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## Extending/Reducing to a Basis

Proposition 6.13 ("check one get one free")

Let  $V$  be a vector space of dimension  $n$ . If  $S \subset V$  has a size  $n$ , then  $S$  is linearly independent  $\Leftrightarrow \text{span}(S) = V$

### Examples

Are the following basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

1)  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  when  $n=3$

2)  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  when  $n=4$

3)  $S_n = \{e_1 + e_2, e_2 + e_3, e_3 + e_4, \dots, e_{n-1} + e_n, e_n + e_1\}$  where  $e_i =$   $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $\rightarrow$

1)  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$   
 $\lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 + \lambda_3 v_3 = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

L.I ✓  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{spans}$

$$S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \rightarrow \text{linearly independent}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \notin \text{span}(S) \Rightarrow S \cup \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ is linearly independent}$$

therefore basis.

$$2) \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{linearly independent}$$

$$\text{in fact } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ linearly independent}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \therefore \underline{\text{not}} \text{ a basis}$$

3)  $\mathcal{B}_n$  is a basis when  $n$  is odd and is not a basis when  $n$  is even.  
(basis when  $n$  is odd.)

Proof / sketch first  $n-1$  vectors are linearly independent by  $\pm$  theorem.

$$\begin{aligned}
 n \text{ even, notice } &= (e_1 + e_2) - (e_2 + e_3) + (e_3 + e_4) - \dots + (e_{n-1} + e_n) \\
 &\quad - (e_n + e_1) \\
 &= \underline{0}
 \end{aligned}$$

so  $n$  even  $J_n$  is not a basis

$n$  odd exercise

Theorem Extend to a basis

(i) Let  $V$ , finite dimensional vector space and  $S \subset V$ , finite.  
If  $S$  is linearly independent there exists a basis  $\tilde{S}$  of  $V$  containing  $S$ .

(ii) If  $\text{span}(S) = V$  then there is a basis  $\tilde{S}$  contained in  $S$

Proof (i) Suppose  $S$  is not a basis  $|S| < \dim(V)$ . Choose  $v_1 \notin \text{span}(S)$   
(since  $\text{span}(S) \subsetneq V$ )

$\Rightarrow S \cup \{v_1\}$  is linearly independent

if  $\dim(\text{span}(S \cup \{v_1\})) = |S| + 1$

if  $|S| + 1 < \dim V$  then  $\exists v_2 \notin \text{span}(S \cup \{v_1, v_2\})$

and  $\Rightarrow \dim(\text{span}(S \cup \{v_1, v_2\}))$

eventually we would obtain  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  with

$$k = \dim(V) - |S|$$

and  $\tilde{S} = S \cup \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is linearly independent

$\Rightarrow \bar{S}$  is a basis containing  $s$

(ii) is  $|s| > \dim(V)$  and too many vectors

then by plus/minus theorem

$$\exists v_1 \in s \text{ with } \text{span}(s \setminus \{v_1\}) = v$$

$$\text{if } |s| - 1 > \dim(V) \exists v_2 \in s \text{ with } \text{span}(s \setminus \{v_1, v_2\}) = v$$

$\vdots$

eventually we would obtain  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in s$  with where

$$k = |s| - \dim(V)$$

$$\text{span}(s \setminus \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}) = v$$

$$\text{set } \bar{S} = s \setminus \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$$

$$|\bar{S}| = |s| - k = |s| - (|s| - \dim(V)) = \dim(V)$$

$\Rightarrow \bar{S}$  is a basis by WOF

Extend to a basis for the following:

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{and then } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$