



Definition. (Vector Subspace) . $\mathcal{U} = (U, S, +, \cdot)$ with $U \neq \emptyset$ is a **vector subspace** of vector space $\mathcal{V} = (V, S, +, \cdot)$ over the same field of scalars S if $U \subseteq V$ and $\forall a, b \in S, \forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in U$, the linear combination $a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v} \in U$.

1. **Column space**, $C(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \exists \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ such that } \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$, the part of \mathbb{R}^m reachable by linear combination of columns of \mathbf{A}
2. **Left null space**, $N(\mathbf{A}^T) = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$, the part of \mathbb{R}^m not reachable by linear combination of columns of \mathbf{A}
3. **Row space**, $R(\mathbf{A}) = C(\mathbf{A}^T) = \{\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \exists \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m \text{ such that } \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, the part of \mathbb{R}^n reachable by linear combination of rows of \mathbf{A}
4. **Null space**, $N(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, the part of \mathbb{R}^n not reachable by linear combination of rows of \mathbf{A}