

Linear Algebra

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Outline

1. Review.
2. Basis and dimension.

1. Review

In last lectures

- Vector space.
- Subspace of a vector space.
- Linear combination.
- Span of a vector set.
- Linear dependence/independence.

Vector Spaces

- Vector spaces:

Let V be a set on which two operations (vector addition and scalar multiplication) are defined. If the following axioms are satisfied for every \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} in V and every scalar (real number) c and d , then V is called a **vector space**.

Addition:

- (1) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is in V *Closed*
- (2) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$
- (3) $\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w}$
- (4) V has a zero vector $\mathbf{0}$ such that for every \mathbf{u} in V , $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$
- (5) For every \mathbf{u} in V , there is a vector in V denoted by $-\mathbf{u}$ such that $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$

very important

Scalar multiplication:

- (6) $c\mathbf{u}$ is in V . *Closed*
- (7) $c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$
- (8) $(c + d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{u}$
- (9) $c(d\mathbf{u}) = (cd)\mathbf{u}$
- (10) $1(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u}$

- Thm: (Test for a subspace)

If W is a nonempty subset of a vector space V , then W is a subspace of V if and only if the following conditions hold.

(1) $\mathbf{0} \in W$.

(2) If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are in W , then $\mathbf{u}+\mathbf{v}$ is in W .

(3) If \mathbf{u} is in W and c is any scalar, then $c\mathbf{u}$ is in W .

Writing a vector as a linear combination of other vectors \mathbb{R}^2 space

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 2, 3) \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = (0, 1, 2) \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = (-1, 0, 1)$$

Prove (a) $\mathbf{w} = (1, 1, 1)$ is a linear combination of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$

(b) $\mathbf{w} = (1, -2, 2)$ is not a linear combination of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$

$$\mathbf{w} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3$$

Test vec

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Guass-Jordan Elimination

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

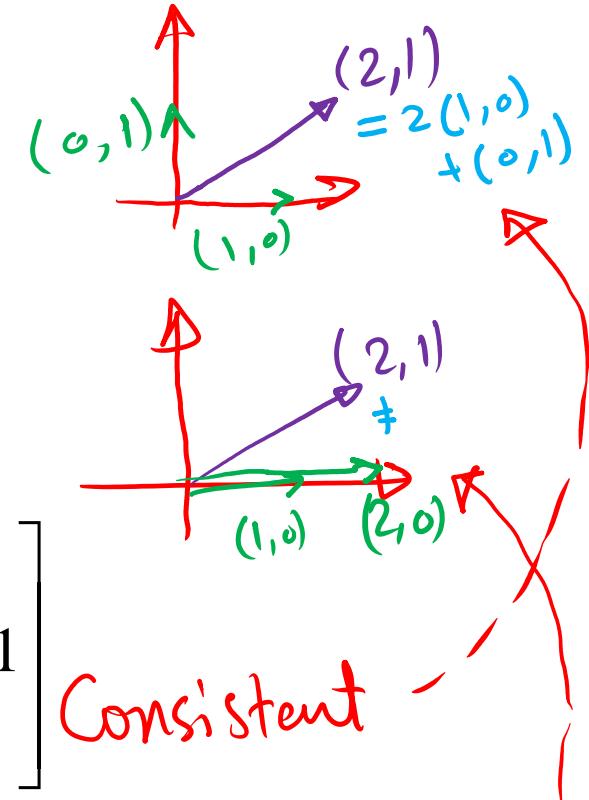
Consistent

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

Guass-Jordan Elimination

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

Contrad.
Inconsis.



