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1 Lecture1 Jan.9 2018

1.1 Vector spaces

Definition A real¹ **vector space** is a set V together with two vector operations vector addition and scalar multiplication such that

1. **AC** Additive Closure: $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V, \vec{x} + \vec{y} \in V$
2. **C** Commutative: $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V, \vec{x} + \vec{y} = \vec{y} + \vec{x}$
3. **AA** Additive Associative: $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z} \in V, (\vec{x} + \vec{y}) + \vec{z} = \vec{x} + (\vec{y} + \vec{z})$
4. **Z** Zero Vector: $\exists \vec{0} \in V$ s.t. $\forall \vec{x} \in V, \vec{x} + \vec{0} = \vec{x}$
5. **AI** Additive Inverse: $\forall \vec{x} \in V, \exists -\vec{x} \in V$ s.t. $\vec{x} + (-\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$
6. **SC** Scalar Closure: $\forall \vec{x}, c \in \mathbb{R}, c\vec{x} \in V$
7. **DVA** Distributive Vector Additions: $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V, c \in \mathbb{R}, c(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = c\vec{x} + c\vec{y}$
8. **DSA** Distributive Scalar Additions: $\forall \vec{x} \in V, c, d \in \mathbb{R}, (c + d)\vec{x} = c\vec{x} + d\vec{x}$
9. **SMA** Scalar Multiplication Associative: $\forall \vec{x} \in V, c, d \in \mathbb{R}, (cd)\vec{x} = c(d\vec{x})$
10. **O** One: $\forall \vec{x} \in V, 1\vec{x} = \vec{x}$

Note For V to be a vector space, need to know or be given operations of vector additions multiplication and check all 10 properties hold.

1.2 Examples of vector spaces

Example 1 \mathbb{R}^n w.r.t. usual component-wise addition and scalar multiplication.

Example 2 $M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ set of all $m \times n$ matrices with real entry. w.r.t. usual entry-wise addition and scalar multiplication.

Example 3 $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$ set of polynomials with real coefficients, of degree less or equal to n , w.r.t. usual degree-wise polynomial addition and scalar multiplication.

¹A vector space is real if scalar which defines scalar multiplication is real.

Note If define $\mathbb{P}_n^*(\mathbb{R})$ as set of all polynomials of degree exactly equal to n w.r.t. normal degree-wise multiplication and addition.

Then it is **NOT** a vector space.

Explanation: $(1+x^n), (1-x^n) \in \mathbb{P}_n^*(\mathbb{R})$ but $(1+x^n) + (1-x^n) = 2 \notin \mathbb{P}_n^*(\mathbb{R})$

Example 4 Something unusual, define V as

$$V = \{(x_1, x_2) | x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

with vector addition

$$(x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2) = (x_1 + y_1 + 1, x_2 + y_2 + 1)$$

and scalar multiplication

$$c(x_1, x_2) = (cx_1 + c - 1, cx_2 + c - 1)$$

This is a vector space.

1.3 Some properties of vector spaces

Suppose V is a vector space, then it has the following properties.

Property 1 The zero vector is unique.

proof.

Assume $\vec{0}, \vec{0}^*$ are two zero vectors in V

WTS: $\vec{0} = \vec{0}^*$

Since $\vec{0}$ is the zero vector, by Z $\vec{0}^* + \vec{0} = \vec{0}^*$

Similarly, $\vec{0} + \vec{0}^* = \vec{0}$

Also, $\vec{0} + \vec{0}^* = \vec{0}^* + \vec{0}$ by commutative vector addition.

So, $\vec{0}^* = \vec{0}$

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Property 2 $\forall \vec{x} \in V$, the additive inverse $-\vec{x}$ is unique.

proof.

Exercise.

Property 3 $\forall \vec{x} \in V, 0\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

proof.

By property of number 0: $0\vec{x} = (0 + 0)\vec{x}$

By DSA: $0\vec{x} = 0\vec{x} + 0\vec{x}$

By AI, $\exists(-0\vec{x})$ s.t.

$$0\vec{x} + (-0\vec{x}) = 0\vec{x} + 0\vec{x} + (-0\vec{x})$$

By AA

$$\implies 0\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

Property 4 $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}, c\vec{0} = \vec{0}$

proof.

