Lecture 6

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2. S is linearly independent.

(The plural of basis is bases.)

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These two linear systems have the same coefficient matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 9 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If we can show that $\det(A) \neq 0$, then we can prove both things at the same time.

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This proves that these four matrices span $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$.

Therefore M_1, M_2, M_3 and M_4 for a basis for $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$ called the *standard basis for* $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2} = M_{22}$.

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Thus, there would be no way to express the polynomial x^{n+1} as a linear combination of the polynomials in S, contradicting the fact that the vectors in S span $\mathbb{P}$.

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Some other infinite dimensional vector spaces are

$$\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}} = \{\text{all sequences of real numbers}\}$$

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Coordinates Relative to a Basis

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$$\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \ldots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n$$

in exactly one way.

Now we can start talking about coordinates in a general vector space V.

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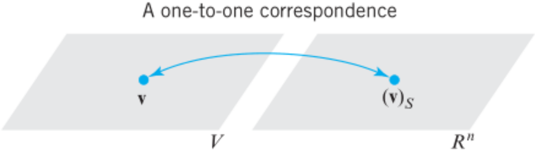
$$(\mathbf{v})_S = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n).$$

Remark

When we calculate coordinates, the order of the vectors in S is important. Some books use the term *ordered basis* which means a basis in which the order of the vectors is fixed.

Observe that $(\mathbf{v})_S$ is a vector in R^n, so that once an ordered basis S is given for a vector space V, Theorem 4.4.1 establishes a one-to-one correspondence between vectors in V and vectors in R^n (Figure 4.4.6).



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$V = \mathbb{R}^3$. Standard basis $\mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{k}$.

If $\mathbf{v} = (a,b,c)$ is any vector in $\mathbb{R}^3$, then

$$\mathbf{v} = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k} \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad (\mathbf{v})_S = (a,b,c).$$

Example

Find the coordinate vector for the polynomial

$$\mathbf{p}(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \ldots + c_n x^n$$

relative to the standard basis for the vector space $\mathbb{P}^n$.

The standard basis for $\mathbb{P}^n$ is $S = \{1, x, x^2, \ldots, x^n\}$. So clearly

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Engineers often use the term ***degrees of freedom*** as a synonym for dimension.

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Let V be an n-dimensional vector space, and let $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ be any basis.

1. *If a set in V has more than n vectors, then it is linearly dependent.*
2. *If a set in V has fewer than n vectors, then it does not span V.*

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- $\dim(\mathbb{P}^n) = n + 1$. Recall that the standard basis for $\mathbb{P}^n$ is $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$.
- $\dim\left(\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}\right) = 4$ because the standard basis contains the following four vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Similarly $\dim(\mathbb{R}^{m\times n}) = mn$.

EXAMPLE 2 Dimension of Span(S)

If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_r\}$ then every vector in span(S) is expressible as a linear combination of the vectors in S. Thus, if the vectors in S are *linearly independent*, they automatically form a basis for span(S), from which we can conclude that

$$\dim[\mathrm{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_r\}] = r$$

In words, the dimension of the space spanned by a linearly independent set of vectors is equal to the number of vectors in that set.

Example (Dimension of a Solution Space)

Find a basis for and the dimension of the solution space of the homogeneous linear system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 + 2x_5 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + 6x_2 - 5x_3 - 2x_4 + 4x_5 - 3x_6 = 0 \\ 5x_3 + 10x_4 + 15x_6 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + 6x_2 + 8x_4 + 4x_5 + 18x_6 = 0. \end{cases}$$

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We can write this as

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) &= (-3x_2 - 4x_4 - 2x_5, x_2, -2x_4, x_4, x_5, 0) \\ &= x_2(-3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0) + x_4(-4, 0, -2, 1, 0, 0) \\ &\qquad + x_5(-2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the vectors

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Therefore the solution space has dimension 3.

Some More Theorems

Theorem (The Basis Theorem[3])

Let V be an n-dimensional vector space, and let S be a set in V with exactly n vectors. Then the following are equivalent:

1. *S is a basis for V;*
2. *S spans V;*
3. *S is linearly independent.*

[3] page 245 in your textbook

EXAMPLE 5 Bases by Inspection

(a) Explain why the vectors $\mathbf{v}_1 = (-3, 7)$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = (5, 5)$ form a basis for R^2.

(b) Explain why the vectors $\mathbf{v}_1 = (2, 0, -1)$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = (4, 0, 7)$, and $\mathbf{v}_3 = (-1, 1, 4)$ form a basis for R^3.

Solution (a) Since neither vector is a scalar multiple of the other, the two vectors form a linearly independent set in the two-dimensional space R^2, and hence they form a basis by Theorem 4.5.4.