Span of a set and spanning set of a vector space

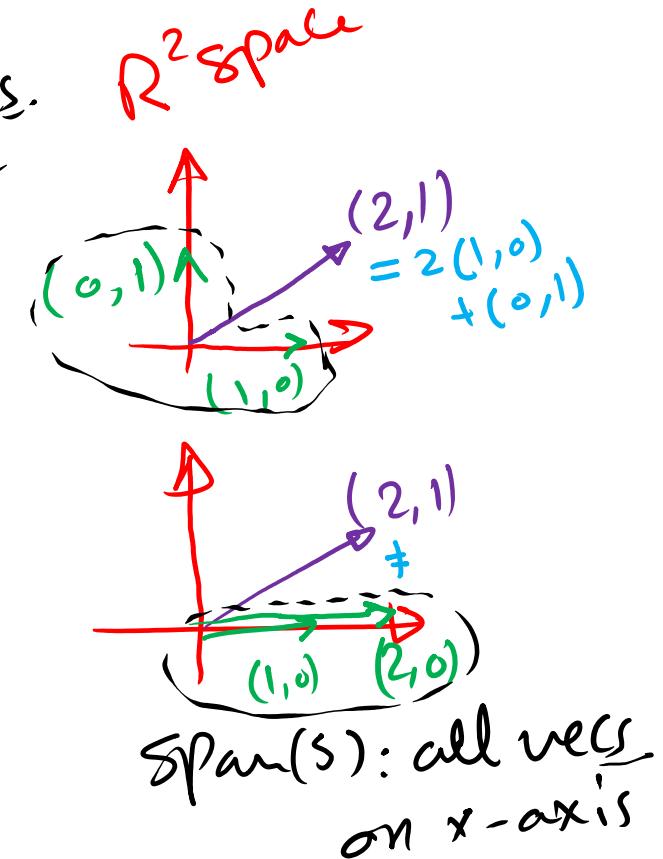
- the span of a set: $\text{span}(S)$

Spanning set for R^2 $\Leftarrow \text{Span}(S) : \text{all vecs. in } R^2$

If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is a set of vectors in a vector space V , then **the span of S** is the set of all linear combinations of the vectors in S

- a spanning set of a vector space:

If every vector in a given vector space can be written as a linear combination of vectors in a given set S , then S is called **a spanning set** of the vector space.



Example:

Determine whether the set S spans \mathbb{R}^2 .

$$S = \{(-1, 4), (4, -1), (1, 1)\}$$

$\begin{array}{cccc|c} & R_1 & R_2 & & \\ \hline -1 & 4 & 1 & u_1 & \\ 4 & -1 & 1 & u_2 & \end{array} \xrightarrow[Text]{4R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \sim \begin{array}{cccc|c} & R_1 & R_2 & & \\ \hline -1 & 4 & 1 & u_1 & \\ 0 & 15 & 5 & 4u_1 + u_2 & \end{array}$

Consistent w/o Cond_s. on u_1, u_2

$\therefore S$ spans \mathbb{R}^2

Example:

Determine whether the set S spans \mathbb{R}^3 .

$$S = \{(1, -2, 0), (0, 0, 1), (-1, 2, 0)\}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} & 2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & -1 & u_1 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 & u_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & u_3 \end{array} \sim \begin{array}{c|ccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & u_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2u_1 + u_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & u_3 \end{array} \sim \begin{array}{c|ccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & u_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & u_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2u_1 + u_2 \end{array}$$

test

Span(S) = $\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = u_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + u_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Consistent under Contn.
 $2u_1 + u_2 = 0$

$\therefore S$ does not span \mathbb{R}^3

Plane in \mathbb{R}^3

Example: Determine whether the set S spans \mathbb{R}^3

$$S = \{(1, -2, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$$

S does not span \mathbb{R}^3

$$\#S = 2 < 3$$

Linear Dependence and Independence

unique
zero soln
 $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0$

inf. soln
including
non-zero
soln

$2\bar{v}_1 - \bar{v}_2 + \bar{v}_3 = 0$

L.D.

homog. sys. of linear eqs

$$c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{0}$$

$$S = \{\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \bar{v}_3\}$$

Test L.C.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{v}_1 & \bar{v}_2 & \bar{v}_3 \end{bmatrix} \mid \bar{v}_1$$

Test

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{v}_1 & \bar{v}_2 & \bar{v}_3 \end{bmatrix} \mid \bar{v}_1$$

$$\text{or } \begin{bmatrix} \bar{v}_1 & \bar{v}_2 & \bar{v}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(1) "If the equation has only the **trivial solution**" ($c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0$) then "S" is called **linearly independent**."

(2) "If the equation has a **nontrivial solution**" ("i.e., not all zeros"), then "S" is called **linearly dependent**."

■ Ex: (Testing for linearly independent)

Determine whether the following set of vectors in R^3 is L.I. or L.D.

$$S = \{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-2, 0, 1)\}$$

Sol:

$$c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Square matrix

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right|$$

Test

Gauss – Jordan Elimination

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

unique
→ L. Indep.

o.w. L. Dep.

$\neq 0 \rightarrow$ invert. → uniq.
→ L. Indep.

$= 0 \rightarrow$ inf → L. Dep.

