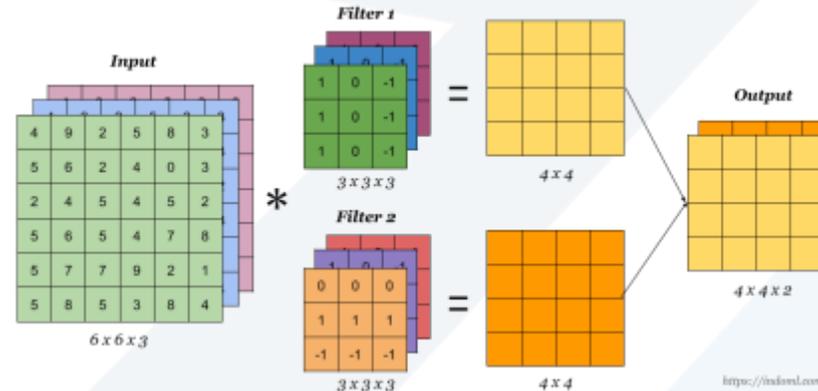


# CECC102, CECC122 & CEDC102 : Linear Algebra (and Matrix Theory)

## Lecture Notes 5: General Vector Spaces



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## Chapter 4

# General Vector Spaces

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## 1. Real Vector Spaces

- **Definition:** Let  $V$  be a set on which **two operations** (vector **addition** and scalar **multiplication**) are defined. If the following axioms are satisfied for every  $u, v$ , and  $w$  in  $V$  and every scalar  $c$  and  $d$ , then  $V$  is called a **vector space**.

### Addition:

(1)  $u + v$  is in  $V$

Closure under addition

(2)  $u + v = v + u$

Commutative property

(3)  $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$

Associative property

(4)  $V$  has a zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$ : for every  $u$  in  $V$ ,  $u + \mathbf{0} = u$

Additive identity

(5) For every  $u$  in  $V$ , there is a vector in  $V$  denoted by  $-u$ :  $u + (-u) = \mathbf{0}$

Scalar identity



## Scalar multiplication:

(6)  $c\mathbf{u}$  is a vector in  $V$

(7)  $c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$

(8)  $(c + d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{u}$

(9)  $c(d\mathbf{u}) = (cd)\mathbf{u}$

(10)  $1(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u}$

Closure under scalar multiplication

Distributive property

Distributive property

Associative property

Scalar identity

### ■ Notes:

(1) A vector space  $(V, +, \cdot)$  consists of **four entities**:

a nonempty set  $V$  of vectors, a set of scalars, and two operations  $(+, \cdot)$

(2)  $V = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  zero vector space



- Examples of vector spaces:

(1) Euclidean vector space:  $V = R^n$

$$(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n) \text{ vector addition}$$

$$k(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = (ku_1, ku_2, \dots, ku_n) \text{ scalar multiplication}$$

(2) Matrix space:  $V = M_{m \times n}$  (the set of all  $m \times n$  matrices with real values)

Example: ( $m = n = 2$ )

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ u_{21} & u_{22} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} \\ v_{21} & v_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} + v_{11} & u_{12} + v_{12} \\ u_{21} + v_{21} & u_{22} + v_{22} \end{bmatrix} \text{ vector addition}$$

$$k \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ u_{21} & u_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ku_{11} & ku_{12} \\ ku_{21} & ku_{22} \end{bmatrix} \text{ scalar multiplication}$$



(3)  **$n$ -th degree polynomial space:**  $V = P_n(x)$

(the set of all real polynomials of degree  $n$  or less)

$$p(x) + q(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + \cdots + (a_n + b_n)x^n$$

$$kp(x) = ka_0 + ka_1x + \cdots + ka_nx^n$$

(4) **Function space:**  $V = c(-\infty, \infty)$  (the set of all real functions)

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$(kf)(x) = kf(x)$$

■ **Theorem 1: (Properties of scalar multiplication)**

Let  $v$  any element of a vector space  $V$ , and let  $c$  be any scalars. Then the following properties are true:

$$(1) 0v = \mathbf{0} \quad (2) c\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} \quad (3) \text{ If } cv = \mathbf{0}, \text{ then } c = 0 \text{ or } v = \mathbf{0} \quad (4) (-1)v = -v$$



- **Note:** To show that a set is **not** a vector space, you need only find **one axiom** that is **not satisfied**.
- **Example 1:**  $V = R^2$  = the set of all ordered pairs of real numbers  
 vector addition:  $(u_1, u_2) + (v_1, v_2) = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2)$   
 scalar multiplication:  $c(u_1, u_2) = (cu_1, 0)$     Verify that  $V$  is not a vector space  
 $1(1, 1) = (1, 0) \neq (1, 1) \Rightarrow V$  with the given operations is not a vector space.
- **Example 2:** Set of all real polynomials of degree  $n$  Is Not a vector space. Why?

