

Span and Basis

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1.3 Span

- Given vectors v_1, \dots, v_k , form subspace of all possible lin. comb. $\rightarrow \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$

\hookrightarrow If lin. comb of any two elements of $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$

ex. $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k$ & $d_1 v_1 + \dots + d_k v_k$

\rightarrow a lin. comb. of these two lin. comb. = lin. comb.

$$S = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^k c_j v_j : c_j \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

ex. span of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$ whole 3D space

\therefore every vector is a lin. comb of these.

$$\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

ex. let $S = \text{span} \{x^2 - 2x + 3, -2x^2 + 3x + 1\}$
determine if $p(x) = 10x^2 - 17x + 9$ is in S

\rightarrow Find if exists c_1, c_2 s.t. $c_1(x^2 - 2x + 3) + c_2(-2x^2 + 3x + 1) = 10x^2 - 17x + 9$

ex. $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = x-z$ plane in \mathbb{R}^3

1.4 Basis

- set $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ in subspace $S \rightarrow$ basis for that subspace if:

① $\text{span} \{v_1, \dots, v_k\} = S \rightarrow \forall u \in S \exists c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$ s.t. $u = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k$

- any vector can be written as a L.C. of v_1, \dots, v_k

② $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\} \rightarrow$ lin. indep \rightarrow choice of c_i 's is unique

- there is one way of doing this:

$$\vec{v} = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k, \quad \vec{v} = d_1 v_1 + \dots + d_k v_k$$

$$0 = (c_1 - d_1) v_1 + \dots + (c_k - d_k) v_k \text{ for } \forall i, (c_i - d_i) = 0$$

$$\therefore c_i = d_i$$

- If $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ = basis of subspace S , $\dim(S) = k$

ex. $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\} \rightarrow$ basis for \mathbb{R}^3

ex. $\{e_1, e_2, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\} \rightarrow$ NOT a basis for $x-z$ plane

ex. $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \rightarrow$ L.2, and a basis for $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ but not for \mathbb{R}^4
 \therefore both do not span \mathbb{R}^4

ex. $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \neq \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ are basis for \mathbb{R}^2

ex. check if $\{1, x, x^2\}$ is a basis for vector space P^2 polynomial deg ≤ 2

i) $\text{span} \{1, x, x^2\} = P^2$:

$$= \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^2 c_j x^j : c_j \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \{c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2, c_j \in \mathbb{R}\} = P^2$$

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$$ii) \{1, x, x^2\} \text{ is l.i. : for } c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 = 0, c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0 \text{ if take derivatives}$$