

1. Linearly independent and span.

- The vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ are **linearly independent** if $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = \dots = c_n = 0$
- The vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ **span** the vector space S if $\forall s \in S$ is a linear combination of $v_1 \dots v_n$
- The vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ are a **basis** for S if $v_1 \dots v_n$ linearly independent and span S
- The **dimension** of a space S is n .

2. Solve $Ax = b$. Let A be a rank r $m \times n$ matrix

- $Ax = b$ is solvable if
 - b is in $col(A)$,
 - $rank(A) = rank([A|b])$
 - $LU^T b = b$
- Suppose $Ax = b$ is solvable. Then
 - if $r < n$, $Ax = b$ has infinitely solutions.
 - if $r = n$, $Ax = b$ has a unique solutions.

Problems

1. (a) Find a basis for symmetric 2×2 matrices. What is the dimension of symmetric 2×2 matrices? Also, do this for skew-symmetric 2×2 matrices.

Symmetric $dim=3$ basis $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
skew-symmetric $dim=1$ basis $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) Let $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_m$ be a basis for symmetric 2×2 matrices. Let $\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_n$ be a basis for skew-symmetric 2×2 matrices. Are $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_m, \vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_n$ linearly independent? What subspace of 2×2 matrices do they span?

Linearly independent. $a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + d \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} a & c+d \\ c-d & b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} a=0 \\ b=0 \\ c+d=0 \\ c-d=0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} c=0 \\ d=0 \end{matrix}$
They span all the 2×2 matrices

2. A set F consists of functions $f(x) = ae^x + be^{-x}$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

(a) Is F a vector space? Provide a basis of F .

Yes $f(x) = a_1 e^x + b_1 e^{-x}$ basis: e^x, e^{-x}
 $f_2(x) = a_2 e^x + b_2 e^{-x}$
 $k f_1 + l f_2 = (k a_1 + l a_2) e^x + (k b_1 + l b_2) e^{-x}$

(b) Define a map $V : F \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ that sends $f(x) = ae^x + be^{-x}$ to $V(f) = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$. What is $V(f')$ for $f \in F$? Find a matrix A satisfying $AV(f) = V(f')$ for all $f \in F$.

$f(x) = ae^x + be^{-x}$ $A \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ -b \end{pmatrix}$
 $f'(x) = ae^x - be^{-x}$ $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $V(f') = (a, -b)$

(c) Show that $A^2 = I_2$ and thus $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} f(x) = f(x)$.

$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (ae^x - be^{-x}) = ae^x + be^{-x} = f(x)$

3. (a) Find a basis for the space of all the degree ≤ 3 polynomials. $V = \{f(x) = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3 | a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

1. $1, x, x^2, x^3$

(b) Find a basis for the subspace W of V consisting all $f \in V$ such that $f(1) = 0$.

$(x-1), (x-1)^2, (x-1)^3$ $f(x) = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3$
 $f(1) = a + b + c + d = 0$
or $x-1, x^2-1, x^3-1$ So $f(x) = -b - c - d + bx + cx^2 + dx^3$
or $1-x^3, x-x^3, x^2-x^3$ So basis is $x-1, x^2-1, x^3-1$

(c) Find a basis for the subspace U of V consisting all $f \in V$ such that $f(-1) = f(1)$.

$f(x) = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3$ $f(1) = f(-1)$
 $f(1) = a + b + c + d = 0$ $\Rightarrow b + d = 0$
 $f(-1) = a - b + c - d = 0$ So $f(x) = a + bx + cx^2 - bx^3$
basis $1, x^2, x - x^3$