

Basis and Subspaces

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Theorem 1.1 .5

If $\mathbb{B} = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ is a basis for a subset S of \mathbb{R}^n , then every vector $\vec{x} \in S$, can be written as a unique linear combination of $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$.

Proof left as exercise

Definition

In \mathbb{R}^n , let \vec{e}_i represent the vector whose i 'th component is 1 and all other components are 0. The set $\{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$ is called the **standard** basis for \mathbb{R}^n

Example 1.1 .1

Standard Basis for \mathbb{R}^2 is $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2\} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Example 1.2 .2

Standard Basis for \mathbb{R}^3 is $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3\} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Definition

A basis is a different coordinate system.

Example 1.3 .3

Prove that $\mathbb{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^2

Solution: By the theorem, we have that \mathbb{B} is linearly independent since neither vector is a scalar multiple of the other.

To show spanning:

Let $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{x}_1 \\ \vec{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Consider

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{x}_1 \\ \vec{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = C_1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 + C_2 \\ C_1 + 2C_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$X_1 = C_1 + C_2, X_2 = C_1 + 2C_2$. Solving, $C_2 = x_2 - x_1$ and $C_1 = 2X_1 - X_2$. \therefore every $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ can be written as a linear combination of the vectors in \mathbb{B} .

Surfaces in Higher Dimensions

We can extend over geometrical concepts of lines and planes to \mathbb{R}^n with $\vec{m} \neq \vec{0}$ for $n > 3$.

Definition

Let $\vec{m}, \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, with $\vec{m} \neq \vec{0}$. We call the set with vector equation $\vec{x} = c_1 \cdot \vec{m} + \vec{b}, c_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ a line in \mathbb{R}^n which passes through \vec{b} .