

a) A linear combination of a set of vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  is an ~~any~~ vector of the form

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$$\vec{v} = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n$$

example  $\vec{v} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$\vec{v}_2 = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

b) A set of vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  is

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Linearly independent if none of the vectors can be expressed in terms of the other ones

Example

$$\vec{v}_1 = \hat{i}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{v}_3 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

} linearly independent  
 ("basis of 3D space just like  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ ")

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Example

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{v}_1 = \hat{i} \\ \vec{v}_2 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} \\ \vec{v}_3 = \hat{i} - \hat{j} \end{array} \right\} \vec{v}_1 = (\vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3) / 2$$

linearly dependent

Simplest way to check

linear. (in)dependence:

Try to create zero from the  
vectors with not all vectors  
multiplied by zero  $\rightarrow$  dependent

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$$\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n = 0$$

only if  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_n = 0$   
 $\rightarrow$  linearly independent  
 otherwise linearly dependent

### Consequence

You can have at most  
 $n$   
 $3$  independent vectors  
 in  $n$   
 $3$  dimensional space

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$$\underbrace{\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}}_{\vec{v}_4} \quad \underbrace{\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}}_{\vec{v}_4} = 1\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{v}_1 \quad \vec{v}_2 \quad \vec{v}_3$$

$$0 = 1\vec{v}_1 + 1\vec{v}_2 + 1\vec{v}_3 - \vec{v}_4$$

A change of basis is switching  
to a different basis

e.g. solid body rotations  
 $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k} \rightarrow$  principal axes  $\hat{i}', \hat{j}', \hat{k}'$



"vector space" =  
the set of all vectors  
"spanned" by  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$   
= all vectors of the form  
 $\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n$

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Matrix of a system of equations

$$1x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 + 4x_4 = 0$$

$$3x_1 - 4x_2 + 2x_3 - 6x_4 = 1$$

$$x_1 - 3x_2 - 2x_3 + x_4 = 2$$

Matrix notation

$$\begin{matrix} i=1 \\ i=2 \\ i=3 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} j=1 & j=2 & j=3 & j=4 \\ \left( \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & -4 & 2 & -6 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right) \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix}$$

matrix "A"

$\vec{x} = \vec{b}$



Matrix multiplication is  
row-column

General An  $m \times n$  matrix is  
a table of  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns

Square matrix  $m = n$

Indices  $i$  and  $j$  — entry/coefficient

Element in row  $i$  and column  $j$   
is called  $a_{ij}$  or Matlab  $A_{ij} = A(i,j)$

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Multiplication by a scalar

$$3 A = B$$

$$3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 12 \\ 6 & 18 \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrix multiplication

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$$\begin{array}{c}
 A \\
 \left( \begin{array}{cccc}
 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\
 4 & 1 & 6 & 2
 \end{array} \right)
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 B \\
 \left( \begin{array}{c}
 1 \\
 2 \\
 1 \\
 12
 \end{array} \right)
 \end{array}
 = C$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 15 & 17 \\ 20 & 51 \end{pmatrix}$$

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