

# LINEAR ALGEBRA I

## VECTOR SPACE

A vector space  $(V, +, \cdot)$  is a set endowed by two operations:

$$+ : (V, V) \longrightarrow V$$

$$(x, y) \longmapsto x + y$$

that allows to add two vectors.

$$\cdot : (\mathbb{R}, V) \longrightarrow V$$

$$(\alpha, x) \longmapsto \alpha \cdot x$$

that is the multiplication of a vector by a scalar

Formally a number of axioms need to be satisfied such that

$\rightarrow (V, +)$  is an additive group

check what is a group after the class

$$\rightarrow \underbrace{\alpha}_{\in \mathbb{R}} \cdot \left( \underbrace{x}_{\in V} + \underbrace{y}_{\in V} \right) = \alpha \cdot x + \alpha \cdot y$$

$$\rightarrow \alpha_1 \cdot (\alpha_2 \cdot x) = (\alpha_1 \alpha_2) \cdot x$$

$$\rightarrow (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \cdot x = \alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x$$

Elements of  $V$  are called vectors.

Q - Which vector space do you know?

$(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$  is a vector space

$\mathbb{R}$ : is the set of real numbers

$(\mathbb{R}^n, +, \cdot)$  is a vector space

$x$  is a vector of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{matrix} \leftarrow \in \mathbb{R} \\ \leftarrow \in \mathbb{R} \end{matrix}$

$x_i$  are the components or entries of the vector

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix}; \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x + y = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m + y_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Add the two vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Scalar multiplication in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\underset{\mathbb{R}}{\alpha} \cdot \underset{\mathbb{R}^n}{x} = \alpha \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha x_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Home exercise: Simplify  $3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Can we subtract vector of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

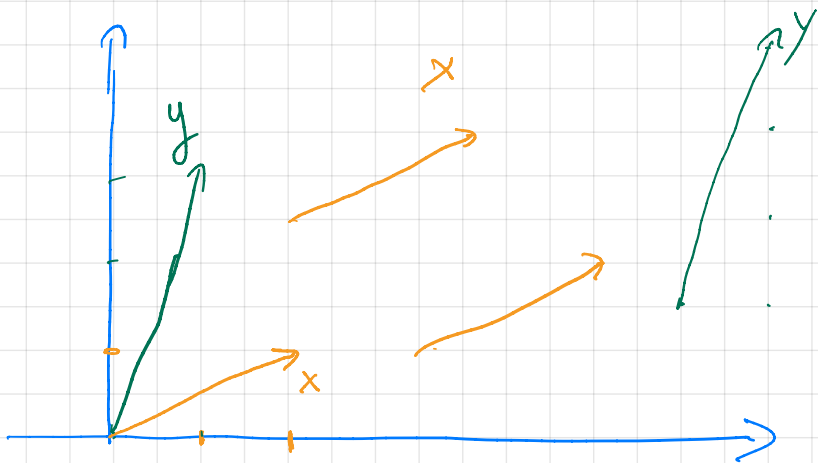
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad ??$$

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

Yes we can subtract vectors because it is actually adding - the vector.

