

ex4 row: $V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$V^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

row reduce & transpose.
The nonzero cols form a basis.