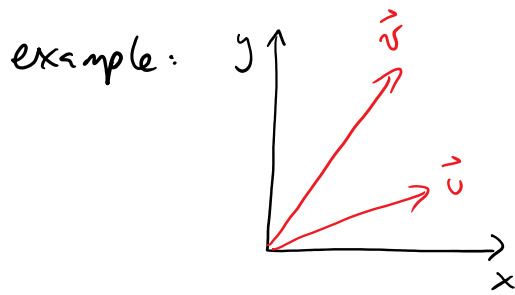


# Section 3.5: cont'd

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suppose  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are not scalar multiples of each other (not parallel)

then  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are LI and  $\text{span}(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$  is  $\mathbb{R}^2$

so  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

example: let  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$

find a basis of  $\text{span}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w})$ .

answer: check to see if  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$  are LI

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 9 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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free variable

so infinitely many solutions  
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but the column is a recipe:

$$\vec{w} = 2\vec{u} + (-1)\vec{v}$$

since  $\vec{w}$  is a linear combo of  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ ,

$$\text{span}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}) = \text{span}(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$$

note:  $\text{span}(\vec{u}, \vec{w})$  or  $\text{span}(\vec{v}, \vec{w})$  would also work

basis is  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$

definition: the dimension of a subspace  $S \neq \{\vec{0}\}$  is the number of vectors in a basis of  $S$

the dimension of  $S = \{\vec{0}\}$  is zero.

examples: the subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

- i) point  $\{\vec{0}\}$  has dimension 0
- ii) line through  $\vec{0}$ :  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}\}$  where  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$   
- this subspace has dimension 1
- iii) plane through  $\vec{0}$ :  $\text{span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$  where  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are LI, subspace has dimension 2
- iv) the entire space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :  $\text{span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$  where  $\vec{u}, \vec{v},$  and  $\vec{w}$  are LI, subspace has dimension 3

note: row operations don't change the null space or the row space of a matrix

if  $A \xrightarrow{\text{row ops}} B$   
generally the RREF

then  $\text{Null}(A) = \text{Null}(B)$   
and  $\text{Row}(A) = \text{Row}(B)$

but row operations do change the column space of a matrix

example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = B$

row space:  $\text{Row}(A) = \text{span}([1 \ 5], [2 \ 10])$   
 $= \text{span}([1 \ 5]) \leftarrow \text{from } B$

column space:  $\text{Col}(A) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

$= \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

NOT THE SAME

$\text{Col}(B) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

