

# Welcome to Lecture 9 Bases and Coords The Return of $\mathbb{R}^n$

Today Extra Off. Hrs, 2-3:30 pm,  
740 Evans

Fri Quiz through §4.2

Tues 9/26 Midterm 1 in lecture meeting  
through §3.3

"The introduction of numbers as  
coordinates ... is an act of violence."  
H. Weyl

How do vector spaces often arise in nature?

As subspaces of ambient vector spaces

Def A subspace  $H \subset V$  is a subset

such that: 1) closed under add:  $\underline{u}, \underline{v} \in H$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{u + v} \in H$$

2) closed under scale  $\underline{u} \in H \Rightarrow c\underline{u} \in H$   
for any number  $c$

3) contains zero vector:  $\underline{0} \in H$

(equivalently 3')  $H$  is nonempty.)

Main Point  $H$  itself is a vect sp!  
(check axioms!)

Examples (check axioms!)

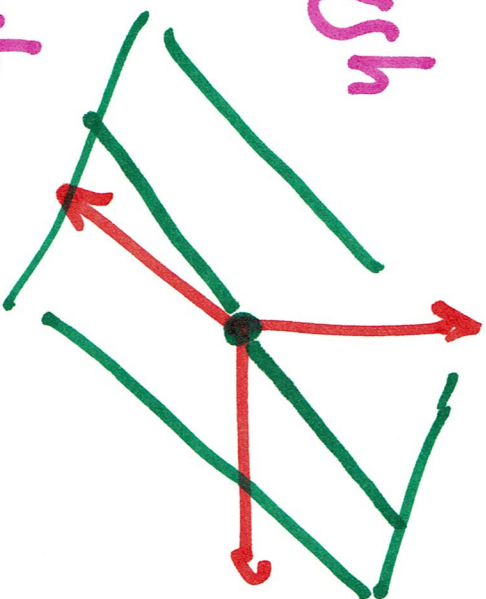
1)  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  List of all subspaces:

a)  $\{0\}$  origin itself

b) Span  $\{ \underline{y} \}$  line through  
origin

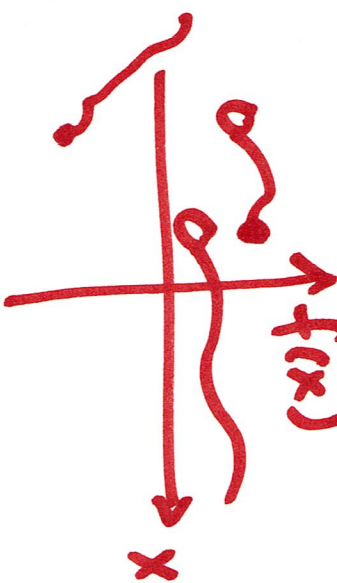
c) Span  $\{ \underline{y}_1, \underline{y}_2 \}$  plane  
through  
origin

d)  $\mathbb{R}^3$  itself



$$2) V = \{ f_{ns} \ f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \}$$

Here are some subspaces



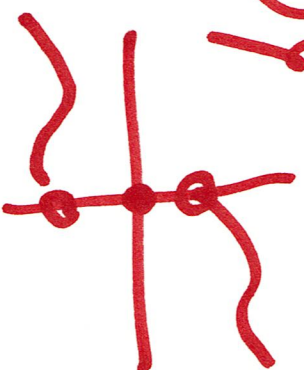
$$a) H = \{ f \text{ cont} \}$$

$$b) H = \{ f \text{ differentiable} \}$$

$$c) H = \{ f \text{ even: } f(x) = f(-x) \}$$

$$d) H = \{ f \text{ odd: } f(x) = -f(-x) \}$$

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3)  $V$  any vect sp,  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$  any vectors

$H = \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is a subspace  
and in fact smallest containing  $v_1, \dots, v_k$

4)  $T: V \rightarrow W$   
lin transf. vector spaces

$\text{Null}(T) \subset V$  " solns of homog. lin syst are subsp.  
 $\text{Image}(T) \subset W$  " possible values for " inhomog lin syst. "

2 Caution! Non-examples are out there!

1) A  $m \times n$  matrix

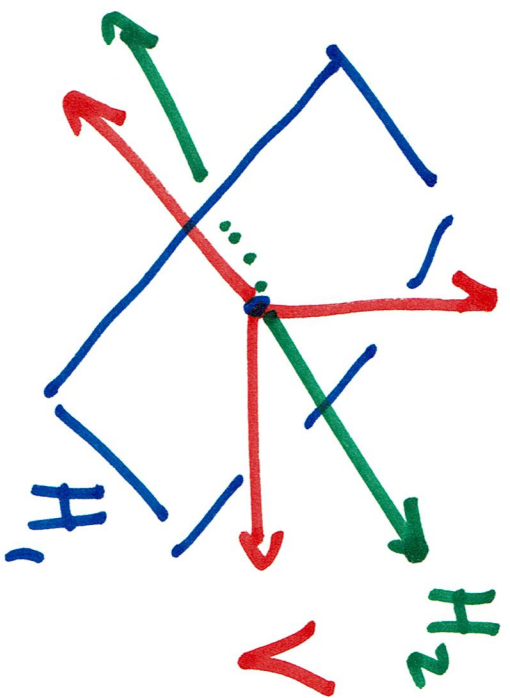
$H = \text{Soln set of } Ax = \underline{b}$   
for some  $\underline{b} \neq \underline{0}$

Not a subspace!  $\underline{0} \notin H$

2)  $H_1, H_2 \subset V$   
Subspaces vect sp

$H_1 \cap H_2, H_1 \cup H_2 \subset V$

Car-fan



$H_1 \cap H_2$  is a subspace!

