

Basis & Dimension

Basis = Spanning Property + Linear Independence

$\{v_1, v_2, \dots\} \Leftrightarrow \checkmark$
 is a basis for V \checkmark
 \rightarrow Spanning Set \rightarrow inf. many soln. \rightarrow \times not a basis
 \rightarrow unique soln. \rightarrow \checkmark a basis

Ex In \mathbb{R}^2 , $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \neq 0$
 $\rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \rightarrow$ is a spanning set \checkmark \Rightarrow basis \checkmark
 $\rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \rightarrow$ is also a spanning set. \rightarrow NOT linearly independent \Rightarrow NOT a basis!
 $\uparrow \in \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow$ can be written as a linear combination of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$ is a basis for $V \Leftrightarrow$

* $\{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$ is a spanning set for V .

* $\{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$ is linearly independent.

* Adding / removing vectors from a basis makes it no more a basis!
 \downarrow violates linear independence \downarrow violates the spanning property

* Basis of a vector space is not unique.

Bases \rightarrow plural form of basis.

Ex $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is also a basis for \mathbb{R}^2 .

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
 \hookrightarrow standard basis for \mathbb{R}^2 .

Linear Independence $\left| \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right| = 4 - 3 = 1 \neq 0$ linearly independent \checkmark

Spanning set

$$\alpha_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & a \\ 2 & 3 & b \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{solve this for } \alpha_1 \text{ and } \alpha_2$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & a \\ 2 & 3 & b \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2r_1 + r_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & a \\ 0 & -1 & b-2a \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-1r_2 + r_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 2a-b \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2r_2 + r_1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 5a-2b \\ 0 & 1 & 2a-b \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{P.E.}}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & a \\ 2 & 3 & b \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & a \\ 0 & -1 & -2a+b \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-1r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 2a-b \end{array} \right]_{REF}$$

is a spanning set ✓

$$\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 = a \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 2b - 3a$$

$$\alpha_2 = 2a - b$$

→ \mathbb{R}^2 , \mathbb{R}^3 , \mathbb{R}^4 , P_3 , P_4 , $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .
→ standard basis.

Ex

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 ? → $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$

Linear independence

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 0 + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 - 0 + 0 = 1 \neq 0$$

$\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ is linearly independent. ✓

Spanning property

$$\alpha_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & a \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & b \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & c \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2 \\ -r_1+r_3 \rightarrow r_3 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & a \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & b-a \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & c-a \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-r_2+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & a \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & b-a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & c-b \end{array} \right]_{REF} \checkmark$$

$c - a - b + a$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha_1 + 2\alpha_3 = a \\ \alpha_2 - 2\alpha_3 = b-a \\ \alpha_3 = c-b \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} \alpha_3 = c-b \\ \alpha_2 = 2c-b-a \\ \alpha_1 = a+2b-2c \end{array}$$

⇒ $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ spans \mathbb{R}^3 . ✓

Therefore, $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

Ex

Check the sets below to be bases for P_3 .

- (b) $x, x-1, x^2+1, x^2-1$
→ (c) $x^2, x^2-x-1, x+1$ (d) $2x, x-2$

✗ $x^2 - x - 1 = 1 \cdot x^2 + -1(x+1)$

→ $\{1, x, x^2\}$ spanning ✓
 $\left(\begin{array}{l} c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0 \\ \text{linearly indep.} \checkmark \end{array} \right)$
 → standard basis for P_3 .

~~$x^2 - x - 1 = 1 \cdot x^2 + -1(x+1)$~~

standard basis for P_3 .

b) Linear independence?

$$c_1x + c_2(x-1) + c_3(x^2+1) + c_4(x^2-1) = 0$$

$$\underline{c_1}x + \underline{c_2}x - c_2 + \underline{c_3x^2} + c_3 + \underline{c_4x^2} - c_4 = 0$$

$$-c_2 + c_3 - c_4 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$c_3 + c_4 = 0$$

NOT
linear independent!

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-1r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$c_4 = \text{free} \rightarrow \text{inf } X$$

\Rightarrow Not a basis!

c)

$$v_1 = 2x, \quad v_2 = x-2$$

$$c_1 \cdot 2x + c_2(x-2) = 0$$

$$2c_1x + c_2x - 2c_2 = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ -2c_2 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 = 0 \end{array}$$

they are linearly independent! \checkmark

$$\alpha_1 \cdot \underline{2x} + \alpha_2 \cdot \underline{(x-2)} = \underline{ax^2 + bx + c} \in P_3 \quad \underline{2x^2 - 2x + 3}$$

$$2\alpha_1x + \alpha_2x - 2\alpha_2 = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$0 = \underline{a}$$

$$\alpha_1 =$$

$$2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = b$$

$$\alpha_2 =$$

$$-2\alpha_2 = c$$

the soln. can be written only if $a=0$

if $a \neq 0$ we have no soln. \Rightarrow

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} - & - & - & - \\ - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b^2 - 4ac \end{array} \right] = 0$$

If fails spanning property X

\Rightarrow not a basis!