Exercise.

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2.1 Some properties of vector spaces-Cont'd

Property 5 For a vector space V , $\forall \vec{x} \in V$, $(-1)\vec{x} = (-\vec{x})$. (we could use this property to find the additive inverse with scalar multiplication with (-1)).
proof.

$$\begin{aligned} (-\vec{x}) &= (-\vec{x}) + \vec{0} \quad \text{By property of zero vector} \\ &= (-\vec{x}) + 0\vec{x} \quad \text{By property 3} \\ &= (-\vec{x}) + (1 + (-1))\vec{x} \quad \text{By property of zero as real number} \\ &= (-\vec{x}) + 1\vec{x} + (-1)\vec{x} \\ &= \vec{0} + (-1)\vec{x} \\ &= (-1)\vec{x} \end{aligned}$$

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Property 6 For a vector space V , let $\vec{x} \in V$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$, then,

$$c\vec{x} = \vec{0} \implies c = 0 \vee \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

proof.

Exercise.

2.2 Subspaces

Loosely A subspace is a space contained within a vector space.

Definition Let V be a vector space and $W \subseteq V$, W is a **subspace** of V if W is itself a vector space w.r.t. operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication from V .

Theorem Let V be a vector space, and $W \subseteq V$, W has the same operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication as in V . Then, W is a subspace of V iff:

1. W is non-empty. $W \neq \emptyset$.
2. W is closed under addition. $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in W, \vec{x} + \vec{y} \in W$.
3. W is closed under scalar multiplication. $\forall \vec{x} \in W, c \in \mathbb{R}, c\vec{x} \in W$.

Proof.

Forward:

If W is a subspace

$$\implies \vec{0} \in W$$

$$\implies W \neq \emptyset$$

Also, additive and scalar multiplication closures $\implies (ii), (iii)$

Backward:

Let $W \neq \emptyset \wedge (ii) \wedge (iii)$

WTS. 10 axioms in definition of vector space hold

$(ii) \implies$ Additive Closure

$(iii) \implies$ Scalar Multiplication Closure

Because $W \subseteq V$, and V is a vector space, so properties hold $\forall \vec{w} \in W$.

Additive inverse: by property 5 and scalar multiplication closure,

$$\forall \vec{x} \in W, -\vec{x} = (-1)\vec{x} \in W.$$

Also, existence of additive identity: $(-\vec{x}) + \vec{x} = \vec{0} \in W$.

2.3 Examples of subspaces

Example 1 Let $V = \mathbb{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, V is a subspace.

Example 2 Define W as

$$W = \{A \in \mathbb{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) | A \text{ is not symmetric}\}$$

Explanation: Let $A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $A_1, A_2 \in W$ but $A_1 +$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin W.$$

Example 3 Let $V = \mathbb{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$, is W defined as following,

$$W = \{p(x) \in V | p(1) = 0\}$$

a subspace of V ?

proof.

WTS: (i)

Let $z(x) = 0$ or $z(x) = x^2 - 1, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$\implies W \neq \emptyset$

WTS: (ii)

Let $p_1, p_2 \in W$, which means $p_1(1) = p_2(1) = 0$

$(p_1 + p_2)(1) = p_1(1) + p_2(1) = 0 + 0 = 0$

$\implies p_1 + p_2 \in W$

$\implies W$ is closed under addition.

WTS: (iii) Let $p \in W$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$\implies p(1) = 0$

Since $(c * p)(x) = c * p(x)$, we have $(c * p)(1) = c * p(1) = c * 0 = 0$

$\implies cp \in W$.

So W is a subspace of V .

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2.4 Recall from MAT223

Let $A \in \mathbb{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, then $Nul(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n and $Col(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m .

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3.1 Linear Combination

Definition Let V be a vector space, $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n \in V$, $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ the expression

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n$$

is called a **linear combination** of $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$.

