

Day 6 - AM

A set of vectors $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$ is linearly independent if the equation

$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_p v_p = 0$ has only the trivial solution where all $c_i = 0$.

(no vector v_i can be written as a linear combination of the other vectors.)

If H is a subspace of V , a set of vectors $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_p\}$ in V is a basis for H if

1) B is a linearly independent set

2) $H = \text{Span}\{b_1, \dots, b_p\}$

Note: V is a subspace of itself, thus you can also find a basis for the entire vector space.

Ex: let $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} : a - 3b - c = 0 \right\}$ be a subset of \mathbb{R}^3 .

$$a = 3b + c \text{ then } W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3b+c \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3b+c \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = b \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{So } W = \text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\}$$

\downarrow v_1 \downarrow v_2

* Thm \rightarrow Since $v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{R}^3$, we can say $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\} = W$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .

then a basis for W would be $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Thus, Spans are subspaces and every subspace is a span of its basis.

Ex: basis for $\mathbb{R}^n = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

basis for $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Ex: Consider $\left\{ \begin{matrix} a_1 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} a_2 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} a_3 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} a_4 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \right\}$

Are they independent? Row Reduce!

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{No!}$$

$$a_3 = 2a_1 + a_2$$

So $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4\}$ are linearly dependent
but $\{a_1, a_2, a_4\}$ is a basis for $\text{col}[a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4] = \mathbb{R}^3$

Thm: If a vector space V has a basis $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$
then any set in V containing more than n vectors
must be linearly dependent

Thm: If a vector space V has a basis of n vectors,
then every basis of V must contain exactly
 n vectors.



Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

An eigenvector of an $n \times n$ matrix A is a nonzero vector x such that $Ax = \lambda x$ for some scalar λ . Then λ is called the eigenvalue.

Ex: Consider $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $u = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$

Is u an eigenvector of A ?

$$Au = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -24 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix} = -4 \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = -4u$$

Yes! u is an eigenvector of A corresponding to an eigenvalue of -4 .