

**Executive summary** Let  $V$  be a vector space.

- $V$  has a basis.
- Any two bases of  $V$  have the same cardinality. (In the sense we discussed already, i.e. there is a bijection from one basis to the other.) If this cardinality is finite, it is called the *dimension of  $V$* , and  $V$  is said to be *finite-dimensional*.  
We will focus almost exclusively on this situation. MAST300?? *Metric and Hilbert spaces* treats infinite-dimensional vector spaces.
- Any spanning set of  $V$  contains a basis of  $V$ .
- Any linearly independent subset of  $V$  can be extended to a basis of  $V$ .
- If  $V$  has dimension  $n$ , then
  - Any subset  $S$  with  $\#S < n$  is **not** spanning  $V$ .
  - Any subset  $S$  with  $\#S > n$  is **not** linearly independent.

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In order to avoid circularity in the logic, we give a slightly different initial definition of finite-dimensionality: A vector space  $V$  is *finite-dimensional* if there exists a finite spanning subset  $S$ .

Fix a nonzero finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ .

**Proposition 3.26.** Given any linearly independent subset  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m$  of  $V$  and any finite spanning set  $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n$  of  $V$ , we have  $m \leq n$ .

*By contradiction, suppose  $m > n$*

*Proof.* The set  $\{\underbrace{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n}_{\mathbf{v}_1}\}$  is linearly dependent

$$\mu_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \lambda_1 \mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + \lambda_n \mathbf{w}_n = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{with } \mu, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$$

At least two coefficient are nonzero  $\Rightarrow$  can write  $\mathbf{w}_i$  in terms of  $\mathbf{v}_j$  and the other  $\mathbf{w}'s$

wLOG  $\mathbf{w}_1$  is  $\mathbf{w}_n$  so

$\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{n-1}\}$  span  $V$

The set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{n-1}\}$  is linear dependent, from the linear dependent related  $\mathbf{w}_1$ , we can express one of the  $\mathbf{w}_i$ 's in terms of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$  and the other  $\mathbf{w}'s$ , wLOG this is  $\mathbf{w}_{n-1}$  so  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{n-1}\}$ :

$\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, w_1\}$  is linear independent  
 $\mu_1 v_1 + \mu_2 v_2 + \dots + \mu_{n-1} v_{n-1} + \mu_n v_n + \lambda w_1 = 0$

**Proposition 3.27.** Every subspace of  $V$  is finite-dimensional.

get  $w_1$  in terms of  
 $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$

$$\Rightarrow \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \text{ spans } V$$

$$v_{n+1} \in \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$$

since  $\{v_1, \dots, v_{n+1}\}$  is linearly independent

$\Rightarrow$  contradiction

Since  $V$  is finite-dimensional, it has a finite spanning subset  $\{w_1, \dots, w_k\}$

let  $U$  be a subspace of  $V$

if  $U = \{0\}$ , we're done

Otherwise, let  $v_1 \in U, v_1 \neq 0$

If  $U = \text{span}\{v_1\}$ , we're done

Otherwise, let  $v_2 \in U, v_2 \notin \text{span}\{v_1\}$

Then  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is linearly independent

If  $U = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}$ , we're done

otherwise, let  $v_3 \in U \setminus \text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}$

Then  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is linearly independent

