

Is  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  a spanning set for  $V$ ?

$\Rightarrow \text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \stackrel{?}{=} V$

$\Rightarrow$  Does  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  span  $V$ ?

Typical vector

$V = \mathbb{R}^3 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$

$V = \mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$V = \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

$V = \mathbb{P}_3 \Rightarrow ax^2 + bx + c \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$

You should be able to write any vector in  $V$  as a linear combination of  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ .

*a typical vector in  $V$*

$r_1 v_1 + r_2 v_2 + \dots + r_n v_n = \text{typical vector of } V$

If there is a solution for  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$  for all (we don't want no soln case possible!)  $\Rightarrow \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  spans  $V$ .

**EX**  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

Does  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

*a typical element*

$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$

$r_1 v_1 + r_2 v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$

Can we find a solution for  $(r_1, r_2)$  for all  $a, b, c$  without any restrictions?

$r_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + r_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{cases} r_1 + 2r_2 = a \\ 2r_1 + 0r_2 = b \\ 3r_1 + 5r_2 = c \end{cases}$

$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & a \\ 2 & 0 & b \\ 3 & 5 & c \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{-2r_1 \rightarrow r_2 \\ -3r_1 \rightarrow r_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & a \\ 0 & -4 & b-2a \\ 0 & -1 & c-3a \end{array} \right]$

$\xrightarrow{\substack{r_2 \leftrightarrow r_3 \\ -1r_2 \rightarrow r_2}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 3a-c \\ 0 & -4 & b-2a \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{4r_2 + r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 3a-c \\ 0 & 0 & 10a+b-4c \end{array} \right]$

$12a - 4c + b - 2a$   
 gives a restriction for  $a, b, c$   
 If  $10a + b - 4c \neq 0$  then the system has no soln.

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$\Rightarrow \{v_1, v_2\}$  does not span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Ex  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$   $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$   $v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  Does  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?   
 Yes  $\checkmark$

$$r_1 v_1 + r_2 v_2 + r_3 v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{array}{ccc|c} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 & \\ \hline 1 & -1 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & b \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & c \end{array}$$

$$\det(A) = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -9 \neq 0$$

A square system  $\rightarrow \det(A) \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  there is a solution.   
  $\det(A) = 0 \Rightarrow$  no soln.

Ex  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$   $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$   $v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  Does  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?   
 Not a spanning set  $\checkmark$ .

$$r_1 v_1 + r_2 v_2 + r_3 v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & a \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & b \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & c \end{array}$$

$$\det(A) = 1 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 0 + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -7 + 7 = 0$$

$-1 \cdot 6 = -7$   $\frac{4 - (-3)}{7} \Rightarrow$  No soln. case possible.

Ex  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$   $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$   $v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  Does  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?   
 Yes  $\checkmark$

$$r_1 v_1 + r_2 v_2 + r_3 v_3 + r_4 v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & a \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 3 & b \\ 3 & 2 & 0 & 4 & c \end{array} \xrightarrow{\substack{-2r_1 + r_2 \rightarrow r_2 \\ -3r_1 + r_3 \rightarrow r_3}} \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & b-2a \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & c-3a \end{array}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-2r_2 + r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & b-2a \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & -1 & c-2b-a \end{array} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{5}r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & b-2a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/5 & -(c-2b-a)/5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{matrix} -2b+2a \\ c-3a \end{matrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\quad} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & b-2a \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & -1 & c-2b-a \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{5}r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & b-2a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{-(c-2b-a)}{5} \end{array} \right]$$

$v_4 \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow$  inf many soln. ✓

$\Rightarrow$  No soln case is not possible ✓

Notice that:

For  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :  
 $< n$  vectors  $\Rightarrow$  can not span  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
 $\geq n$  vectors  $\Rightarrow$  may or may not span  $\mathbb{R}^n$  should check!  
 $(=n$  vector  $\Rightarrow$  make use of det  $\Rightarrow$  det  $\neq 0 \Rightarrow$  spans ✓  
det  $= 0 \Rightarrow$  not span X

For  $\mathbb{P}_n \Rightarrow //$

For  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \Rightarrow$   
 $< m \cdot n$  vectors  $\Rightarrow$  can not span  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$   
 $\geq mn$  vectors  $\Rightarrow$  may or may not span  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

