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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  $\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$  <sup>LHS</sup> is the <sup>RHS</sup> 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  $j^{\text{th}}$  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.