

Linear Algebra

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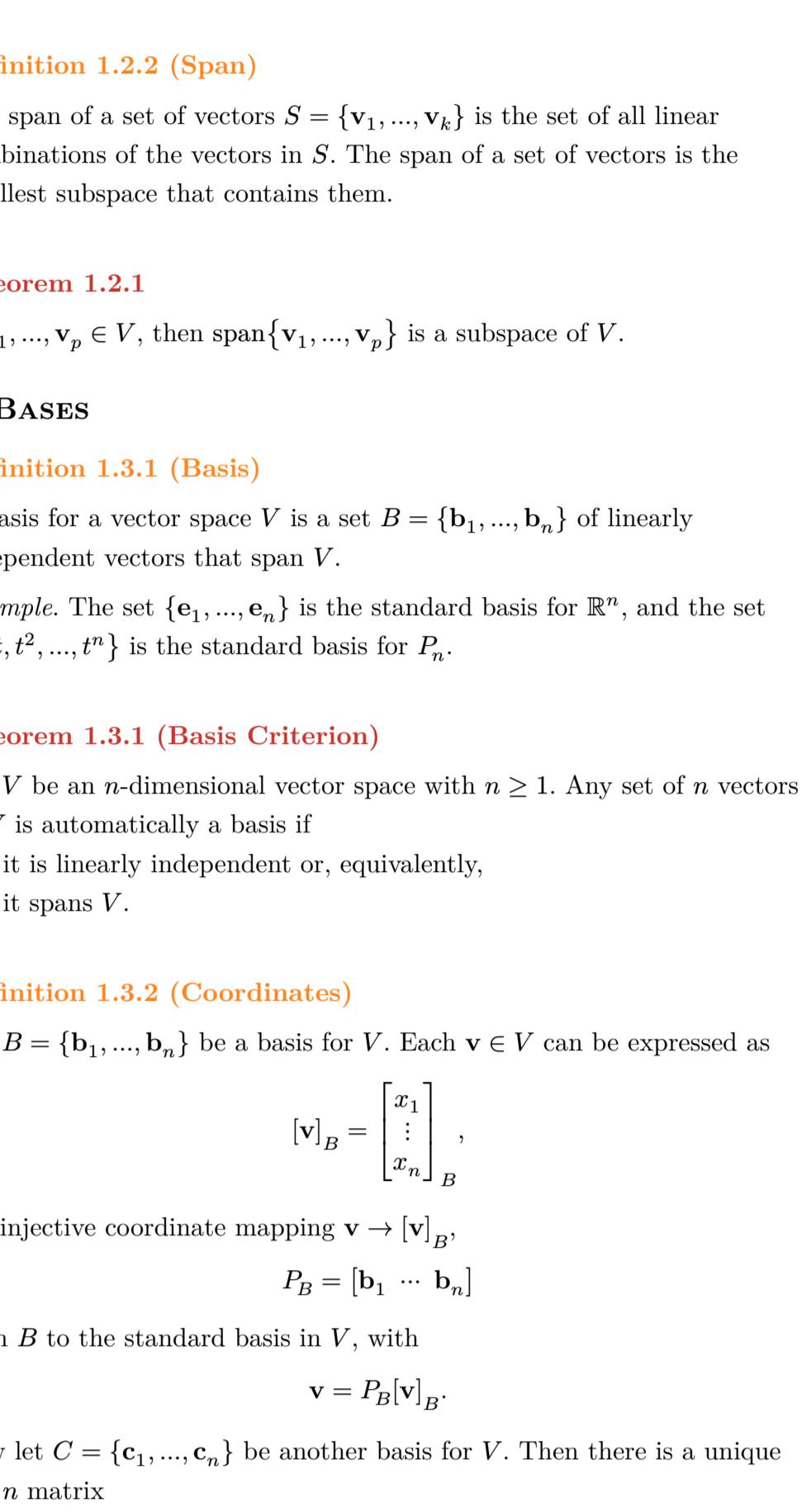
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1. Vector Spaces

1.1. DEFINITIONS

Definition 1.1.1 (Field)

A field is a set F with operations $+$ and \cdot such that

- (i) $0 + a = a + 0 = a$
- (ii) $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$
- (iii) $a + b = b + a$
- (iv) there exists $(-a)$ with $a + (-a) = 0$
- (v) $1 \cdot a = a \cdot 1$
- (vi) $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$
- (vii) $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$
- (viii) for all $a \neq 0$ there exists a^{-1} with $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$

Definition 1.1.2 (Vector Space)

A vector space over a field F is a set V with two operations:

- Vector addition $+$: $V \times V \rightarrow V$
- Scalar multiplication \cdot : $F \times V \rightarrow V$

These must satisfy

- (i) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \in V$
- (ii) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$
- (iii) $\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w}$
- (iv) $a(\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}) = (ab)\mathbf{u}$
- (v) $a(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = a\mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v}$
- (vi) $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$
- (vii) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$
- (viii) $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$

1.2. SUBSPACES

Definition 1.2.1 (Subspace)

A subspace of a vector space V is a subset H that is

- (i) nonempty (e.g. $\mathbf{0} \in H$),
- (ii) closed under addition, and
- (iii) closed under scalar multiplication.