## 2. Subspaces of Vector Spaces

- **Definition:** A non-empty subset  $W$  of a vector space  $V$  is called a **subspace** of  $V$  if it is also a vector space with respect to the **same vector addition** and **scalar multiplication** as  $V$ .



- **Trivial subspace:** Every vector space  $V$  has at least two subspaces:
  - (1) Zero vector space  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
  - (2)  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
- **Theorem 2: (Test for a subspace)**

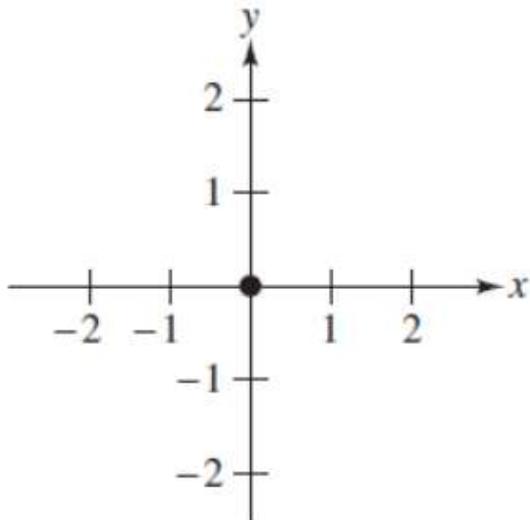
If  $W$  is a **nonempty subset** of a vector space  $V$ , then  $W$  is a **subspace** of  $V$  if and only if the following conditions **hold**:

  - (1) If  $u$  and  $v$  are in  $W$ , then  $u + v$  is in  $W$ .
  - (2) If  $u$  is in  $W$  and  $c$  is any scalar, then  $cu$  is in  $W$ .
- **Notes:**
  - (1) If  $u$  and  $v$  are in  $W$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are any scalars, then  $cu + dv$  is in  $W$ .  $\Rightarrow W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .



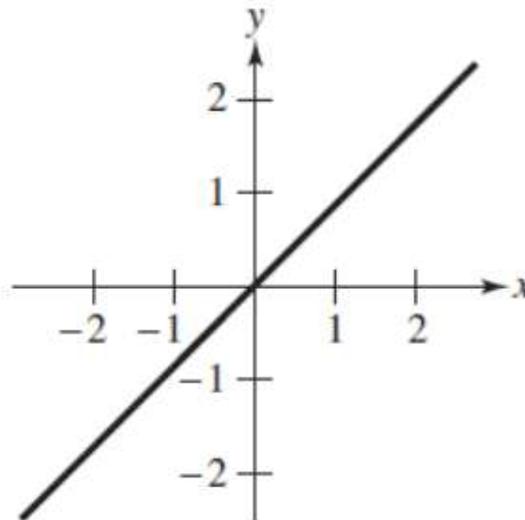
(2) If  $W$  is a subspace of a vector space  $V$ , then  $W$  contains the zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$  of  $V$ .

■ **Example 3:** Subspaces of  $R^2$



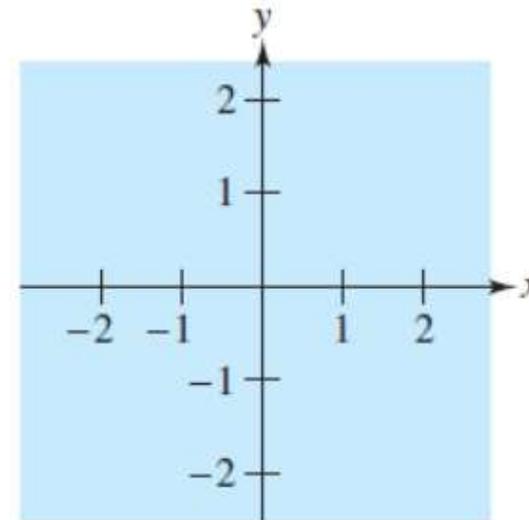
$$W = \{(0, 0)\}$$

(1)  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$



$W =$  all points on a line passing through the origin

(2) Lines through the origin



$$W = R^2$$

(3)  $R^2$



- **Example 4: (A Subset of  $R^2$  That Is Not a Subspace)**

Show that the subset of  $R^2$  consisting of all points on  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  is not a subspace.

points  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$  are in the subset, but their sum  $(1, 0) + (0, 1) = (1, 1)$  is not.