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Therefore

$$U = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$$

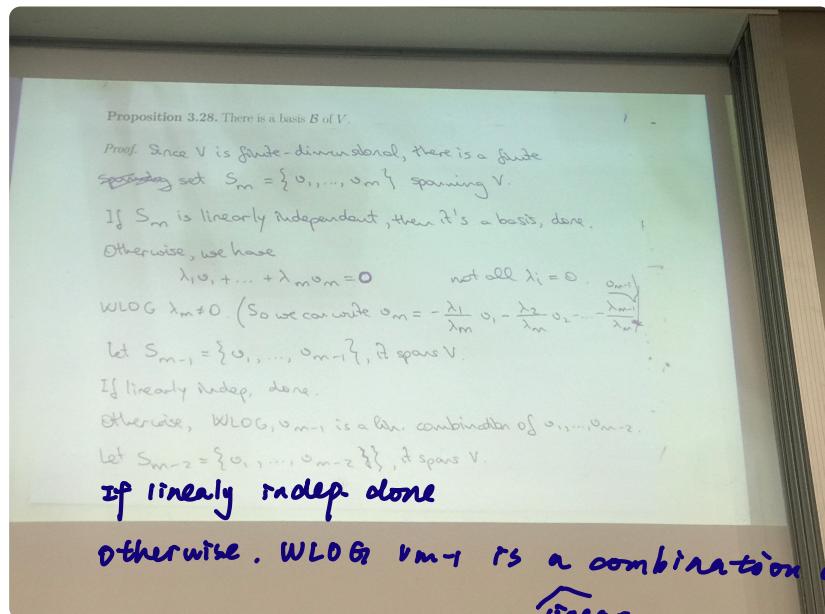
$\Rightarrow U$  is finite dimensional

By prop 3.26, the size of any linear subset of  $U$  is  $\leq n$

**Proposition 3.28.** There is a basis  $B$  of  $V$ . so the process must stop after  $n$  steps

*Proof.*

$$\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$$



Note that the proof showed something of independent interest, which we record here:

**Proposition 3.29.** Any finite spanning set  $S$  of  $V$  contains a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $V$ .

let  $\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2$  be basis of  $V$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_1 \text{ lin indep} \& \mathcal{B}_2 \text{ spans } V &\stackrel{3.26}{\leq} \text{size } \mathcal{B}_1 \leq \text{size } \mathcal{B}_2 \\ \mathcal{B}_2 \text{ lin indep} \& \mathcal{B}_1 \text{ spans } V &\stackrel{3.26}{\leq} \text{size } \mathcal{B}_2 \leq \text{size } \mathcal{B}_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \text{size } \mathcal{B}_1 = \text{size } \mathcal{B}_2$$

Define the dimension of  $V$  to be the cardinality of  
any basis of  $V$

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**Proposition 3.30.** Any two bases of  $V$  have the same size.

*Proof.*

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**Example 3.31.** The standard basis of the space  $M_{m \times n}$  is

$$M_{m \times n} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \mid a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$E_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ except } a_{ij} = 1 \text{ and the other } \downarrow$$

↓  
get  $m \times n$  matrices

$$\text{get } M_{m \times n} = mn$$

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**Example 3.32.** The standard basis of the space  $\mathcal{P}_n$  is

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

standard basis

$$\{ 1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n \}$$

$$\dim \mathcal{P}_n = n+1$$

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### 3.6 Linear transformations

A guiding principle in mathematics is that, once you have a structure on a set, you should study functions that preserve this structure. We do this now for vector spaces, which are sets with the added structure of an addition and a scalar multiplication.

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces (over the same field of scalars, say  $\mathbb{R}$ ). A function  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is called a linear transformation if it satisfies

(a)  $T(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) = T(\mathbf{v}_1) + T(\mathbf{v}_2)$  for all  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in V$

(b)  $T(\lambda \mathbf{v}) = \lambda T(\mathbf{v})$  for all  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  and all scalars  $\lambda$ .

$f'$  are linear transformations  
 $T(\lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_2) = \lambda_1 T(\mathbf{v}_1) + \lambda_2 T(\mathbf{v}_2)$

Since linear transformations are functions, they can be injective, surjective, bijective, or none of the above.

A bijective linear transformation is also called an isomorphism; we then say that the spaces  $V$  and  $W$  are isomorphic.

Example:

①  $\text{id}_V: V \rightarrow V$  function  $\text{id}(v) = v$

②  $0: V \rightarrow V$

$0(v) = 0_V \quad \forall v \in V$

③  $\pi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $\pi(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1$

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$\xrightarrow{V}$   
= equal structure

④  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

(a)  $T\left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} x+2y+z \\ y-z \end{array}\right]$

④  $v_1 = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$v_2 = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$

$\pi(v_1 + v_2) = \pi(x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n) = x_1 + y_1$

$\pi(v_1) + \pi(v_2) = x_1 + y_1$

$\pi(\lambda v) = \pi(\lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n) = \lambda x_1 = \lambda \pi(v_1)$

$= [ ] + [ ]$

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We can now clarify the effect of choosing a basis on a vector space.

Let  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  be a basis of a vector space  $V$ . Choose an ordering on these vectors, say  $\mathcal{B} = (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$ . We will refer to  $\mathcal{B}$  as an ordered basis of  $V$ .

$\{1, 0\} \neq \{0, 1\}$  for tuple, sequence matter  
 $\{0, 1\} \neq \{1, 0\}$  for set, don't matter

**Example 3.33.** We know that  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  is a linear independent and spanning set for the vector space  $\mathcal{P}_2$ . So  $\mathcal{B} = (1, x, x^2)$  is an ordered basis.