Solution (b) The vectors $\mathbf{v}_1$ and $\mathbf{v}_2$ form a linearly independent set in the xz-plane (why?). The vector $\mathbf{v}_3$ is outside of the xz-plane, so the set $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is also linearly independent. Since R^3 is three-dimensional, Theorem 4.5.4 implies that $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is a basis for the vector space R^3. ◀

Theorem

Let S be a finite set of vectors in a finite-dimensional vector space V.

1. *If S spans V but is not a basis for V, then S can be reduced to a basis for V by removing appropriate vectors from S.*
2. *If S is a linearly independent set that is not already a basis for V, then S can be enlarged to a basis for V by inserting appropriate vectors into S.*

Dimension

Theorem

If W is a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space V, then:

1. *W is finite-dimensional;*
2. $\dim(W) \leq \dim(V)$*; and*
3. *$W = V$ if and only if* $\dim(W) = \dim(V)$.

Change of Basis

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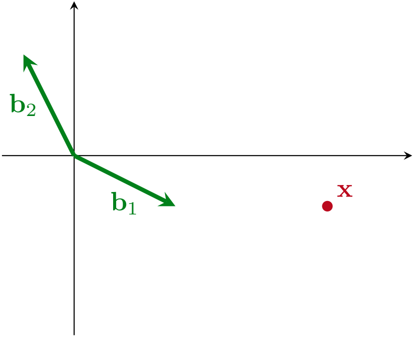

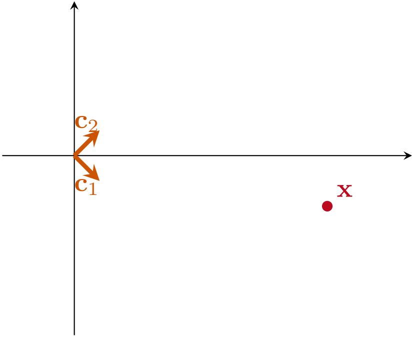

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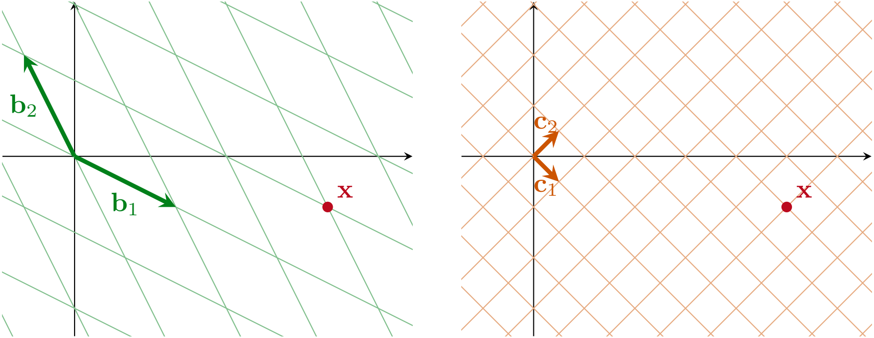

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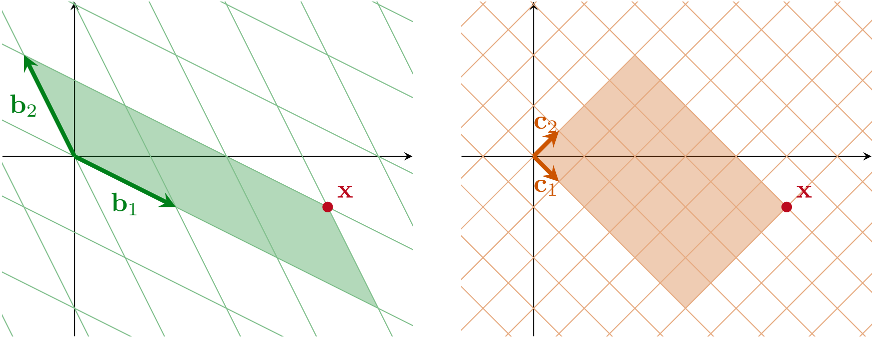

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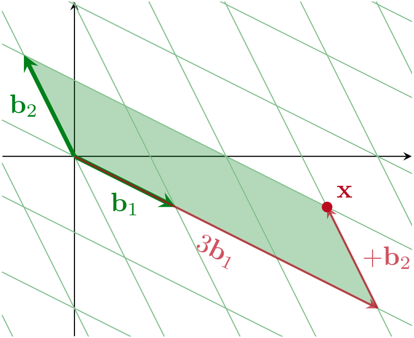