### GEOMETRICAL INTERPRETATION:

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , we consider the vector



$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

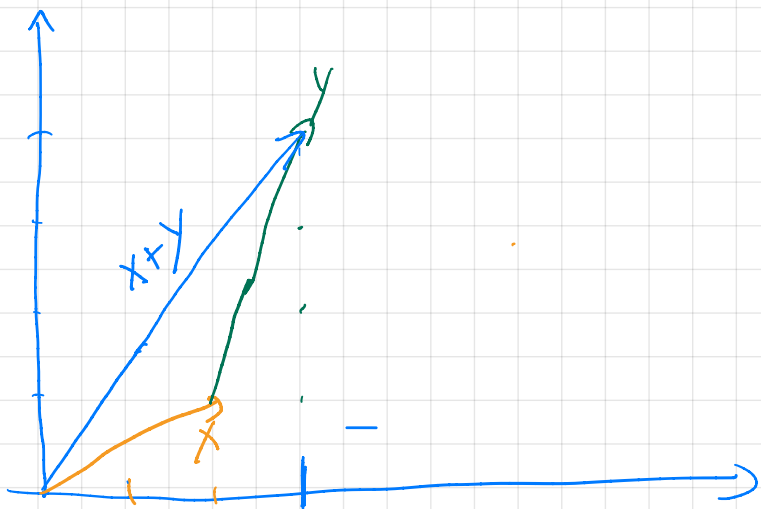
→ we do not care about the origin

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ a vector has a direction and an amplitude

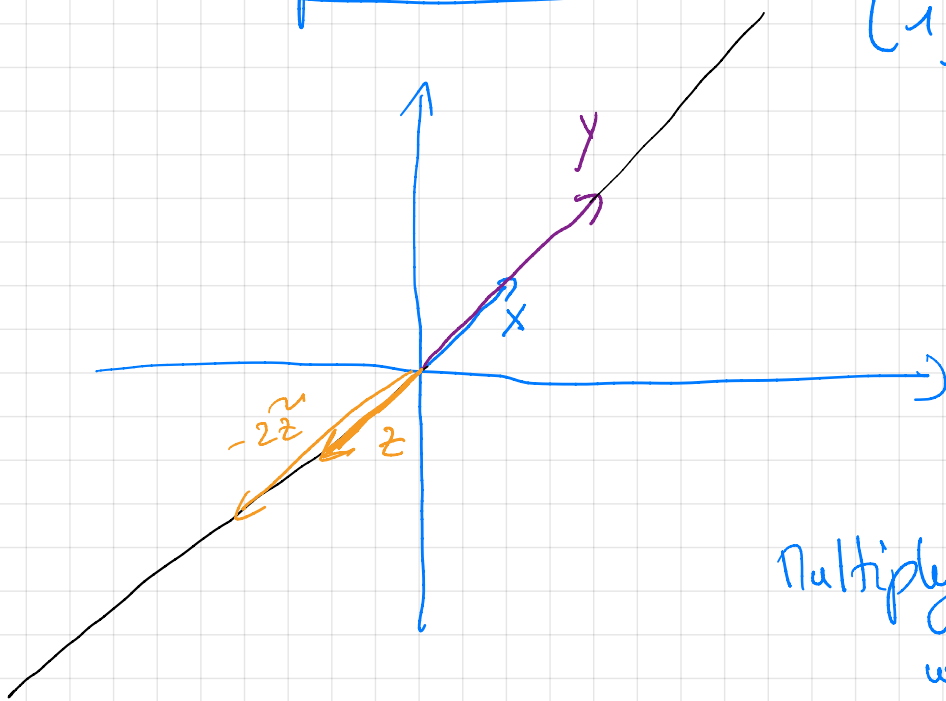


## Adding two vectors



$$x + y = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Scalar multiplication:



$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = 2 \cdot x = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z = -1x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{z} = -2x$$

Multiplying by a <sup>positive</sup> scalar changes the amplitude but we keep the same direction.

# LINEAR INDEPENDENCE, SPAN AND BASIS

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k$$

$\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$   
 $\mathbb{R}$                        $\mathbb{R}$                        $\mathbb{R}$

$v_1, \dots, v_k$  are vectors

$c_1, \dots, c_k$  are scalars (real numbers)

→ This is a **linear combination** of the vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$

- The scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  are called the weights.