(not closed under addition)

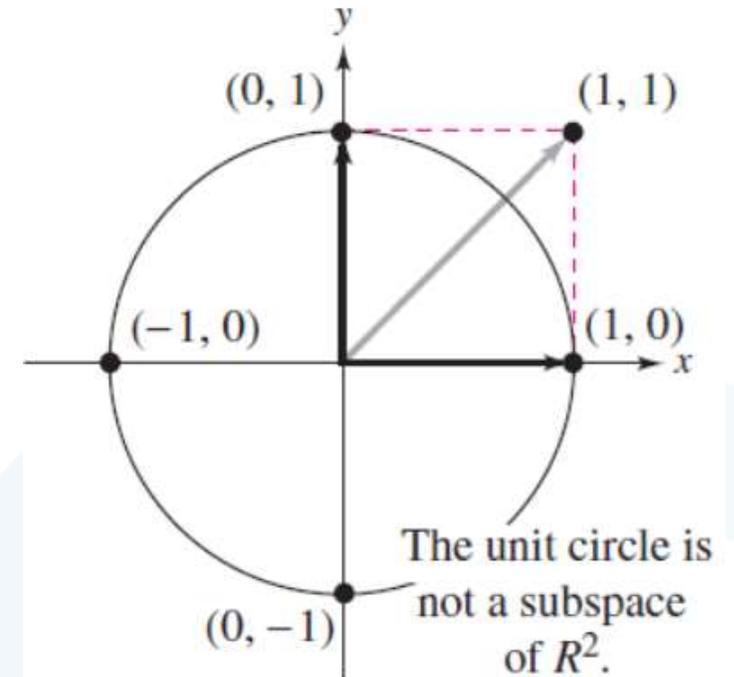
- **Example 5: Subspaces of  $R^3$**

(1)  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$        $\mathbf{0} = (0, 0, 0)$

(2) Lines through the origin

(3) Planes through the origin

(4)  $R^3$





- **Example 6: (Determining subspaces of  $R^2$ )**

Which of the following two subsets is a subspace of  $R^2$ ?

(a) The set of points on the line given by  $x + 2y = 0$ . **Yes**

(b) The set of points on the line given by  $x + 2y = 1$ . **No**

- **Example 7: (A subspace of  $M_{2 \times 2}$ )**

Let  $W$  be the set of all  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrices. Show that  $W$  is a subspace of the vector space  $M_{2 \times 2}$ , with the standard operations of matrix addition and scalar multiplication.

- **Example 8: (The set of singular matrices is not a subspace of  $M_{2 \times 2}$ )**

Let  $W$  be the set of singular matrices of order 2. Show that  $W$  is not a subspace of  $M_{2 \times 2}$  with the standard operations.



- **Theorem 3: (The intersection of two subspaces is a subspace)**

If  $V$  and  $W$  are both subspaces of a vector space  $U$ , then the intersection of  $V$  and  $W$  (denoted by  $V \cap W$ ) is also a subspace of  $U$ .

### 3. Spanning Sets and Linear Independence

- **Definition:** A vector  $v$  in a vector space  $V$  is called a **linear combination** of the vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  in  $V$  if  $v$  can be written in the form  $v = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k$  where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  are scalars.

- **Example 9: (Finding a Linear Combination)**

Write the vector  $v = 1 + x + x^2$  in  $P_2$  as a linear combination of vectors in the set  $S = \{v_1 = 1, v_2 = 1 - x, v_3 = 1 - x^2\}$ .

