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Another use of the word span is the noun usage (we had "span" as a vb. before). The noun:

Given a set of vectors  $S := \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ , the span of S is the ~~vector~~ set of vectors:

$$\text{span}(S) := \left\{ v : v = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m, \text{ for some } a_i, i \in [1, m] \cap \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

Example.  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ , then  $\text{span}(S) = \left\{ v : v = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$= \left\{ v : v = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$
$$= \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Example. what is the span of  $S := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ?

$$\text{span}(S) = \left\{ v : v = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ v : v = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ b \end{bmatrix}, a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\} =$$
$$= \left\{ v : v = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ b \end{bmatrix}, a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \text{the } xy\text{-plane of } \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Example.  $S := \{x, 1, x^3\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{span}(S) &= \{v: v = ax + b \cdot 1 + c \cdot x^3\} \\ &= \{v: v = cx^3 + ax + b, a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\} \end{aligned}$$

Q. Is  $p(x) := x^3 - 2x^2 + 7$  in  $\text{span}(S)$ ?

i.e.,  $\stackrel{?}{\exists} a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $p(x) = cx^3 + ax + b$

NO: the presence of  $-2x^2$  in  $p(x)$  makes this impossible!

Q. Is  $q(x) := 3x^3 - x - 4$  in  $\text{span}(S)$ ?

i.e.,  $\stackrel{?}{\exists} a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $3x^3 - x - 4 = cx^3 + ax + b$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a = -1 \\ b = -4 \\ c = 3 \end{array} \right\} \text{yields } cx^3 + ax + b = 3x^3 - x - 4 = q(x) \checkmark$$

So, YES,  $q(x) \in \text{span}(S)$ .

Q. Is  $r(x) := 17x \in \text{span}(S)$ ?  $S = \{x, 1, x^3\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} r(x) &= 0x^3 + 17x + 0 \cdot 1 \\ &\quad \downarrow \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \downarrow \\ &\quad c=0 \quad \quad a=17 \quad \quad b=0 \end{aligned}$$

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Example.

Find

$$\text{span} \left( \overbrace{\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}}^{=: S} \right).$$

$$\text{span}(S) = \left\{ v : v = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ some } a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ v : v = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & c \end{bmatrix}, \text{ some } a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Vector spaces.

A vector space is a set  $V$  of objects, called vectors, together with a ~~set~~  $F$  of other objects, called scalars, and with the operation  $\oplus$  and the operation  $\odot$ , s.t. the following properties hold:

①  $V$  is closed under addition, i.e.,

$$\text{if } \vec{v} \in V \text{ and } \vec{w} \in V, \quad \vec{v} \oplus \vec{w} \in V.$$

$$\bullet \vec{v} \oplus \vec{w} = \vec{w} \oplus \vec{v} \quad \forall \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in V$$

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$$\bullet \text{associativity: } \vec{u} \oplus (\vec{v} \oplus \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} \oplus \vec{v}) \oplus \vec{w} \quad \forall \vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in V$$

$$\bullet \exists \vec{0} \in V \text{ s.t. } \vec{0} \oplus \vec{v} = \vec{v} \quad \forall \vec{v} \in V.$$

$$\bullet \forall \vec{v} \in V, \exists \vec{w} \in V \text{ s.t. } \vec{v} \oplus \vec{w} = \vec{0}.$$

②  $V$  is closed under scalar multiplication, i.e.,  
if  $\vec{v} \in V$  and  $c \in F$ , then  $c \odot \vec{v} \in V$ .

• distributivity:  $c \odot (\vec{u} \oplus \vec{v}) = c \odot \vec{u} \oplus c \odot \vec{v}$   
 $\forall \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V \quad \forall c \in F$

• — " —  $(c+d) \odot \vec{v} = c \odot \vec{v} \oplus d \odot \vec{v}$   $\forall \vec{v} \in V, \forall c, d \in F$

• "associativity"  $(c \cdot d) \odot \vec{v} = c \odot (d \odot \vec{v})$   $\forall \vec{v} \in V, \forall c, d \in F$ .

• identity:  $\exists c \in F$  s.t.  $c \odot \vec{u} = \vec{u}$   $\forall \vec{u} \in V$ .

There are 10 things to check !!