Theorem Let V be a vector space, W is a subspace of V , $\forall \vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_k \in W, c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$c_1 \vec{w}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{w}_k \in W$$

Subspaces are closed under linear combinations, since subspaces are closed under scalar multiplication and vector addition.

Theorem Let V be a vector space, let $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in V$ then the set of all linear combination of $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$

$$W = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \vec{v}_i \mid c_i \in \mathbb{R} \forall i \right\}$$

is a subspace of V .
proof.

Consider $\vec{0} \in W$

So, $W \neq \emptyset$

Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$, Let $\vec{x} \in W \wedge \vec{y} \in W$

By definition of span, we have,

$$\vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \vec{v}_i, \quad \vec{y} = \sum_{i=1}^k b_i \vec{v}_i$$

Consider, $\vec{x} + c\vec{y}$

$$\vec{x} + c\vec{y} = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \vec{v}_i + c \sum_{i=1}^k b_i \vec{v}_i = \sum_{i=1}^k (a_i + cb_i) \vec{v}_i \in W$$

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Definition Let V be a vector space, $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in V$, **span** of the set of vectors $\{\vec{v}_i\}_{i=1}^k$ is defined as the collection of all possible linear combinations of $\{\vec{v}_i\}_{i=1}^k$. By pervious theorem, span is a subspace.

3.2 Combination of subspaces

Definition Let W_1, W_2 be two sets, then the **union** of W_1, W_2 is defined as:

$$W_1 \cup W_2 = \{\vec{w} \mid \vec{w} \in W_1 \vee \vec{w} \in W_2\}$$

the **intersection** of W_1, W_2 is defined as:

$$W_1 \cap W_2 = \{\vec{w} \mid \vec{w} \in W_1 \wedge \vec{w} \in W_2\}$$

Now consider W_1, W_2 to be two subspaces of vector space V , then we have,

1. $W_1 \cup W_2$ is **not** a subspace.
2. $W_1 \cap W_2$ is a subspace.

proof.

Falsify the statement by providing counter-example:

Consider,

$$W_1 = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1 \in \mathbb{R}, x_2 = 0\}$$

$$W_2 = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_2 \in \mathbb{R}, x_1 = 0\}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in W_1 \cup W_2 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in W_1 \cup W_2$$

$$\text{But, } \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \notin W_1 \cup W_2$$

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proof.

Because W_1 and W_2 are both subspaces, so

$$\vec{0} \in W_1 \cap W_2 \implies W_1 \cap W_2 \neq \emptyset$$

$$\text{Let } \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in W_1 \cap W_2, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Consider, } \vec{x} + c\vec{y}$$

Sine W_1, W_2 are subspaces,

$$\vec{x} + c\vec{y} \in W_1 \wedge \vec{x} + c\vec{y} \in W_2$$

$$\implies \vec{x} + c\vec{y} \in W_1 \cap W_2$$

So, $W_1 \cap W_2$ is a subspace.

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Definition Let W_1, W_2 be subspaces of vector space V , define the **sum** of two subspaces as:

$$W_1 + W_2 = \{\vec{x} + \vec{y} \mid \vec{x} \in W_1 \wedge \vec{y} \in W_2\}$$

Note Let $\vec{x} = \vec{0} \in W_1, \forall \vec{y} \in W_2, \vec{y} \in W_1 + W_2$ so that, $W_2 \subseteq W_1 + W_2$. Similarly, let $\vec{y} = \vec{0} \in W_2, \forall \vec{x} \in W_1, \vec{x} \in W_1 + W_2$. so that, $W_1 \subseteq W_1 + W_2$. So we have $\forall \vec{v} \in W_1 \cap W_2, \vec{v} \in W_1 + W_2$. So that,

$$W_1 \cap W_2 \subseteq W_1 + W_2$$

Note $W_1 + W_2$ is a subspace of V .

proof.