$$v = 1 + x + x^2 = 3v_1 - v_2 - v_3.$$



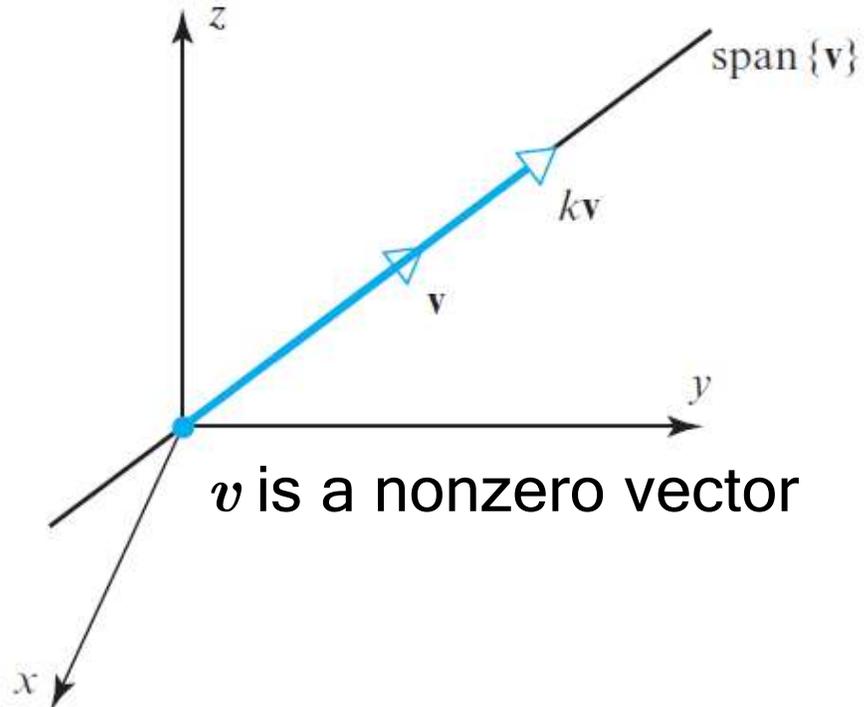
- **Definition:** Let  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  be a subset of a vector space  $V$ . The set  $S$  is a **spanning set** of  $V$  if every vector in  $V$  can be written as a linear combination of vectors in  $S$ . In such cases it is said that  $S$  spans  $V$ .
- The set  $S = \{1, x, x^2\}$  spans  $P_2$  because any polynomial  $p(x) = a + bx + cx^2$  in  $P_2$  can be written as:  $p(x) = a(1) + b(x) + c(x^2)$ .
- **Definition:** If  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  is a set of a vectors in a vector space  $V$ , then the **span of  $S$**  is the set of all linear combinations of the vectors in  $S$ .

$$\text{span}(S) = \{c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_kv_k \mid \forall c_i \in R\}$$

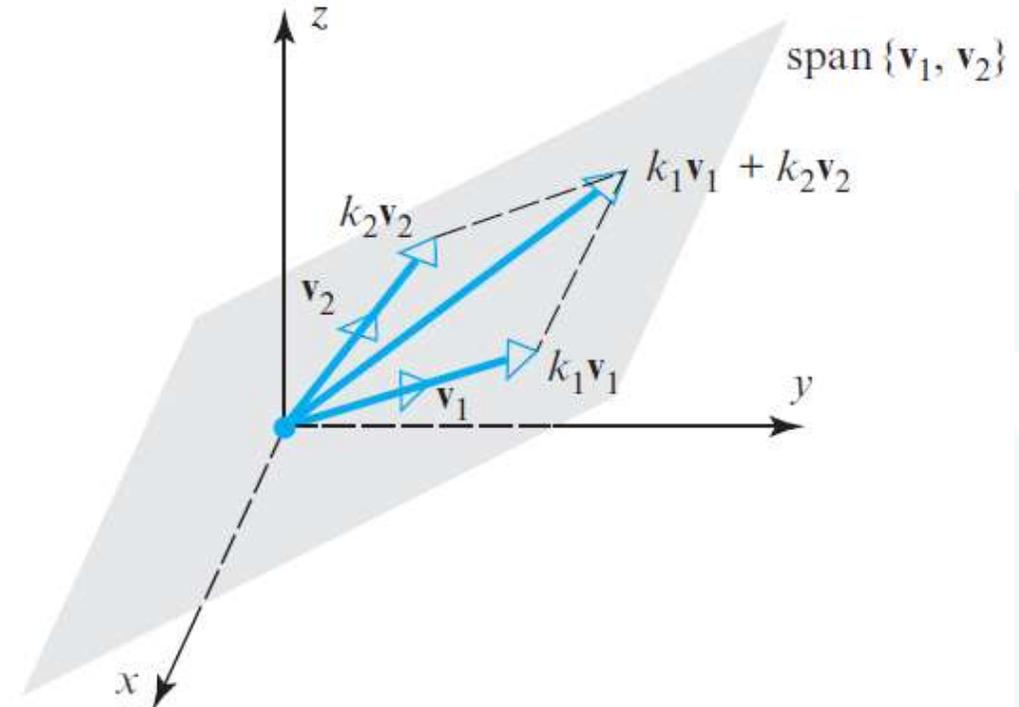
The span of  $S$  is denoted by:  $\text{span}(S)$  or  $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ .

When  $\text{span}(S) = V$ , it is said that  $V$  is spanned by  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ , or that  $S$  spans  $V$ .

- Example 10: (A Geometric View of Spanning in  $R^3$ )



$\text{span}\{v\}$  is the line through the origin determined by  $v$



$\text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}$  is the plane through the origin determined by  $v_1$  and  $v_2$



- **Theorem 4: ( $\text{Span}(S)$  is a subspace of  $V$ )**

If  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  is a set of vectors in a vector space  $V$ , then

(a)  $\text{span}(S)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

(b)  $\text{span}(S)$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  that contains  $S$ .

- **Example 11: (Finding subspace spanned by a set of vectors)**

Find the vector subspace spanned by the vectors  $\{v_1 = (1, 1, 1), v_2 = (1, 2, 3)\}$

$$x = (x, y, z) \in \text{span}(v_1, v_2) \Rightarrow x = \alpha v_1 + \beta v_2 = \alpha(1, 1, 1) + \beta(1, 2, 3)$$

$$x = \alpha + \beta \quad \alpha = x - \beta$$

$$y = \alpha + 2\beta \Rightarrow y = x + \beta \Rightarrow 2y - z = x$$

$$z = \alpha + 3\beta \quad z = x + 2\beta$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{span}(v_1, v_2) = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x - 2y + z = 0\}$$



- Definition:** A set of vectors  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  in a vector space  $V$  **linearly independent (LI)** when the vector equation  $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_kv_k = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0$ .

If there are also nontrivial solutions, then  $S$  is **linearly dependent (LD)**.

- Example 12: (Testing for linearly independent)**

Determine whether  $S = \{v_1 = 1 + x - 2x^2, v_2 = 2 + 5x - x^2, v_3 = x + x^2\}$  in  $P_2$  is LI or LD

$$c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3 = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 + 2c_2 = 0 \\ c_1 + 5c_2 + c_3 = 0 \\ -2c_1 - c_2 + c_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

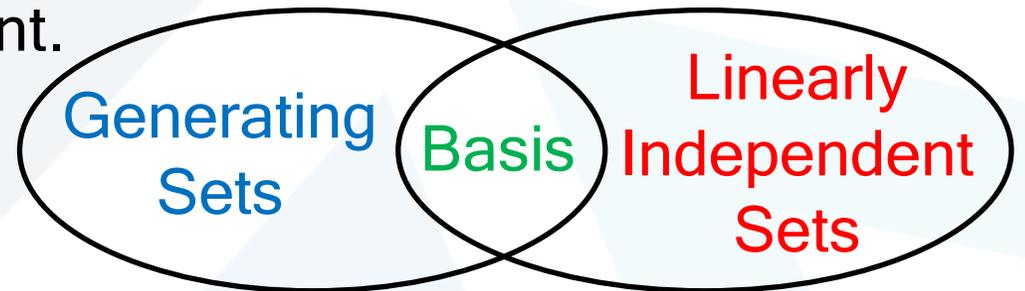
$$\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss Elimination}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Infinitely many solutions} \\ S \text{ is linearly dependent} \end{array}$$



## 4. Basis and Dimension

- Definition:** A set of vectors  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  in a vector space  $V$  is a **basis** for  $V$  when the conditions below are true:

1.  $S$  spans  $V$ .      2.  $S$  is linearly independent.



- The standard basis for  $R^n$ :

$$S = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\} \quad e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0), \quad e_2 = (0, 1, \dots, 0), \quad e_n = (0, 0, \dots, 1)$$

**Example:**  $R^4$   $S = \{(1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$

- The standard basis for  $M_{m \times n}$  matrix space:  $\{E_{ij} \mid 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$

**Example:**  $M_{2 \times 2}$   $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$



- **Theorem 5: (Uniqueness of basis representation)**

If  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a **basis** for a vector space  $V$ , then **every vector** in  $V$  can be **written in one and only one way** as a **linear combination** of vectors in  $S$ .

