



Activity 1: Definitions

Write the precise definitions of the following terms:

- (a) a **linearly dependent** set of vectors $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$.
- (b) a **linearly independent** set of vectors $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$.
- (c) a **subspace** W of \mathbb{R}^n . Also, the **trivial subspaces** of \mathbb{R}^n .
- (d) a **basis** of a non-zero subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n .
- (e) Given a finite set X , the **cardinality** of X , $\text{card}(X)$.
- (f) the **dimension** of a subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n .
- (g) the **four fundamental subspaces** of a matrix $A_{m \times n}$. Be sure to indicate the ambient spaces.
- (h) The **rank** and **nullity** of a matrix $A_{m \times n}$.

Activity 2: Proof

We would like to prove the following fact:

A non-empty subset $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n **if and only if** $U = \text{Span}(S)$ for some non-empty subset S of \mathbb{R}^n .

- (a) (\implies) Give a statement of the “Forward direction”.
- (b) (\impliedby) Give a statement of the “Backward direction”.
- (c) Which direction is the “easy” direction to prove? Explain why, or give a proof.
- (d) Prove the other direction.

Activity 3: Computation

Consider the augmented matrix:

$$\left[A | \vec{b} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 3 & -5 & 1 & -3 & -3 & 4 & 3 \\ 4 & -6 & 4 & -2 & -3 & 2 & 8 \\ 1 & -5 & -13 & -11 & -6 & 18 & -19 \\ -2 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 26 & -38 & 30 & -10 & -23 & 48 & 48 \end{array} \right]; \text{ RREF: } R = \left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 7 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 0 & 7 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -8 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

- Find a **basis** for the row space of A , $RS(A)$, using the information in R . (Reminder: A is only the first 6 columns)
- Find a **basis** for the column space of A , $CS(A)$.
- Find a **basis** for the nullspace of A , $NS(A)$. (You can use the “sight-seeing” mentioned in the text-book if you wish. Just be careful with free variables!)
- Express the non-basis columns of A as linear combinations of the basis vectors that you chose in part (b). (*Hint: what I call “magic”*)
- Describe all the solutions to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ in the form $\vec{x}_P + \vec{x}_h$ where \vec{x}_P is a particular solution, and \vec{x}_h represents solutions to the homogenous system.
- Express row 3 of A as a linear combination of your basis in part (a).

Now, you are also given that $\text{RREF}(A^\top)$ is R' and:

$$R' = \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 0 & 7 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

(Notice we don't include \vec{b} in the transpose.)

- Find a **basis** for the nullspace of A^\top , $NS(A^\top)$.
- State the Dimension Theorem for Matrices, in general. (Don't forget it is both parts!)
- State the rank and the nullity of A and also A^\top , and verify the Dimension Theorem for A and A^\top .
- Now, use the information in R' to find *another* basis for $RS(A)$. (Hint: the rows of A become the columns of A^\top .)
- Express the 3rd row of A as a linear combination of the basis you found in part (j). (You'll need to set-up a SOE and use GJE to arrive at your answer)
- What is the nullity of A^\top ? Explain how you got your answer. (*Hint: Warning! Do not find $\text{RREF}(A^\top)$. You don't need it!*)