$$1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

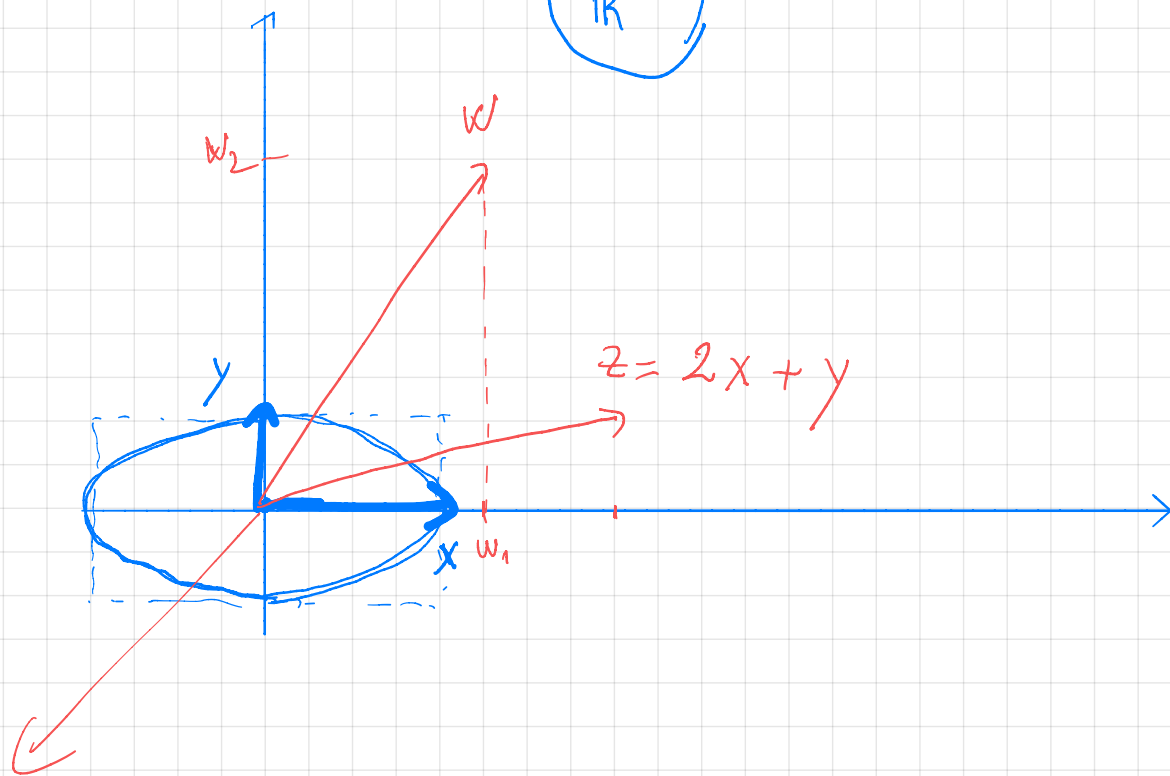
this is a linear combination of  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Definition: The **span** of a list of vectors is the set of all vectors which can be written as a linear combination of the vectors in the list.

Notation:  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  [ IN FRANCE  
Vect( $v_1, \dots, v_n$ ) ]

What is the span of  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  ?

$\mathbb{R}^2$



Let  $w$  be a vector of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

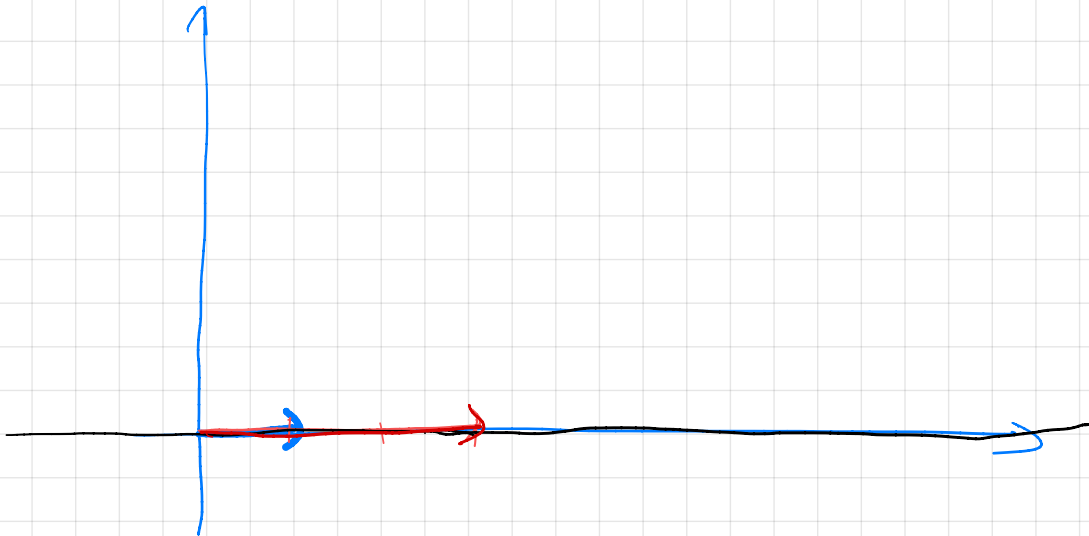
$$w = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{w_1}{2} \times 2 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{w_1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$w$  is a linear combination of  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  with the weights  $\frac{w_1}{2}$ ,  $w_2$

