

However, W is not a subspace since the example $(1,0,0,0) + (0,1,0,0) = (1,1,0,0) \notin W$ but $(1,0,0,0) \in W$ and $(0,1,0,0) \in W$.

Linear combination

If ' β ' is a vector in the vector space V , then β is said to be a linear combination of the vectors $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ in V , so if β can be expressed in the form

$$\beta = a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n,$$

where a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are scalars.

Prob 1: Write the vector $(1, 7, -4)$ as a linear combination of the vectors $(1, -3, 2)$ and $(2, -1, 1)$ in vector space $V(\mathbb{R}^3)$ -3d.

Sol: Let $\beta = (1, 7, -4)$, $\alpha_1 = (1, -3, 2)$ & $\alpha_2 = (2, -1, 1)$.

$$\therefore \beta = a_1(1, -3, 2) + a_2(2, -1, 1)$$

$$(1, 7, -4) = a_1(1, -3, 2) + a_2(2, -1, 1)$$

$$(1, 7, -4) = (a_1, -3a_1, 2a_1) + (2a_2, -a_2, a_2)$$

$$(1, 7, -4) = (a_1 + 2a_2, -3a_1 - a_2, 2a_1 + a_2)$$

$$(1, 7, -4)$$

$$\therefore a_1 + 2a_2 = 1 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$-3a_1 - a_2 = 7 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$2a_1 + a_2 = -4 \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

Let $\textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow$ Multiply $\textcircled{1}$ by a_1 ,

$$-3a_1 - a_2 = 7$$

$$2a_1 + a_2 = -4$$

$$\textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow -a_1 = 3$$

$$\boxed{a_1 = -3}$$

Sub $a_1 = -3$ in eq $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow -3 + 2a_2 = 1$

$$2a_2 = 4$$

$$\boxed{a_2 = 2}$$

$$\therefore \beta = (1, 7, -4) = -3(1, -3, 2) + 2(2, -1, 1)$$

expressed as a linear combination of the given vectors.

Prob-2:

Show that $(2, -5, 3)$ can't be expressed as linear combination of the vectors $(1, -3, 2)$, $(2, -4, -1)$ and $(1, -5, -7)$.

Soln:

Let $\beta = (2, -5, 3)$ and $\alpha_1 = (1, -3, 2)$, $\alpha_2 = (2, -4, -1)$, $\alpha_3 = (1, -5, -7)$

$$\text{let } \beta = (2, -5, 3) = a_1 \alpha_1 + a_2 \alpha_2 + a_3 \alpha_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The system of equations are } \begin{cases} 2 = a_1 + 2a_2 + a_3 \\ -5 = -3a_1 - 4a_2 - 5a_3 \\ 3 = 2a_1 - a_2 + 7a_3 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

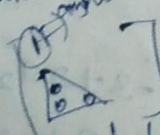
The matrix form of the above system

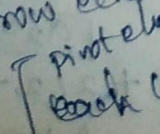
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & -4 & -5 \\ 2 & -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

By using Rank method, we can find the solution of the system of the equations.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & -4 & -5 \\ 2 & -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

to find: $\rho(A|B) \Rightarrow [A|B] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & -4 & -5 & -5 \\ 2 & -1 & 7 & 3 \end{array} \right]$

Row echelon form

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Reduced row echelon form

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 Each column has a pivot element.

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & 5 & 4 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -1-2 \\ 7-2 \\ 3-4 \end{array}$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad R_3 \rightarrow 2R_3 + 5R_2$$

$\underbrace{\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}}_{A'} \downarrow$

$$\begin{matrix} 10 & -10 \\ -2 & +5 \end{matrix}$$

$\therefore \rho(A) = \text{no. of non-zero rows}$

$$= 2.$$

$$\rho(A|B) = 3.$$

$$\rho(A) \neq \rho(A|B).$$

\therefore The system is inconsistent and has no solution.

$\therefore (2, -1, 3)$ cannot be expressed as a linear combination of $(1, -3, 2)$, $(2, -4, -1)$ and $(1, 5, 7)$.

\rightarrow Linearly dependent:

Let V be the vector space. The vectors $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ belongs to V are said to be linearly dependent, if there exist a scalar $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ (not all of them zero) such that

$$a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n = 0.$$

\rightarrow Linearly independent:

If $a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n = 0$, where $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 0$, then the vectors are said to be linearly independent.

Note:

1) The two vectors α_1, α_2 are dependent iff one of them is multiple of the other.

Let $a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 = 0$ for $a_1, a_2 \neq 0$

$$\alpha_1 = -\left(\frac{a_2}{a_1}\right)\alpha_2$$

conversely, if $\alpha_1 = k\alpha_2$, $\alpha_1 - k\alpha_2 = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = 1$ and $a_2 = -k$

Hence α_1 and α_2 are dependent.

2) If 0 is one of the vectors in $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ say $\alpha_1 = 0$ then the vectors must be linearly dependent.

3) If any 2 vectors are equal, say $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$ then the vectors are linearly dependent (Take $a_1 = 1, a_2 = -1, a_3 = a_4 = \dots = a_n = 0$).

Prove that $(2, 1, 4)$, $(-3, 2, -1)$ and $(1, -3, -2)$ are linearly independent.

to prove the given vectors are independent

Sol:

$a_1 \alpha_1 + a_2 \alpha_2 + a_3 \alpha_3 = 0$, we have to verify $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0$

$$a_1(2, 1, 4) + a_2(-3, 2, -1) + a_3(1, -3, -2) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$2a_1 - 3a_2 + a_3 = 0$$

$$a_1 + 2a_2 - 3a_3 = 0$$

$$4a_1 - a_2 - 2a_3 = 0$$

Solve the above the system / Gauss elimination method

$$[A|B] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 & | & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row echelon form

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & | & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \\ R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & 7 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -9 & 10 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 4R_1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & 7 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_3 \rightarrow 7R_3 - 9R_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$a_1 + 2a_2 - 3a_3 = 0$$

$$-7a_2 + 7a_3 = 0$$

$$7a_3 = 0$$

$$a_3 = 0$$

$$a_2 = 0$$

$$a_1 = 0$$

\therefore The given vectors are linearly independent.

→ Basis and dimensions:

Prob-1:

Prove that the vectors $(2, 2, -3)$, $(0, -4, 1)$ and $(3, 1, -4)$ are linearly dependent.Soln:

$$\text{Let } a_1(2, 2, -3) + a_2(0, -4, 1) + a_3(3, 1, -4) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$2a_1 + 0a_2 + 3a_3 = 0$$

$$2a_1 - 4a_2 + a_3 = 0$$

$$-3a_1 + a_2 - 4a_3 = 0$$

matrix form:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & -4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

reduce the above matrix into row-echelon form,

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow 2R_3 + 3R_1$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow 2R_3 + R_2$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$-2a_1 + 3a_3 = 0$$

$$-4a_2 - 2a_3 = 0$$

$$4a_2 = -2a_3$$

$$a_2 = \frac{-a_3}{2}$$

 a_3 - free variableSince the scalar a_2 depends upon a_3 . Therefore the given vectors are linearly dependent.How Prove that the following vectors are linearly dependent.

1) $(3, 1, 1)$, $(0, 0, 0)$ and $(1, 2, -4)$

2) $(1, 1, -1)$, $(1, -2, 1)$ and $(1, -4, 1)$

Linear span:Let S be a non-empty subset of vector space V . The set of all linear combinations of any finite no. of elts of S is said to be linear span of V .↓
denoted by $L(S)$