- **Theorem 6: (Bases and linear dependence)**

If  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for a vector space  $V$ , then every set containing more than  $n$  vectors in  $V$  is linearly dependent.

- **Theorem 7: (Number of vectors in a basis)**

If a vector space  $V$  has one basis with  $n$  vectors, then every basis for  $V$  has  $n$  vectors.

- **Definition:** A vector space  $V$  is called **finite dimensional**, if it has a basis consisting of a **finite** number of elements.



- **Definition:** The **dimension** of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  is defined to be the number of vectors in a basis for  $V$ .

$V$ : a vector space,  $S$ : a basis for  $V \Rightarrow \dim(V) = \#(S)$  (the number of vectors in  $S$ )

- **Notes:**

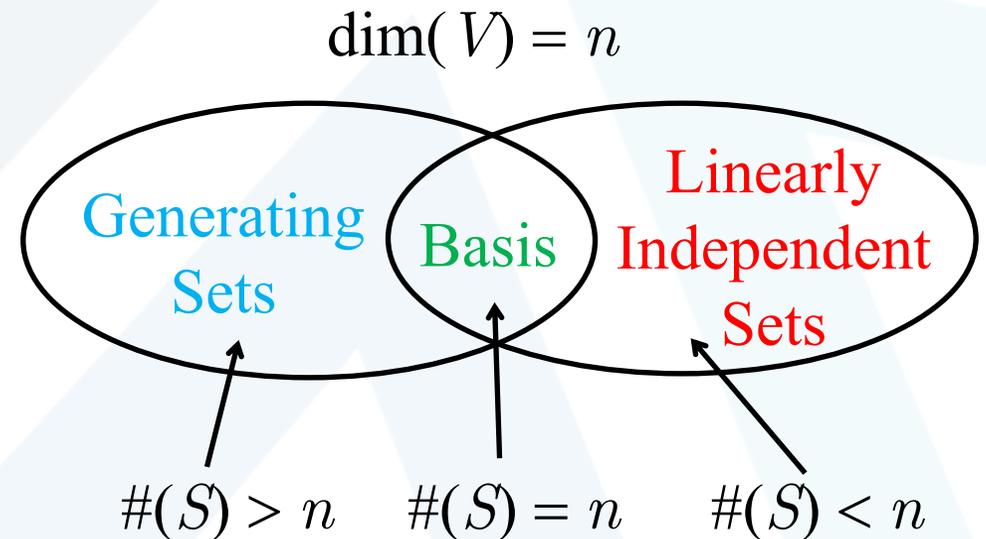
(1)  $\dim(\{\mathbf{0}\}) = 0$

(2)  $\dim(V) = n, S \subseteq V$

$S$ : a LI set  $\Rightarrow \#(S) \leq n$

$S$ : a generating set  $\Rightarrow \#(S) \geq n$

$S$ : a basis  $\Rightarrow \#(S) = n$





## 5. Rank and Nullity of a Matrix

**The Three Fundamental Spaces of a Matrix** If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then

- **Definition:** The subspace of  $R^n$  spanned by the row vectors of  $A$  is denoted by  $\text{row}(A) = RS(A)$  and is called the **row space** of  $A$ .
- **Definition:** The subspace of  $R^m$  spanned by the column vectors of  $A$  is denoted by  $\text{col}(A) = CS(A)$  and is called the **column space** of  $A$ .
- **Definition:** The solution space of the homogeneous system  $Ax = \mathbf{0}$ , which is a subspace of  $R^n$ , is denoted by  $\text{null}(A) = NS(A)$  and is called the **null space** of  $A$ .
- **Theorem 8: (Row and column space have equal dimensions)**  
If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then the row space and the column space of  $A$  have the same dimension  $\dim(RS(A)) = \dim(CS(A))$ .



- **Theorem 9: (Solution of a system of linear equations)**

The system of linear equations  $Ax = b$  is consistent if and only if  $b$  is in the column space of  $A$ .

- **Definition:** The dimension of the row (or column) space of a matrix  $A$  is called the **rank** of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\text{rank}(A)$ :  **$\text{rank}(A) = \dim(RS(A)) = \dim(CS(A))$** .

- **Definition:** The dimension of the nullspace of  $A$  is called the nullity of  $A$ :  **$\text{nullity}(A) = \dim(NS(A))$** .

