

Basic Math. Class 15.

Basis Dimension

① Consider the following vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 :

$$v_1 = (3, 0, -2, 4)$$

$$v_2 = (2, 1, -1, 3)$$

$$v_3 = (-1, 4, 2, 0)$$

$$v_4 = (-1, 1, 1, -1)$$

Let $W := \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4)$

Select a basis in W .

What is $\dim W = ?$

Sol. • a basis in W is a linearly independent generator system of W . So

v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 is a generator system in W , we have to check if it's independent or not. So suppose that:

$$\alpha \cdot v_1 + \beta v_2 + \gamma \cdot v_3 + \delta v_4 = 0$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$\alpha \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \gamma \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \delta \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (=) \quad & \begin{cases} 3\alpha + 2\beta - \gamma - \delta = 0 & \text{I} \\ \beta + 4\gamma + \delta = 0 & \text{II} \\ -2\alpha - \beta + 2\gamma + \delta = 0 & \text{III} \\ 4\alpha + 3\beta - \delta = 0 & \text{IV} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

IV $\Rightarrow \delta = 4\alpha + 3\beta$ we substitute this into equations I, II, III

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3\alpha + 2\beta - \gamma - (4\alpha + 3\beta) = 0 & \text{I} \\ \beta + 4\gamma + (4\alpha + 3\beta) = 0 & \text{II} \\ -2\alpha - \beta + 2\gamma + (4\alpha + 3\beta) = 0 & \text{III} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -\alpha - \beta - \gamma = 0 \Rightarrow \gamma = -\alpha - \beta \\ 4\alpha + 4\beta + 4\gamma = 0 \quad | :4 \leftarrow \\ 2\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma = 0 \quad | :2 \leftarrow \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha + \beta + (-\alpha - \beta) = 0 \quad \underline{\text{II}}.$$

II the same \Rightarrow

$$0\alpha + 0\beta = 0.$$

So $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ are free variables

$$\gamma = -\alpha - \beta$$

$$\delta = 4\alpha + 3\beta.$$

So for example:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= 1 \\ \beta &= 0 \\ \gamma &= -1 \\ \delta &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \alpha &= 1 \\ \beta &= 0 \\ \gamma &= -1 \\ \delta &= 4 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} &1 \cdot v_1 + 0 \cdot v_2 + \\ &(-1) \cdot v_3 + 4 \cdot v_4 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 \end{aligned}$$

are lin. dependent \Rightarrow

(reducing dependent vector
system theorem)

we can omit one vector
(with no 0 coefficient in
a dependency equation)

so here we can omit or
leave v_1, v_3 or v_4 so
that

$$W = \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4) =$$

$$= \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, v_3) =$$

$$= \text{Span}(v_2, v_3, v_4) = \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, v_4)$$

We also can see that

v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 is not a
basis.

• Let's omit $v_4 \Rightarrow$

$$W = \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, v_3).$$

Now v_1, v_2, v_3 is a gen.

System in W , we have to
check if they are independent
or dependent. Let $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$

So that $\alpha v_1 + \beta v_2 + \gamma v_3 = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \gamma \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find $\alpha, \beta, r. \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} 3\alpha + 2\beta - r = 0 & \text{I.} \Rightarrow r = 3\alpha + 2\beta \\ \beta + 4r = 0 & \text{II.} \\ -2\alpha - \beta + 2r = 0 & \text{III.} \\ 4\alpha + 3\beta = 0 & \text{IV.} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \beta + 4(3\alpha + 2\beta) = 0 & \text{II} \\ -2\alpha - \beta + 2(3\alpha + 2\beta) = 0 & \text{III} \\ 4\alpha + 3\beta = 0 & \text{IV} \end{cases}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 12\alpha + 9\beta = 0 \\ 4\alpha + 3\beta = 0 \\ 4\alpha + 3\beta = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow 4\alpha + 3\beta = 0$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{3}{4}\beta$$

$\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ free variable

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma &= 3\alpha + 2\beta = 3\left(-\frac{3}{4}\beta\right) + 2\beta = \\ &= -\frac{9}{4}\beta + 2\beta = -\frac{1}{4}\beta\end{aligned}$$

Solutions $\alpha = -\frac{3}{4}\beta, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, -\frac{1}{4}\beta$
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For exp. if $\beta = 4 \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha = -3 \\ \beta = 4 \\ \gamma = -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} &-3v_1 + 4v_2 - v_3 = 0 \\ &v_1, v_2, v_3 \text{ are} \\ &\text{dependent!} \end{aligned}$$

