

Ch1. Vector Space

Definition (Vector Space).

A vector space (or linear space) W over a *Field* F consists of a set on which two operations (called addition and scalar multiplication, respectively) are defined so that for each pair of elements x, y , in W there is a unique element $x + y$ in W , and for each element a in F and each element x in W there is a unique element ax in W , such that the following conditions hold.

There are eight rules for calculating the vector space !

Please do not forget !

§1-3 Subspace

Definition (Definition of Subspace).

A subset W of a vector space W over a field F is called a subspace of W if W is a vector space over F with the operations of addition and scalar multiplication defined on W .

Theorem (1.3).

Let V be a vector space and W a subset of V . Then W is a subspace of V if and only if the following three conditions hold for the operations defined in V .

- (a) $0 \in W$.
- (b) $x + y \in W$ whenever $x \in W$ and $y \in W$.
- (c) $cx \in W$ whenever $c \in F$ and $x \in W$.

Theorem (1.4).

Any intersection of subspaces of a vector space W is a subspace of V .

Example

Exercise 19 :

Let W_1 and W_2 be subspaces of a vector space V . Prove that $W_1 \cup W_2$ is a subspace of W if and only if $W_1 \subseteq W_2$ or $W_2 \subseteq W_1$.

Solution.

1. Let W_1 and W_2 be subspace of W , $W_1 \cup W_2$ is a subspace
2. Suppose $W_1 \cup W_2$ is a subspace of W while $W_1 \not\subseteq W_2$ and $W_2 \not\subseteq W_1$
 $\implies \exists x \in W_1, x \notin W_2, \exists y \in W_2, y \notin W_1$
If $W_1 \cup W_2$ is a subspace, $x, y \in W_1 \cup W_2 \implies x + y \in W_1 \cup W_2$
3. $x + y \in W_1 \cup W_2 \therefore x + y \in W_1$ or $x + y \in W_2$
Since W_1 and W_2 are subspaces of $V \therefore x \in W_1, y \in W_2$ or $x \in W_2, y \in W_1$
 $\rightarrow \leftarrow$ with our suppose in 1.

Definition.

A vector space V is called direct sum of W_1 and W_2 if W_1 and W_2 are subspace of V such that $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$ and $W_1 + W_2 = V$. We denote that V is the direct sum of W_1 and W_2 by writing $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$.

§1-4 Linear Combination and System of Linear Equations

Definition (Definition of Linear Combination).

Let W be a vector space and S a nonempty subset of V . A vector $v \in V$ is called a linear combination of vectors of S if there exist a finite number of vectors u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n in S and scalars a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n in F such that $v = a_1u_1 + a_2u_2 + \dots + a_nu_n$. In this case we also say that W is a linear combination of u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n and call a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n the coefficients of the linear combination.

Definition (Definition of Span).

Let S be a nonempty subset of a vector space V . The span of S , denoted $\text{span}(S)$, is the set consisting of all linear combinations of the vectors in S . For convenience, we define $\text{span}(\emptyset) = \{0\}$.

Example

Question (Exercise 5 (a) (e)) :

In each part, determine whether the given vector is in the span of S .

a. $(2, -1, 1)$, $S = \{(1, 0, 2), (-1, 1, 1)\}$

e. $-x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + 3$, $S = \{x^3 + x^2 + x + 1, x^2 + x + 1, x + 1\}$

Solution.

(a)

1. $\text{Span}(S) = \{a_1(1, 0, 2) + a_2(-1, 1, 1) \mid a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{F}\}$

2.
$$\begin{cases} a_1 - a_2 = 2 \\ 0a_1 + a_2 = -1 \\ 2a_1 + a_2 = 1 \end{cases} \implies a_1 = 1, a_2 = -1$$

3. Since there exist scalars a_1, a_2 such that $(2, -1, 1) = a_1(1, 0, 2) + a_2(-1, 1, 1)$, we conclude that $(2, -1, 1)$ is in the span of S .

(e)

1. $\text{Span}(S) = \{a_1(x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) + a_2(x^2 + x + 1) + a_3(x + 1)\}$

2.
$$\begin{cases} a_1 + 0a_2 + 0a_3 = -1 \\ a_1 + a_2 + 0a_3 = 2 \\ a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 3 \\ a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 3 \end{cases} \implies a_1 = -1, a_2 = 3, a_3 = 1$$

3. Since there exist scalars a_1, a_2, a_3 such that $-x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + 3 = a_1(x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) + a_2(x^2 + x + 1) + a_3(x + 1)$, we conclude that $(2, -1, 1)$ is in the span of S .