✓  $\mathbb{P}_3 \Rightarrow$   
 $ax^2+bx+c$   
 $v_1 = 1+x, v_2 = x^2-2x+3, v_3 = x^2-2, v_4 = x-5$   
Does  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  span  $\mathbb{P}_3$ ? **Yes ✓**

$$r_1 v_1 + r_2 v_2 + r_3 v_3 + r_4 v_4 = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$r_1(1+x) + r_2(x^2-2x+3) + r_3(x^2-2) + r_4(x-5) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$\begin{cases} r_2 + r_3 = a \\ r_1 - 2r_2 + r_4 = b \\ r_1 + 3r_2 - 2r_3 - 5r_4 = c \end{cases}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & a \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & b \\ 1 & 3 & -2 & -5 & c \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2 \\ -r_1 + r_3 \rightarrow r_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 5 & -2 & -6 & c-b \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-5r_2 + r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & -7 & -6 & c-b-5a \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{7}r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 & r_4 & \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6/7 & (5a+b-c)/7 \end{array} \right]$$

REF ✓  $r_4 = \text{free}$  inf. many soln. ✓

Ex

$\mathbb{P}_3$

$$v_1 = 1+x^2, \quad v_2 = 3, \quad v_3 = x^2-5$$

Does  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  span  $\mathbb{P}_3$ ? No.

$$\downarrow$$

$$r_1 v_1 + r_2 v_2 + r_3 v_3 = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$r_1(1+x^2) + r_2(3) + r_3(x^2-5) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 + r_3 &= a \\ 0 &= b \\ r_1 + 3r_2 - 5r_3 &= c \end{aligned}$$

-----> If  $b \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  no soln.

→ a restriction for  $ax^2+bx+c$

## Linear Independence

vectors  $\star, \square, \triangle \in V$

$$\underline{c_1} \star + \underline{c_2} \square + \underline{c_3} \triangle = \mathbf{0}_V$$

→ we will try to solve a homogeneous system of linear eqns.

If  $\underline{c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0}$  is the

only soln. here  $\Leftrightarrow \star, \square, \triangle$  are linearly independent.

$\{\star, \square, \triangle\} \rightarrow$  This set is linearly independent.

$\nabla \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is "linearly independent"

!  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is "linearly independent"  
 iff  $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n = \vec{0}_v$  has only the trivial solution:  
 $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0$   
 (we don't want inf. many soln. case).

!  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  if this set includes  $\vec{0}_v \Rightarrow$  the set can not be linearly independent.  
 Ex  $v_4 = \vec{0}_v$   
 $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 + c_4 \vec{0}_v + \dots + c_m v_m = \vec{0}$   
 $c_4 \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$  leads to inf. many soln. case.

!  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  if any vector in this set can be written as a linear combination of some other vectors in the set,  
 $\Rightarrow$  the set can not be linearly independent.

Ex  $v_5 = 3v_1 + 2v_2$   
 $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_5 v_5 + \dots + c_m v_m = \vec{0}_v$   
 $c_1 = -3c_5, c_2 = -2c_5, c_5 \in \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{Q}$   $c_3 = 0 \dots c_m = 0$   
 inf. many soln.

Ex  $\mathbb{R}^3$   $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$   $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  Is  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  lin. independent?

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 1c_1 + 4c_2 = 0 \\ 2c_1 + 5c_2 = 0 \\ 3c_1 + 6c_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow \{v_1, v_2\}$  is lin. independent.

Ex

$\mathbb{R}^3$

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  lin. independent?  
No!

$v_2 = -2v_1$

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & 0 \\ 3 & -6 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$c_2 = \text{free}$   
 $c_1 = \dots$   
inf. many sol.

Ex

$\mathbb{R}^3$

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$

lin. independent?

X

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 + c_4 v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

REF  $\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \end{array} \right]$   
at least one free variable should come here  $\Rightarrow$  inf. many sol.

For  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$> n$  vectors  $\Rightarrow$  the set can not be lin. independent.

$\leq n$  vectors  $\Rightarrow$  may or may not be.

( $= n$  make use of  $\det A \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  trivial sol  
 $\det(A) = 0 \Rightarrow$  not lin. indep.)

For  $\mathbb{P}_n$

"  $\Rightarrow$

For  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$> mn$  vectors  $\Rightarrow$  these

# Minimum Spanning Set for $V$

$$\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n \quad V = \mathbb{R}^n \quad = n \text{ vectors}$$

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$$\dim(\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}) = mn \quad V = \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \quad = mn \text{ vectors}$$

linear independence ✓  
+ span  $V$

$$\det(A) \neq 0 \quad \checkmark$$

The set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$

↓  
 $\rightarrow$  Span  $V$   
 $\rightarrow$  linear independence ✓ }  $\Rightarrow$  "Basis"

$$\# \text{ elements in a basis of } V = \text{dimension of } V = \dim(V)$$