Let $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2 \in W_1, \vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_2 \in W_2$

By properties of subspaces,

$\forall c \in \mathbb{R}, c\vec{x}_1 \in W_1 \wedge c\vec{y}_2 \in W_2$

Consider, $\vec{x}_1 + \vec{y}_1 \in W_1 + W_2, \vec{x}_2 + \vec{y}_2 \in W_1 + W_2$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\vec{x}_1 + \vec{y}_1) + c(\vec{x}_2 + \vec{y}_2) \\ &= (c\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_1) + (c\vec{y}_2 + \vec{y}_2) \in W_1 + W_2 \end{aligned}$$

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Definition Let W_1, W_2 be subspaces of vector space V , say V is **direct sum** of W_1 and W_2 , written as $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$, if every $\vec{x} \in V$ can be written uniquely as $\vec{x} = \vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2$ where $\vec{w}_1 \in W_1$ and $\vec{w}_2 \in W_2$.

Equivalently Let W_1 and W_2 be subspaces of V , $V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \iff V = W_1 + W_2 \wedge W_1 \cap W_2 = \{\vec{0}\}$.

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4.1 Cont'd

Cont'd Proof of Theorem

proof.

(Forward direction) Suppose $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$

WTS. $V = W_1 + W_2 \wedge W_1 \cap W_2 = \{\vec{0}\}$

Let $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$

$\implies \forall \vec{x} \in V$, can be written uniquely as

$$\vec{x} = \vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2, \vec{w}_1 \in W_1, \vec{w}_2 \in W_2$$

$\implies V = W_1 + W_2$ by definition of *sum*.

Let $\vec{x} \in W_1 \cap W_2$

Decomposition, let $\vec{z} \in W_1 \cap W_2$

$$\vec{z} = \vec{z} + \vec{0}, \vec{z} \in W_1, \vec{0} \in W_2$$

$$\vec{z} = \vec{0} + \vec{z}, \vec{0} \in W_1, \vec{z} \in W_2$$

Since decomposition is unique, $\vec{z} = \vec{0}$

$$\text{So, } W_1 \cap W_2 = \{\vec{0}\}$$

(Backward direction) Suppose $V = W_1 + W_2 \wedge W_1 \cap W_2 = \{\vec{0}\}$

WTS. $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$

Assume $\vec{x} = \vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2, \vec{w}_1 \in W_1, \vec{w}_2 \in W_2$

$$\vec{x} = \vec{w}'_1 + \vec{w}'_2, \vec{w}'_1 \in W_1, \vec{w}'_2 \in W_2$$

$$\implies \vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2 = \vec{w}'_1 + \vec{w}'_2$$

$$\implies \vec{w}_1 - \vec{w}'_1 = \vec{w}'_2 - \vec{w}_2$$

Where, by definition of subspace, $\vec{w}_1 - \vec{w}'_1 \in W_1 \wedge \vec{w}'_2 - \vec{w}_2 \in W_2$

So, $\vec{w}_1 - \vec{w}'_1, \vec{w}'_2 - \vec{w}_2 \in W_1 \cap W_2$

Since $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{\vec{0}\}$

$$\implies \vec{w}_1 = \vec{w}'_1 \wedge \vec{w}_2 = \vec{w}'_2$$

So the decomposition is unique. ■

4.2 Linear Independence

Theorem (Redundancy theorem) Let V be a vector space, $\{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n\}$, let $\vec{x} \in \{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n\}$, then

$$\text{span}\{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n, \vec{x}\} = \text{span}\{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n\}$$

we say \vec{x} is the **redundant** vector that contributes nothing to the span.
proof.

$$\text{let } \vec{x} \in \text{span}\{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n\}$$

$$\vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \vec{x}_i \text{ for } c_i \in \mathbb{R} \forall i$$

$$\text{So, } \text{span}\{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n, \vec{x}\} = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \vec{x}_i + d\vec{x} \mid a_i, d \in \mathbb{R} \forall i \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \vec{x}_i + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \vec{x}_i \mid a_i, c_i \in \mathbb{R} \forall i \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + c_i) \vec{x}_i \mid a_i, c_i \in \mathbb{R} \forall i \right\}$$

$$\text{Let } d_i = a_i + c_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n d_i \vec{x}_i \mid d_i \in \mathbb{R} \forall i \right\}$$

$$= \text{span}\{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n\}$$

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Definition Let V be a vector space, let $\{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n\} \in V$, we say $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^n$ is **linearly independent** if the only set of scalars $\{c_1, \dots, c_n\}$ that satisfies,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \vec{x}_i = 0$$

is $\{0, \dots, 0\}$.