Example. The set $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ (with $\mathbf{0} \in V$) is a subspace of every V .

⚠ Warning

\mathbb{R}^2 is not a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 . However, the set $\{(s, t, 0) : s, t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Definition 1.2.2 (Span)

The span of a set of vectors $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is the set of all linear combinations of the vectors in S . The span of a set of vectors is the smallest subspace that contains them.

Theorem 1.2.1

If $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p \in V$, then $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ is a subspace of V .

1.3. BASES

Definition 1.3.1 (Basis)

A basis for a vector space V is a set $B = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ of linearly independent vectors that span V .

Example. The set $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ is the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^n , and the set $\{1, t, t^2, \dots, t^n\}$ is the standard basis for P_n .

Theorem 1.3.1 (Basis Criterion)

Let V be an n -dimensional vector space with $n \geq 1$. Any set of n vectors in V is automatically a basis if

- (i) it is linearly independent or, equivalently,

- (ii) it spans V .

Definition 1.3.2 (Coordinates)

Let $B = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ be a basis for V . Each $\mathbf{v} \in V$ can be expressed as

$$[\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix},$$

the injective coordinate mapping $\mathbf{v} \rightarrow [\mathbf{v}]_B$,

$$P_B = [\mathbf{b}_1 \dots \mathbf{b}_n]$$

from B to the standard basis in V , with

$$\mathbf{v} = P_B[\mathbf{v}]_B.$$

Now let $C = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n\}$ be another basis for V . Then there is a unique $n \times n$ matrix

$$P_{C \leftarrow B} = [[\mathbf{b}_1]_C \dots [\mathbf{b}_n]_C]$$

$$[\mathbf{x}]_C = P_{C \leftarrow B}[\mathbf{x}]_B$$

and

$$(P_{C \leftarrow B})^{-1} = P_{B \leftarrow C}.$$

Example. Let E be the standard basis and let $P_{E \leftarrow B}$ and $P_{E \leftarrow C}$ be given.

$$P_{C \leftarrow E} = P_{C \leftarrow B} P_{B \leftarrow E} = (P_{E \leftarrow C})^{-1} P_{E \leftarrow B}.$$

1.4. DIMENSION

Definition 1.4.1 (Dimension)

The dimension of a vector space is the number of vectors in every basis.

A vector space is either finite-dimensional or infinite-dimensional.

Definition 1.4.2 (Rank and Nullity)

The rank of a linear transformation (or matrix) is the dimension of its image (column space) and is also given by the number of pivot columns, and the nullity is the dimension of its kernel.

Theorem 1.4.1 (Rank Theorem)

For an $m \times n$ matrix A it holds that

$$\text{rank } A + \text{nullity } A = n.$$

2. Matrices

2.1. MATRIX FORMS

Definition 2.1.1 (Matrix Forms)

• Row Echelon Form (REF): Pivots move to the right as you go down, with zeros below each pivot.

• Reduced Row Echelon Form (RREF): REF plus each pivot is 1 and is the only nonzero entry in its column. Canonical, i.e., unique.

• Upper/Lower Triangular Form: The diagonal entries of the triangular form are the eigenvalues of the original.

• Matrix Form: The matrix form of a linear map $T: V \rightarrow W$ is $[T]_B^A = [T]_{B \leftarrow A}$.

• Block Matrix Form: A matrix with submatrices in its entries. The submatrices are called blocks.

• Partitioned Matrix Form: A matrix with horizontal and vertical lines separating its entries.

• Sparse Matrix Form: A matrix with most entries being zero. The non-zero entries are called elements.

• Dense Matrix Form: A matrix with almost all entries being non-zero.

• Block Sparse Matrix Form: A matrix with some blocks being sparse and others being dense.

• Block Dense Matrix Form: A matrix with some blocks being dense and others being sparse.

• Block Sparse-Dense Matrix Form: A matrix with some blocks being sparse and others being dense.

• Block-Dense-Sparse Matrix Form: A matrix with some blocks being dense, some being sparse, and some being both.

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• Block-Dense Matrix Form: A matrix with all blocks being dense.