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## Vector subspaces

### Lecture 10

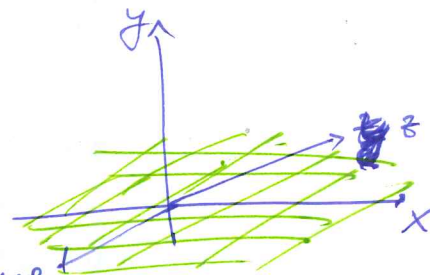
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Other important examples/remarks

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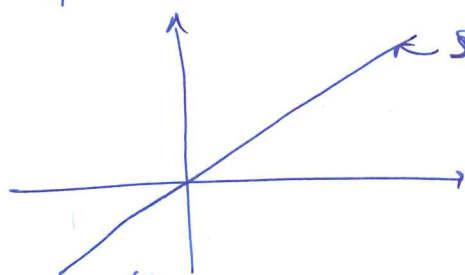
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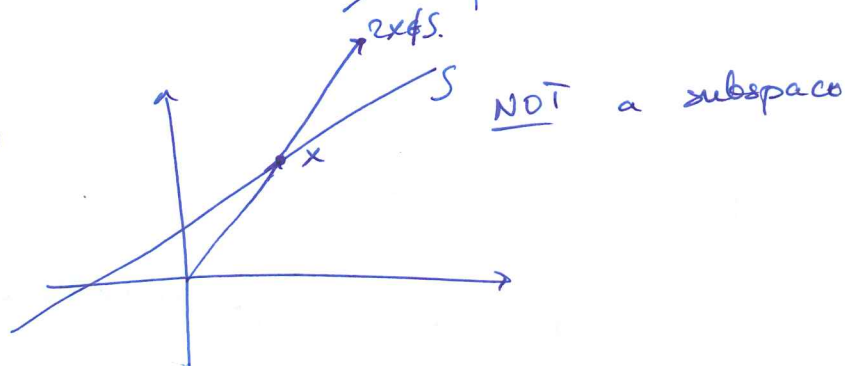
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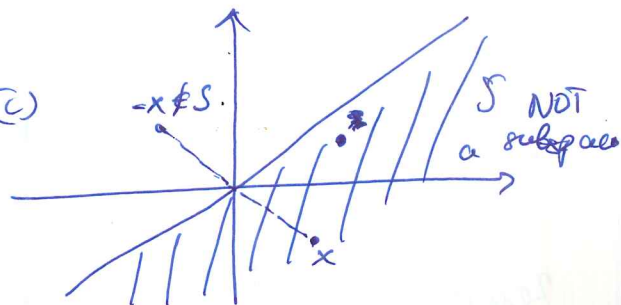
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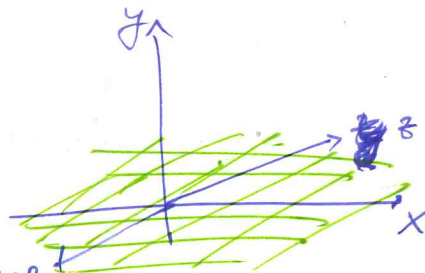
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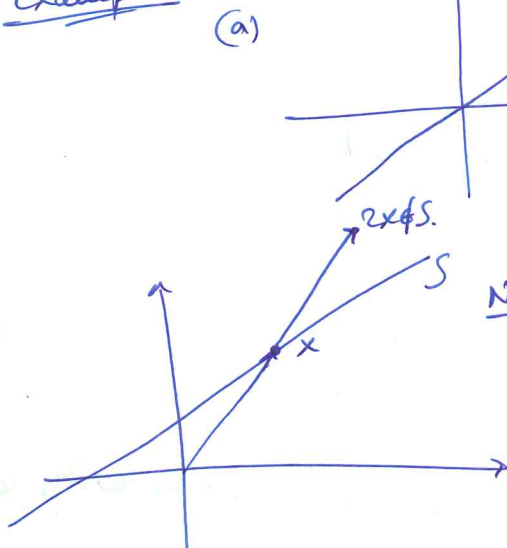
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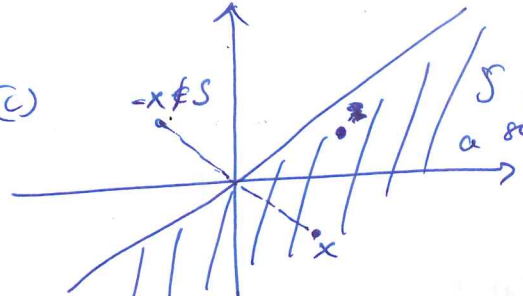
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Example: (a)  a subspace

