

Math 2250-1

Tuesday 10/4

↳ 4.1-4.3 cont'd; start 4.4

Vocabulary/concept review:

linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ :span  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ : $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  linearly independent" linearly dependentvector space  $V$ subspace  $W \subset V$ , where  $V$  is a vector space (subspace is not the same as subset).

Then finish pages 4-5 of Monday's notes, exercises 5-9

Exercise 10: Characterize all possible subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  - there are 4 types

n exercises 9-10, we used (& understood):

Theorem: Let  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (or  $V$ ).  
Then  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is a subspace of  $V$

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$\alpha)$  if  $\vec{v} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k\vec{v}_k$  and  $\vec{u} = d_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + d_k\vec{v}_k$  are both in  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$   
then  $\vec{v} + \vec{u} = (c_1 + d_1)\vec{v}_1 + \dots + (c_k + d_k)\vec{v}_k \in \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ .

&  $\beta)$   $t\vec{v} = tc_1\vec{v}_1 + tc_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + tc_k\vec{v}_k \in \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ . ■

Exercise 6 is a special case of

Theorem Let  $A_{m \times n}$ . The solution set to the homogeneous matrix equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$   
i.e.  $W := \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ s.t. } A\vec{x} = \vec{0}\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

check

$\alpha)$  if  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in W$ , then  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  and  $A\vec{y} = \vec{0}$ . Thus  $A(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = A\vec{x} + A\vec{y} = \vec{0} + \vec{0} = \vec{0}$

$\beta)$  if  $\vec{x} \in W$ , then  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  so

$$A(c\vec{x}) = cA\vec{x} = c\vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

so  $c\vec{x} \in W$ . ■

so  $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in W$ .

Definition : If  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  span a subspace  $W$   
 and if  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  are linearly independent,  
 then  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is called a basis for  $W$ .

Definition : The number of vectors in a basis for a subspace  $W$  is  
 called the dimension of  $W$

Exercise 11

What are the dimensions of the 4 subspace types in exercise 10?

Exercise 12 Find a basis for the solution space to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , for the  $A_{4 \times 6}$  at right.  
 Explain why your basis spans the solution space.  
 Verify that your basis is linearly independent  
 (The solution set to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is called the nullspace of  $A$ .)

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[> with(LinearAlgebra):
> A := Matrix(4, 6, [1, 2, 0, 1, 1, 2,
                    2, 4, 1, 4, 1, 7,
                    -1, -2, 1, 1, -2, 1,
                    -2, -4, 0, -2, -2, -4]);
A :=
| 1 2 0 1 1 2 | 0
| 2 4 1 4 1 7 | 0
| -1 -2 1 1 -2 1 | 0
| -2 -4 0 -2 -2 -4 | 0
> ReducedRowEchelonForm(A):
| 1 2 0 1 1 2 | 0
| 0 0 1 2 -1 3 | 0
| 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0
| 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0
  
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Exercise 13: Another natural subspace associated to the matrix  $A_{4 \times 6}$  in Ex. 12, is the span of the 6 columns. This is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  (called the column space). How many different bases for this subspace can you find, using only (some) of the columns of the original matrix?

Hint: if you begin with all 6 columns and successively discard columns which are dependent on the ones you have left, you won't decrease their span.... keep doing this until you have an independent spanning set.

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                    A :=
                    | 1  2  0  1  1  2 | 0
                    | 2  4  1  4  1  7 | 0
                    | -1 -2  1  1 -2  1 | 0
                    | -2 -4  0 -2 -2 -4 | 0
> ReducedRowEchelonForm(A);
                    | 1  2  0  1  1  2 | 0
                    | 0  0  1  2 -1  3 | 0
                    | 0  0  0  0  0  0 | 0
                    | 0  0  0  0  0  0 | 0
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