

Math 231 — Hw 12

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1. Consider the vector space \mathbb{F}_2^2 . What are all the possible bases for this space? (You do not need to prove this).

- $\{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$
- $\{(1, 1), (0, 1)\}$
- $\{(1, 0), (1, 1)\}$

2. Consider a linearly independent set in \mathbb{R}^3 and construct a basis by adding one element to it. Then prove that it is a basis. This question was clearly a typo. My bad. Here's just a random set of vectors in the space and a proof that they are a basis.

Proof. Assume $a(1, 0, 1) + b(-1, 0, 1) + c(0, 1, 0) = (0, 0, 0)$. This gives us the system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} a - b = 0 \\ c = 0 \\ a + b = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solving this system, we get $a = 0$, $b = 0$, and $c = 0$. Thus, the vectors are linearly independent. Any vector $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ can be written as a linear combination of these vectors:

$$(x, y, z) = \frac{x+z}{2}(1, 0, 1) + \frac{(z-x)}{2}(-1, 0, 1) + y(0, 1, 0)$$

□

3. Consider the linearly independent set in \mathbb{R}^3 and construct a basis by adding one element to it. Then prove that it is a basis.

$$\{(1, -1, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$$

Proof. Assume $a(1, -1, 1) + b(0, 1, 1) + c(1, 0, 0) = (0, 0, 0)$. This gives us the system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} a + c = 0 \\ -a + b = 0 \\ a + b = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solving this system, we get $a = 0$, $b = 0$, and $c = 0$. Thus, the vectors are linearly independent. Any vector $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ can be written as a linear combination of these vectors:

$$(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{z-y}{2}\right)(1, -1, 1) + \left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)(0, 1, 1) + \left(x + \frac{y-z}{2}\right)(1, 0, 0)$$

□

4. In the previous two examples, you wrote two distinct bases of \mathbb{R}^3 . Given a vector $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$, write a set of functions $f_i(a_1, a_2, a_3) = b_i$ where each function takes in the coefficients of the first basis and produces the i^{th} coefficient of the second basis. What kind of functions are these?

In the first basis, (x, y, z) is computed using the coefficients

$$a_1 = \frac{x+z}{2}, a_2 = \frac{(z-x)}{2}, a_3 = y.$$

The second basis has coefficients

$$b_1 = \left(\frac{z-y}{2}\right), b_2 = \left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right), b_3 = \left(x + \frac{y-z}{2}\right)$$

This question asks us to write each of the coefficients of the second basis in terms of the first set of coefficients. Here are the solutions:

- $b_1 = \frac{1}{2}(a_1 + a_2 - a_3)$
- $b_2 = \frac{1}{2}(a_1 + a_2 + a_3)$
- $b_3 = \frac{1}{2}(a_1 - 3a_2 + a_3)$

5. Prove or give a counterexample: If v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 is a basis of V and U is a subspace of V such that $v_1, v_2 \in U$ and $v_3 \notin U$ and $v_4 \notin U$, then v_1, v_2 is a basis of U .

Consider the vector space $V = \mathbb{R}^4$ with the basis:

$$v_1 = (0, 0, 1, -1), \quad v_2 = (0, 0, 1, 1), \quad v_3 = (0, 1, 0, 0), \quad v_4 = (1, 0, 0, 0)$$

Let U be the subspace of V defined as:

$$U = \{(0, x, y, z) \mid x + y + z = 0\}$$

Clearly, $v_1, v_2 \in U$ and $v_3, v_4 \notin U$. However, v_1 and v_2 do not form a basis of U . Consider the element $(0, 1, -1, 0)$. This cannot be constructed from v_1, v_2 .