

# ① Column Spaces & Null Spaces

For some matrix  $A^{m \times n}$  ↪

- ... column space = span of column vectors
- ... null space = span of vectors  $\vec{x}$  that satisfy  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{m rows, } n \text{ columns}$$

Given the following matrices, get i. Column space ii. Null space

iii. Row-reduced column space

iv. Does the column space form a basis?

$$\underset{n \text{ Null}}{\underset{\uparrow}{A\vec{x}}} = \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \\ \vdots \\ \downarrow \end{bmatrix} = \vec{y} \quad \text{Col } m$$

In words, "col(A)" is the space of all  $\vec{y}$  you can reach using  $\vec{x}$  and multiplying  $\vec{y} = A\vec{x}$

$$A\vec{e}_i = \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_n \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1i} \\ a_{2i} \\ \vdots \\ a_{ni} \end{bmatrix} = \vec{a}_i$$

a)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} & \\ & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n$$

i.  $\text{Col}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

ii.  $\text{Null}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

iii. ✓

iv. ✗

Long-form:

$$\left\{ \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

One free parameter needed

$$x_1 + 0(\alpha) = 0 \rightarrow x_1 = 0$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

"Number of needed free parameters  
= dimension of  $\text{null}(A)$ "

$$\text{b)} B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.  $\text{col}(B) = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$

ii.  $\text{null}(B) = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$

iii.  $\text{col}(B_{RR}) = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right\} \times$

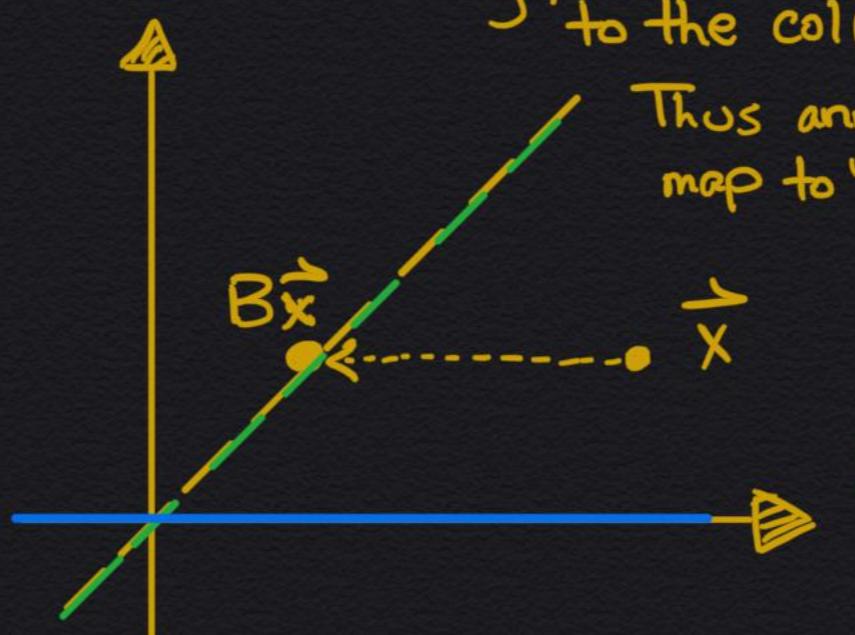
iv. X

$$\begin{array}{l} \left[ \begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + (-1)R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{x_1 = \alpha} B\vec{x} = \vec{0} \end{array}$$

$$0(\alpha) + 1 \cdot x_2 = 0 \rightarrow x_2 = 0 \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Visually, we see  $B$  maps any vector to the  $\text{col}(A)$  space  $\equiv \{x=y\} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus any  $\vec{x}$  with  $y=x_2=0$  will map to the origin!



$$\begin{aligned} B\vec{x} &= B \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{c)} C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.  $\text{col}(C) = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$

ii.  $\text{null}(C) = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$

iii.  $\text{col}(C_{RR}) = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\} \checkmark$

iv. Yes,  $\text{col}(C)$  is basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 / 3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \downarrow \begin{array}{l} x_2=0 \\ x_1+2x_2=0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{x_1=0} C\vec{x} = \vec{0} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$x_1 + 2(0) = 0 \rightarrow x_1 = 0 \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$d) D = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{i. } \text{col}(D) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{ii. } \text{null}(D) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{iii. } \text{col}(D_{RR}) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

iv. No  $\text{col}(D)$  is NOT a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{array}{l} D \xrightarrow{\text{R}_1 \rightarrow R_1 / -2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 0 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{R}_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{x_2 = \alpha} \begin{array}{l} x_1 + (-2)(\alpha) = 0 \\ x_1 = 2\alpha \end{array} \\ \xrightarrow{\vec{x} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} \vec{x} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$e) E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{i. } \text{col}(E) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{ii. } \text{null}(E) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -5/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

iii. ✓

iv. Nb, because  
 $\text{col}(E)$  has linearly-dependent vectors.

$$\begin{array}{l} E \vec{x} = \vec{0} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{R}_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{R}_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{R}_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1/2 & -7/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{x_3 = \alpha} \begin{array}{l} x_1 + \frac{1}{2}\alpha - \frac{7}{2}\beta = 0 \\ x_2 + \frac{5}{2}\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\beta = 0 \end{array} \\ \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\alpha + \frac{7}{2}\beta \\ -\frac{5}{2}\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\beta \\ \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\alpha \\ -\frac{5}{2}\alpha \\ \alpha \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{2}\beta \\ -\frac{1}{2}\beta \\ 0 \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \\ = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -5/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

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## Identifying a basis:

For each set of vectors...

