

### 2.3.1

Let  $V$  be a linear space on  $F$ ,  $S \subset V$  is linearly independent,  $\alpha \in V \setminus S$ . Prove that  $S \cup \{\alpha\}$  is linearly independent iff  $\alpha \notin \text{Span}(S)$ .

Proof:  $S \cup \{\alpha\}$  is linearly dependent iff there  $\alpha$  can be written as the linear combination of  $S$  (since  $S$  is linearly independent), iff  $\alpha \in \text{Span}(S)$ .

### 2.3.2

Suppose  $S_1, S_2, S_3 \subset V$ ,  $W_i = \text{Span}(S_i)$ , and  $S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3$  is linearly independent, prove that

$$W_1 \cap (W_2 + W_3) = (W_1 \cap W_2) + (W_1 \cap W_3).$$

Proof: Since  $S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3$  is linearly independent, both sides are  $\{0\}$ .

### 2.3.3&2.3.4

Give another proof of the theorem: if  $S \subset V$  is linearly independent,  $T \subset V$  generates  $V$  and both are finite, then  $|S| \leq |T|$ .

Proof: Let  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  and  $T = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ . Consider the following algorithm that maintains a list that generates  $V$ : Step1: Note that  $u_1 \in \text{Span}\langle v_1, \dots, v_m \rangle$  so  $u_1, v_1, \dots, v_m$  are linearly dependent, and generates  $V$ . Take the first  $v_k \in \text{Span}\langle u_1, v_1, \dots, v_{k-1} \rangle$ , and remove it from the list. Rename the elements of the list as  $u_1, v_1, \dots, v_{m-1}$ .

Step $k$ : Suppose the list is in the form  $u_1, \dots, u_{k-1}, v_1, \dots, v_{m-k+1}$ , then add  $u_k$  to the list. Since  $u_1, \dots, u_{k-1}, v_1, \dots, v_{m-k+1}$  generates  $V$ , the new list  $u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_{m-k+1}$  is linearly dependent, and for any  $i \leq k$ ,  $u_i \notin \text{Span}\langle u_1, \dots, u_{i-1} \rangle$ . Hence there exists  $v_j \in \text{Span}\langle u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_{j-1} \rangle$  and we remove it from the list.

If  $n > m$  then after step $m$  the list becomes  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  which generates  $V$ , but  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  is linearly independent, leading to contradiction.

### 2.3.5

Suppose  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a_{ij}, b_i \in F$ . Consider the equation

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1, \\ \dots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m. \end{cases}$$

(1) Suppose  $m < n$ , and  $b_1 = \dots = b_m = 0$ . Prove that there is a non-trivial solution.

Proof: Consider the linear map  $f: F^n \rightarrow F^m$ ,  $(x_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n} \mapsto (y_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}x_i)_{1 \leq j \leq m}$ , then  $\dim \text{Ker } f = \dim F^n - \dim \text{Im } f > 0$ , so  $\text{Ker } f$  contains a non-trivial solution.

(2) Suppose  $m > n$ . Prove that there exists  $b_1, \dots, b_m$  such that the equation has no solutions.

Proof: Consider again the linear map in (1), since  $\dim \text{Im } f \leq \dim F^n < m$ ,  $f$  can't be surjective.

## 48-4

Show that the vectors

$$\alpha_1 = (1, 0, -1), \alpha_2 = (1, 2, 1), \alpha_3 = (0, -3, 2)$$

form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Express each of the standard basis vectors as linear combinations of  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ .

Proof: Note that

$$e_1 = \frac{7}{10}\alpha_1 + \frac{3}{10}\alpha_2 + \frac{1}{5}\alpha_3, e_2 = \frac{-\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}{5}, e_3 = -\frac{3}{10}\alpha_1 + \frac{3}{10}\alpha_2 + \frac{1}{5}\alpha_3.$$

Hence  $\text{Span}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) = \mathbb{R}^3$  which is of dimension 3, so they are a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

## 48-5

Find three vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which are linearly dependent, and are such that any two of them are linearly independent.

Solution: Consider  $(1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 0)$ . Then  $(1, 0, 0) + (-1) \cdot (1, 1, 0) + (0, 1, 0) = 0$ , but each pair are linearly independent.

## 49-9

Let  $V$  be a vector space over a subfield  $F$  of the complex numbers. Suppose  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are linearly independent, prove that  $(\alpha + \beta), (\beta + \gamma), (\gamma + \alpha)$  are linearly independent.

Proof: If there exists  $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in F$  not identically zero, such that  $c_1(\alpha + \beta) + c_2(\beta + \gamma) + c_3(\gamma + \alpha) = 0$ , then  $(c_1 + c_3)\alpha + (c_1 + c_2)\beta + (c_2 + c_3)\gamma = 0$ . Since  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are linearly independent,  $c_1 + c_2 = c_2 + c_3 = c_3 + c_1 = 0$ , hence  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ , a contradiction.