(b)  NOT a subspace

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## Linear dependence/independence

• Given vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  and scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$ , the sum  $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k = \sum_{j=1}^k c_j v_j$  is a linear combination of  $v_1, \dots, v_k$ .

• We say that  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is linearly dependent if  $\exists c_j$  ~~not~~ not all 0 s.t.  $\sum_{j=1}^k c_j v_j = \vec{0}$ .

• If  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is not linearly dependent, then it is linearly independent.

How to check linear dependence/independence?

Example: (1).  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is l.d.  
 $+2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + (-1) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0}$ .

(2).  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is l.i. because  
 $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{matrix} c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 = 0 \end{matrix}!$

(3).  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is l.d.  
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 5 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0}$ .

(# vectors > dimension  $\rightarrow$  see next class!)

In general:  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  given.

Are these linearly independent?

Rephrase: Are there  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  not all 0 s.t.

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k = \vec{0} \quad (*)$$

$\rightarrow$  a linear system with  $k$  unknowns.

Let's rewrite (\*) using matrix notation:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_k \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_V \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_k \end{bmatrix}}_C = \vec{0}$$

$n \times k$                        $k \times 1$                        $n \times 1$

so: Want to find all solutions to  $Vc = \vec{0}$

Then,

- if (\*) has a unique solution, that solution has to be

$$c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0.$$

$\Leftrightarrow \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is linearly independent.

- otherwise, they are linearly dependent

In fact, we can read off this information from the rref of  $V$ .

How? ~~Fact~~ Fact from Math 152/221/223/—:

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times k$  matrix. Then  $\exists$  an invertible matrix  $Q$  s.t.  $QA = \text{rref}(A)$

Alternatively,  $A = Q^{-1} \text{rref}(A)$ .

Then, we have the following consequence.

Proposition: For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $Vx = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow \text{rref}(V)x = \vec{0}$ .

Proof: Let  $Q$  be s.t.  $\text{rref}(V) = QV$ .

$\Rightarrow$ : suppose that  $Vx = \vec{0}$ . Then,  $\underbrace{Q}_{\text{rref}(V)} Vx = Q\vec{0} = \vec{0}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{rref}(V)x = \vec{0}.$$

$\Leftarrow$ : suppose  $\text{rref}(V)x = \vec{0}$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{Q^{-1}}_{\text{rref}(V)} \text{rref}(V)x = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q(Vx) = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q^{-1}\vec{0} \Rightarrow Vx = \vec{0}.$$

Note: above  $V$  does not need to be square - works for any  $n \times k$  matrix  $V$ .

Examples:

(1)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  Are these l.d.?

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  unique solution  $\Rightarrow$  linearly independent.

(2)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 10 \\ 3 & 1 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 \\ 0 & -2 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# pivot columns = 2  
# vectors = 3 } linearly dependent.

Furthermore,  $Vx = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow \text{ref}(V)x = \vec{0}$

$\Rightarrow$  can find  $x$  by looking at  $\text{ref}(V)$ :

$$\text{col \# 3} = 3 \text{ col \# 1} + 4 \text{ col \# 2}$$

$$3 \text{ col \# 1} + 4 \text{ col \# 2} - \text{col \# 3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ref}(V) \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Conclusion: (1) Pivot columns of  $V$  are linearly independent; other cols can be written as lin. combs of pivot columns

(2) The corresponding coeffs can be read off of  $\text{ref}(V)$ .