■ Ex: (Testing for linearly independent)

Determine whether the following set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 is L.I. or L.D.

$$S = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 4, 0), (0, 0, -6), (1, 5, -3)\}$$

$\#S > n \Rightarrow$ L.D.

Sol:

1	0	0	1	0
0	4	0	5	0
0	0	-6	-3	0

Max no.
of pivots
 ≤ 3

TEST

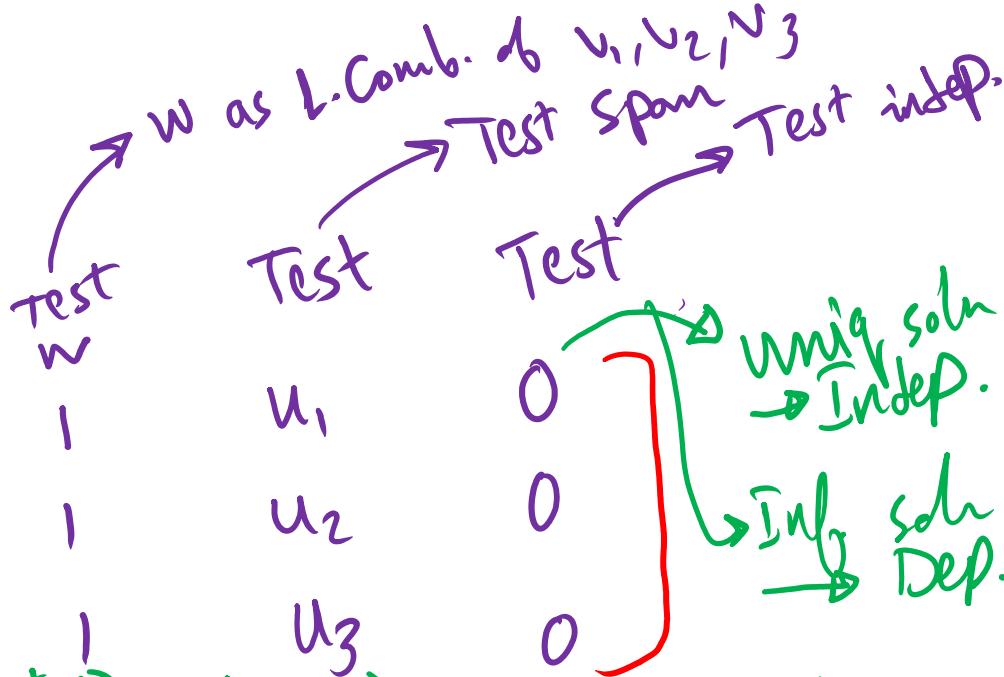
No. of
vars = 4

always inf.
No. of sols. \rightarrow L.D.

V
1
—
2
3

$$\begin{array}{cc} V_2 & V_3 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \\ -1 & -5 \end{array}$$

Consist → Incorporate



cons without cond. or not

Shortcuts

Rn

$\#S < n \rightarrow$ Does not span

#S > n \rightarrow L.DEP.

\mathbb{R}^2 space

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



Spanning set ✓

→ more than enough
→ extra vecs.

Test
independence

4. Basis and dimension

Set ofvecs.

Spanning + L.-Indep.
set

Basis and Dimension

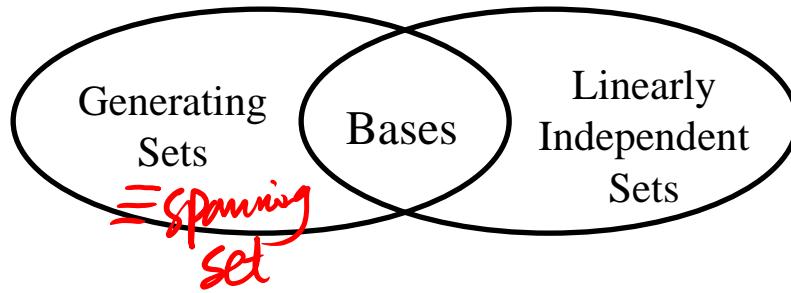
- Basis:

V : a vector space

$$S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \subseteq V$$

- (a) S spans V (i.e., $\text{span}(S) = V$)
- (b) S is linearly independent

$\Rightarrow S$ is called a **basis** for V



- Note:

The standard basis for \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\{i, j, k\} \quad i = (1, 0, 0), \quad j = (0, 1, 0), \quad k = (0, 0, 1)$$