Then  $\text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \mathbb{R}^2$

What is the span of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ?



$$\text{span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \mathbb{R} \times \{0\} \\ = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + 3\beta \\ \alpha \cdot 0 + \beta \cdot 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + 3\beta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition: A list of vectors is **linearly independent** if none of the vectors in the list can be written as a linear combination of the others.

Examples:  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  Are they linearly independent?

No, they are not lin. ind. because  $v_2 = 3v_1$

Same question with  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

Yes they are.

PROPOSITION:  $(v_1, \dots, v_k)$  are linearly independent vectors

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 v_1 + \dots + \lambda_k v_k = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \dots = \lambda_k = 0$$

Use this proposition at home to show  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are linearly independent

Definition: A **spanning list** of a vector space  $V$  is a list of vectors in  $V$  such that the span is equal to  $V$ .

Example:  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a spanning list of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

You can verify that  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a spanning list of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

• We consider  $V = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, x \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

$\rightarrow V$  is a vector space (check this at home)

$\text{span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = V$  such that  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a spanning list of  $V$

Definition: A linearly independent spanning list of a vector space  $V$  is called **a basis**.

PROPOSITION: All basis of a vector space have the same length, which is called the **dimension** of the vector space.

Given a basis of  $V$  there is an **unique** way to write any vector of  $V$  as a linear combination of the elements of the basis.

If  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is a basis of  $V$ .

Let  $y \in V$ , there exists an unique set of scalars  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$  such that

$$y = \alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k$$

$(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$  are called the coordinates of  $y$  with respect to the basis  $(v_1, \dots, v_k)$

Let's go back to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, e_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . [HOME EXERCISE]

$\hookrightarrow$  the dimension  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is  $n$ .

Let  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , how do we decompose  $x$  into  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ ?

$$x = x_1 e_1 + x_2 e_2 + \dots + x_n e_n$$

So, the coordinates of a vector of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  coincide with its coordinates with respect to the basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$

$\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  is called **the standard basis** of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  
[FRANCE: "base canonique"]



$$\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n$$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a 2-dimensional vector space.

$\mathbb{R}^3$  is a 3-dimensional vector space.

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## LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS

Definition:  $L: V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation  
↑  
vector spaces

if  $\forall v_1, v_2 \in V, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  the following is satisfied:

$$L(\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2) = \alpha_1 L(v_1) + \alpha_2 L(v_2)$$

Example:

$$L: \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R}^n & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^n \\ \mathbb{R}^n & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^n \end{matrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \times 1 \\ \vdots \\ 10 \times n \end{pmatrix}$$

Verify (AT HOME) that  $L$  is a linear transformation.

Definition: The **rank** of a linear transformation  $L: V \rightarrow W$  is the dimension of  $L(V)$

where  $L(V) = \{ y \in W \text{ such that } y = L(x), x \in V \}$

[FRANCE:  $L(V)$  is the image of  $L$ ]

$$\text{rank}(L) = \dim(L(V))$$

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Image of  $L$

Example:

Consider  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

1) Show that  $L$  is a linear transformation

2) Find  $\text{rank}(L)$ .

