

Spanning

$\text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \dots, \vec{v}_n \} = \text{set of all linear combinations of } \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \dots, \vec{v}_n$

Column Space of a matrix A = span of the column vectors of A

(1) Does a particular vector belong to the span of a set of vectors ?

Does $\vec{u} = (4, 2, 1)$ belong to the $\text{Span} \{ (2, -2, -4), (-6, 8, 12), (-2, 4, 4) \}$?

Does $\vec{v} = (-2, -2, 4)$ belong to the $\text{Span} \{ (2, -2, -4), (-6, 8, 12), (-2, 4, 4) \}$?

This is identical to the question : Can \vec{u} (or \vec{v}) be written as a L.C. of the vectors in the set ?

(2) Find Span {group of vectors} or Col (A) :

(a) $\text{Span} \{ (0, 0, 0) \}$ (b) $\text{Span} \{ (2, 1, -3) \}$ (c) $\text{Span} \{ (2, 1, -3), (-4, -2, 6) \}$

(d) $\text{Span} \{ (2, 1, -3), (1, 0, -2) \}$ (e) $\text{Span} \{ (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1) \}$

(f) $\text{Span} \{ (4, 5, -8), (2, -1, 4), (-1, 0, 7) \}$

(g) $\text{Span} \{ (1, 1, -2), (1, 0, 1), (1, 5, -14), (-4, -3, 5) \}$

(h) $\text{Span} \{ (3, 1, 4), (2, -3, 5), (5, -2, 9), (1, 4, -1) \}$

(i) $\text{Span} \{ (0, 0) \}$ (j) $\text{Span} \{ (1, -3) \}$ (k) $\text{Span} \{ (1, 2), (3, 4) \}$

Answers:

(1) $\vec{u} \notin \text{Span} \{ 3 \text{ given vectors} \}$, $\vec{v} \in \text{Span} \{ 3 \text{ given vectors} \}$

(2) (a) $\vec{0}_v$ (b) the line $(x, y, z) = t(2, 1, -3)$ (c) see (b) (d) plane : $2x - y + z = 0$

(e) \mathbb{R}^3 (f) \mathbb{R}^3 (g) plane : $x - 3y - z = 0$ (h) plane : $17x - 7y - 11z = 0$

(i) $\vec{0}_v$ (j) the line $(x, y) = t(1, -3)$ (k) \mathbb{R}^2