We can omit any of them \Rightarrow

$$W = \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, v_3) =$$

$$= \text{Span}(v_1, v_2) = \text{Span}(v_2, v_3) =$$

$$= \text{Span}(v_1, v_3)$$

Let's omit/leave out vector v_2 for example.

$$\text{So } W = \text{Span}(v_1, v_3).$$

Check if v_1, v_3 is dep/indep

Assume $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ and

$$\alpha v_1 + \beta v_3 = 0 \quad (\Rightarrow)$$

$$\alpha \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Rightarrow & 3\alpha - \beta = 0 \\ & 4\beta = 0 \\ & -2\alpha + 2\beta = 0 \\ & 4\alpha = 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$\boxed{\alpha = 0}$; $\boxed{\beta = 0}$ is the only solution so v_1, v_3 is linearly independent and is a gen. system in W
 $\Rightarrow v_1, v_2$ is a basis in W

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\dim W = 2};$$

So W is a 2-dimensional subspace in \mathbb{R}^4 .

(2) Determine whether the following vector systems form a basis in \mathbb{R}^4 :

a) x_1, x_2

b) x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5

c) x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 where

$$x_1 = (2, 3, -2, 7), \quad x_2 = (0, 1, 0, 1)$$

$$x_3 = (1, 2, -1, 0), \quad x_4 = (-1, -5, 2, 0)$$

$$x_5 = (3, -1, 1, 2)$$

Sol: we know that
vectors

$e_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0)$
 $e_2 = (0, 1, 0, 0)$
 $e_3 = (0, 0, 1, 0)$
 $e_4 = (0, 0, 0, 1)$

} are a lin.
independent
generator
system in \mathbb{R}^4

So $\dim \mathbb{R}^4 = 4$, and
every basis in \mathbb{R}^4 must
have 4 element, then.

So a) x_1, x_2 cannot be
basis in \mathbb{R}^4 (2-elements
are not enough)

b) x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 they are 5 different vectors $5 > 4 \Rightarrow$ cannot be basis in \mathbb{R}^4 .

c) x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 there is (9) of them so it can be basis.

Are they independent?

$$\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2 + \gamma x_3 + \delta x_4 = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \delta \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2\alpha + \gamma - \delta = 0 & \text{I} \\ 3\alpha + \beta + 2\gamma - 5\delta = 0 & \text{II} \\ -2\alpha - \gamma + 2\delta = 0 & \text{III} \\ 7\alpha + \beta = 0 & \text{IV} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\text{I}} + \underline{\text{III}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\delta = 0}$$

$$\underline{\text{So}} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2\alpha + r = 0 \\ 3\alpha + \beta + 2r = 0 \\ -2\alpha - r = 0 \\ 7\alpha + \beta = 0 \end{array} \right. \rightarrow r = -2\alpha$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 3\alpha + \beta - 4\alpha = 0 \\ 7\alpha + \beta = 0 \end{array} \right. \leftarrow \beta - \alpha = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = \alpha$$

$$7\alpha + \alpha = 0 \quad \boxed{\alpha = 0} \Rightarrow \boxed{\beta = 0}$$

$$\boxed{r = 0} \text{ which satisfies } \underline{\text{I}}, \underline{\text{II}}, \underline{\text{III}}, \underline{\text{IV}}.$$

$\Rightarrow \underline{\alpha = \beta = \gamma = \delta = 0}$ so

x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 are independent

\Rightarrow Theorem (4 small statements)

x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 is basis in \mathbb{R}^4

③ Select a basis from the following vector systems in \mathbb{R}^4 in the subspace

$$W = \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, v_3).$$

Find $\dim W$ as well, where

a) $v_1 = (1, 2, 2, -1)$	b) $v_1 = (1, 2, 3, 1)$
$v_2 = (4, 3, 9, -4)$	$v_2 = (2, 2, 1, 3)$
$v_3 = (5, 8, 9, -5)$	$v_3 = (-1, 2, 7, -3)$

Sol. a)

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 9 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 9 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha + 4\beta + 5\gamma = 0 & \text{I.} \\ 2\alpha + 3\beta + 8\gamma = 0 & \text{II.} \\ 2\alpha + 9\beta + 9\gamma = 0 & \text{III.} \\ -\alpha - 4\beta - 5\gamma = 0 & \text{IV.} \end{cases}$$