3 vecs = no. of vecs. in
the basis

$$w = (0.245, -0.0012, 0.45)$$

$$\rightarrow 0.245(1, 0, 0)$$

$$-0.0012(0, 1, 0)$$

$$+0.45(0, 0, 1)$$

The standard basis for R^n :

$$\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\} \quad \mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0), \mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1, \dots, 0), \mathbf{e}_n = (0, 0, \dots, 1)$$

Ex: $\mathbb{R}^4 \xrightarrow{4 \text{ vecs. in basis}} \{(1,0,0,0), (0,1,0,0), (0,0,1,0), (0,0,0,1)\}$

The standard basis for $m \times n$ matrix space:

$$\{E_{ij} \mid 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$$

Ex: 2×2 matrix space:

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

$M_{3 \times 4} \rightarrow 12$
vec.
in basis

The standard basis for $P_n(x)$:

$$\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$$

Ex: $P_3(x) \xrightarrow{3+1} \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$

$n+1$ vec.
in basis

$P_2 \xrightarrow{2+1} \{1, x, x^2\}$

Ex: Show that $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^2

Sol:

$\#S = 2$ \Rightarrow need test

S spans \mathbb{R}^2

For any vector $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ it can be

expanded as

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = x_1$$

$$\rightarrow c_1 - c_2 = x_2$$

$$\rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Test
Consistent
w/o condy.

S is linearly independent

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow |A| \neq 0 \rightarrow \text{Unique solution}$$

However, if
 $|A| = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{conclude}} \text{L.D.}\}$
whatever
spanning
or
not

$\xrightarrow{\text{if } |A| \neq 0 \text{ conclude L. Indep. \& Spanning set}}$

Exercise

$$S = \{(6, -5), (12, -10)\}$$

Explain why S is not a basis for \mathbb{R}^2

$\therefore L. D e p.$

$$\begin{matrix} *2 \\ -5*2= \end{matrix}$$

Solution

S is linearly dependent and does not span \mathbb{R}^2 . For instance, $(1, 1) \neq span(S)$.

Exercise

$$S = \{(-4, 5), (0, 0)\}$$

Explain why S is not a basis for \mathbb{R}^2

Solution

S is linearly dependent ($(0, 0) \in S$) and does not span \mathbb{R}^2 .
For instance, $(1, 1) \neq span(S)$.

A Nonstandard Basis for R^3

From Examples 5 and 8 in the preceding section, you know that

$$S = \{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-2, 0, 1)\}$$

spans R^3 and is linearly independent. So, S is a basis for R^3 .

$$\because |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \text{span}(S) = R^3$$

$\Rightarrow S$ is linearly independent

Spanning set + L. Indep.

To represent
 $w = (1, 1, 1)$
by this basis
→ need to
solve a sys-
of linear eqs.

Exercise

Explain why S is not a basis for \mathbb{R}^3

$$S = \{(2, 1, -2), (-2, -1, 2), (4, 2, -4)\}$$

$$\because |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow S \text{ is linearly dependent} \rightarrow \text{Not a basis}$$

Ex: Show that the vector space P_3 has the following basis

$$S = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$$

$$\# S = 4$$

$$3+1=\underline{\underline{4}}$$

need to test

S spans P_3

Any polynomial $p \in P_3$ can be written as

$$p = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

→ Where $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 \in R$

S is linearly independent

$$c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3 = 0$$

→ By equating coefficients of both sides → $c_0 = c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| \neq 0$$

Ex: Explain why S is not a basis for P_2

$$S = \{1 - x, 1 - x^2, 3x^2 - 2x - 1\}$$

Independence test

$$c_1(1 - x) + c_2(1 - x^2) + c_3(3x^2 - 2x - 1) = 0$$

$$[c_1 + c_2 - c_3] + [-c_1 - 2c_3]x + [-c_2 + 3c_3]x^2 = 0$$

→ By equating coefficients of both sides

$$\rightarrow c_1 + c_2 - c_3 = 0, -c_1 - 2c_3 = 0, -c_2 + 3c_3 = 0$$

$$\therefore |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{\text{R2}+R1}{=} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow S \text{ is linearly dependent} \rightarrow \text{Not a basis}$$

$$|A| = (0+0-1) - (0+2-3) = -1+1=0$$

- Thm: (Uniqueness of basis representation)

To be a basis

for ex
for \mathbb{R}^n

→ basis
includes
 n vect.

If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis for a vector space V , then every vector in V can be written in one and only one way as a linear combination of vectors in S .

