

Concepts from lecture that will come up

Span, proofs, linear combinations, consistency of a system of linear equations/
consistent system of linear equations

Skills/Things to take away

① 3 ways of reasoning about the span of a set of vectors

↳ Definition

↳ Geometrically

↳ Checking consistency

② Proof: How to show equality of sets

Definitions

① Span (of a set of vectors): the set of all linear combinations of a set of vectors

Example

$$\text{span} \left\{ \underbrace{\left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right]}_{\text{set of vectors}} \right\} = \left\{ \alpha_0 \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] + \beta_0 \left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] + \gamma_0 \left[\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right], \alpha_1 \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] + \beta_1 \left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] + \gamma_1 \left[\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right], \dots \right\}$$

... infinitely more vectors

larger set of vectors generated by taking all linear combinations

1(a) What is $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$?

↳ What does a single vector in $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ look like (as an expression)?

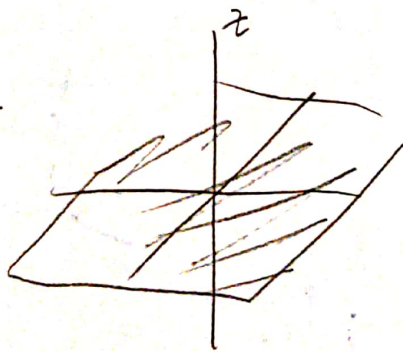
$$\alpha_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

↳ So the entire set is:

$$\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \alpha_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

↳ Can use inspection to write it more simply (not always immediately possible)

$$\begin{bmatrix} s \\ t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}$$



e.g. higher dimensional spaces

$$\text{Q1b) Is } \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ in span } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If α_1 and α_2 exist that make the above eqn. true,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in the span } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{A\vec{x} = \vec{b}} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

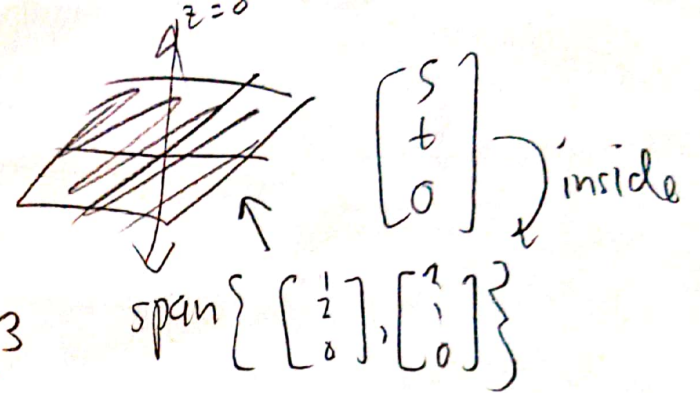
$$\frac{5}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{5}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

if inconsistent \Rightarrow vector is not in the span

Checking if a vector is in a span of vectors \Leftrightarrow a solution existing to a system of equations

c) What \vec{v} makes $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^3$?



$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^3$$

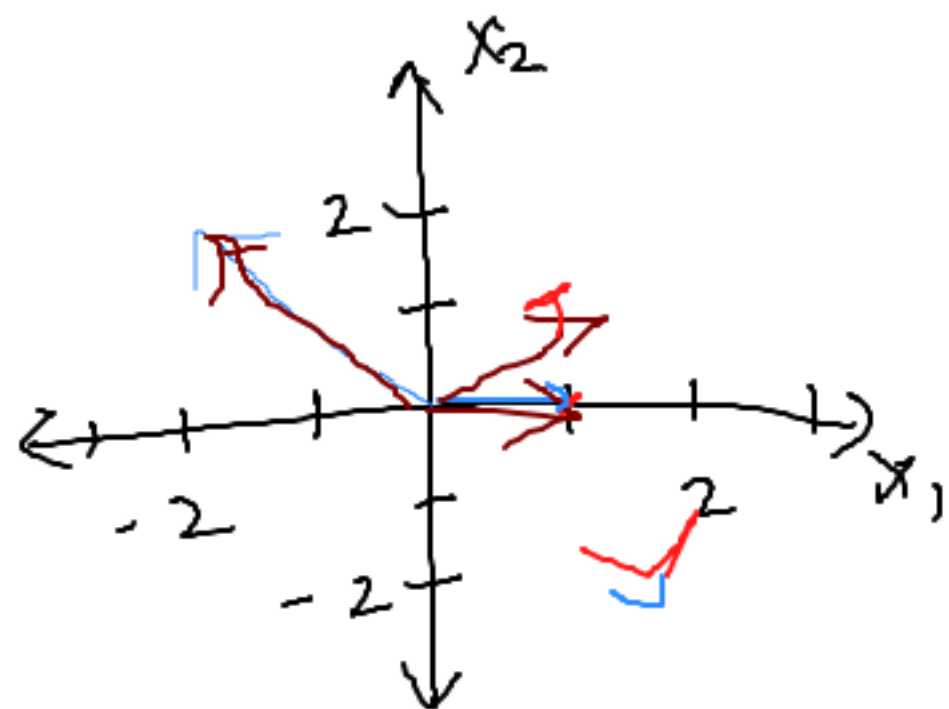
$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^3$$

d) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\hookrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & b_1 \\ 2 & 1 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & b_1 \\ 0 & -3 & b_2 - 2b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 / -3} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2b_1 - b_2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & b_3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 - 2R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{2b_2 - b_1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2b_1 - b_2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & b_3 \end{array} \right]$$