But  $H_1 \cup H_2$  is only a subspace if one contains the other.

Otherwise not closed  
under add!

What should we do when we encounter an abstract vect sp?  $\mathbb{R}^n$  it's  $\mathbb{R}^n$ !

If not, try to relate it to  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Def A basis  $\beta$  of a vect sp  $V$  is a list of vectors  $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_k$  such that

- 1)  $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_k$  spans  $V$  ("not too small")
- 2)  $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_k$  lin indep ("not too big")



Think of Goldilocks: bases are "just right"

Main point:  $\beta = \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k$  basis of  $V$

1)  $\Rightarrow$  any  $y \in V$  is a lin comb

$$\bar{y} = a_1 \gamma_1 + \dots + a_k \gamma_k \quad (*)$$

for some  $a_1, \dots, a_k$

2)  $\Rightarrow$  coeffs  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  are unique!

Why? Suppose also  $\underline{y} = a_1' y_1 + \dots + a_k' y_k$  (\*\*)  
Some other  $a_1', \dots, a_k'$

$$\underline{0} = (a_1 - a_1') y_1 + \dots + (a_k - a_k') y_k$$

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(LHS) (RHS)

$$2) \Rightarrow a_1 - a_1' = 0, \dots, a_k - a_k' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = a_1', \dots, a_k = a_k'!$$

We're done!

Def  $V$  vect sp,  $\beta = \underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_k$  basis

Coord map with respect to  $\beta$  is  
lin transf  $T_\beta : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$

$$T_\beta(\underline{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_k \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where}$$

$$\underline{v} = a_1 \underline{v}_1 + \dots + a_k \underline{v}_k$$

Exer: Check  $T_\beta$  is lin transf!

Observe  $T_{\beta}$  is invertible!

$$T_{\beta}^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow V$$

$$T_{\beta}^{-1} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_k \end{bmatrix} \right) = a_1 \gamma_1 + \dots + a_k \gamma_k$$

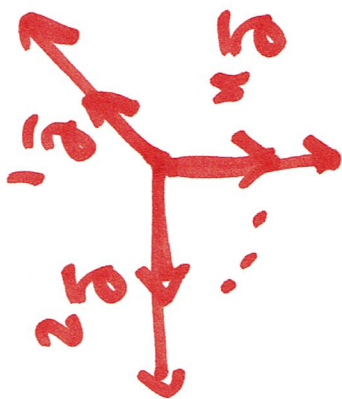
Exer i)  $T_{\beta} T_{\beta}^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$   
is do nothing!

ii)  $T_{\beta}^{-1} T_{\beta} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow V$   
is also do nothing!

# Examples

$$1) V = \mathbb{R}^n,$$

std basis



$$\underline{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \underline{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \underline{e}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

coords = components

$$\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = a_1 \underline{e}_1 + \dots + a_n \underline{e}_n$$

2)  $V = \mathcal{P}_n = \{ \text{poly fns } p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ of deg} \leq n \}$

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$$

Bstd std basis

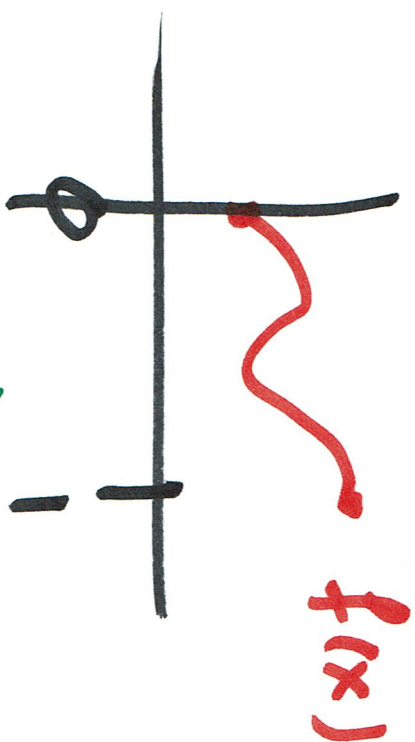
$$p_0(x) = 1, p_1(x) = x, \dots, p_n(x) = x^n$$

coords = coeffs

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \\ &= a_0p_0(x) + a_1p_1(x) + \dots + a_np_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

\* ) Coming attractions...

$V = \{ \text{cont fns } f: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \}$



Is there useful basis... ?

Fourier Series:  $\cos(2\pi nx), \sin(2\pi nx)$

$\infty$ -lin comb.  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(2\pi nx) + b_n \sin(2\pi nx))$   
 $n=0, 1, \dots$

Exer  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$

What are coords of  $\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

wrt  $\beta_{std}$  and also

$\beta: \underline{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} ?$

Soln  ${}^T \beta_{std} (\underline{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\underline{v} = 3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



For  $\beta$ , we need to solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = a_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \vdots & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & \vdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ lin. syst.}$$

$$T_{\beta}(\bar{y}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Picture

