

## Linear Algebra Seminar 5: Bases

(make sure you can write on the board)

**Problem 1.** (2 pts.) Check whether the following set of vectors is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? In case it is, find the coordinate vector of  $v = (5, 4, 2)$  in this basis

- (a)  $(1, 1, 1)^\top, (1, -1, 2)^\top, (3, 4, -1)^\top;$
- (b)  $(1, 1, 0)^\top, (1, -1, 1)^\top, (-2, 2, -4)^\top;$
- (c)  $(1, 1, 1)^\top, (1, -1, 2)^\top, (-2, 2, -4)^\top;$
- (d)  $(1, 1, 1)^\top, (1, 1, 0)^\top, (0, 1, 2)^\top, (3, 0, -1);$
- (e)  $(1, 1, 1)^\top, (1, 0, 1)^\top.$

**Problem 2.** (2 pts.) Check whether the following set of polynomials is basis for  $\mathcal{P}_2$ ? In case it is, find the coordinate vector of  $p = 5 + 4x + 2x^2$  in this basis

- (a)  $1 + x + x^2, 1 - x + 2x^2, 3 + 4x - x^2;$
- (b)  $1 - 3x + 2x^2, 1 + x + 4x^2, 1 - 7x;$
- (c)  $1 + x + x^2, 1 + x, x + 2x^2, 3 - x^2;$
- (d)  $1 + x + x^2, 1 + x.$

**Problem 3.** (4 pts.)

- (1) Find bases for the following subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

- (a) the plane  $3x - 5y + 2z = 0;$
- (b) the plane  $y - z = 0;$
- (c) the line  $x = 3t, y = -2t, z = 5t;$
- (d) all vectors of the form  $(a, b, c)$ , where  $a - b = c.$

- (2) Show that the set  $W$  of all polynomials  $p$  in  $\mathcal{P}_3$  such that  $p(2) = 0$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}_3$ . Determine the dimension of  $W$  and suggest its basis.

**Problem 4.** (4 pts.)

- (1) Find the dimensions for the following subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ :

- (a) all vectors of the form  $(a, 0, b, c, );$
- (b) all vectors of the form  $(a, b, c, d)$ , where  $d = a - b$  and  $c = a - b;$
- (c) all vectors of the form  $(a, b, c, d)$ , where  $a = b = c = d;$
- (d) all vectors of the form  $(a, b, c, d)$ , where  $a + b + c + d = 0.$

- (2) Show that the set  $W$  of all polynomials  $p$  in  $\mathcal{P}_3$  such that  $p(2) = p(3) = 0$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}_3$ . Determine the dimension of  $W$  and suggest its basis.

**Problem 5.** (4 pts.)

- (1) Find the rank and nullity of the matrix  $A$ :

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 5 & -4 & -4 \\ 7 & -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (b) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (c) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (2) verify that the values obtained satisfy the First Fundamental Theorem;
- (3) find the number of leading (pivot) variables and the number of free variables in the solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  without solving the system;
- (4) find a basis for the null space of the above matrices  $A$ .

**Problem 6.** (4 pts.)

- (1) In each part, use the information in the table to find the dimension of the row space of  $A$ , column space of  $A$ , null space of  $A$ , and null space of  $A^\top$ :

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Size of $A$	$3 \times 3$	$3 \times 3$	$3 \times 3$	$5 \times 9$	$9 \times 5$	$4 \times 4$	$6 \times 2$
$\text{rank}(A)$	3	2	1	2	2	0	2
$\text{rank}(A \mathbf{b})$	3	3	1	2	3	0	2

- (2) In each part, determine whether the linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent. If so, state the number of parameters in its general solution.

### Extra problems

(to be discussed if time permits)

**Problem 7.** (a) The vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, -2, 3)$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (2, 1, 1)$  are linearly independent. Find all  $\mathbf{v}_3$  such that the set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(b) Find standard basis vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  that can be added to the set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  to produce a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , if  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, -4, 2, -3)$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (-3, 8, -4, 6)$ .

