

Math 313.002 Linear Algebra Review for Test2 Fall 2007

1. Show that the range of the linear operator defined by the equations is not all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and find a vector that is not in the range.

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &= x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 \\ w_2 &= 5x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 \\ w_3 &= 4x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 9 & -2 \\ 0 & 9 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 9 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

So Range of  $\bar{w} = A\bar{x}$  is not all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\bar{w} \in \text{Range} : \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & w_1 \\ 5 & -1 & 3 & w_2 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & w_3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & w_1 \\ 0 & 9 & -2 & w_2 - 4w_1 \\ 0 & 9 & -2 & w_3 - 5w_1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & w_1 \\ 0 & 9 & -2 & w_2 - 4w_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & w_3 - 5w_1 - (w_2 - 4w_1) \\ & & & (= -w_3 - w_1 - w_2) \end{array} \right]$$

$$\bar{w} \in \text{Range} \Leftrightarrow w_3 - w_1 - w_2 = 0$$

$$\bar{w} \notin \text{Range} \Leftrightarrow w_3 - w_1 - w_2 \neq 0.$$

So for example  $(2, 1, 1) \in \text{Range}$  but

$(2, 1, 2) \notin \text{Range}$

2. Which of the following subsets  $W$  of  $P_3$  (the polynomials of degree 3 or less) are in fact subspaces of  $P_3$ ? Why or why not?

- (a) all polynomials  $ax + 1$  where  $a$  is a real number.
- (b) all polynomials  $ax^2 + bx + c$  where  $a + b = 0$  and  $c$  is an arbitrary real number.
- (c) all polynomials  $e^ax$  where  $a$  is a real number.
- (d) all polynomials  $a + ax + bx^3$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers.

(a)  $W = \{ax + 1\}$  is not a subspace

$$c(ax + 1) = cax + c \neq Ax + 1 \text{ for } c \neq 1.$$

(b)  $W = \{ax^2 + bx + c : a + b = 0, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a subspace

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \{a(x^2) + (-a)x + c\} = \{a(x^2 - x) + c\} \\ &= \text{Span} \{(x^2 - x), 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $\{e^ax\}$  is not a subspace because  $-e^ax \neq e^Ax$  for any real  $A$ . (when  $a$  is real)

(d)  $\{a + ax + bx^3\} = \{a(1+x) + bx^3\} = \text{Span} \{(1+x), x^3\}$  is a subspace.

3. (a) Express  $w = (4, 3, 2)$  as a linear combination of  $u = (1, 0, -1)$  and  $v = (2, 1, 0)$ .

(b) Is it possible to express any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  as a linear combination of  $u$  and  $v$ ? Why or why not?

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} k_1 & k_2 & \\ \hline \bar{u} & \bar{v} & \bar{w} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$k_2 = 3, k_1 = 4 - 2k_2 = 4 - 6 = -2. \quad \text{So } \boxed{\bar{w} = -2\bar{u} + 3\bar{v}.}$$

(b) no, because  $\dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3$  while  $\dim \text{Span}\{\bar{u}, \bar{v}\} = 2$ .

In particular  $\bar{w} = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Span}\{\bar{u}, \bar{v}\} \Leftrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & w_1 \\ 0 & 1 & w_2 \\ -1 & 0 & w_3 \end{array} \right]$  is consistent

$\Leftrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & w_1 \\ 0 & 1 & w_2 \\ 0 & 2 & w_3 + w_1 \end{array} \right]$  is consistent  $\Leftrightarrow w_3 + w_1 = 2w_2$ . This property is satisfied by  $(4, 3, 2)$  but not by, say,  $(4, 3, 3)$

4. Determine whether the following vectors span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .  
 $v_1 = (1, 4, 7)$ ,  $v_2 = (2, 5, 8)$ ,  $v_3 = (3, 6, 10)$ .

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & -6 & -11 \end{bmatrix} = -\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & -6 & -11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = -3 \neq 0. \quad \text{Therefore}$$

$A = [v_1 \mid v_2 \mid v_3]$  is invertible so in particular

any vector  $\bar{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  can be written as  $\bar{w} = k_1 \bar{v}_1 + k_2 \bar{v}_2 + k_3 \bar{v}_3$  for some  $k_1, k_2, k_3$

because in fact  $\begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \\ k_3 \end{bmatrix} = A^{-1} \bar{w}$  does the job

5 (a) Show that  $v_1 = (1, 2, 3)$ ,  $v_2 = (4, 5, 6)$ , and  $v_3 = (7, 8, 9)$  are linearly dependent in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(b) Express each vector as a linear combination of the other two.