Definition In contrast, we say a set of vector, with size n , is **linearly dependent** if

$$\exists \vec{c} \neq \vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \vec{v}_i = 0$$

Theorem Let V be a vector space, $\{\vec{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n \in V$ is *linearly dependent* if and only if,

$$\exists \vec{x}_j \in \{\vec{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n \text{ s.t. } \vec{x}_j \in \text{span}\{\{\vec{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n \setminus \{\vec{v}_j\}\}$$

Theorem Let V be a vector space, $\{\vec{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n \in V$ is *linearly independent* if and only if,

$$\forall \vec{x}_j \in \{\vec{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n, \vec{x}_j \notin \text{span}\{\{\vec{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n \setminus \{\vec{v}_j\}\}$$

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5.1 Linear independence, recall definitions

Acknowledgment: special thanks to Frank Zhao.

Definition Let $\{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_k\}$ is **linearly independent** if only scalars $c_1 \dots c_k$ s.t.

$$\sum_{i=1}^k c_i \vec{x}_i = 0(\star)$$

are $c_1 = \dots = c_k = 0$

linearly dependent means at least one $c_i \neq 0$, (\star) still holds.

5.1.1 Alternative definitions of linear independency

Definition(Alternative.1) $\{\vec{x}_1 \dots \vec{x}_k\}$ is **linearly independent** iff none of them can be written as a linear combination of the remaining $k - 1$ vectors.

Definition(Alternative.2) $\{\vec{x}_1 \dots \vec{x}_k\}$ is **linearly dependent** iff at least one of them can be written as a linear combination of the remaining $k - 1$ vectors.

5.2 Basis

Definition Let V be a vector space, a non-empty set S of vectors from V is a **basis** for V if

1. $V = \text{span}\{S\}$
2. S is linearly independent.

Theorem Characterization of basis, non-empty subset $S = \{\vec{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ of vector space V is basis for V iff every $\vec{x} \in V$ can be written uniquely as linear

combination for vectors in S .

proof.

Forwards

Suppose S is a basis for V

So every $\vec{x} \in V$ can be written as a linear combination of vectors in S

To prove the uniqueness, assume two expressions of $\vec{x} \in V$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{cases} c_1\vec{x}_1 + \cdots + c_k\vec{x}_k \\ b_1\vec{x}_1 + \cdots + d_k\vec{x}_k \end{cases}$$

Consider,

$$c_1\vec{x}_1 + \cdots + c_k\vec{x}_k - (b_1\vec{x}_1 + \cdots + d_k\vec{x}_k) = \vec{0}$$

$$\iff \sum_{i=1}^k (c_i - b_i)\vec{x}_i = \vec{0}$$

Since vectors in basis S are linear independent,

$$c_i = b_i \forall i \in \mathbb{Z} \cap [1, k]$$

So the representation is unique.

Backwards

Suppose every $\vec{x} \in V$ can be written uniquely as linear combination of vectors in S .

WTS: $V = \text{span}\{S\} \wedge S$ is linearly independent

By the assumption, spanning set is shown.

All we need to show is linear independence.

Consider,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i\vec{x}_i = \vec{0}$$

Also, we know

$$\sum_{i=1}^n 0\vec{x}_i = \vec{0}$$

By the uniqueness of representation

$$\text{We have identical expression } \sum_{i=1}^n c_i\vec{x}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n 0\vec{x}_i$$

$$\therefore c_i = 0 \forall i \in \mathbb{Z} \cap [1, n]$$

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Example

$$V = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$(x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2) = (x_1 + y_1 + 1, x_2 + y_2 + 1)$$

$$c(x_1, x_2) = (cx_1 + c - 1, cx_2 + c - 1)$$

Show that $\{(1, 0), (6, 3)\}$ is a basis of V .

By theorem, $\{(1, 0), (6, 3)\}$ is basis if every $(a, b) \in V$ can be written uniquely as linear combination of $\{(1, 0), (6, 3)\}$.

$$\exists \text{ unique scalars } c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } c_1(1, 0) + c_2(6, 3) = (a, b)$$

proof.