Example

|A| to Uniqueness of Basis Representation

Let $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ be any vector in \mathbb{R}^3 . Show that the equation $\mathbf{u} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + c_3\mathbf{v}_3$ has a unique solution for the basis $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\} = \{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-2, 0, 1)\}$.

\downarrow
invertible

$$\therefore |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{Invertible} \rightarrow \text{Unique solution for any } \bar{u}$$

- Dimension:

The **dimension** of a finite dimensional vector space V is defined to be the number of vectors in a basis for V .

V : a vector space

S : a basis for V

$$\Rightarrow \dim(V) = \#(S) \quad (\text{the number of vectors in } S)$$

- Ex:

(1) Vector space $R^n \Rightarrow$ basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(R^n) = n$$

(2) Vector space $M_{m \times n} \Rightarrow$ basis $\{E_{ij} \mid 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(M_{m \times n}) = mn$$

(3) Vector space $P_n(x) \Rightarrow$ basis $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(P_n(x)) = n+1$$

- Thm: (Bases and linear dependence)

If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis for a vector space V , then every set containing more than n vectors in V is linearly dependent.

$$\dim(V) = n$$

[Bases are maximal linearly independent sets of V]

Thm: If the homogeneous system has fewer equations than variables, then it must have infinitely many solution.

\Rightarrow L.D of -

$m > n \Rightarrow k_1\mathbf{u}_1 + k_2\mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + k_m\mathbf{u}_m = \mathbf{0}$ has nontrivial solution

$\Rightarrow S_1$ is linearly dependent

Exercise

Explain why S is not a basis for \mathbb{R}^2

$$S = \{(-1, 2), (1, -2), (2, 4)\}$$

$$\cancel{\#S > \dim(\mathbb{R}^2)}$$

Solution

A basis for \mathbb{R}^2 can only have two vectors. Because S has three vectors, it is not a basis for \mathbb{R}^2 .

Ex: \mathbb{R}^3 has the basis $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ “Standard basis” $\dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3$

Then the elements in the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 9 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ must be linearly dependent. $\#S = 4 > 3$

Ex: P_3 has the basis $S = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$ “Standard basis” $\dim(P_3) = 4$

Then the elements in the set $\{1, 1+x, 1-x, 1+x+x^2, 1-x+x^2\}$ must be linearly dependent. $\#S = 5 > 4$

- Thm: (Number of vectors in a basis)

$$\dim(V) = n$$

If a vector space V has one basis with n vectors, then every basis for V has n vectors. (All bases for a finite-dimensional vector space has the same number of vectors.)

Ex: True or False?

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

is not a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

$\#S < \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) \Rightarrow S$ does not span \mathbb{R}^3

Exercise

Explain why S is not a basis for $M_{2,2}$

$$\rightarrow \dim(M_{2\times 2}) = 4$$

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

$$\#S = 3 < 4$$

Solution

S does not span $M_{2,2}$, although it is linearly independent.

\rightarrow does not span
 \rightarrow not a basis

Exercise

Determine whether S is a basis for the indicated vector space.

$$S = \{(3, -2), (4, 5)\} \text{ for } R^2$$

\therefore L. Indep.

$$-2 \cdot \frac{4}{3} \neq 5$$

Solution

Because the vectors in S are not scalar multiples of one another, they are linearly independent. Because S consists of exactly two linearly independent vectors, it is a basis for R^2 .