Consider

$$L: \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{rank}(L) \neq \dim(\text{co-domain}) \\ \parallel \\ 1 \qquad \qquad \qquad \parallel \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}} \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad = 2 \end{array}$$

1) Show that  $L$  is a linear transformation

2) Find rank( $L$ ).

Answers:  $\textcircled{1}$ , ~~2~~,  ~~$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$~~ ,  ~~$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$~~

$$\text{rank}(L) = \dim(L(\mathbb{R}^2))$$

$$L(\mathbb{R}^2) = \left\{ y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, y_1 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

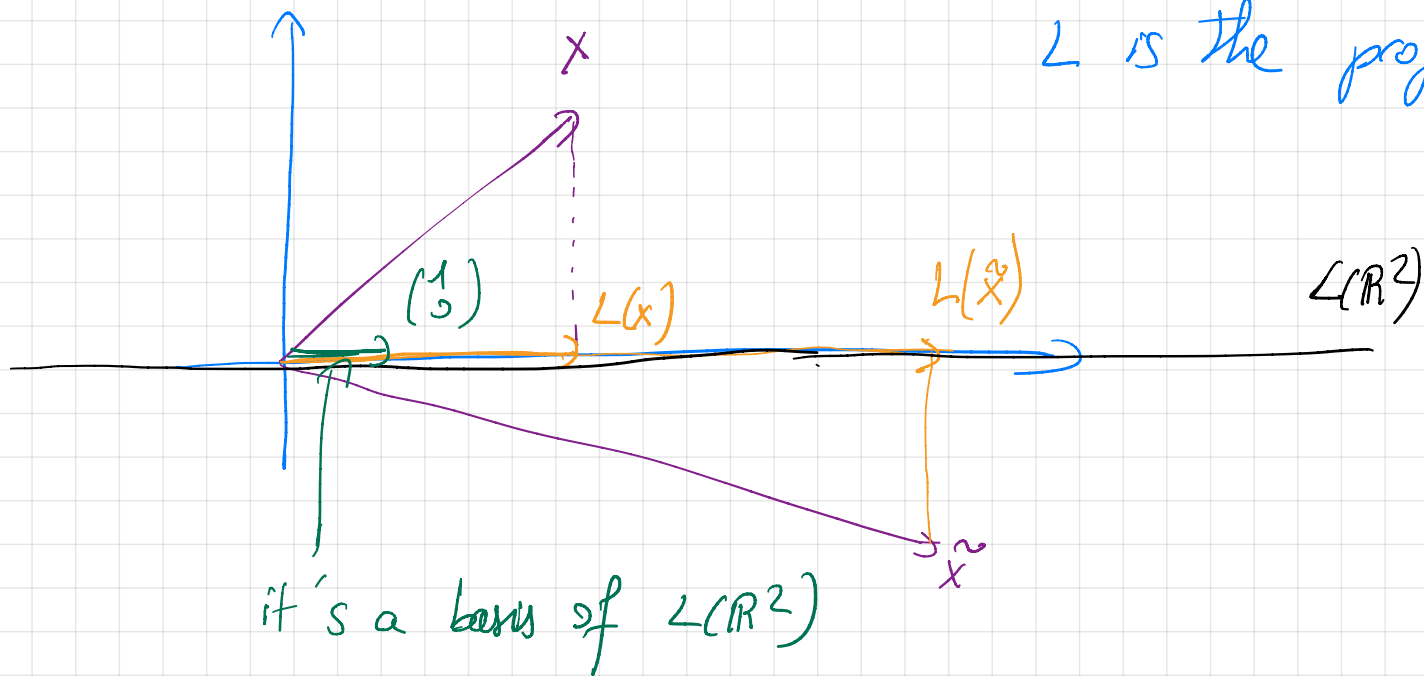
$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a basis of  $L(\mathbb{R}^2)$

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is independent and it is a spanning list of  $L(\mathbb{R}^2)$

Let  $y \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ ,  $y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = y_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a spanning list of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2)$

Then  $\dim(\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2)) = 1 = \text{rank}(L)$

$L$  is the projection of  $x$  onto the first axis.



