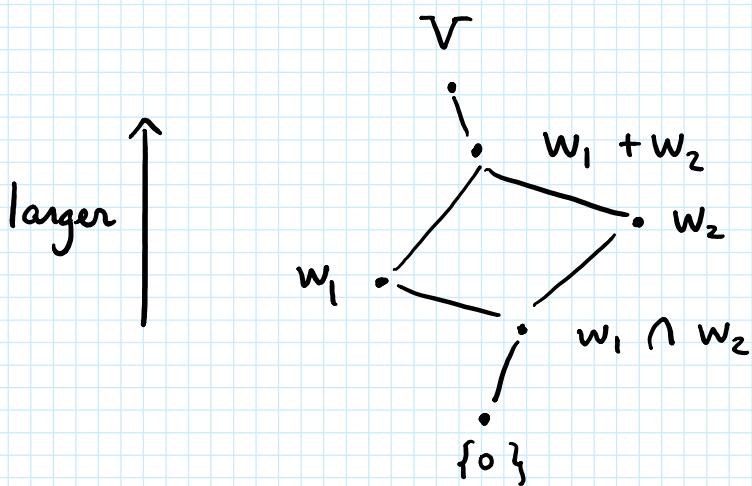


MATH 223 Linear AlgebraOct 6, 2016 $w_1, w_2$  subspaces of  $V$ 

$$w_1 + w_2 = \left\{ w_1 + w_2 : w_1 \in w_1, w_2 \in w_2 \right\}$$

Theorem:(i)  $w_1 + w_2$  subspaces containing  $w_1, w_2$ (ii)  $w_1 + w_2$  smallest subspace  
containing  $w_1, w_2$ ex.  $V = M_n(\mathbb{R})$  $w_1 = \{ \text{upper triangular} \}$  $w_2 = \{ \text{lower triangular} \}$ 

$w_1 + w_2 = V$

## Linear Combinations

$V$  vector space over  $K$

$u_1, \dots, u_m$  vectors (elements of  $V$ )

$$v = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m \quad (a_i \in K)$$

linear combination

of vectors  $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$

### 3 important ideas of Linear Combination

- spanning set = "sufficiency"
- independent set = "no redundancy"
- basis  $(\text{spanning \& independent})$

Def<sup>n</sup>:  $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$  spanning set

if each  $v \in V$  is a linear combination

of  $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$

ex.  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

$\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$  spanning

$\{ (1,0,0), (0,1,0), (1,1,0) \}$  non-spanning

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore a(1,0,0) + b(0,1,0) + c(1,1,0) \\ = (a+c, b+c, 0)\end{aligned}$$

counter: vectors such as  $(0,0,1) \in \mathbb{R}^3$   
are not linear combinations of this set

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ex.  $\{ (1,2), (2,1), (2,2) \}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{aligned}x(1,2) + y(2,1) + z(2,2) \\ = (x+2y+2z, 2x+y+2z)\end{aligned}$$

given  $(a,b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  solve for  $x,y,z$  (some sol<sup>n</sup>)

$$\text{let } a = x + 2y + 2z$$

$$b = 2x + y + 2z$$

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Take  $z=0$

$$a+b = 3(x+y) \Rightarrow y = a - \frac{a+b}{3} = \frac{2a-b}{3}$$

$$x = b - \frac{a+b}{3} = \frac{2b-a}{3}$$

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ex.  $\{ u_1, \dots, u_m, w \}$  independent

$\Rightarrow \{ u_1, \dots, u_m \}$  independent

why?  $\sum a_i u_i = 0$

$$\sum a_i u_i + 0 \cdot w_i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_m = 0$$

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ex.  $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$  independent

and  $w$  not a linear combination of  $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$

$\Rightarrow \{u_1, \dots, u_m, w\}$  independent

Why?  $\sum a_i u_i + a w = 0$

if  $a \neq 0$ ,  $w = -\frac{\sum a_i u_i}{a} \leftarrow$  linear combination  
of  $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$

$$so \quad a = 0 \quad \sum a_i u_i = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = \dots = a_m = 0$$