- **Theorem 10:** If  $A$  is any matrix, then  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$ .

- **Notes:**

(1) The **maximum** number of **linearly independent** vectors in a matrix is **equal** to the number of **non-zero rows** in its **row echelon** matrix.



- (2) The number of **leading** 1's in the **reduced row-echelon** form of  $A$  is equal to the **rank** of  $A$ .
- (3) The number of **free variables** in the **reduced row-echelon** form of  $A$  is equal to the **nullity** of  $A$ .
- **Theorem 11: (Consistency of  $Ax = b$ )**  
If  $\text{rank}([A|b]) = \text{rank}(A)$ , then the system  $Ax = b$  is consistent.
  - **Notes:**
    - (1) If  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A|b) = n$ , then the system  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution.
    - (2) If  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A|b) < n$ , then the system  $Ax = b$  has  $\infty$ -many solutions.
    - (3) If  $\text{rank}(A) < \text{rank}(A|b)$ , then the system  $Ax = b$  is inconsistent.



- **Example 13: (Rank by Row Reduction)**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 5 & -7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss Elimination}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{rank}(A) = 2$  (2 non-zero rows)

$\text{nullity}(A) = 2$  (2 free variables)

- **Example 14 : (Finding the solution set of a nonhomogeneous system)**

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 - x_3 &= -1 \\ x_1 + x_3 &= 3 \\ 3x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan Elimination}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$[A : \mathbf{b}] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan Elimination}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_3 &= 3 & x_1 &= 3 - x_3 \\ x_2 - 2x_3 &= -4 & \Rightarrow x_2 &= -4 + 2x_3 \end{aligned}$$

letting  $x_3 = t$ , then the solutions are:  $\{(3 - t, -4 + 2t, t) | t \in \mathbb{R}\}$

So the system has infinitely many solutions (consistent)

- **Note:**  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}([A : \mathbf{b}]) = 2$ .
- **Theorem 12: (Dimension Theorem for Matrices)**

If  $A$  is a matrix with  $n$  columns, then  $\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n$ .



■ **Example 15 : (Rank and nullity of a matrix)**

Find the rank and nullity of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & 0 & -12 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & 0 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{G.J. Elimination}} B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{rank}(A) = 3$  (the number of nonzero rows in  $B$ )

$\text{nullity}(A) = n - \text{rank}(A) = 5 - 3 = 2$



- **Summary of equivalent conditions for square matrices:**

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $A$  is invertible
- (2)  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution for any  $n \times 1$  matrix  $b$ .
- (3)  $Ax = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution.
- (4)  $A$  is row-equivalent to  $I_n$ .
- (5)  $|A| \neq 0$ .
- (6)  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ .
- (7) The  $n$  row vectors of  $A$  are linearly independent.
- (8) The  $n$  column vectors of  $A$  are linearly independent.



## 6. Coordinates and Change of Basis

- Coordinate representation relative to a basis:** Let  $B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be an ordered basis for a vector space  $V$  and let  $x$  be a vector in  $V$  such that:

$$x = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n.$$

The scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are called the **coordinates of  $x$  relative to the basis  $B$** . The **coordinate matrix** (or **coordinate vector**) of  $x$  relative to  $B$  is the column matrix in  $R^n$  whose components are the coordinates of  $x$ .

$$[x]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- Example 16 : (Coordinates and components in  $R^n$ )**

Find the coordinate matrix of  $x = (-2, 1, 3)$  in  $R^3$  relative to the standard basis  $S$ .

$$x = (-2, 1, 3) = -2(1, 0, 0) + 1(0, 1, 0) + 3(0, 0, 1)$$

$$[x]_S = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



■ **Example 17 : (Finding a coordinate matrix relative to a nonstandard basis)**

Find the coordinate matrix of  $x = (1, 2, -1)$  in  $R^3$  relative to the (nonstandard) basis  $B' = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\} = \{(1, 0, 1), (0, -1, 2), (2, 3, -5)\}$

$$x = c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + c_3 u_3 \Rightarrow (1, 2, -1) = c_1(1, 0, 1) + c_2(0, -1, 2) + c_3(2, 3, -5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{rcl} c_1 & + & 2c_3 = 1 \\ & -c_2 & + 3c_3 = 2 \\ c_1 & + & 2c_2 - 5c_3 = -1 \end{array} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{G. J. Elimination}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [x]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -8 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Change of Basis In $\mathbb{R}^n$

- **Change of basis:** Given the coordinates of a vector **relative** to a basis  $B$ , find the coordinates relative to **another** basis  $B'$ .

