

# MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

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# Basis

A subset  $B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  of a vector space  $V$  is a basis of  $V$  iff

*i)*  $B$  is linearly independent *ii)*  $\text{Span}(B) = V$ .

D i m e n s i o n o f a v e c t o r s p a c e :

Number of elements in a basis is known as the dimension of the vector space.

If basis of vector space  $V$  contains finite number of vectors, the vector space is finite dimensional.

Check the following sets are linearly independent and spanning sets or not

$$1. S_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$2. S_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$3. S_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$4. S_4 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

## **Note ::**

- i)* A given vector space may have more than one basis.
- ii)* A set having maximum number of linearly independent vectors is the basis.
- iii)* Minimum number of vectors which spans the vector space is the basis.

iv) Let  $B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is basis for vector space  $V$ , then every vector in  $V$  can be written in one and only one way as a linear combination of vectors in  $B$ .

v) If a vector space  $V$  has one basis with  $n$  vectors, then every basis for  $V$  has  $n$  vectors.

Note: If basis of a vector space  $V$  has ' $n$ ' vectors then  
*dimension of*  $V = \dim(V) = n$  &  $\dim\{0\}$  is defined as 0.

Note:

- 1) In an  $n$  – dimensional vector space  $V$ , “ $n + 1$ ” vectors are linearly dependent.
- 2) In an  $n$  – dimensional vector space  $V$ , ' $n - 1$ ' vectors do not span vector space  $V$ .

# Standard Bases

1.  $V = R^n$ ,  $B = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$

where  $e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $e_2 = (0, 1, \dots, 0)$ , ...,  $e_n = (0, 0, \dots, 1)$ .

$\dim(R^n) = n$ .

2.  $V = M_{2 \times 2}(R)$ ,  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$\therefore \dim(M_{2 \times 2}(R)) = 4$ . In general,  $\dim(M_{m \times n}(R)) = m \cdot n$

3.  $V = P_n(x)$  space of polynomials in  $x$  at most degree  $n$ .

Basis of  $P_n(x)$  is  $B = \{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$ .  $\therefore \dim\{P_n(x)\} = n + 1$ .

# Note :

If Basis of subspace  $V$  of  $R^n$  contains

- i) 1-vector, then geometrically it is a straight line in  $R^n$  through origin.
- ii) 2-vectors, then geometrically it is a plane in  $R^n$  through origin.



Consider  $\mathbf{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

1. Is it basis of  $R^2$ ? No, as  $B \not\subset R^2$ .

2. Is it basis of  $R^3$ ?

No, as  $\dim(R^3) = 3$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  contains two linearly independent vectors.

3. Is  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  a basis of  $R^3$ ?

No, as  $\text{Dim}(R^3) = 3$  and B contains four vectors which can't be linearly independent.

4. Determine whether the set is a basis for  $M_{2 \times 2}(R)$ ?

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Since  $\dim(M_{2 \times 2}(R)) = 4$ , and  $S$  contains 4 vectors, therefore  $S$  is a basis for  $M_{2 \times 2}(R)$  if and only if given set of vectors are linearly independent.

Let  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Consider  $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3 + c_4v_4 = 0 \dots (1)$

$AC = 0$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Reducing it to echelon form we get  $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\rho(A) = 4$$

$\therefore$  System (1) has trivial solution only.  $\therefore$  S is linearly independent.

$\therefore$  S is a basis for  $M_{2 \times 2}(R)$ .

# Summary

To check whether a given set is basis or not.

Consider, the given set of  $p$  vectors  $B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$   
of vector spaces  $R^n$  or  $M_{m \times n}(R)$  or  $P_n$ .

Compare  $p$  with the dimension of given vector space,  
i.e.,  $n$  or  $mn$  or  $n + 1$

$$|B| = p \text{ \& \; } \dim(V) = n$$


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Test	$p < n$	$p > n$	$p = n$ Check for linear independence
Conclusion	It can't be a spanning set Not Basis	Always linearly dependent Not Basis	If yes, then is Basis

## **Method of determining the dimension of a subspace:**

Dimension of a subspace can be determined by finding a set of linearly independent vectors that spans the subspace. This set is a basis for the subspace and its dimension is number of vectors in its basis.

4. a) Show that  $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ t \\ t \end{bmatrix} : t \in R \right\}$  is a subspace of  $R^3$ . Find the basis and dimension.

b) Is  $B = \left\{ v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  a basis of for  $H$ ?

a) Note that  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, t \in R$ . This means  $H = \left\{ t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, t \in R \right\} \Rightarrow H = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

Every span is a subspace, hence  $H$  is a subspace. Further  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a

spanning set of  $H$ .



Also set B contains a single non-zero vector, therefore it is a

linearly independent set. Thus  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is linearly independent

spanning set of H. Hence B is a basis of H.

Therefore  $\dim(H)=1$ .

b)  $B = \left\{ v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ , is a linearly independent set with

two vectors and  $\dim(H)=1$ , hence B is not a basis of H.

1. Determine the dimension of each subspace of  $R^4$ .

a)  $S = \{(a, a+b, b, a-c) : a, b, c \in R\}$

$$(a, a+b, b, a-c)$$

$$= a(1, 1, 0, 1) + b(0, 1, 1, 0) + c(0, 0, 0, -1)$$

we can see that  $S$  is spanned by  $(1, 1, 0, 1)$ ,  
 $(0, 1, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 0, -1)$ .