$\therefore \{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$  independent

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Def<sup>n</sup>:  $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$  basis for  $V$

if both spanning and independent

Theorem:  $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$  basis iFF

every  $v \in V$  can be written uniquely  
spanning independence

as a linear combination of  $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$

Proof: exercise

ex.  $\mathbb{R}^n$   $(1, 0, \dots, 0)$

$(0, 1, \dots, 0)$

$\vdots$

$(0, 0, \dots, 1)$

$e_i = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$

$\curvearrowleft$   $i^{\text{th}}$  position

$\{e_i : i=1, \dots, n\}$

standard basis

$M_{m \times n}(K)$

$e_{ij} = m \times n$  matrix

whose entries

are all 0,

except for the  
 $i^{\text{th}}$  entry which  
is 1

$\sum_{i,j} a_{ij} e_{ij} = 0_{m \times n}$

linearly independent

$(a_{ij}) = 0_{m \times n}$

$\{e_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$

basis

ex. upper triangular matrices

$\{e_{ij} : 1 \leq i, j \leq n\}$

ex:  $Pol_n(K)$

$\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\} \leftarrow \text{basis}$

$a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n$  linear combination

How to Get a Basis

## ① Bottom - Up

saturate an independent set

- pick an independent set

- check if it spans: if yes ✓

- if No, take a vector  
which is not a linear  
combination of the set,  
and add it to the set

- repeat

## ② Top - Down

trim a spanning set

- pick a spanning set

- check if independent: if yes ✓

- if No, pick a vector  
which is a linear  
combination and drop it.

- repeat

Read : Sections 4.4, 4.5, 4.7, 4.9 - 4.11

Exercises : 4.6, 4.7, 4.9, 4.11, 4.15 - 4.24

Remarks:  $S$  spanning set

A superset of  $S$  : spanning

A subset of  $S$  : may or may not span

ex:  $\{ u_1, \dots, u_m \}$  spanning

$\Rightarrow \{ u_1, \dots, u_m, w \}$  spanning

add a new vector

Why? Given  $v \in V$

$$v = \sum a_i u_i + 0 \cdot w_i$$

ex.  $\{u_1, \dots, u_m, w\}$  spanning

and  $w$  linear combination of  $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$

$\Rightarrow \{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$  spanning

Why?  $v \in V, v = \sum a_i u_i + \alpha w$

$$w = \sum c_i u_i$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \sum a_i u_i + \alpha (\sum c_i u_i)$$

$$= \sum (a_i + \alpha c_i) u_i$$

Def<sup>n</sup>:  $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$  linearly independent if

there exists scalars  $a_1, \dots, a_m$  not all 0

$$\text{s.t. } a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m = 0 ;$$

and linearly independent otherwise

i.e. if  $a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m = 0$ , then  $a_1 = \dots = a_m = 0$

ex.  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\{ (1,0,0), (0,1,0), (0,0,1) \}$$

$$a(1,0,0) + b(0,1,0) + c(0,0,1) = (0,0,0)$$

then  $(a,b,c) = (0,0,0)$

$$a = b = c = 0 \Rightarrow \text{linearly independent}$$


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ex.  $\{ (1,0,0), (0,1,0), (1,1,0) \}$

$$(1,0,0) + (0,1,0) + -1(1,1,0) = (0,0,0)$$

$\Rightarrow$  linearly dependent

ex.  $\{ 0, v_1, \dots, v_k \} \Rightarrow \text{linearly dependent}$

$$1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot v_1 + \dots + 0 \cdot v_k = 0$$

ex.  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\{ (1,0,1), (1,1,0), (0,1,1) \}$$

$$a(1,0,1) + b(1,1,0) + c(0,1,1)$$

$$= (a+b, b+c, a+c)$$

Set  $\Rightarrow a + b = 0 \Rightarrow a = -b \Rightarrow$  linearly dependent

$$b + c = 0 \quad \boxed{b = -c}$$

$$a + c = 0 \quad a = -c$$

Remark :  $S$  independent

A superset of  $S$  : may or may not be independent

A subset of  $S$  : independent