Proposition of other example:

$$L: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$
$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank}(L) = 1?$$

$L(x+y) = L(x) + L(y)$  if  $L$  is a linear transformation

$$L\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_2 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

$$\parallel$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

The example is not a linear transformation.

Consider  $L\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} z+y \\ z-y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

HOME EXERCISE: show that  $L$  is linear

$$\text{rank}(L) = 2$$

$L: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is linear transformation

$$\begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 3x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$L: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition:

The **nullspace** or **kernel** of a linear transformation is the set of vectors mapped to  $0$ .

Let  $L: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation

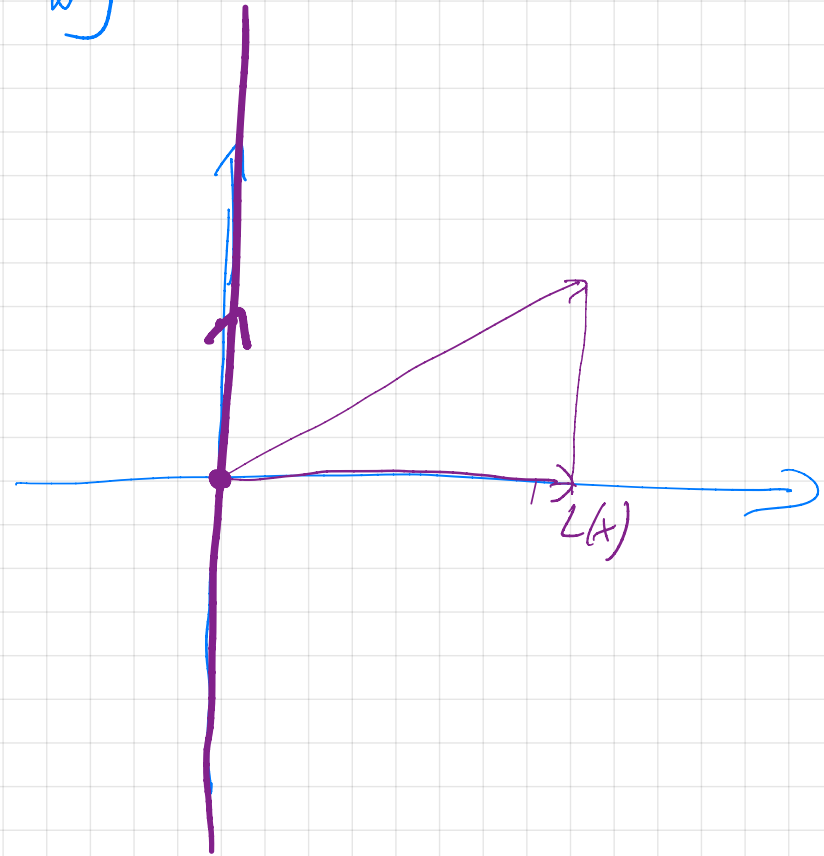
$$\text{Ker}(L) = \{v \in V, L(v) = 0_W\}$$

Example:

$$L: \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Ker}(L) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$\dim(\text{Ker}(L)) = 1$   $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a basis of the kernel



Remark :  $\dim(\text{Ker}(L)) + \dim(L(V)) = 1 + 1 = 2$

## RANK NULLITY THEOREM

Let  $V, W$  be two vector spaces ( $V$  finite dimensional)

Let  $L: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation.

Then

$$\text{rank}(L) + \dim(\text{Ker}(L)) = \dim(V)$$



$$L: \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L(\mathbb{R}^2) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\text{rank}(L) = 1$$

$$\ker(L) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, x_1 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\dim(\ker(L)) + \text{rank}(L) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