$\text{IV} + \text{I} \Rightarrow 0 = 0$ Is enough only:

$$\begin{cases} 2\alpha + 3\beta + 8\gamma = 0 & \text{II} \\ 2\alpha + 9\beta + 9\gamma = 0 & \text{III} \\ -\alpha - 4\beta - 5\gamma = 0 & \text{IV} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2 \cdot \text{IV} + \text{II} \Rightarrow -5\beta - 2\gamma = 0 & \text{①} \\ 2 \cdot \text{IV} + \text{III} \Rightarrow \beta + \gamma = 0 & \text{②} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3r=0 \Rightarrow \boxed{r=0} \Rightarrow \boxed{\beta=0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = -4\beta - 5r = 0 \quad \boxed{\alpha=0}$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha=0, \beta=0, r=0$ is the only solution $\Rightarrow v_1, v_2, v_3$ is linearly independent vector system. They also generate $W \Rightarrow v_1, v_2, v_3$ is basis in W .

$$b) \quad v_1 = (1, 2, 3, 1)$$

$$v_2 = (2, 2, 1, 3)$$

$$v_3 = (-1, 2, 7, -3)$$

and now $W := \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, v_3)$

We saw in class 14/1/6

that v_1, v_2, v_3 is linearly
dependent, we got for
example that:

$$-3v_1 + 2v_2 + 1 \cdot v_3 = 0.$$

So the coefficients here
are not 0 we can omit
any of v_1, v_2, v_3 so that
their span does not change.
We can omit for example

$$v_3 \Rightarrow W = \text{Span}(v_1, v_2).$$

We need a basis, check
if v_1, v_2 is indep/dep.

$$\alpha v_1 + \beta v_2 = 0 \quad (\Rightarrow)$$

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\Leftrightarrow)$$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha + 2\beta = 0 & (-1) \\ 2\alpha + 2\beta = 0 \\ 3\alpha + \beta = 0 \\ \alpha + 3\beta = 0 \end{cases} \quad \oplus \Rightarrow \boxed{\beta = 0}$$

And all other

equations are fulfilled so

$\alpha = \beta = 0$ is the only solution
here.

$$\boxed{\alpha = -2\beta = 0}$$

$\Rightarrow v_1, v_2$ are lin. independent vectors, they are also generator system in $W = \text{Span}(v_1, v_2)$

So v_1, v_2 is a basis in W .

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\dim W = 2}$

4/a) Are the following vector systems basis in \mathbb{R}^3 ?

a) $(1, 0, 0), (2, 2, 0), (3, 3, 3)$

$\dim \mathbb{R}^3 = 3$ so they can be basis.

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha + 2\beta + 3\gamma = 0 \\ 2\beta + 3\gamma = 0 \\ 3\gamma = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \boxed{\alpha = 0} \Rightarrow \boxed{\beta = 0} \Rightarrow \boxed{\gamma = 0}$$

$\Rightarrow (1, 0, 0), (2, 2, 0), (3, 3, 3)$
is independent, $\dim \mathbb{R}^3 = 3$

\Rightarrow is also basis in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Theorem

c) $(2, -3, 1), (4, 1, 1), (0, -7, 1),$
 $(1, 6, 4)$, we have $4 > 3$

vectors \Rightarrow

cannot be basis

$$d) (2, 4, -1), (-1, 2, 5)$$

only 2 vectors but < 3
 $= \dim \mathbb{R}^3$ so they are not
 a basis in \mathbb{R}^3 .

$$b) (3, 1, -4), (2, 5, 6), (1, 4, 8)$$

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3\alpha + 2\beta + \gamma = 0 & \text{①} \\ \alpha + 5\beta + 4\gamma = 0 & | \cdot (-3) \quad | \cdot 4 \\ -4\alpha + 6\beta + 8\gamma = 0 & \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -13\beta - 11\gamma = 0 & 13\beta + 12\gamma = 0 \\ 26\beta + 24\gamma = 0 & | : 2 \rightarrow \text{②} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \Rightarrow \boxed{\beta = 0} \Rightarrow \boxed{\beta = 0} \Rightarrow$$

$$\alpha = -5\beta - 4\beta = 0$$

$$\boxed{\alpha = 0} \Rightarrow \text{the given}$$

3 vectors are independent, $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{dim } \mathbb{R}^3 = 3 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$

they are a basis in \mathbb{R}^3 .

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