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Definition: Let A be an $n \times m$ matrix, we call the set of all solutions to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ the nullspace of A , or $\text{null}(A)$

Definition: Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation then the set of vectors \vec{x} in \mathbb{R}^n such that $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$ is called the kernel of T , denoted $\text{ker}(T)$

• $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$, then $\text{ker}(T) = \text{null}(A)$

Theorem: Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation. Then $\text{ker}(T)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n and $\text{range}(T)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m
 $\hookrightarrow \text{Range}(T) = \text{span of columns of } A$

Recall from last class: $S = \text{span}(\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_m)$ is a subspace

Ex 1 $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 + x_3 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 \end{bmatrix}$ what is $\text{ker}(T)$ and $\text{range}(T)$?

$$\text{range}(T) \Rightarrow T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} \Rightarrow \text{range}(T) = \text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\text{ker}(T) \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2/3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -\frac{1}{3}s_1, x_2 = \frac{2}{3}s_1, x_3 = s_1 \\ \vec{x} = s_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{ker}(T) = \text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \right.$$

Theorem: T is 1-1 if and only if $\text{ker}(T) = \{0\}$

\hookrightarrow Big Theorem v.4 = Big Theorem v.3 + g)

Basis and Dimension

• If S is a subspace, we can find $\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_m$ such that $S = \text{span}(\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_m)$

case 1: $\{\vec{0}\} = \text{span}(\vec{0})$

case 2: we have l.i. vectors whose span is S . (if $S \neq \{0\}$ and is a subspace). Let \vec{u} be in S , $\vec{u} \neq \vec{0}$, then the $\text{span}(\vec{u})$ is a subset of S . If $\text{span}(\vec{u}) = S$, then you're done. If not, pick a vector in S , not in $\text{span}(\vec{u})$, call it \vec{u}_2 . Repeat until $\text{span}(\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_m) = S$

Definition: A set $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_p\}$ is a basis for a subspace S provided that:

(a) \mathcal{B} spans S

(b) \mathcal{B} is linearly independent

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Ex) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis in \mathbb{R}^2

HW: Ex) $S = \left\{ \text{set of all } \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \mid x+y+z=0 \right\}$ L.I.

if $z=0$, $y=s_1, x=-s_1$

if $z \neq 0$, $z=s_2, y=s_2, x=-s_1-s_2$

something, $S = \left\{ s_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \Rightarrow S = \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

can get \bullet Basis = coordinate system for a subspace

eg that \bullet theorem Let $\mathcal{B} = \{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$ be a basis for a subspace S . Then every vector \vec{s} in S can be written uniquely as a linear combo

$$\text{of } s = s_1 u_1 + \dots + s_r u_r$$

\bullet suppose S is S since $s = \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_r) \Rightarrow s = s_1 u_1 + \dots + s_r u_r$

conversely, if: $s = t_1 u_1 + \dots + t_r u_r$. Then: $\vec{0} = (s_1 - t_1) u_1 + \dots + (s_r - t_r) u_r$

Since u_1, \dots, u_r are L.I. $s_1 - t_1 = 0, \dots, s_r - t_r = 0$ so $s_1 = t_1, \dots, s_r = t_r$

\bullet theorem: If S is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n then every basis has the same number of vectors

\bullet The number of vectors in a basis is called the dimension of S , denoted $\dim(S)$

\bullet Finding a basis:

Ex) $S = \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ what is a basis for S ?
what is $\dim(S)$?

L.I. check \rightarrow row reduce ($=0$) and see if there are any free variables

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Algorithm: Pivot columns give the location of basis vectors