Do part (b) first this shows part (a).

$$[v_1 | v_2 | v_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & -6 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$= [w_1 | w_2 | w_3]$ , say. Obviously  $w_3 = -w_1 + 2w_2$ .

So  $(*) v_3 = -v_1 + 2v_2$ . Hence  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  are dependent  
 also  $[v_1 = 2v_2 - v_3]$  (by solving  $(*)$  for  $v_1$ ) and also

6. Determine bases of each of the following subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . State the dimension of each subspace.

(a) all vectors of the form  $(a, a+b, 0, 0)$ .

(b) all vectors of the form  $(a, b, b, b)$ .

(c) all vectors of the form  $(a, a, b, c)$  where  $a+b+c=0$ .

$$\boxed{v_2 = \frac{v_3 + v_1}{2}}$$

(a)  $(a, a+b, 0, 0) = a(1, 1, 0, 0) + b(0, 1, 0, 0)$

Basis  $\{(1, 1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0, 0)\}$  dim. = 2

(b)  $(a, b, b, b) = a(1, 0, 0, 0) + b(0, 1, 1, 1)$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Basis  $\{(1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 1, 1)\}$ . dim. = 2.

(c)  $(a, a, b, c) = (a, a, b, -a-b)$   $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

with  $a+b+c=0$

$= a(1, 1, 0, -1) + b(0, 0, 1, -1)$ . dim = 2

Basis =  $\{(1, 1, 0, -1), (0, 0, 1, -1)\}$

7. Suppose  $A$  is a  $3 \times 5$  matrix.

- (a) Are the columns of  $A$  linearly independent, linearly dependent, or can you tell?  
 (b) What is the smallest the nullity of  $A$  can be? Explain.  
 (c) If the column space of  $A$  is a plane through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , what are the rank and nullity of  $A$ ? Explain.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{15} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{25} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \dots & a_{35} \end{bmatrix}^{3 \times 5}$$

(a)  $\text{Rank}(A) \leq 3$ . Thus, in particular,  
 $\text{Rank}(A) < 5$ . So columns of  $A$   
are linearly dependent

(b) nullity  $\geq 5 - 3 = 2$ . There will be at least 2  
 free variables in the solution of  $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}^{3 \times 1}$   
 since there can be at most 3 leading 1's.

(c) Column space is a plane means  $\text{Rank}(A) = 2$  (= dimension of a plane)  
 so nullity  $= 5 - 2 = 3$ .

Let the inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  be given  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = u_1v_1 + 4u_2v_2$  for  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$   
 and  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ . Let  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (0, 2)$ .

Compute:

- (a)  $\|\mathbf{u}\|$ ,  
 (b)  $\|\mathbf{v}\|$ ,  
 (c) the cosine of the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ , and,  
 (d) the distance  $d(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$ .

$$(a) \|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle} = \sqrt{1 \cdot 1 + 4(1 \cdot 1)} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$(b) \|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} = \sqrt{1 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} = \sqrt{16} = 4.$$

$$(c) \cos \theta = \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{1 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 2}{\sqrt{5} \cdot 4} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{5} \cdot 4} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$(d) d(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\bar{\mathbf{v}} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\|$$

$$= \sqrt{\langle \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rangle} = \sqrt{1(-1)(-1) + 4(1)(1)} = \sqrt{5}.$$

9. let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & -5 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find a basis for the row space of  $A$ .

(b) Find a basis for the nullspace of  $A$ .

(c) Verify that every vector in the row space is orthogonal to every vector in the nullspace (for the Euclidean inner product = dot product on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ).

$$A \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Basis for row space =  $\{ (1, 2, 3, 1) \quad (0, 1, 1, 1) \}$

nullspace.

$$x_4 = t$$

$$x_3 = s$$

$$x_2 = -s - t$$

$$x_1 = -2x_2 - 3s - t = -2(-s - t) - 3s - t = -s + t$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -s + t \\ -s - t \\ s \\ t \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Basis for null space  
 $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$$(1, 2, 3, 1) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$(1, 2, 3, 1) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$(0, 1, 1, 1) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$(0, 1, 1, 1) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$