



4.1 Vector Spaces and Subspaces

1. Let V be the first quadrant in the xy -plane; that is, let

$$V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : x \geq 0, y \geq 0 \right\}$$

- If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are in V , is $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ in V ? Why?
- Find a specific vector \mathbf{u} in V and a specific scalar c such that $c\mathbf{u}$ is *not* in V . (This is enough to show that V is *not* a vector space).

9. Let H be the set of all vectors of the form $\begin{bmatrix} s \\ 3s \\ 2s \end{bmatrix}$. Find a vector \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^3 such that $H = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}\}$. Why does this show that H is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 ?

11. Let W be the set of all vectors of the form $\begin{bmatrix} 5b + 2c \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$, where b and c are arbitrary. Find vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^3 such that $W = \text{span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$. Why does this show that W is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 ?

32. (Optional Extra) Let H and K be subspaces of a vector space V . The **intersection** of H and K , written as $H \cap K$, is the set of \mathbf{v} in V that belong to both H and K . Show that $H \cap K$ is a subspace of V . (See the figure on page 215 in the textbook). Give an example in \mathbb{R}^2 to show that the union of two subspaces is not, in general, a subspace.

4.2 Null Spaces, Column Spaces, and Linear Transformations

6. Find an explicit description of $\text{Nul}A$ by listing vectors that span the null space.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & -4 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

21. With A as in Exercise 17, find a nonzero vector in $\text{Nul}A$ and a nonzero vector in $\text{Col}A$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -6 \\ -1 & 3 \\ -4 & 12 \\ 3 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

24. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -2 & -9 \\ 6 & 4 & 8 \\ 4 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$. Determine if \mathbf{w} is in $\text{Col}A$. Is \mathbf{w} in $\text{Nul}A$?

28. (Optional Extra) Consider the following two systems of equations:

$$\begin{array}{l} 5x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3 = 0 \\ -9x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 = 1 \\ 4x_1 + x_2 - 6x_3 = 9 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{l} 5x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3 = 0 \\ -9x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 = 5 \\ 4x_1 + x_2 - 6x_3 = 45 \end{array}$$

It can be shown that the first system has a solution. Use this fact and the theory from this section to explain why the second system must also have a solution. (Make no row operations).

32. (Optional Extra) Define a linear transformation $T : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by $T(\mathbf{p}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}(0) \\ \mathbf{p}(0) \end{bmatrix}$. Find polynomials in \mathbf{p}_1 and \mathbf{p}_2 in \mathbb{P}_2 that span the kernel of T , and describe the range of T .

4.3 Linearly Independent Sets; Bases

Determine which sets in Exercises 1, 3, and 8 are bases for \mathbb{R}^3 . Of the sets that are *not* bases, determine which ones are linearly independent and which ones span \mathbb{R}^3 . Justify your answers.

1. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

3. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

8. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

11. Find a basis for the set of vectors on \mathbb{R}^3 in the plane $x + 2y + z = 0$. (*Hint*: Think of the equation as a “system” of homogeneous equations).

23. Suppose $\mathbb{R}^4 = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4\}$. Explain why $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^4 .

Exercise **29** and **30** show that every basis for \mathbb{R}^n must contain exactly n vectors.

29. Let $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ be a set of k vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , with $k < n$. Use a theorem from section 1.4 to explain why S cannot be a basis for \mathbb{R}^n .

30. Let $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ be a set of k vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , with $k > n$. Use a theorem from Chapter 1 to explain why S cannot be a basis for \mathbb{R}^n .

32. (Optional Extra) This exercise reveals an important connection between linear independence and linear transformations and provides practice using the definition of linear dependence. Let V and W be vector spaces, let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation, and let $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ be a subset of V .

Suppose that T is a one-to-one transformation, so that an equation $T(\mathbf{u}) = T(\mathbf{v})$ always implies $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$. Show that if the set of images $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_p)\}$ is linearly dependent, then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ is linearly dependent. This fact shows that *a one-to-one linear transformation maps a linearly independent set into a linearly independent set* (because in this case the set of images cannot be linearly dependent.)

Extra (Optional Extra) Prove the following statements:

- 1) if a $m \times n$ -matrix A has a left-inverse (i.e., if there is a C such that $CA = I$), then its columns are independent. (*Hint:* assume that there is a vector \mathbf{x} such that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, and show that $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$). Convince yourself that it does indeed prove statement 1).
- 2) if a $m \times n$ -matrix A has a right-inverse (i.e., if there is C such that $AC = I$), then its columns span \mathbb{R}^m . (*Hint:* show that the equation $AC\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a solution for all \mathbf{b} . Deduce that $A\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$ has a solution for all \mathbf{b} . Convince yourself that it does indeed prove statement 2).