**Problem 8.** Let  $S$  be a basis for an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$ . Show that if  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$  form a linearly independent set of vectors in  $V$ , then the coordinate vectors  $(\mathbf{v}_1)_S, \dots, (\mathbf{v}_r)_S$  form a linearly independent set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and conversely.

**Problem 9.** Find a basis for the space spanned by the given vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 0, -2, 3)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (0, 1, 2, 3)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = (2, -2, -8, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_4 = (2, -1, 10, 3)$  and  $\mathbf{v}_5 = (3, -1, -6, 9)$

**Problem 10.** Write the 3 by 3 identity matrix as a combination of the other five permutation matrices. Then show that those five matrices are linearly independent. The five permutations are a basis for the subspace of 3 by 3 matrices with raw and column sums all equal.

① The set of vectors is a basis if:

• it is linearly independent

• it spans other space

• Any linearly independent vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  form the basis

$$\vec{v} = (5, 4, 2)$$

$$a) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - r_1 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} + 2r_3 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \text{ linearly independent.}$$

Set  $S$  consists of 3 linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3 \Rightarrow S$  is a basis

$$a) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$b) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - r_1 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} + 2r_3 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - 7r_2 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

coordinates check:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$c) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} - r_1 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} + 2r_3 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ linearly independent} \Rightarrow \text{is a basis}$$

$$d) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} - r_1 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} + 2r_3 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

check:  $\frac{9}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{3}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{9}{2} - 1 + \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{9}{2} + 1 - \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 - 1 + \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$e) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} - r_1 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is linearly dependent} \Rightarrow \text{not a basis}$$

d) the set contains four 3-d vectors. Thus the set is linearly dependent  $\Rightarrow$  is not a basis if rank  $\leq 2$   
if span  $\neq \mathbb{R}^3$   
if rank  $\leq 3$   $\Rightarrow$  the system is inconsistent  $\Rightarrow$  lin. dep.  $\Rightarrow$  not basis

$$e) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} - r_1 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is linearly dependent} \Rightarrow \text{not a basis}$$

$$f) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} - r_1 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

check:  $1+x+x^2 + 1-x+x^2 + 3+4x-x^2 = 5+4x=2x^2$

g)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - r_1 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - r_2 = 2r_3 \Rightarrow \text{lin. dependent} \Rightarrow \text{not a basis}$

$$h) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ The set contains four 3-d vectors} \Rightarrow \text{lin. depen.} \Rightarrow \text{not a basis}$$

$$i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - r_1 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ inconsistent} \Rightarrow \text{not a basis.}$$

③ a)  $3x - 5y + 2z = 0$

$$\text{put parametric description for the solutions: } \begin{cases} z = s \\ y = \frac{5}{3}s + t \\ x = \frac{5}{3}s - \frac{2}{3}t \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} z = 0s + \frac{5}{3}s + 0t \\ y = \frac{5}{3}s + 0s + 1t \\ x = \frac{5}{3}s - \frac{2}{3}s + 0t \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

the vectors  $(\frac{5}{3}, 1, 0), (-\frac{2}{3}, 0, 1)$  span the solution space. They are also independent  $\Rightarrow$  they form a basis.  $\left( \begin{matrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{matrix} \right) = \left( \begin{matrix} \frac{5}{3}s \\ \frac{5}{3}s + t \\ \frac{5}{3}s - \frac{2}{3}t \end{matrix} \right)$

b)  $y - z = 0$

The points on the plane are of the form  $(x, y, y)$ , which we can transform to  $x(1, 0, 0) + y(0, 1, 1)$ . The set of two vectors  $\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 1)\}$  spans the solution space and is linearly independent  $\Rightarrow$  is a basis for the plane.

$$c) \begin{cases} x = 3t \\ y = -2t \\ z = 5t \end{cases}$$

$(3, -2, 5)$  spans the line

d)  $a - b = c$

$(a, b, a-b) \rightarrow a(1, 0, 1) + b(0, 1, -1) \rightarrow$  vectors span the space.