Example

Question (Exercise 6) :

Show that the vectors $(1, 1, 0)$, $(1, 0, 1)$, and $(0, 1, 1)$ generate F^3 .

Solution. Let $S = \{(1, 0, 1), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$.

Claim : $S = \{(1, 0, 1), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$ is linearly independent.

$$1. a_1(1, 0, 1) + a_2(1, 0, 1) + a_3(0, 1, 1) = 0 \implies a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0$$

$$2. b_1(1, 0, 1) + b_2(1, 0, 1) + b_3(0, 1, 1) = (x, y, z) \\ \implies b_1 = \frac{x + y - z}{2}, b_2 = \frac{x - y + z}{2}, b_3 = \frac{-x + y + z}{2}$$

Since $S = \{(1, 0, 1), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$ is linearly independent, $\text{Span}(S)$ can generate F^3 .

Example

$$S = \{(0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 0)\}$$

$$\text{Span}(S) = \{a_1(0, 0, 1) + a_2(1, 0, 0) \mid a_1, a_2 \in F\}$$

Theorem (1.5).

The span of any subset S of a vector space W is a subspace of V . Moreover, any subspace of W that contains S must also contain the span of S .

§1-5 Linear dependence and linear independence

Definition (Linearly Dependent).

A subset S of a vector space W is called linearly dependent if there exist a finite number of distinct vectors u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n in S and scalars a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n , not all zero, such that

$$a_1u_1 + a_2u_2 + \dots + a_nu_n = 0.$$

In this case we also say that the vectors of S are linearly dependent.

Definition (Definition of Linearly Independent).

A subset S of a vector space that is not linearly dependent is called linearly independent. As before, we also say that the vectors of S are linearly independent.

Theorem (1.6).

Let W be a vector space, and let $S_1 \subseteq S_2 \subseteq V$. If S_1 is linearly dependent, then S_2 is linearly dependent.

Corollary. Let W be a vector space, and let $S_1 \subseteq S_2 \subseteq V$. If S_2 is linearly independent, then S_1 is linearly independent.

Example

Question (Exercise 2 (a) (c) (e)) :

Determine whether the following sets are linearly dependent or linearly independent.

a. $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 6 \\ 4 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

c. $\{x^3 + 2x^2, -x^2 + 3x + 1, x^3 - x^2 + 2x + 1\}$

e. $\{(1, -1, 2), (1, -2, 1), (1, 1, 4)\}$ in \mathbb{R}^3

Solution.

a. Since $2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \implies$ linearly dependent by Thm 1.5.

Theorem (1.7).

Let S be a linearly independent subset of a vector space V , and let v be a vector in V that is not in S . Then $S \cup \{v\}$ is linearly dependent if and only if $v \in \text{span}(S)$.

§1-6 Bases and Dimension

Definition (Definition of Bases).

A basis β for a vector space V is a linearly independent subset of V that generates V . If β is a basis for V , we also say that the vectors of β form a basis for V .

Theorem (1.8).

Let V be a vector space and $\beta = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be a subset of V . Then β is a basis for V if and only if each $v \in V$ can be uniquely expressed as a linear combination of vectors of β , that is, can be expressed in the form

$$v = a_1 u_1 + a_2 u_2 + \cdots + a_n u_n$$

for unique scalars a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n .

Theorem (1.9).

If a vector space V is generated by a finite set S , then some subset of S is a basis for V . Hence V has a finite basis.

Theorem (1.10 Replacement Theorem).

Let V be a vector space that is generated by a set G containing exactly n vectors, and let L be a linearly independent subset of V containing exactly m vectors. Then $m \leq n$ and there exists a subset H of G containing exactly $n - m$ vectors such that $L \cup H$ generates V .

Theorem (Corollary 1.).

Let V be a vector space having a finite basis. Then every basis for V contains the same number of vectors.

Definition (Definition of Dimension).

A vector space is called finite-dimensional if it has a basis consisting of a finite number of vectors. The unique number of vectors in each basis for V is called the dimension of V and is denoted by $\dim(V)$. A vector space that is not finite-dimensional is called infinite-dimensional .