

I-3 Linear independence & bases

V v.s. over F

Take  $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$  vectors. Any vector  $v \in \text{span}\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$  can be written as a linear combination of these vectors

Take  $v = \underline{0}$  we get:  $\underline{0} = K_1 u_1 + \dots + K_r u_r$

All  $K_i = 0$  is always possible.

The vectors  $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$  are called linearly independent if only the zero l.c. works

If  $\underline{0} = K_1 u_1 + \dots + K_r u_r$  and at least one  $K_i \neq 0$  then  $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$  are called linearly dependent vectors.

Ex.  $\{\underline{0}\}$  is dependent ( $K\underline{0} = \underline{0}$ )

A set with  $\underline{0}$  in it is dependent /  $\{v\}, v \neq \underline{0}$  always independent set /  $\underline{0} = Kv \Rightarrow K=0$ ,  $\{u, v\}, u, v \neq \underline{0}$  (Put  $\underline{0} = K_1 u + K_2 v$ ) is dependent  $\Leftrightarrow u = cv$ .

$\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  independent.  $e_i = (0, \dots, 0, \underset{i\text{th}}{1}, 0, \dots, 0)$

$\{1, t, t^2, \dots, t^n\}$  in  $P_n$  monomials

$\underline{0}(t) = 0 = K_0 + K_1 t + K_2 t^2 + \dots + K_n t^n$  all  $t$  (identity)

$\Rightarrow$  all  $K_i = 0$ , independent vectors in  $P_n$

in  $C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) : \{1, \cos x, \sin x\}$

$$0(t) = 0 = K_1 + K_2 \cos x + K_3 \sin x \quad \text{All } x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ identity}$$

$$\Rightarrow K_i = 0 \text{ all } i$$

linear independent set of functions

in  $C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) : \{1, \cos^2 x, \sin^2 x\}$

$$0 = K_1 + K_2 \cos^2 x + K_3 \sin^2 x$$

$$= 1 - \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x = 1 - (\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x) = 1 - 1 = 0 \quad \text{all } x$$

This set is dependant.

In the bin vector space  $\{123, 124, 34\}$

$$= \underbrace{123 + 124 + 34}$$

$$= \underbrace{34 + 34}$$

$$= 0 = \{\} \quad \therefore \text{dependant set}$$

A set  $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$  is linearly independent

$\Leftrightarrow$  at least one vector is a linear combination of the others

Proof:

$$\Rightarrow \{u_1, \dots, u_r\} \text{ dep. set}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{0} = k_1 u_1 + \dots + k_r u_r \quad \text{and some } k_i \neq 0$$

say  $k_1 \neq 0$  (or renumber the scalars)

$$\Rightarrow -k_1 u_1 = k_2 u_2 + \dots + k_r u_r$$

$$u_1 = \left(\frac{-k_2}{k_1}\right) u_2 + \dots + \left(\frac{-k_r}{k_1}\right) u_r$$

So,  $u_1$  is a linear combination of the others

$$u_i = k_1 u_1 + \dots + k_{i-1} u_{i-1} + k_{i+1} u_{i+1} + \dots + k_r u_r$$

and not all  $k_i = 0$

$$\text{So } u_i - k_1 u_1 - \dots - k_{i-1} u_{i-1} - k_{i+1} u_{i+1} - \dots - k_r u_r = \underline{0}$$

a ~~non-zero~~ non-zero l.c. = 0

i.e.  $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$  is a dep set //

Checking independence

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Ex. In } \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} u = (1, -2, 1) \\ v = (2, 1, -1) \\ w = (7, -4, 1) \end{array} \right\} \text{dep or indep in } \mathbb{R}^3? \end{array}$$

$$\text{Solution } (0, 0, 0) = k_1 (1, -2, 1) + k_2 (2, 1, -1) + k_3 (7, -4, 1)$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ -2 & 1 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{rank } 2 \\ \text{inf. \# of non-0} \\ \text{solutions} \end{array}$$

$\{u, v, w\}$  dependant //