In **Example 17**, let  $B$  be the standard basis. **Finding** the coordinate matrix of  $\mathbf{x} = (1, 2, -1)$  **relative** to the basis  $B'$  becomes **solving** for  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $c_3$  in the matrix equation.

$$\begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ P & [\mathbf{x}]_{B'} & & [\mathbf{x}]_B \end{matrix}$$

$P$  is the transition matrix from  $B'$  to  $B$ ,

$$P[\mathbf{x}]_{B'} = [\mathbf{x}]_B$$

**Change of basis from  $B'$  to  $B$**

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{B'} = P^{-1} [\mathbf{x}]_B$$

**Change of basis from  $B$  to  $B'$**



$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -7 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -8 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$P^{-1}$        $[x]_B$        $[x]_{B'}$

$$[x]_{B'} = P^{-1} [x]_B$$

Coordinate  
matrix of  $x$   
relative to  $B'$

Transition  
matrix from  
 $B$  to  $B'$

Coordinate  
matrix of  $x$   
relative to  $B$

- **Theorem 13: (The inverse of a transition matrix)**

If  $P$  is the transition matrix from a basis  $B'$  to a basis  $B$  in  $R^n$ , then

(1)  $P$  is invertible.

(2) The transition matrix from  $B$  to  $B'$  is  $P^{-1}$ .



- **Notes:**

$$B = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}, \quad B' = \{\mathbf{u}'_1, \mathbf{u}'_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}'_n\}$$

$$[\mathbf{v}]_B = [[\mathbf{u}'_1]_B, [\mathbf{u}'_2]_B, \dots, [\mathbf{u}'_n]_B] \quad [\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = P [\mathbf{v}]_B$$

$$[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = [[\mathbf{u}_1]_{B'}, [\mathbf{u}_2]_{B'}, \dots, [\mathbf{u}_n]_{B'}] \quad [\mathbf{v}]_B = P^{-1} [\mathbf{v}]_{B'}$$

- **Theorem 14: (Transition matrix from  $B$  to  $B'$ )**

Let  $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  and  $B' = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$  be two bases for  $R^n$ . Then the transition matrix  $P^{-1}$  from  $B$  to  $B'$  can be found by using Gauss-Jordan elimination on the  $n \times 2n$  matrix  $[B':B]$  as follows:  $[B':B] \longrightarrow [I_n:P^{-1}]$

- **Example 18: (Finding a transition matrix)**

$B = \{(-3, 2), (4, -2)\}$  and  $B' = \{(-1, 2), (2, -2)\}$  are two bases for  $R^2$

(a) Find the transition matrix from  $B'$  to  $B$ .



(b) Let  $[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $[\mathbf{v}]_B$

(c) Find the transition matrix from  $B$  to  $B'$ .

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{G. J. Elimination}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $B$   $B'$   $I$   $P$  (the transition matrix from  $B'$  to  $B$ )

(b)  $[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [\mathbf{v}]_B = P[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

▪ **Check:**  $[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{v} = (1)(-1, 2) + (2)(2, -2) = (3, -2)$

$[\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{v} = (-1)(3, -2) + (0)(4, -2) = (3, -2)$



$$(c) \begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & 2 & -3 & 4 & & \\ 2 & -2 & 2 & -2 & & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{G. J. Elimination}} \begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 & & \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 & & \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{array}{cc} B' & B \\ I & P^{-1} \end{array} \end{array} \quad \text{(the transition matrix from } B \text{ to } B')$$

- **Check:**  $PP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_2$

- **Example 19: (Finding a transition matrix)**

Find the transition matrix from  $B$  to  $B'$  for The bases for  $R^3$  below.

$B = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$  and  $B' = \{(1, 0, 1), (0, -1, 2), (2, 3, -5)\}$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{array}{c}
 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc}
 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & -1 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
 1 & 2 & -5 & 0 & 0 & 1
 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{G. J. Elimination}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc}
 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 & 2 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & -7 & -3 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -1
 \end{array} \right] \\
 \begin{array}{cc}
 B' & B \\
 I & P^{-1}
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -7 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -8 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

the result is the same as that obtained in **Example 17**