

Lecture 08, LINEAR ALGEBRA (MA4020)

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[We started with problems from Artn: See recording of lecture]

$V$ : vector space over  $F$  (or over  $\mathbb{R}$ )

$S = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  ordered set of vectors of  $V$

$\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{linear}}}{L}(S) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n c_i v_i \mid v_i \in V, c_i \in F, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$   
finite linear combination of elements of  $S$ .

Linear span of  $S$ , and is denoted by  $\text{Span}(S)$ .

$(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is L.I. , then if (L.I.)

$$c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_i = 0 \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n.$$

A set which is not linearly independent is called linearly dependent (L.D.)

**Definition.** A set of vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  which is linearly independent and which also spans  $V$  is called a **basis**.

**Discussion.**

①

$$\mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Span}(e_1, e_2) = \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ a}}{c_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ b}}{c_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

②

$$\mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

$$e_1, \dots, e_n$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e_i = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ i^{\text{th}} \text{ row}}}{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}$$

$(e_1, \dots, e_n)$  is L.I.

$$\text{Span}(e_1, \dots, e_n) = \mathbb{R}^n$$

③

$$V = (M_n(\mathbb{R}), +, \cdot)$$

Linearly independent set =  $\{ \dots \}$

$$e_{ij} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ i^{\text{th}}}}{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}$$

Basis =  $\{ e_{ij} \mid 1 \leq i, j \leq n \}$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= a_{11} \underline{e_{11}} + a_{12} \underline{e_{12}} + a_{21} \underline{e_{21}} + a_{22} \underline{e_{22}}$$

$\{e_{11}, e_{12}, e_{21}, e_{22}\}$  linearly independent.

$$\underline{a_{11}} e_{11} + \underline{a_{12}} e_{12} + \underline{a_{21}} e_{21} + \underline{a_{22}} e_{22} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{ij} = 0$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$a_{ij} = 0$$

(vector space)

$$4. \quad \mathcal{P}_n = \{ a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

polynomials of degree  $\leq n$ .

Basis =  $\{ \overset{?}{\phantom{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n}} \}$

$$= \{ 1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n \} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{L.I.}}}$$

$$c_0 1 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_n x^n = 0$$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow c_i = 0.$$

Let  $\mathcal{B} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  be a basis of a vector space  $V$ .

$$\text{Span } \mathcal{B} = V$$

$w$

$$\exists c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n \text{ s.t.}$$

$\uparrow$   $c_i \in F$

$$w = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$$

for some  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in F$ .

Is this unique? (YES)

$$\exists c'_1 v_1 + \dots + c'_n v_n \text{ s.t. } w = c'_1 v_1 + \dots + c'_n v_n$$

**Proposition.** The set  $\mathcal{B} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is a basis if and only if every vector  $w \in V$  can be written in a **unique way** in the form:  $w = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$ ,  $c_i \in F$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis and  $w$  can be written as a linear combination in two ways

$$\begin{aligned} w &= c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n \\ \parallel & \quad \parallel \\ w &= c'_1 v_1 + \dots + c'_n v_n. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\underline{\underline{0}} = w - w = \overset{0}{\parallel} (c_1 - c'_1) v_1 + \dots + \overset{0}{\parallel} (c_n - c'_n) v_n.$$

Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis, we get  $\boxed{c_i = c'_i}$  for all  $i=1, \dots, n$ .

Hence, expression for  $w$  is unique.

**Note.**  $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  basis of  $V$ , then

$$\text{Span } \mathcal{B} = V$$



0 vectors

unique representation for 0 vectors,

Converse Part. If every vector  $w \in V$  can be written in a unique way, then claim  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is a basis.   
  $(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n)$   $\mathcal{B}$

$$0 = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$$

$$\Rightarrow c_i = 0 \text{ for all } i=1, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow (v_1, \dots, v_n) \text{ are linearly independent}$$

$$\underline{\underline{w \in V}}, \text{ then } w \in \text{Span}(\mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow V \subseteq \text{Span}(\mathcal{B})$$

But  $\boxed{\text{Span}(\mathcal{B}) \subseteq V}$  (always)

Thus  $V = \text{Span}(\mathcal{B})$ .

$$(\text{or } \mathbb{R}^n)$$

Example. Let  $V = F^n$  the space of column vectors.

$e_i$  : column vector with 1 in the  $i$ th position and zero elsewhere. Then  $n$  vectors

$e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  form a basis for  $F^n$ .

