

Example 8.1

Illustrate Theorem 8.1 for the span of two vectors, \vec{u}_1 and \vec{u}_2 .

Example 8.2

Determine a basis for the set of vectors $\left\{ c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \mid c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$.

Example 8.3

Determine a basis for the set of vectors $\left\{ c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \mid c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$.

Example 8.4

Determine whether or not $[5, 5, 10]^T \in \text{col}(A)$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & -2 \\ -1 & 6 & 4 \\ 5 & 14 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Example 8.5

Show that solutions to the equation $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -6 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ form a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 and then find a basis for that subspace.

Example 8.6

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$. Determine whether $[2 \ 1 \ 0]^T$ is an element of the column space or the null space of A .

Example 8.7: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -5 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $\text{RREF}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

- Find a basis for the null space of A and explicitly show that it is indeed a basis for the null space of A .
- Find a basis for the column space of A and explicitly show that it is indeed a basis for the column space of A .
- State the rank of A .
- State a basis for the row space of A .
- State each row of A as a linear combination of the basis vectors stated in part (d).

Example 8.8

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -4 & 3 & -2 & -5 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & -11 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 & -3 & -1 & 11 \\ -2 & -2 & 4 & -1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

- What are the dimensions of the null space, column space, and row space of A and how do you know. What does the null-space dimension and column space dimension sum to?
- State bases for the null space, column space, and row space of A .

Example 8.9

Determine the dimension of $\text{span} \left\{ \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -16 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 11 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right\}$.

Example 8.10

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & -3 & 17 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 & -13 & -4 \\ 4 & -8 & 1 & 13 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$. The $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Fill-in each of the following blanks.

The column space of M is a _____-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R} _____.

The row space of M is a _____-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R} _____.

The null space of M is a _____-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R} _____.

The column space of M^T is a _____-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R} _____.

The row space of M^T is a _____-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R} _____.

The null space of M^T is a _____-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R} _____.

Definitions 8.1-8.3: Subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n

A **subspace** of the vector space \mathbb{R}^n is a nonempty subset of \mathbb{R}^n that contains the zero vector from \mathbb{R}^n and is closed over vector addition and scalar multiplication.

A set of vectors, H , is **closed over vector addition** if and only if $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in H \ \forall \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in H$.

A set of vectors, H , is **closed over scalar multiplication** if and only if $c\vec{u} \in H \ \forall \vec{u} \in H, c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 8.1

The span of a set of vectors from \mathbb{R}^n is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

Definition 8.4

A set of linearly independent vectors that span a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n is called a **basis** for that subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

Definition 8.5 and Theorems 8.2-8.3

The **column space** of a matrix A is the set of all linear combinations of the column vectors of A . If A is an $m \times n$ matrix, then $\text{col}(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m . The pivot columns of A form a basis for the column space of A .

Definition 8.6 and Theorems 8.4-8.5

The **null space** of a matrix A is the set of all solutions to the equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$. If A is an $m \times n$ matrix, then $\text{nul}(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . A spanning set of the solution set to the homogenous system $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ forms a basis for the null space of A .

Definition 8.7 and Theorems 8.6-8.7

The **row space** of a matrix A is the set of all linear combinations of the row vectors of A . If A is an $m \times n$ matrix, then $\text{row}(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . The pivot columns of A form a basis for the column space of A . The non-zero rows of $\text{RREF}(A)$ form a basis for the row space of A .

Theorems 8.8-8.10 and Definition 8.8

If one basis of a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n contains m vectors, then every basis of that subspace contains m vectors. Additionally, any set of m linearly independent vectors from the subspace forms a basis for the subspace and any set of m vectors that spans the subspace forms a basis for the subspace. The dimension of such a subspace is m , i.e. the dimension of the subspace is the number of vectors in each basis for the subspace.

Theorem 8.11: “Theorem 8” revisited

If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, then either each of the following statements is true about A or each of the following statements is false about A .

- a. A is an invertible matrix (i.e., A is nonsingular).
- b. A is row equivalent to I_n .
- c. A has n pivot columns.
- d. The only solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ is $\vec{0}$ (the trivial solution).
- e. The columns of A form a linearly independent set.
- f. The linear transformation $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ is one-to-one.
- g. The equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has exactly one solution $\forall \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- h. The columns of A span \mathbb{R}^n .
- i. The linear transformation $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ is onto \mathbb{R}^n .
- l. A^T is nonsingular.
- m. $\det(A) \neq 0$
- n. The columns of A form a basis \mathbb{R}^n .
- o. $\text{Col}(A) = \mathbb{R}^n$
- p. $\dim(\text{Col}(A)) = n$
- q. $\text{Nul}(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$
- r. $\dim(\text{Nul}(A)) = 0$