By definition of scalar multiplication and vector addition in this space,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } (a, b) &= c_1(1, 0) + c_2(6, 3) = (2c_1 - 1, c_1 - 1) + (7c_2 - 1, 4c_2 - 1) \\ &= (2c_1 + 7c_2 - 1, c_1 + 4c_2 - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Consider the coefficients of variables

$$\begin{cases} 2c_1 + 7c_2 - 1 = a \\ c_1 + 4c_2 - 1 = b \end{cases}$$

WTS, the above system of linear equations has unique solution for all a, b

The system has a unique solution $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Since the coefficient matrix has rank 2

$$\text{rank}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}\right) = 2$$

Since obviously the columns are linearly independent.

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5.3 Dimensions

Definition For a vector space V , the **dimension** of V is the minimum number of vectors required to span V .

Fundamental Theorem if V vector space is spanned by m vectors, then any set of more than m vectors from V must be linearly dependent.

Fundamental Theorem (Alternative) If V is vector space spanned by m vectors, then any linearly independent set in V must contain less or equal to m vectors.

5.3.1 Consequences of fundamental theorem

Theorem if $S = \{\vec{v}_i\}_{i=1}^k$ and $T = \{\vec{w}_i\}_{i=1}^l$ are two bases of vector space V then $l = k$.

proof.

Since S spans V and T is linearly independent

$$\therefore l \leq k$$

(flip) Since T spans V and S is linearly independent

$$\therefore k \leq l$$

$$\implies l \leq k \wedge k \leq l$$

$$\implies k = l$$

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Definition So we can define the **dimension** of V , as $\dim(V)$ as the number vectors in any basis for V . For special case $V = \{\vec{0}\}$, $\dim(V) = 0$.

Example

- $\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n$
- $\dim(\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})) = n + 1$
- $\dim(\mathbb{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})) = m \times n$

5.3.2 Use dimension to prove facts about linearly (in)dependent sets and subspaces

Theorem If V is a vector space, $\dim(V) = n$, $S = \{\vec{x}_k\}_{k=1}^k$ is subset of V , if $k > n$ then S is linearly dependent.

Note $k \leq n \nRightarrow S$ is linear dependent.

Theorem If W is subspace of vector space V , then

1. $\dim(W) \leq \dim(V)$
2. $\dim(W) = \dim(V) \iff W = V$

proof.

(1) Suppose $\dim(V) = n, \dim(W) = k$

WTS, $k \leq n$

Any basis for W is a linearly independent set of k vectors from V .

Since V is spanned by n vectors, since $\dim(V) = n$

By fundamental theorem, $k \leq n$

$$\iff \dim(W) \leq \dim(V)$$

(2) By contradiction, assume $\dim(V) = \dim(W) = n$ but $V \neq W$

Then $\exists \vec{x} \in V \wedge \vec{x} \notin W$

Take S as a basis of W , then $\vec{x} \notin \text{span}\{S\}$

Then $S \cup \vec{x}$ is linearly independent

$\implies S \cup \{\vec{x}\}$ is linearly independent in V containing $n + 1$ vectors

This contradicts the assumption by fundamental theorem since $\dim(V) = n$ so it could not contain more than n linearly independent vectors

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6.1 Basis and Dimension

Theorem Let V be a vector space, S is a spanning set of V , and I is a linearly independent subset of V , s.t. $I \subseteq S$, then \exists basis B for V s.t. $I \subseteq B \subseteq S$.

Explaining

1. Any spanning set for V can be **reduced** to basis for V by removing the linearly dependent (redundant) vector in the spanning set, using redundancy theorem to get a linearly independent spanning set.
2. Linear independent set can be **enlarged** to a basis for V .

proof.

omitted.

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Corollary Let V be a vector space and $\dim(V) = n$, any set of n linearly independent vectors from V is a basis for V .

proof. If n linearly independent vectors did not span V , then could be enlarged to a basis of V by previous theorem, but then have a basis containing more than n vectors from V , which is impossible by the fundamental theorem since we given the $\dim(V) = n$, proven by contradiction.