[ often called standard basis ]

$E = (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$   
(notation)

$$V = F^n$$

Note that every vector  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$  can be expressed uniquely in the form

$X = x_1 e_1 + \dots + x_n e_n$  as a linear combination of  $E$ .



**Proposition.** Let  $L = (v_1, \dots, v_r)$  be a linearly independent ordered set in  $V$ , and  $\underline{v} \in V$  be any vector. Then the ordered set  $L' = (L, v)$  obtained by adding

$v$  to  $L$  is linearly independent if and only if  $v$  is not in the subspace spanned by  $L$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $L = (v_1, \dots, v_r)$  for some  $r$ .  

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} A \iff B \\ \neg A \iff \neg B \end{array} \right]$$

If  $v \in \text{Span } L$ , then

$$v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_r v_r \quad \text{for some } c_i \in F.$$

Hence  $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_r v_r + (-1)v = 0$  is a linear

relation among the vectors of  $L'$ , and the coefficient  $-1$  is not zero.

Thus  $L'$  is linearly dependent.

Conversely, suppose that  $L'$  is linearly dependent.



Then there is some linear relation

$$\left( c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_r v_r \right) + b v = 0, \quad (*)$$

in which not all co-efficients are zero.

At least  $b \neq 0$ .

If  $b$  were zero, the expression would

reduce to  $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_r v_r = 0$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \dots = c_r = 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \because L \text{ is linearly} \\ \text{independent} \end{array} \right.$$

Since  $b \neq 0$ , we can re-write  $(*)$  as

$$v = \left( \frac{-c_1}{b} \right) v_1 + \dots + \left( \frac{-c_r}{b} \right) v_r$$

$v \in$

$$\Rightarrow v \in \underline{\text{Span } L}.$$

$$L' = (L, v)$$

$$(L', w)$$

$$(L, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \quad \text{L.I.}$$

$$\text{Span}(L') = V$$

$$\text{if } \text{Span}(L') \neq V$$

spanned by  
finitely many  
elements

**Proposition.** Let  $S$  be an ordered set of vectors, let  $v \in V$  be any vector, and let  $S' = (S, v)$ . Then

$$\text{Span}(S) = \text{Span}(S') \iff v \in \text{Span}(S).$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} A \iff B \\ (\neg A \iff \neg B) \end{array} \right)$$

**Proof.**

Since  $S' = (S, v)$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v \in \text{Span } S'} \quad \checkmark$$

(Claim.  $v \in \text{Span}(S)$ .)

$$\text{If } v \notin \text{Span}(S)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Span}(S) \neq \text{Span}(S')$$

Conversely, if  $v \in \text{Span}(S)$ ,

then  $S'$   $\subset \text{Span}(S)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Span}(S') \subset \text{Span}(S)$$

But  $\cap \text{Span}(S')$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Span}(S') = \text{Span}(S)}.$$

**Definition.** A vector space  $V$  is called **finite-dimensional** if there is some finite set  $S$  which spans  $V$ .

$$\begin{cases} S = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \\ \text{Span}(S) = V \end{cases}$$

①  $(\mathbb{R}^n, +, \cdot)$   $S = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$

②  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$

**Proposition.** Any finite set  $S$  which spans  $V$  contains a basis. In particular, any finite-dimensional vector space has a basis.

**Proof.** Suppose  $S = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  and that  $S$  is not linearly independent. Then

$$\text{Span}(S) = V.$$

$\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  L.D.

$$c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n = 0, \text{ some } \underline{c_i} \text{ is non-zero.}$$

$\Downarrow$

$\{v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  L.D.

Assume that  $\underline{c_n \neq 0}$ . Then

$\{v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  L.D.

$$\underline{v_n} = \frac{-c_1}{\underline{c_n}} v_1 + \dots + \frac{-c_{n-1}}{c_n} v_{n-1}$$

$\neq$

This implies that

$$v_n \in \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1})$$

Set  $v = v_n$  and  $S = (v_1, \dots, v_{n-1})$  before,

we get

$$\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}) = \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_n) = V.$$

$$\text{Span}(v_1^0)$$

If  $v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}$  are still linearly dependent,

$$\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_{n-2}),$$

continue the same process of elimination,

$$= \checkmark$$

until we reach a stage

$$\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_\ell)$$

s.t.  $v_1, \dots, v_\ell$  is linearly independent

Since  $\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_\ell) = V$ , thus  $v_1, \dots, v_\ell$  is a basis.

Convention.

$\phi$

(a) The empty set is linearly independent.

$$(b) \quad \text{Span}(\phi) = \{0\}$$

zero subspace.