Example. Verify that  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$\vec{w} := \langle w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4 \rangle$$

≡ Assume  $\vec{u} := \langle u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 \rangle$  and  $\vec{v} := \langle v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 \rangle$

are in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , and that  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

①  $\vec{u} \oplus \vec{v} = \langle u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, u_3 + v_3, u_4 + v_4 \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^4$ . ✓

•  $\vec{u} \oplus \vec{v} = \langle v_1 + u_1, v_2 + u_2, v_3 + u_3, v_4 + u_4 \rangle = \vec{v} \oplus \vec{u}$ . ✓

•  $\vec{u} \oplus (\vec{v} \oplus \vec{w}) = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 \rangle + \langle v_1 + w_1, v_2 + w_2, v_3 + w_3, v_4 + w_4 \rangle$   
 $= \langle u_1 + (v_1 + w_1), u_2 + (v_2 + w_2), u_3 + (v_3 + w_3), u_4 + (v_4 + w_4) \rangle$   
 $= \langle (u_1 + v_1) + w_1, (u_2 + v_2) + w_2, (u_3 + v_3) + w_3, (u_4 + v_4) + w_4 \rangle$   
 $= \langle u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, u_3 + v_3, u_4 + v_4 \rangle + \langle w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4 \rangle$   
 $= (\vec{u} \oplus \vec{v}) \oplus \vec{w}$ . ✓

- $\exists \vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ . Try  $\langle 0, 0, 0, 0 \rangle$ :

$$\vec{u} \oplus \vec{0} = \langle u_1 + 0, u_2 + 0, u_3 + 0, u_4 + 0 \rangle = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 \rangle = \vec{u} \quad \checkmark$$

- Let  $\vec{z} := \langle -u_1, -u_2, -u_3, -u_4 \rangle$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \vec{u} \oplus \vec{z} &= \langle u_1 - u_1, u_2 - u_2, u_3 - u_3, u_4 - u_4 \rangle \\ &= \langle 0, 0, 0, 0 \rangle \\ &= \vec{0}. \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad a \odot \vec{v} = \langle av_1, av_2, av_3, av_4 \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^4. \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} a \odot (\vec{v} \oplus \vec{w}) &= a \odot \langle v_1 + w_1, v_2 + w_2, v_3 + w_3, v_4 + w_4 \rangle \\ &= \langle a(v_1 + w_1), a(v_2 + w_2), a(v_3 + w_3), a(v_4 + w_4) \rangle \\ &= \langle av_1 + aw_1, av_2 + aw_2, av_3 + aw_3, av_4 + aw_4 \rangle \\ &= a \odot \vec{v} \oplus a \odot \vec{w}. \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c+d) \odot \vec{v} &= \langle (c+d)v_1, (c+d)v_2, (c+d)v_3, (c+d)v_4 \rangle \\ &= \langle cv_1 + dv_1, cv_2 + dv_2, cv_3 + dv_3, cv_4 + dv_4 \rangle \\ &= \langle cv_1, cv_2, cv_3, cv_4 \rangle + \langle dv_1, dv_2, dv_3, dv_4 \rangle \\ &= a \odot \vec{v} \oplus d \odot \vec{v} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c \cdot d) \odot \vec{v} &= \langle (cd)v_1, (cd)v_2, (cd)v_3, (cd)v_4 \rangle \\ &= \langle c(dv_1), c(dv_2), c(dv_3), c(dv_4) \rangle \\ &= c \odot (d \odot \vec{v}) \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{• } \exists c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } c \odot \vec{u} = \vec{u} \quad \forall \vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^4? \quad \text{Yes; } 1 \odot \vec{u} &= \langle 1u_1, 1u_2, 1u_3, 1u_4 \rangle \\ &= \langle u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 \rangle = \vec{u} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

## \* Vector subspaces.

If  $V$  is a vector space and  $W \subseteq V$ , and  $W \neq \{ \}$ , then  $W$  is said to be a subspace of  $V$  if  $W$  is a vector space in and of itself, w.r.t. the same scalar field and operations under which  $V$  was a vector space.

Note: As  $V$  was a v.s.,  $W$  "inherits" 8 of 10 properties FOR 'FREE' - need only to prove:

- Closure under add'n
- $\alpha$         scalar multiplicati'n.