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 15 + 8 \neq 0$$

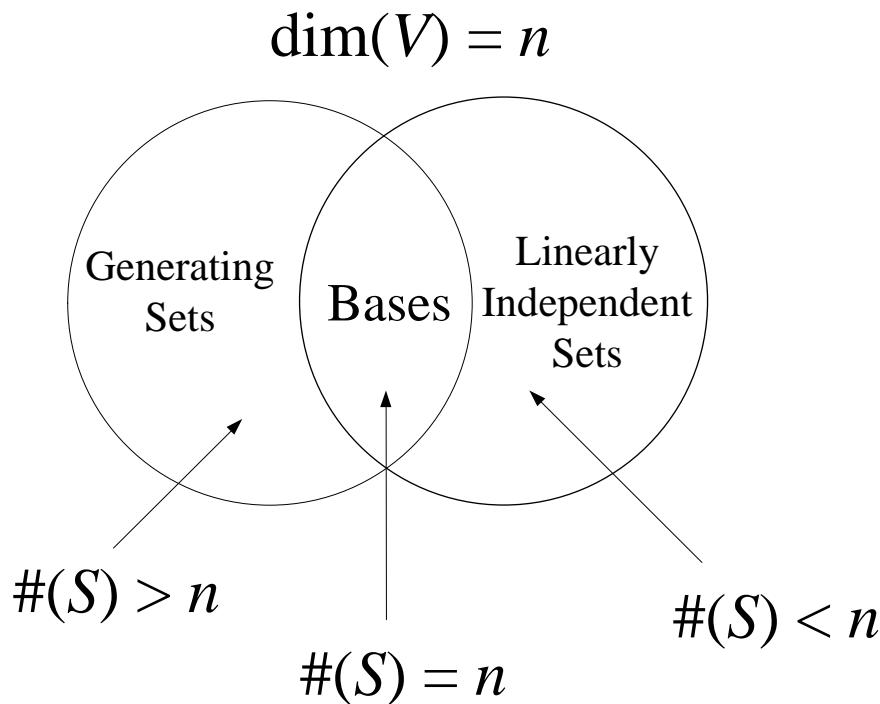
L. Indep. + span set

- Thm: (Basis tests in an n-dimensional space)

Let V be a vector space of dimension n .

*(1) If $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a linearly independent set of vectors in V , then S is a basis for V .
 (2) If $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ spans V , then S is a basis for V .*

- (1) If $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a linearly independent set of vectors in V , then S is a basis for V .
- (2) If $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ spans V , then S is a basis for V .



Dimension of the vector space $\rightarrow \dim(V)$

Number of vectors in S
 $\#S < \dim(v)$

Does not span
 \rightarrow Not a basis

Number of vectors in S
 $\#S = \dim(v)$

Only one test is enough
 \rightarrow Independence test is preferable

Number of vectors in S
 $\#S > \dim(v)$

Dependent
 \rightarrow Not a basis

Exercise

Determine whether S is a basis for the indicated vector space.

$$S = \{(-1, 2, 0, 0), (2, 0, -1, 0), (3, 0, 0, 4), (0, 0, 5, 0)\} \text{ for } \mathbb{R}^4$$

Indep. test

⊕ Test

$$\dim(S) = 4$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

→ S is linearly independent & contains 4 vectors

→ S is a basis for \mathbb{R}^4

Exercise

Determine whether S is a basis for the vector space

$$M_{2,2} \rightarrow \dim(M_{2,2}) = 4$$

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Solution

H Test

You could change
the order

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(This is called a basis)

Form the equation

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which yields the homogeneous system

$$2c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$4c_2 + c_3 + c_4 = 0$$

$$3c_3 + 2c_4 = 0$$

$$3c_1 + c_2 + 2c_3 = 0.$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right| \neq 0$$

This system has only the trivial solution. So, S consists of exactly four linearly independent vectors, and is therefore a basis for $M_{2,2}$.

Exercise

Determine whether S is a basis for the vector space

$M_{2,2}$. $\rightarrow \dim = 4$

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -7 \\ 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -9 \\ 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -16 \\ 17 & 42 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

1

2

3

4

↓ Test

Solution

Form the equation

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -7 \\ 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -9 \\ 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} + c_4 \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -16 \\ 17 & 42 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which yields the homogeneous system

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 + 2c_2 + 4c_3 + 12c_4 &= 0 \\ 2c_1 - 7c_2 - 9c_3 - 16c_4 &= 0 \\ -5c_1 + 6c_2 + 11c_3 + 17c_4 &= 0 \\ 4c_1 + 2c_2 + 12c_3 + 42c_4 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right| = 0$$

Because this system has nontrivial solutions (for instance, $c_1 = 2, c_2 = -1, c_3 = 3$ and $c_4 = -1$), the set is linearly dependent, and is not a basis for $M_{2,2}$.

Exercise

Determine whether S is a basis for the vector space

P_3 . $\rightarrow \dim = 4$

$$S = \{t^3 - 2t^2 + 1, t^2 - 4, t^3 + 2t, 5t\}$$

1 2 3 4

\nparallel Test

Solution

Form the equation

$$c_1(t^3 - 2t^2 + 1) + c_2(t^2 - 4) + c_3(t^3 + 2t) + c_4(5t) = 0 + 0t + 0t^2 + 0t^3$$

which yields the homogeneous system

$$c_1 + c_3 = 0$$

$$-2c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$2c_3 + 5c_4 = 0$$

$$c_1 - 4c_2 = 0.$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccccc|c} & & & & & 0 \\ t & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ t^2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ t^3 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \quad \nparallel \neq 0$$

This system has only the trivial solution. So, S consists of exactly four linearly independent vectors, and is, therefore, a basis for P_3 .

