

## Last Time

LI Lemma: Suppose  $(v_1, \dots, v_m)$  is LI in  $V$ .

Then  $\exists j \in 1, \dots, m$  s.t.

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

(b) if  $j$ th element is removed from  $v_1, \dots, v_m$   
then the span of the remaining =  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$

Main Goal: If  $V$  has two bases,  $(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ ,  $(w_1, \dots, w_n)$  then  
 $m=n$ .

Want to figure this out.

Key Theorem: Suppose  $V$  is finite dimensional and \*

(a)  $(u_1, \dots, u_m)$  is LI ( $u_i \in V$ )

(b)  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  spans  $V$  ( $v_i \in V$ )

then  $m \leq n$

**IDEA!**

Let  $B = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  (spans  $V$ )

① add in  $u_1 \notin B$ , remove one element of  $B$   
to get  $B = (u_1, \underbrace{v'_1, \dots, v'_n}_{\text{elements of } B})$  still spans  $V$

② add in  $u_2 \notin B$ , remove one element of  $B$   
to get  $B = (u_1, u_2, \underbrace{v''_1, \dots, v''_n}_{\text{elements of } B})$  still spans  $V$

$\vdots$  keep going

$B = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, v_{m+1}, \dots, v_n)$  still spans  $V$

# PROOF

Step 1: At beginning of step 1,  $B = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  spans  $V$ .

$$\therefore (u_1, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \text{ is LD} \Rightarrow u_1 = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n \\ -u_1 + a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n = 0$$

Thus, LI Lemma  $\Rightarrow \exists v_j \in (u_1, v_1, \dots, v_n)$

such that  $v_j \in \text{span}(u_1, \dots, v_{j-1})$  and removing it keeps  $\text{span}(u_1, v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, v_n)$ .

$$\text{So: } \text{span}(u_1, \text{all } v_i\text{'s except } v_j) = \text{span } B = V$$

Step  $i$ : At beginning  $B = (\underbrace{u_1, \dots, u_{i-1}}_{\substack{\text{Note: these} \\ \text{are LI}}}, \underbrace{v'_1, \dots, v'_n}_{\substack{\text{Some subset of} \\ (v_1, \dots, v_n)}})$

Consider  $u_i$ : if  $i > m$ , then we are done.  $m \leq n$  otherwise  $\exists u_i \in (u_1, \dots, u_m)$ .

Consider  $(u_1, \dots, u_{i-1}, u_i, v'_1, \dots, v'_n)$  spans  $V$  and is LD.

$$\therefore \exists j \text{ s.t. } \text{span}[(u_1, \dots, u_{i-1}, u_i, \text{all } v_i \text{ except } v_j)] = V$$

At end  
of step  $i$

$$B = (u_1, \dots, u_i, \underbrace{v'_{i+1}, \dots, v'_n}_{\substack{\text{some subset of} \\ (v_1, \dots, v_n)}}) \text{ spans } V$$

What happens if at the beginning of step  $i$ :  $B = (u_1, \dots, u_{i-1})$  spans  $V$  <sup>is m</sup>

- This CANNOT happen since then  $u_i \in \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_{i-1})$ , since  $(u_1, \dots, u_n)$  is LI.  $\Rightarrow m \leq n$

## Example

Is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 42 \\ e^{\pi^2 + 3} \\ 17.1 - e \end{pmatrix} \text{ LI in } \mathbb{R}^3?$

No!

$\mathbb{R}^3$  is spanned by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \therefore 4 \nsubseteq 3 \text{ c!}$

Corollary: If  $V$  has two bases,  $(u_1, \dots, u_m), (v_1, \dots, v_n)$   
then  $m = n$

Proof

$(u_1, \dots, u_m)$  is LI ;  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  spans  $V \Rightarrow m \leq n \Rightarrow m = n$

$(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is LI ;  $(u_1, \dots, u_m)$  spans  $V \Rightarrow n \leq m$

$\exists$  a spanning set

Q: If  $V$  is finite dimensional, does  $V$  have a basis.

A: Yup.

Theorem: If  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  spans  $V$ , then some subset of  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is a basis of  $V$ .

Proof: Think about it