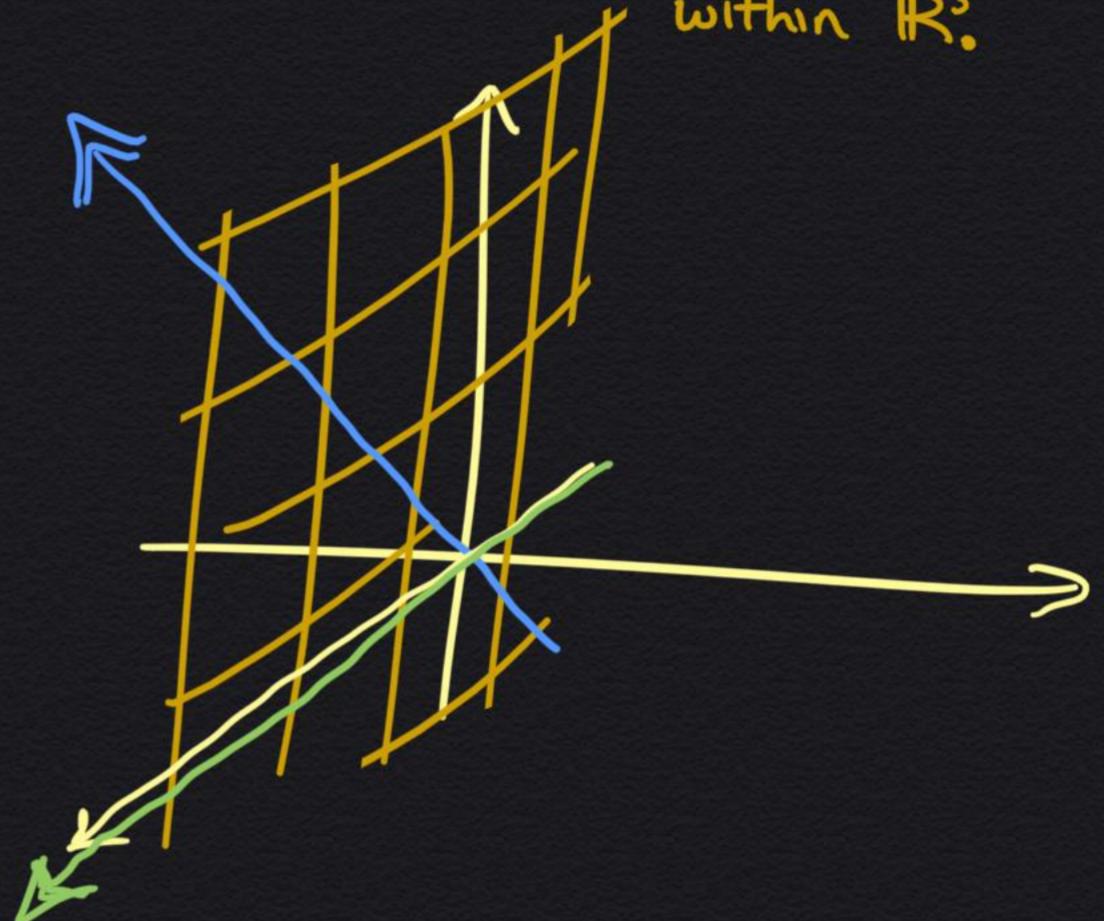
- i. Do they describe a basis?
- ii. Is the basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , or different?

Visually, we see that the span form the  $xz$ -plane within  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

a)  $V_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

i. No, since this doesn't span  $\mathbb{R}^3$

ii. X



b)  $V_2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

i. Yes!  $V_2$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

ii. ✓

Since a) Spans  $\mathbb{R}^3$

b) Are linearly independent

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow -R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

Since the row-reduced form of the matrix (formed by the span) shows it has an inverse, the columns must be linearly independent!

$$\boxed{C} \quad V_3 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- i. No! Not linearly independent.
- ii. Not a basis at all.

- By using the machinery above, our row-reduced form here would render a zero row, showing that the span contains linearly dependent vectors.

- Yet, by inspection  $\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_3$

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

Proving they're linearly dependent.

- Still  $\text{span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \}$  are all linearly independent.
- $\text{span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_3 \}$
- $\text{span} \{ \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \}$

Visually,  $V_3$  is this plane:

(Plane is coming towards us, sorry  
for the poor visual :)

$$V_3 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