e)  $p(z) = 0$  is subspace of  $\mathbb{P}_2$ :  $\dim \text{null } p(z) = \dim \text{ker } p(z) = 0$

$$p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

$p(z) = az^3 + bz^2 + cz + d = 0 \Rightarrow$  express  $d$  as a linear combination of  $a, b, c$ .

$$(V_p \in W): p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + (-az^3 - bz^2 - cz) = a(x^3 - z^3) + b(x^2 - z^2) + c(x - z)$$

The basis:  $\{(x^3 - z^3), (x^2 - z^2), (x - z)\} \subset \{(-z^3, 0, 0, 1), (-z^2, 0, 1, 0), (-z, 1, 0, 0)\} \dim = 3$

④ a)  $(a, 0, b, c) = a(1, 0, 0, 0) + b(0, 0, 1, 0) + c(0, 0, 0, 1) \Rightarrow$  the set forms the basis  $\Rightarrow \dim = 3$

b)  $(a, b, c, d), d = a-b, c = a-b$

$(a, b, a-b, a-b) = a(1, 0, 1, 1) + b(0, 1, -1, -1) \Rightarrow \dim = 2$

c)  $(a, b, c, d), a = b = c = d$

$(a, a, a, a) = a(1, 1, 1, 1) \Rightarrow \dim = 1$

d)  $(a, b, c, d), a+b+c+d=0$

$$\begin{cases} d = s \\ a = -s \\ b = -s \\ c = -s - t \\ a = -s - t - d \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} d = 1s + 0t + 0p \\ a = 0s + 1t + 0p \\ b = 0s + 0t + 1p \\ c = 0s + 0t + 0p \end{cases}$$

$$\{(-1, 0, 0, 1), (-1, 0, 1, 0), (-1, 1, 0, 0)\}, \dim = 3$$

$$2) p(x) = p(3) = 0$$

$$p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

$$p(2) = p(3) = 0: \quad \begin{cases} 8a + 4b + 2c + d = 0 \\ 27a + 9b + 3c + d = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} d = -8a - 4b - 2c \\ d = -27a - 9b - 3c \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 19a + 5b = 0 \\ 19a + 5b = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow a = -\frac{5}{19}b$$

$$(V_p \in W): p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 - (19a + 5b)x + 30a + 6b = a(x^3 - 19x + 30) + b(x^2 - 5x + 6)$$

The basis  $S = \{(30, 19, 0, 1), (b, -5, 1, 0)\}, \dim W = 2$

$$\{p: p(2) = p(3) = 0\} = \{p: (x-2)(x-3)(ax+bx+c)\}$$

$$l_1 = (x-2)(x-3)$$

$$l_2 = (x-1)(x-3)$$

⑤

rank = Number of pivots  
 $\text{nullity} = \dim \text{null}(A) = n - \text{rank}(A)$  — fundamental theorem,

$$a) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 5 & -4 & -4 \\ 7 & -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - 5r_1 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

rank = 2

general element of  $N(A)$ :  $\begin{cases} x = t \\ y = -t \\ z = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = t \\ y = -t \\ z = 0 \end{cases}$

$(x, y, z) = t(1, -1, 0)$  is the basis for  $N(A) \Rightarrow$  the nullity = 1.

b)  $3-1=2=1$

c) the 3rd row is the linear combination of the first and the second, while  $g_{33} = 19 \neq 16 \Rightarrow$  are linearly independent  $\Rightarrow$  rank = 2

d)  $(16, 19, 1)$

$$b) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - 2r_1 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

e) rank = 1

2x - z = 0, solution set:  $\begin{cases} x = \frac{z}{2} \\ y = s \\ z = z \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{s}{2} \\ y = s \\ z = z \end{cases}$

$(x, y, z) = t(1, 0, 2) + s(0, 1, 0) \Rightarrow$  nullity = 2

f)  $3-1=2=1$

g) the second row is the transformation of the first one, the third is the zero row  $\Rightarrow$  rank = 1

h)  $\{(1, 0, 2), (0, 1, 0)\}$

$$c) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - 2r_1 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 &amp$$