With this convention, we complete the proof.



**Proposition.** Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space.

Any linearly independent set  $L$  can be extended by adding elements, to get a basis.

Proof.

Given

$V$  : f.d. vector space

$L, v$   
 $(L, v, w)$

$$\text{Span}(L, v) = V$$

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By defn  $\left[ \exists \text{ a finite set } S \text{ which spans } V \right]$ .

By Proposition  $\left[ \text{Any finite set } S \text{ which spans } V \text{ contains a basis} \right]$

Let  $S$  be a finite set which spans  $V$ .

If all elements of  $S$  are in  $\text{Span } L$ , then  $L$  spans  $V$ ,  
and so it contains a basis.

If not, choose  $v \in S$ , which is not in  $\text{Span } L$ .

then  $(L, v)$  is linearly independent.

Continue until you get a basis (This process stops in finite steps)

$(L, v_1, v_2)$

$(L, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$

□

**Proposition.** Let  $S, L$  be finite subsets of  $V$ .

Assume that  $S$  spans  $V$  and that  $L$  is linearly independent. Then  $S$  contains at least as many elements as  $L$  does.

$$\text{Span} \left( \overset{S}{(1,1), (1,0), (2,1)} \right) = \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$L = \{(2,0), (0,1)\}$$

Discussion.

$S \overset{\text{finite set}}{\cup} V \overset{\text{finite set}}{\cup} L$

$$\text{Span}(S) = V$$

$L$  is linearly independent

$$\text{Claim: } \#S \geq \#L \quad (|S| \geq |L|)$$

$$S = (v_1, \dots, v_m)$$

$$L = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$$

$$\text{Span } S = V \quad \text{claim: } \underline{m \geq n}$$

Since  $\underline{w_j} \in V (= \text{Span } S)$ , we can write  $w_j$  as a linear combination of  $S$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{w_j} &= a_{1j}v_1 + \dots + a_{mj}v_m \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij}v_i \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$u = c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_n w_n$$

$$= c_1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{i1} v_i \right) + \dots + c_n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{in} v_i \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^m c_1 a_{i1} v_i + \dots + \sum_{i=1}^m c_n a_{in} v_i$$

$$= \sum_{i,j} (c_j a_{ij}) v_i$$

$$u = ( \quad ) v_1 + \dots + ( \quad ) v_m$$

The co-efficient of  $v_i = \sum_j a_{ij} c_j$ .

If the co-efficient of  $v_i$  is zero for every  $i$ ,  
then  $u = 0$

To find a linear relation among the vectors of  $L$ ,  
it suffices to solve the system

$$\sum_j a_{ij} x_j = 0 \quad \text{of } m \text{ equations in } n \text{ unknowns.}$$

If  $m < n$ , then system has non-trivial solution, then  
 $L$  is linearly dependent. Hence  $m \geq n$ .



$\begin{array}{c} V \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \mathcal{B}_1 \quad \mathcal{B}_2 \quad \mathcal{B}_3 \quad \dots \quad \mathcal{B}_m \end{array}$

**Proposition.** Two bases  $\mathcal{B}_1$  and  $\mathcal{B}_2$  of the vector space  $V$  have the same number of elements.

**Proof.** Set  $\mathcal{B}_1 = S$  and  $\mathcal{B}_2 = L$  in previous proposition to get  $|\mathcal{B}_1| \geq |\mathcal{B}_2|$ .

By symmetry,  $|\mathcal{B}_2| \geq |\mathcal{B}_1|$

Hence,  $|\mathcal{B}_1| = |\mathcal{B}_2|$ .

**Definition.** The dimension of a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$  is the number of vectors in a basis.

**Notation.**

$\dim V$

or

$\dim_F V$

dimension of a vector space over a field  $F$ .

"  $\boxed{\dim_F V < \infty}$  means  $V$  is f.d. vector space over  $F$  "

$$V = M_n(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\dim_{\mathbb{R}} V = n^2$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \{ e_{ij} \mid 1 \leq i, j \leq n \}$$

$$V = \text{Sym}_n(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\dim_{\mathbb{R}} V = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Describe Basis = { , ... }

$$V = \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\dim_{\mathbb{R}} V = n$$

✓

$$\text{Sym}_2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dim_{\mathbb{R}} \text{Sym}_2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$= 3$$

$$\text{Basis} = \{ e_{11}, e_{22}, \underline{e_{12} + e_{21}} \}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11} \underline{e_{11}} + a_{12} (\underline{e_{12} + e_{21}}) + a_{22} \underline{e_{22}}$$