Exercise

Determine whether S is a basis for the vector space

P_3 . $\rightarrow \text{dim} = 4$

$$S = \{t^3 - 1, 2t^2, t + 3, 5 + 2t + 2t^2 + t^3\}$$

1 2 3 4

Solution

i. Form the equation

$$c_1(t^3 - 1) + c_2(2t^2) + c_3(t + 3) + c_4(5 + 2t + 2t^2 + t^3) = 0$$

which yields the homogeneous system

$$c_1 + c_4 = 0$$

$$2c_2 + 2c_4 = 0.$$

$$c_3 + 2c_4 = 0$$

$$-c_1 + 3c_3 + 5c_4 = 0.$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right| = 0$$

This system has nontrivial solutions (for instance, $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 1, c_3 = 2$, and $c_4 = -1$). Therefore, S is not a basis for P_3 because the vectors are linearly dependent.

Exercise

determine whether S is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 . If it is, write $u(8, 3, 8)$ as a linear combination of the vectors in S

$$\dim = 3$$

$$S = \{(4, 3, 2), (0, 3, 2), (0, 0, 2)\}$$

$$\# S = 3$$

 Test

$$\therefore |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \quad \rightarrow S \text{ Linearly independent and contains 3 vectors}$$

$$|A| = 4 \times 3 + 2 \neq 0 \quad \rightarrow S \text{ is a basis}$$

special case
upper trian

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 8 \end{array}$$

In general

→ using Gauss

→ using inverse

After solving the augmented matrix
yields $c_1 = 2, c_2 = -1, \text{ and } c_3 = 3$. So,

$$u = 2(4, 3, 2) - (0, 3, 2) + 3(0, 0, 2) = (8, 3, 8).$$

unique
sols.

Exercise 52 determine whether S is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 . If it is, write $u(8, 3, 8)$ as a linear combination of the vectors in S

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

Solution

- The set S contains the zero vector, and is, therefore, linearly dependent.

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

So, S is not a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

Example

Testing for a Basis in an n -Dimensional Space

Show that the set of vectors is a basis for $M_{5,1}$.

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$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} v_2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} v_3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} v_4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} v_5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

dim 5

S=5

+ TEST

$|A| \neq 0$

Because S has five vectors and the dimension of $M_{5,1}$ is five, you can apply Theorem ... to verify that S is a basis by showing either that S is linearly independent or that S spans $M_{5,1}$. To show the first of these, form the vector equation

$$c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3 + c_4v_4 + c_5v_5 = \mathbf{0},$$

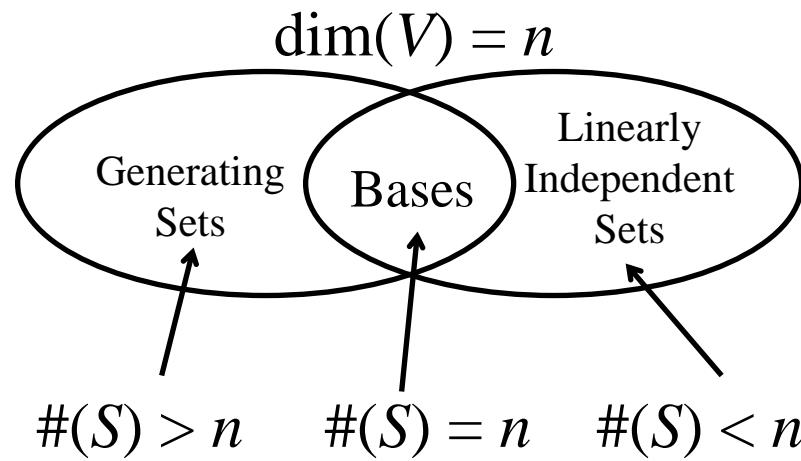
which yields the homogeneous system of linear equations shown below.

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= 0 \\ 2c_1 + c_2 &= 0 \\ -c_1 + 3c_2 + 2c_3 &= 0 \\ 3c_1 - 2c_2 - c_3 + 2c_4 &= 0 \\ 4c_1 + 3c_2 + 5c_3 - 3c_4 - 2c_5 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Because this system has only the trivial solution, S must be linearly independent. So, by Theorem ..., S is a basis for $M_{5,1}$.

