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$$\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) = \{ a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m \in V \mid a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F} \}$$

$$\text{Span}(\{0_V\}) = 0$$

Proposition: Let $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$, $m \geq 0$. Then the $\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ ^{LHS} is the ^{RHS} smallest subspace of V containing v_1, \dots, v_m

PROOF

- If $m=0$, $\text{LHS} = 0$

$\text{RHS} = \text{smallest subspace of } V = 0$

- If $m > 0$, want to show $S = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ is a subspace

- $0 \in S$? $0 = 0v_1 + 0v_2 + \dots + 0v_m = 0$ ✓
- closed under addition?

Let

$$v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m$$

$$w = b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_m v_m$$

both elements of S

then

$$v+w = (a_1+b_1)v_1 + \dots + (a_m+b_m)v_m \in S$$

- closed under multiplication?

$$cv = (ca_1)v_1 + \dots + (ca_m)v_m \in S \quad \checkmark$$

- Also need to show it is the smallest subspace

If U is a subspace of V containing v_1, \dots, v_m then show $W \subseteq U$.

Given $w = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m \in U$

Since U contains v_1, \dots, v_m then any linear combination is also in U .

Definition Central

Dependence

Def: (a) The list (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m) of vectors of V is called **linearly dependent (LD)** if $\exists a_1, \dots, a_m \in F$ NOT ALL ZERO such that $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$

Def: (b) The list (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m) of vectors of V is called **linearly independent (LI)** if it is NOT linearly dependent.
i.e. Whenever $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$
then $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_m = 0$

Def: (c) $()$ is linearly independent

Def: (a) A vector space V is called finite dimensional (i.e. finitely generated) if $\exists v_1, \dots, v_m$ ($m \geq 0$) such that

$$V = \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$$

Def: (b) (v_1, \dots, v_m) is called a basis of V if

(i) $V = \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$

(ii) (v_1, \dots, v_m) is linearly **INDEPENDENT**

Examples

(Zero vector in

① (v_1) is LI $\Leftrightarrow v_1 \neq 0$

② (v_1, v_2) is LD $\Leftrightarrow v_1 = 0$, or $v_2 = cv_1$ for some $c \in \mathbb{F}$

③ $\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^3?$

Linearly Dependent!

$$-2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

④ $(1, x, x^2, x^3) \in \mathbb{F}[x]?$

LI Since $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 = 0 \leftarrow 0 \text{ polynomial}$

⑤ In $\text{Fun}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$, is $(\sin x, \sin(2x))$ LD?

i.e. are there $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ $a, b \neq 0$ s.t. $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$

$$a \sin x + b \sin 2x = 0 \leftarrow \text{Zero function}$$

Assume $\exists a, b$, one NOT zero, s.t.

$$a \sin x + b \sin 2x = 0$$

Try $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ (since it must hold $\forall x$) then

$$a \cdot 1 + b \cdot 0 = 0 ; a = 0$$

Try $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$, then

$$b \cdot 1 = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0 \therefore \text{LI}$$

Lemma (LI Lemma)

Suppose (v_1, \dots, v_m) is LD in V , then $\exists j \in 1, \dots, m$ such that

① $v_j \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1})$

② if the j^{th} element v_j is removed

from (v_1, \dots, v_m) then span of resulting list is $= \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$

} i.e. v_j isn't needed to get the span

PROOF

(v_1, \dots, v_m) is LD.

$\exists a_1, \dots, a_m$, not all zero, such that $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$.

Let j be the largest index in $1, \dots, m$ s.t. $a_j \neq 0$.

Get $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_j v_j = 0$, then

$$v_j = \frac{a_1 v_1}{a_j} + \frac{a_2 v_2}{a_j} + \dots + \frac{a_{j-1} v_{j-1}}{a_j}$$

Proves ①, ② follows.