

Theorem) If V has a basis with n elements, then every set of m vectors which has more than n elements is linearly dependent ($m > n$)

\Rightarrow let $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ be a basis of V and let S be the subset of V with $m > n$ elements. We need to prove that S is linearly dependent.

Then, every element $\{\vec{s}_1, \dots, \vec{s}_m\}$ of S is a linear combination of $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{s}_1 &= a_{11}\vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_{1n}\vec{v}_n \\ \vec{s}_2 &= \dots \\ &\vdots \\ \vec{s}_m &= a_{m1}\vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_{mn}\vec{v}_n\end{aligned}$$

coefficients

Consider the following n -vectors:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{e}_1 &= (a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1n}) \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ &\vdots \\ \vec{e}_m &= (a_{m1}, a_{m2}, \dots, a_{mn}) \in \mathbb{R}^n\end{aligned}$$

We will show that $\{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_m\}$ are linearly dependent.

We can show this by constructing

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vec{e}_1 & \vec{e}_2 & \dots & \vec{e}_m \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m} \quad \text{where } m > n$$

Since T can have at most n pivots, $\{\vec{e}_i\}_{i=1}^m$ are linearly dependent.

If means that there exist non-trivial $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^m$ such that

$$x_1\vec{e}_1 + x_2\vec{e}_2 + \dots + x_m\vec{e}_m = \vec{0}$$

\downarrow

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ \vdots \\ a_{1n} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{2n} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_m \begin{bmatrix} a_{m1} \\ a_{m2} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall that

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{s}_1 &= a_{11}\vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_{1n}\vec{v}_n \\ &\vdots \\ \vec{s}_m &= a_{m1}\vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_{mn}\vec{v}_n\end{aligned}$$

multiply i th entry with x_i

$$\begin{aligned}x_1\vec{s}_1 &= x_1a_{11}\vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_1a_{1n}\vec{v}_n \\ &\vdots \\ x_m\vec{s}_m &= x_ma_{m1}\vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_ma_{mn}\vec{v}_n\end{aligned}$$

Then, add all entries

$$\begin{aligned}x_1\vec{s}_1 + x_2\vec{s}_2 + \dots + x_m\vec{s}_m &= (x_1a_{11} + x_2a_{21} + \dots + x_ma_{m1})\vec{v}_1 + \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad (x_1a_{1n} + x_2a_{2n} + \dots + x_ma_{mn})\vec{v}_n \\ &= \vec{0}\end{aligned}$$

where $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$

\therefore we have shown that $\{\vec{s}_1, \dots, \vec{s}_m\}$ are linearly dependent!

Theorem) If V has a basis with n elements, then every set of vectors with fewer than n elements, say $m < n$, does not span V .

\Rightarrow Suppose that S is a basis, $S = \{\vec{s}_1, \dots, \vec{s}_n\}$ of V and T is a subset of V with m elements where $m < n$.

By contradiction, assume that $\text{span}(T) = V$. Then, S has n elements, ($n > m$) and from the previous theorem, the vectors of S are linearly dependent.

\hookrightarrow But this contradicts the fact that S is linearly independent (\because basis).
This completes the proof.

Theorem) If V has a basis with n elements. Then, all bases of V have the same number of elements ($= n$).

Definition: dimension \triangleq the number of elements in a basis

Theorem) Suppose that V has dimension d .

a) A set of d vectors in V are a basis if they span V .

b) A set of d vectors in V are a basis if they are linearly independent.

Example) Are the following sets a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 ? (dim=3)

$$(a) \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

\Rightarrow No! (\Leftarrow)

$$(b) \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

\Rightarrow No! (\Leftarrow)

$$(c) \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

\Rightarrow We need to check whether they are linearly indep.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{---}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

\rightarrow It has 3 pivots \rightarrow L.I \rightarrow hence, it is a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Example) \mathbb{R}^3 's subspaces.

- The only 0-dimensional subspace (of \mathbb{R}^3) is $\{\vec{0}\}$.
- The 1-dimensional subspace is of the form $\text{span}\{\vec{v}\}$ where $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$.
- The 2-dimensional subspace is $\text{span}\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$ where $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$, $\vec{w} \neq \vec{0}$ & \vec{v} and \vec{w} are not multiples of each other.
- The only 3-dim. subspace (of \mathbb{R}^3) is \mathbb{R}^3 .

True & False

- 1) Suppose that $\dim(V)=n$. Then any set with more than n elements are linearly dependent.
→ true.
- 2) P_n of polynomials of degree at most n has dimension $n+1$.
→ true $\{1, t, \dots, t^n\}$.
- 3) Consider $V = \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$. If one of the vectors, say \vec{v}_k , is a linear combination of the remaining $(p-1)$ vectors, then the remaining ones still span V .
→ True.