■ Notes:

(1) $\dim(V) = n$, $S \subseteq V$



$$S : \text{a generating set} \Rightarrow \#(S) \geq n$$

$$S : \text{a L.I. set} \Rightarrow \#(S) \leq n$$

$$S : \text{a basis} \Rightarrow \#(S) = n$$

(2) $\dim(V) = n$, W is a subspace of $V \Rightarrow \dim(W) \leq n$

- Ex: (Finding the dimension of a subspace)

(a) $W = \{(d, c-d, c) : c \text{ and } d \text{ are real numbers}\}$

(b) $W = \{(2b, b, 0) : b \text{ is a real number}\}$

Given W
 a) \rightarrow P.t. W is a S.S. of \mathbb{R}^3
 b) Find the basis & \dim of W

Sol: (Note: Find a set of L.I. vectors that spans the subspace)

(a) $(d, c-d, c) = c(0, 1, 1) + d(1, -1, 0)$ span defn. \rightarrow it remains to p.t. this set is L.indep.
 $\Rightarrow S = \{(0, 1, 1), (1, -1, 0)\}$ (S is L.I. and S spans W)
 $\Rightarrow S$ is a basis for W
 $\Rightarrow \dim(W) = \#(S) = 2 \leq \dim(\mathbb{R}^3)$

(b) $\because (2b, b, 0) = b(2, 1, 0)$ span defn.
 $\Rightarrow S = \{(2, 1, 0)\}$ spans W and S is L.I.
 $\Rightarrow S$ is a basis for W
 $\Rightarrow \dim(W) = \#(S) = 1 \leq \dim(\mathbb{R}^3)$

- Ex: (Finding the dimension of a subspace)

Represent a plane

$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a - b + c \\ a - b - c \\ a - b \\ c \end{bmatrix}, a, b, c \in R \right\}$$

Sol:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a - b + c \\ a - b - c \\ a - b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

not scalar multiple
by Defn.
spanning set

(3 v.)
Test L. indep.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

or by
inspection

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= \bar{v}_2 && \therefore L. Dep. \\ \text{basis} &\Rightarrow S = \{\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_3\} && S = \{\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \bar{v}_3\} \text{ not abasis} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{Check only scalar multi.} \end{aligned}$$

- Ex: (Finding the dimension of a subspace)

Let W be the subspace of all symmetric matrices in $M_{2 \times 2}$.

What is the dimension of W ?

$$\dim(M_{2 \times 2}) = 4$$

Sol:

$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \middle| a, b, c \in R \right\}$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow S \text{ is a basis for } W \Rightarrow \dim(W) = \#(S) = 3 < 4$$

by defn.
spanning set for W
~~L.I.~~: indep. (positions of zeros)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise

3. Find a basis for $D_{3,3}$ (the vector space of all 3×3 diagonal matrices). What is the dimension of this vector space?

$$C M_{3 \times 3} \quad \dim(M_{3 \times 3}) = 9$$

Solution

. One basis for $D_{3,3}$ is

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

no. of vectors in basis

Because a basis for $D_{3,3}$ has 3 vectors,

$$\dim(D_{3,3}) = 3.$$

$$D_{3 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$+ b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$+ c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise

$t(2, 1)$



(a) give a geometric description of, (b) find a basis for, and (c) determine the dimension of the subspace W of \mathbb{R}^2 .

69. $W = \{(2t, t): t \text{ is a real number}\}$

70. $W = \{(0, t): t \text{ is a real number}\}$

$t(0, 1)$
"y-axis"



69. (a) W is a line through the origin.
(b) A basis for W is $\{(2, 1)\}$.
(c) The dimension of W is 1.

70. (a) W is a line through the origin (the y -axis)
(b) A basis for W is $\{(0, 1)\}$.
(c) The dimension of W is 1.

Exercise 73,74

$$s \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$t \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 73–76, find (a) a basis for and (b) the dimension of the subspace W of \mathbb{R}^4 .

73. $W = \{(2s - t, s, t, s): s \text{ and } t \text{ are real numbers}\}$

74. $W = \{(5t, -3t, t, t): t \text{ is a real number}\}$

73. (a) A basis for W is $\{(2, 1, 0, 1), (-1, 0, 1, 0)\}$.

(b) The dimension of W is 2.

74. (a) A basis for W is $\{(5, -3, 1, 1)\}$.

(b) The dimension of W is 1.