The set of vectors are linearly independent.

$$\therefore B = \{(1, 1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, -1)\}$$

is a basis for  $S$ .

$$\therefore \dim(S) = 3.$$

$$\mathbf{b)} \ S = \{(3a, a, b, 0) : a, b \in R\}$$

$$(3a, a, b, 0) = a(3, 1, 0, 0) + b(0, 0, 1, 0)$$

we can see that S is spanned by  $(3, 1, 0, 0)$ ,  
 $(0, 0, 1, 0)$

The set of vectors are linearly independent.

$\therefore B = \{(3, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 0)\}$  is a basis for S.

$\therefore \dim(S) = 2.$

Determine the dimension of each subspace of  $R^3$ .

$$S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a+c \\ a+2b-c \\ a+b \end{pmatrix} / a, b, c \in R \right\} \subseteq R^3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a+c \\ a+2b-c \\ a+b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a \\ a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2b \\ b \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c \\ -c \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore S = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \Rightarrow S \text{ is a subspace.}$$

Note that  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a spanning set but

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{vectors in above set are not linearly independent.}$$

Hence  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is not a basis.

To find the basis, note that if  $u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

and  $w = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  then we have  $u - v = w$ .

Hence  $\{u, v\}$  OR  $\{v, w\}$  are linearly independent.

Further note that  $\{u, v\}$  is also a spanning set.

Because any  $x \in S$  is

$$x = au + bv + cw = au + bv + c(u - v) = (a + c)u + (b - c)v.$$

Similarly,  $\{v, w\}$  is also a spanning set.



Thus basis of S is  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  OR  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

Therefore dimension of S is 2.

2. If  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  is a subspace of  $M_{2 \times 2}$ .

what is a dimension of  $W$ ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

The set  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $W$ .

as  $B$  is linearly independent set.  $\therefore \dim(W) = 3$ .

Find a basis and dimension of the solution space of the homogeneous system of equations.

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - 5x_3 + 11x_4 + 3x_5 = 0, \quad 2x_1 + 4x_2 - 5x_3 + 15x_4 + 2x_5 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_4 + 5x_5 = 0, \quad 3x_1 + 6x_2 - 5x_3 + 19x_4 - 2x_5 = 0$$

Consider  $AX = 0$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -5 & 11 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & -5 & 15 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 & -5 & 19 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Reducing  $A$  to Echelon form we get  $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -5 & 11 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -7 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Equivalent system is

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - 5x_3 + 11x_4 - 3x_5 = 0, \quad 5x_3 - 7x_4 - x_5 = 0, \quad x_5 = 0$$

Let  $x_4 = s, x_2 = t, x_3 = \frac{7}{5}s, x_1 = -2t - 4s$

$\therefore$  Solution is 
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2t - 4s \\ t \\ \frac{7}{5}s \\ s \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{s}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -20 \\ 0 \\ 7 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -20 \\ 0 \\ 7 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for solution space of homogeneous system.

$\dim(\text{solution space}) = 2.$

3. Let  $H = \text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\}$  and  $W = \{u_1, u_2\}$ , where

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $K = H \cap W$ , find the basis for  $K$ .

Geometrically  $H$  and  $W$  are the planes in  $R^3$ .

$\therefore H \cap W$  is a line of intersection of the planes  $H$  and  $W$ .

$\therefore K$  can be written as  $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2$  and also as  $c_3u_1 + c_4u_2$ .

K is a solution space of  $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 = c_3u_1 + c_4u_2$ .

i. e. K is a solution space of  $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 - c_3u_1 - c_4u_2 = 0$

Coefficient matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 8 & 4 & -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

By reducing it to echelon form  $A \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -12 & -11 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore \rho(A) = 3$       Let  $c_4 = k$  ( free variable)

$$c_3 = -\frac{1}{3}k, \quad c_2 = \frac{11}{36}k, \quad c_1 = -\frac{7}{36}k.$$

$$\text{Thus } c_1 = -\frac{7}{36}k, c_2 = \frac{11}{36}k, \quad c_3 = -\frac{1}{3}k, \quad c_4 = k$$

Every vector in K is either  $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2$  *or*  $c_3u_1 + c_4u_2$ .

$$-\frac{7}{36}k \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{11}{36}k \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -24k / 36 \\ 12k / 36 \\ -12k / 36 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{k}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{OR } -\frac{1}{3}k \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + k \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{k}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \therefore \text{Basis for } K = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

# Exercise

1. Determine whether the set is a basis for the vector space if it is a vector space determine its dimension.

$$a) \ V = M_{2 \times 2}, \ B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

$$b) \ V = P_2, \ \{1-x, 1-x^2, x-x^2\}$$



2. Find the basis and dimension of vector space  $V$ .

a)  $V = \{p(x) \in P_2 : p(1) = 0\}.$

b)  $V = \{p(x) \in P_2 : xp'(x) = p(x)\}.$

c)  $V = \{A \in M_{2 \times 2} : A = A^T\}.$

3. Find the basis for  $\text{span}\{1 - 2x, 2x - x^2, 1 - x^2, 1 + x^2\}.$

4. Find the basis for  $\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}.$