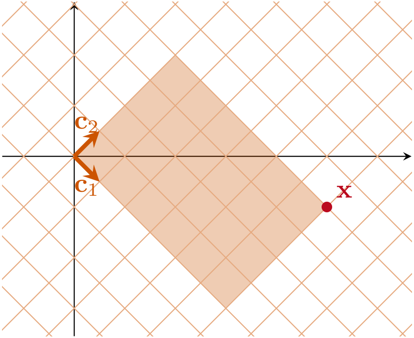

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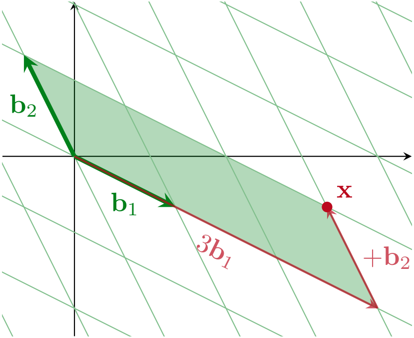

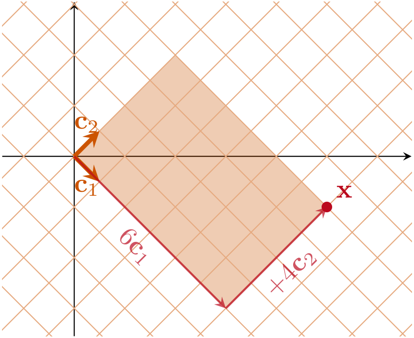

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Example

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$$\mathbf{b}_1 = 4\mathbf{c}_1 + \mathbf{c}_2, \qquad \mathbf{b}_2 = -6\mathbf{c}_1 + \mathbf{c}_2$$

and that the vector $\mathbf{x}$ has coordinates $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Find $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}}$.

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So what are $[\mathbf{b}_1]_{\mathcal{C}}$ and $[\mathbf{b}_2]_{\mathcal{C}}$?

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$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = \underset{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}{P}\,[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}\,.$$

The columns of $\underset{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}{P}$ *are the* $\mathcal{C}$*-coordinate vectors of the vectors in the basis* $\mathcal{B}$. *That is,*

$$\underset{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}{P} = \begin{bmatrix} [\mathbf{b}_1]_{\mathcal{C}} & [\mathbf{b}_2]_{\mathcal{C}} & \cdots & [\mathbf{b}_n]_{\mathcal{C}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

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Break

We will continue at 3pm

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Solution:

$$[\mathbf{a}_1]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\mathbf{a}_2]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\mathbf{a}_3]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

   (b) Find $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ for $\mathbf{x} = 3\mathbf{a}_1 + 4\mathbf{a}_2 + \mathbf{a}_3$.

Solution:

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = P[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\underset{W \leftarrow V}{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -9 & -8 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 \\ -3 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) $\boxed{\text{5 points}}$ Find the coordinates of $\mathbf{v}$ relative to W by using $\underset{W \leftarrow V}{P}$.

Solution:

$$[\mathbf{v}]_W = \underset{W \leftarrow V}{P}[\mathbf{v}]_V = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -9 & -8 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 \\ -3 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Remark

I think that the 2019 question (below) is easier than the 2018 question (above), but I remember that the 2019 marks were lower than the 2018 marks.

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Theorem

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EXAMPLE 2 A Vector b in the Column Space of A

Let $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ be the linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -9 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Show that $\mathbf{b}$ is in the column space of A by expressing it as a linear combination of the column vectors of A.

Solution Solving the system by Gaussian elimination yields (verify)

$$x_1 = 2, \quad x_2 = -1, \quad x_3 = 3$$

It follows from this and Formula (2) that

$$2\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 3\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -9 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \blacktriangleleft$$

Example

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & -5 & 7 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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Row Space, Column Space, and Null Space

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NO, because $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, but $\operatorname{Nul} A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$.

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We can now see that the linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}$ is consistent. Therefore the answer to this question is YES.

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- $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ *is consistent;*
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Conversely, the vector $\mathbf{x}$ *in this formula is a solution of* $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ *for any choice of scalars* $c_j \in \mathbb{R}$*.*

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Bases for Row Spaces, Column Spaces, and Null Spaces

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that A and B are row equivalent, but

$$\operatorname{Col} A = \operatorname{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

and

$$\operatorname{Col} B = \operatorname{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \neq \operatorname{Col} A.$$

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Setting $x_4 = 1$ and then $x_5 = 1$ (and the other two to 0) gives us the other two vectors in $\operatorname{Nul} A$.

Theorem

Suppose that a matrix R is in row echelon form. Then

- *the row vectors with the pivots (i.e. the nonzero row vectors) form a basis for the row space of R; and*
- *the column vectors with the pivots (i.e. the pivot columns) form a basis for the column space of R.*

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As always, I leave it for you to check that

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Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & -2 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{r}_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{r}_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

form a basis for Row $A =$ Row R.

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If we write these vectors as columns of a matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{v}_3 & \mathbf{v}_4 & \mathbf{v}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 5 \\ -2 & -5 & 1 & -1 & -8 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 & -7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

then we just need to find a basis for $\operatorname{Col} A$.

Since

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

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