

Let $B = \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_n\} \subseteq V$, $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_n \in V$.

Assume B is linearly dependent. Then,

$$\exists n_j \in B; \quad n_j = \sum_{k=1, k \neq j}^n b_k n_k. \quad \text{where } b_k \in F, n_k \in B - \{n_j\}.$$

Let P be a proper subset of B , s.t

$$P = B - \{n_j\} = \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{j-1}, n_{j+1}, \dots, n_n\}$$

$$\text{span } P = \left\{ \sum_{k=1, k \neq j}^n p_k n_k \mid p_k \in F, n_k \in P \right\}.$$

$$\text{Let } p_k = (a_k + a_j b_k) \in F.$$

Then,

$$\text{span } P = \left\{ \sum_{k=1, k \neq j}^n (a_k + a_j b_k) n_k \mid a_k, b_k \in F, n_k \in P \right\}.$$

$$\text{span } P = \left\{ \sum_{k=1, k \neq j}^n a_k n_k + a_j \sum_{k=1, k \neq j}^n b_k n_k \mid a_k, b_k \in F, n_k \in P \right\}.$$

$$\text{span } P = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n a_k n_k \mid a_k \in F, n_k \in B \right\}, \text{ because } a_j \sum_{k=1, k \neq j}^n b_k n_k = a_j n_j$$

$$\text{span } P = \text{span } B.$$

$$\therefore \text{span } P = V \Rightarrow P \text{ spans } V.$$

but, since P is a proper subset of B should not span V , this is a contradiction. Assumption is incorrect.

B is linearly independent.

Since B also spans V , B is a basis of V .