Given any vector  $f \in \mathcal{P}_2$ , we have

by definition of  $\mathcal{P}_2$

$$f = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2$$

$$= a_0(1) + a_1(x) + a_2(x^2)$$

$$[f]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{eg } f = 3 - 5x \quad [f]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{let } \mathcal{B}' = \{x^2, x, 1\} \quad f = 3 - 5x$$

$$[f]_{\mathcal{B}'} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

not the same thing

Any linear transformation (b) scalar multi ...

$$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

of the form

$$T(v) = Av$$

from some matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times n}$

by  $T(v) = Av$   
 $v$  is column vector.

How to get  $A$ ?

Take standard

bases  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  for  $\mathbb{R}^n$

(a) if  $v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$T(e_1) \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$T(e_2) \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\vdots$$

$$T(e_n) \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

(b) if  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$   $= T(v_1) + T(v_2)$

④ Take a matrix

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times n}$$

Define  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$T(v) = Av$$

some matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times n}$

$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}\right) = A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$

$T(v_1) \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$T(v_2) \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$\vdots$

$T(v_n) \in \mathbb{R}^m$

(b) if  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$   $= T(v_1) + T(v_2)$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} T(e_1) & T(e_2) & \cdots & T(e_n) \end{bmatrix} \quad T(\lambda v) = A(\lambda \cdot v) = A((\lambda I) \cdot v)$$

$$= (\lambda A) \cdot v$$

$$= \lambda A v$$

$$= \lambda T(v)$$

This is a general phenomenon: Let  $\mathcal{B} = (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  be an ordered basis of a vector space  $V$ .

Given any  $\mathbf{w} \in V$ , we can write it uniquely as a linear combination

$$\mathbf{w} = a_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + a_n \mathbf{v}_n,$$

and we let

$$[\mathbf{w}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

be the *coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{w}$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$* .

This defines a function  $\varphi_{\mathcal{B}}: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  given by

$$\varphi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{w}) = [\mathbf{w}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

*since we can do this for each  $w$ .  
we get a function*

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**Proposition 3.34.** The function  $\varphi_{\mathcal{B}}: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is an invertible linear transformation.

*check linear transformation*

$$(a) \quad u_1, u_2 \in V$$

$$\varphi_{\mathcal{B}}(u_1 + u_2) = [u_1 + u_2]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n + b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\varphi_{\mathcal{B}}(u_1) = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \cdots + a_n v_n$$

$$= [u_1]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$\varphi_{\mathcal{B}}(u_2) = [u_2]_{\mathcal{B}} = b_1 v_1 + \cdots + b_n v_n$$

$$\varphi_{\mathcal{B}}(u_1) + \varphi_{\mathcal{B}}(u_2) = (a_1 + b_1) v_1 + \cdots + (a_n + b_n) v_n$$

$$(b) \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \quad w \in V$$

$$\varphi_{\mathcal{B}}(\lambda w) = [\lambda w]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

Define  $\psi_{\mathcal{B}}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow V$

$$\psi_{\mathcal{B}}\left(\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}\right) = a_1 v_1 + \cdots + a_n v_n$$

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$$\varphi_B = \psi_B = \text{id}_B \quad \varphi_B \circ \psi_B = \text{id}(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \checkmark$$

So a choice of ordered basis on  $V$  defines an isomorphism between  $V$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Example 3.35** ( $\mathcal{P}_n$ ).

$B = (1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n)$  is an ordered basis of  $\mathcal{P}_n$

Get  $\varphi_B : \mathcal{P}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  invertible linear transformation,

$$\varphi_B (a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n) = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Example 3.36.** Consider the ordered basis  $B = (x^2 + x + 1, x + 1, 1)$  of  $\mathcal{P}_2$ .

$$\varphi_B : \mathcal{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\text{let } ax^2 + bx + c \in \mathcal{P}_2$$

want  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$ax^2 + bx + c = \lambda_1(x^2 + x + 1) + \lambda_2(x + 1) + \lambda_3(1)$$

$$\lambda_1 = c$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = b$$

$$\lambda_2 = b - c$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = a$$

$$\lambda_3 = a - b .$$

$$[a + bx + cx^2]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ b-c \\ a-b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\varphi_B (a + bx + cx^2) = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ b-c \\ a-b \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Example 3.37** ( $M_{m \times n}$ ).

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Consider the standard basis

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**Example 3.38.** Consider the ordered basis  $\mathcal{B} = ((1, 0), (1, 1))$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

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