

## 4 Linear independence, basis and dimension

### 4.1 Linear independence, bases and dimension

Determine if the following sets of  $3 \times 1$  vectors are linearly independent:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Does the system

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & -2 & | & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & | & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

have a non-trivial solution? ( $c_1 \neq 0, c_2 \neq 0$ , or  $c_3 \neq 0$ )

$\Rightarrow$  linearly dependent

$\hookrightarrow$  if only trivial solution  $\Rightarrow$  linearly independent

only solution:

$$\begin{matrix} c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 = 0 \\ c_3 = 0 \end{matrix} \text{ (trivial solution)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  linearly independent

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -6 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Does the system

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -6 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 & -6 \\ 5 & -4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & | & 0 \\ -4 & 2 & -6 & | & 0 \\ 5 & -4 & 9 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

have a non-trivial solution? ( $c_1 \neq 0, c_2 \neq 0$ , or  $c_3 \neq 0$ )

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$\left. \begin{matrix} c_1 + c_3 = 0 \\ c_2 - c_3 = 0 \end{matrix} \right\}$  This also has the trivial solution  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ ,  $0+0=0$ ,  $0-0=0$ ,

but it also has non-trivial solutions!

$\therefore$  linearly dependent

$\hookrightarrow$  any constants  $\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} s$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  will solve

the system!

### 4.2 Change of basis, the rank/nullity theorem

Let  $B = \{b_1, b_2\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $B' = \{b'_1, b'_2\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  be two bases for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , where each is relative to the standard basis  $S = \{s_1, s_2\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ . Find  $P_{B' \leftarrow B}$ .

$$\text{we know } (P_{S \leftarrow B'}) (P_{B' \leftarrow B}) = P_{S \leftarrow B}$$

$$P_{B' \leftarrow B} = (P_{S \leftarrow B'})^{-1} (P_{S \leftarrow B}) = (P_{B' \leftarrow S}) (P_{S \leftarrow B}) \rightsquigarrow P_{B' \leftarrow B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} P_{S \leftarrow B} & P_{S \leftarrow B'} & (P_{S \leftarrow B'})^{-1} = P_{B' \leftarrow S} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} & \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \end{matrix}$$

Let  $B_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $B_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  be two bases for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . You are told the matrix representation of a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  with respect to the basis  $B_1$  on the source and  $B_2$  on the target, is given by  ${}_{B_2}M_{B_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

What is  ${}_{C_2}M_{C_1}$ , where  $C_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $C_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ ?

$$P_{S \leftarrow B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_{S \leftarrow B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_{S \leftarrow C_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_{S \leftarrow C_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} {}_{C_2}M_{C_1} &= P_{C_2 \leftarrow S} \cdot P_{S \leftarrow B_2} \cdot {}_{B_2}M_{B_1} \cdot P_{B_1 \leftarrow S} \cdot P_{S \leftarrow C_1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}_{C_2}M_{C_1} \end{aligned}$$

Also:

$$\begin{aligned} {}_{C_2}M_{C_1} &= P_{C_2 \leftarrow B_2} \cdot {}_{B_2}M_{B_1} \cdot P_{B_1 \leftarrow C_1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}_{C_2}M_{C_1} \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $B_3$  is another basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , where  ${}_{B_3}M_{B_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . What is the change of basis matrix  $P_{B_3 \leftarrow B_2}$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} {}_{B_3}M_{B_1} &= P_{B_3 \leftarrow B_2} \cdot {}_{B_2}M_{B_1} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} &= P_{B_3 \leftarrow B_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ \boxed{P_{B_3 \leftarrow B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{11}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{9}{2} & \frac{5}{2} \end{bmatrix}} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  be another basis.

If  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_S = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}_B$ , what are  $a$  and  $b$ ?

$$P_{S \leftarrow B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

\* want to go from  $S$  to  $B$ , need  $P_{B \leftarrow S}$  \*

$$P_{B \leftarrow S} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2(2) - (1)(3)} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}_B = P_{B \leftarrow S} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_S = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_S = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}_B$$

If  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}_S$ , what are  $c$  and  $d$ ?

$$P_{S \leftarrow B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

\* want to go from  $S$  to  $B$ , need  $P_{S \leftarrow B}$  \*

$$\begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}_S = P_{S \leftarrow B} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}_S$$

Find the basis for the row space, column space, and nullspace of the following matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{REF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 4/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4/3 & 7/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/3 & -2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Column space:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(columns with pivot variables in REF, but original columns)

Row space:

$$\left\{ [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1/3 \ 4/3], [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 4/3 \ 7/4], [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1/3 \ -2/3] \right\}$$

(rows with pivot variables in REF, rows from REF!)

Nullspace:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 4/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4/3 & 7/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/3 & -2/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + \frac{1}{3}x_4 + \frac{4}{3}x_5 &= 0 \rightarrow x_1 = -\frac{1}{3}x_4 - \frac{4}{3}x_5 \\ x_2 + \frac{4}{3}x_4 + \frac{7}{4}x_5 &= 0 \rightarrow x_2 = -\frac{4}{3}x_4 - \frac{7}{4}x_5 \\ x_3 + \frac{1}{3}x_4 + \frac{1}{3}x_5 &= 0 \rightarrow x_3 = -\frac{1}{3}x_4 - \frac{1}{3}x_5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ -4/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_4 + \begin{bmatrix} -4/3 \\ -7/4 \\ 1/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_5$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Nullsp} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ -4/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4/3 \\ -7/4 \\ 1/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$