

Linear algebra

Field A set F of with two operators $+$ and \cdot such that $\forall f_1, f_2, f_3 \in F$

- Addition
 - $(f_1 + f_2) + f_3 = f_1 + (f_2 + f_3)$ Addition is associative
 - $f_1 + f_2 = f_2 + f_1$ Addition is comutitive
 - $\exists 0 | f_1 + 0 = f_1$ Indentity of addition
 - $\exists -f_1 | f_1 + (-f_1) = 0$
- Multiplication
 - $(f_1 f_2) f_3 = f_1 (f_2 f_3)$ Multiplication is associative
 - $f_1 f_2 = f_2 f_1$ Multiplication is comutitive
 - $\exists 1 \neq 0 | f_1 \cdot 1 = f_1$ Indentity of addition
 - $(\forall f_1 \in F | f_1 \neq 0) \exists f_1^{-1} | f_1 (f_1^{-1}) = 1$
- Distrabution
 - $f_1 (f_2 + f_3) = f_1 f_2 + f_1 f_3$ multiplication is distributive over addition

Properties of vector spaces

- $0 \cdot \vec{a} = \vec{0}$

Proof

$$0 \cdot \vec{a} = (0 + 0) \cdot \vec{a} \quad A_3$$

$$0 \cdot \vec{a} = 0 \cdot \vec{a} + 0 \cdot \vec{a} \quad \text{Dist}$$

$$0 \cdot \vec{a} - (0 \cdot \vec{a}) = 0 \cdot \vec{a} + 0 \cdot \vec{a} - (0 \cdot \vec{a})$$

$$0\vec{0} = 0 \cdot \vec{a} \quad A_4$$

- $(-1)\vec{a} = -a$

Proof

$$(-1)\vec{a} = -a \Leftrightarrow (-1)\vec{a} + 1\vec{a} = 0 \quad M_3$$

$$1\vec{a} + (-1)\vec{a} \quad M_3$$

$$= (1 - 1) \cdot \vec{a} \quad \text{Dist}$$

$$= 0 \cdot \vec{a}$$

$$= \vec{0}$$

- $\lambda \vec{0} = 0$

Proof

Find this proof

- $\lambda \vec{a} = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow \lambda = 0 \wedge \vec{a} = 0$

Find proof

Linear Dependency

Let V be a vector space over F . A set of vectors $\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$ is linearly independent if there are no nontrivial¹ solutions to the equation $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \vec{a}_i = \vec{0}$. This is equivalent to saying $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has only trivial solutions.

¹
trivial $\forall a_i = 0$
nontrivial $\exists i | a_i \neq 0$

This implies that elementary row operations to get a reduced row echelon form will result in no zero rows.

The contrapositive statement is that the existence of a nontrivial solution implies that the system is linearly dependent.

Propositions

Proposition For a system of vectors $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ the following statements are equivalent:

- $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ is linearly dependent
- a_m is a linear combination of the remaining vectors
- at least one vector can be expressed as a linear combination of the preceding vectors.²

² Why is this true?

³ prove multiple statements are equivalent using a cycle ($a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow a$). **Proof:** $1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$. \exists a nontrivial combination of coefficients such that $A \cdot \vec{a} = \vec{0}$.

³ Order is important

Take the last vector of a nontrivial solution without a zero coefficient $a_j \neq 0$. $a_j = a_1(\alpha_1) + \dots + a_{j-1}(\alpha_{j-1}) + a_{j+1}(\alpha_{j+1}) + \dots + a_n(\alpha_n)$

$$a_j = \alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots + \alpha_{j-1} a_{j-1} + \alpha_{j+1} a_{j+1} + \dots + \alpha_n a_n$$

$2 \rightarrow a_j \alpha_j + \beta a_j = 0$ non-trivial because $\beta \neq 0$ full proof

Span

Let V be a vector space over a field F and let $S \subseteq V$. The span of S is denoted $\langle S \rangle$.

$\langle S \rangle$ is the subset of V consisting of all vectors which can be represented as a linear combination of vectors from S . That is, $\alpha_1 a_1 + \dots + \alpha_n a_n$ for $a_i \in S$ and $\alpha_i \in F$.

Prove that $0 \in \langle S \rangle$. Trivial combination $S \in \langle S \rangle$ $a = 1 \cdot a$

Span 2

The set of all vectors from v that can be expressed by linear combinations of the vectors of s $\langle s \rangle = \sum \alpha_i a_i$

- The zero vector is always in the span
- s is a subset of $\langle s \rangle$
- s is a subset of t implies the span of s is a subset of $\langle t \rangle$
- the span of the span of s is the span of s
 - Proof
 - $\langle s \rangle$ is a subset of $\langle \langle s \rangle \rangle$ ⁴
 - $c = \beta_1 b_1 + \dots + \beta_m b_m \in \langle s \rangle$ $a_1 a_n \in \langle s \rangle$
 - $b_i = \alpha_1 a_1 + \dots + \alpha_m a_m$
 - $c = (\alpha_1 \beta_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \beta_m) a_1 + \dots + (\alpha_1 \beta_n + \dots + \alpha_m \beta_n) a_n$
- if we add to s a vector which is a linear combination of vectors from s or remove from s a vector which is a linear combination of the remaining vector from s then the span of s remains the same
 - a corollary of 4
- A set of vectors is linearly independent if and only if the system without the last vector is linearly independent and the last vector is not in the span of the previous system
 - Proof
 - suppose the smaller system is linearly dependent
 - Then the new system will be linearly dependent by simply adding a zero coefficient to the last vector because there will be a non zero coefficient in the previous system so the solution to the new system will also be nontrivial
 - To see the second statement
 - Assume on the contrary that the new vector belongs to the span of the previous set of vectors then it can be shown easily that there exist a non trivial solution to the new system.
 - Sufficiency
 - Assume on the contrary the the new set is linearly dependent
 - There is a nontrivial combination for the new system which equals 0 such that $\alpha_{n+1} \neq 0$ otherwise only nontrivial solutions would exist!
 - But this contradicts with the fact that the new vector is not in the span of the previous vectors
 - * But then $a_{n+1} = \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_{n+1}} a_1$ which means that a_{n+1} is in the span of the previous vectors

⁴ Now prove the converse

Basis :

- Let v be a vector space over a field F
- A system of vectors is a basis of v if

- it is linearly independent
- the span of the vectors is V that is every vector v can be written as a linear combination of those vectors⁵

⁵ The coefficients called coordinates can be determined uniquely

Let S be a finite subset of V which spans the whole space. Then there is a basis of V contained in S .

Proof >> It suffices to choose a linearly independent system a_1 to a_n a subset in S whose span contains S > Because if $\langle a_1 \cdots a_n \rangle = \langle S \rangle$ > If $a_i \in S$, we are done > Otherwise we can pick a_{i+1} from S – $a_1 - a_2$ and in $\leq |S|$ we obtain the required system