$\Rightarrow b_3 = 0$ for system to be consistent



α, β

$$\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha = -4$$

$$\beta = 2$$

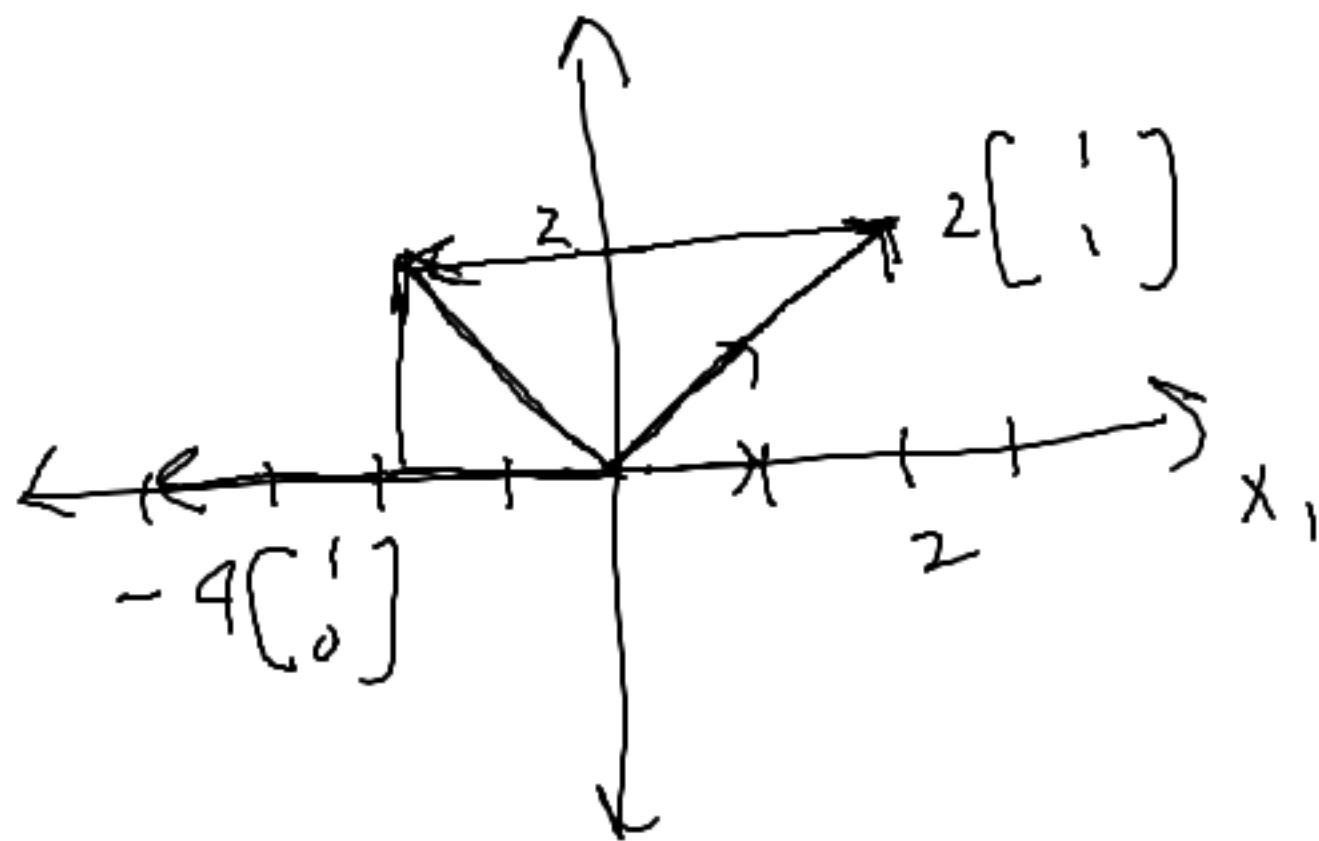
$$\vec{c} \in \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

α known
 \vec{x} unknown

$$\vec{c} = \alpha \vec{a} + \beta \vec{b}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\alpha \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\Rightarrow} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sets : how to check if equal



Two sets are equal if every element in one set appears in the other and vice versa.

$$\text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n \} \stackrel{?}{=} \text{Span} \{ \alpha \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n \}$$

$\alpha \neq 0$

\vec{u} is inside

$$\vec{u} = \beta_1 \vec{v}_1 + \beta_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \beta_n \vec{v}_n$$

are vectors here also in the first set?

$$\vec{u} = \gamma_1 (\alpha \vec{v}_1) + \gamma_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \gamma_n \vec{v}_n$$

$$\beta_1 = \gamma_1 \alpha \quad \gamma_2 = \beta_2, \quad \gamma_3 = \beta_3, \quad \dots \quad \gamma_n = \beta_n$$

$$\vec{w} \in \text{Span}\{\alpha\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$$

$$\vec{w} = p_1(\alpha\vec{v}_1) + p_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + p_n\vec{v}_n$$

If we want \vec{w} to be in the first set,

$$\vec{w} = q_1\vec{v}_1 + q_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + q_n\vec{v}_n$$

$$p_2 = q_2, \dots, p_n = q_n$$

$$p_1\alpha = q_1$$

$$p_1 = \frac{q_1}{\alpha}$$

By choosing these values of p ,
 \vec{w} belongs to the first set.

$$\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} = \text{Span}\{\alpha\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_n\}$$