Example Let $V = P_2(\mathbb{R})$, $p_1(x) = 2-5x$, $p_2(x) = 2-5x+4x^2$, find $p_3 \in P_2(\mathbb{R})$ s.t. $\{p_1(x), p_2(x), p_3(x)\}$ is basis for $P_2(\mathbb{R})$

Note Since $\dim(P_2(\mathbb{R})) = 3$ so any 3 linearly independent vectors from $P_2(\mathbb{R})$ will be a basis for $P_2(\mathbb{R})$.

Solutions e.g. constant function $p_3(x) = 1$, since $1 \notin \text{span}\{p_1(x), p_2(x)\}$, so $\{p_1(x), p_2(x), p_3(x)\}$ is a basis of $P_2(\mathbb{R})$. e.g. $p_3(x) = x$, since $x \notin \text{span}\{p_1(x), p_2(x)\}$

Theorem Let U and W be subspaces of vector space V , then we have

$$\dim(U + W) = \dim(U) + \dim(W) - \dim(U \cap W)$$

proof.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Let } \{\vec{v}_i\}_1^k \text{ be basis for } U \cap W \\ &\implies \dim(U \cap W) = k \end{aligned}$$

Since $\{\vec{v}_i\}_1^k$ is basis for $U \cap W$ then it's a linearly independent subset of U

So it could be enlarged to basis for U , $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k, \vec{y}_1, \dots, \vec{y}_r\}$

$$\text{So } \dim(U) = k + r$$

We also could enlarge a basis for W $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k, \vec{z}_1, \dots, \vec{z}_s\}$

$$\implies \dim(W) = k + s$$

WTS. $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k, \vec{y}_1, \dots, \vec{y}_r, \vec{z}_1, \dots, \vec{z}_s\}$ is a basis for $U + W$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{If we could show this}) \dim(U + W) &= k + r + s = (k + r) + (k + s) - k \\ &= \dim(U) + \dim(W) - \dim(U \cap W) \end{aligned}$$

WTS. $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k, \vec{y}_1, \dots, \vec{y}_r, \vec{z}_1, \dots, \vec{z}_s\}$ is linearly independent

$$\text{Consider } a_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_k\vec{v}_k + b_1\vec{y}_1 + \dots + b_r\vec{y}_r + c_1\vec{z}_1 + \dots + c_s\vec{z}_s = \vec{0} \quad (\star)$$

$$\text{From } (\star) \implies \sum (c_i\vec{z}_i) = -\sum (a_i\vec{v}_i) - \sum b_i\vec{y}_i$$

$$\implies \sum (c_i\vec{z}_i) \in U \wedge \sum (c_i\vec{z}_i) \in W$$

$$\iff \sum (c_i\vec{z}_i) \in U \cap W$$

Since $\{\vec{v}_i\}$ is a basis for $U \cap W$

$$\implies \sum (c_i\vec{z}_i) = \sum (d_i\vec{v}_i)$$

$$\implies c_i = d_i = 0 \text{ since } \{\vec{z}_i, \vec{v}_i\} \text{ is a basis}$$

Rewrite (\star)

$$\sum (a_i\vec{v}_i) + \sum b_i\vec{y}_i = \vec{0}$$

$$\implies a_i = b_i = 0 \text{ since } \{\vec{v}_i, \vec{y}_i\} \text{ is a basis for } U$$

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Corollary For direct sum, since the intersection is $\{\vec{0}\}$

$$\dim(U \oplus W) = \dim(U) + \dim(W)$$

Example Let U, W are subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 such that $\dim(U) = \dim(W) = 2$, why is $U \cap W \neq \{\vec{0}\}$

Solutions Geometrically, U and W are planes through origin then the intersection would be a line through origin ($U \neq W$) or a plane through origin ($U = W$), so shown.

Question V is a vector space, $\dim(V) = n$, $U \neq W$ are subspaces of V but $\dim(U) = \dim(W) = (n - 1)$, proof:

1. $V = U + W$
2. $\dim(U \cap W) = (n - 2)$