

2. A span and linear Independence

2.3 Definition: A linear combination of a list $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ is a vector of the form

$$a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m$$

for some $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$

Example:

Let $V = \mathbb{F}^3$. Is $(17, -4, 2)$ a linear combination of the list $(2, 1, -3), (1, -2, 4)$?

If yes, then there exist $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{F}$ such that

$$(17, -4, 2) = a_1(2, 1, -3) + a_2(1, -2, 4)$$

That is, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(17, -4, 2) &= (2a_1, a_1, -3a_1) + (a_2, -2a_2, 4a_2) \\ &= (2a_1 + a_2, a_1 - 2a_2, -3a_1 + 4a_2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}17 &= 2a_1 + a_2 \\ -4 &= a_1 - 2a_2\end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{we chose these two to solve} \\ \text{for unknowns} \end{array}$$

$$2 = -3a_1 + 4a_2 \quad \Rightarrow a_1 = 6, a_2 = 5$$

what about $(17, -4, 5)$?

check by third eqn

$$2 = -3(6) + 4(5) \quad \checkmark$$

Therefore, $(17, -4, 2)$ is a linear combination of $(2, 1, -3), (1, -2, 4)$, but $(17, -4, 5)$ is NOT a linear combo of $(2, 1, -3), (1, -2, 4)$.

2.5 Definition: The span of $v_1, \dots, v_m$ is the set of all linear combinations of $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$, and is denoted

$$\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) = \{a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m \in V \mid a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

(The span of the empty list $\uparrow$ linear combo of $v_1, \dots, v_m$

() is defined to be $\{0\}$.)

2.6 Example In $V = \mathbb{F}^3$, $(17, -4, 2)$ is a lin combo of $(2, 1, -3), (1, -2, 4)$

Therefore, $(17, -4, 2) \in \text{span}((2, 1, -3), (1, -2, 4))$

$(17, -4, 5)$ is NOT a lin combo of $(2, 1, -3), (1, -2, 4)$

Therefore, $(17, -4, 5) \notin \text{span}((2, 1, -3), (1, -2, 4))$

2.7 Span is the smallest containing subspace

The span of a list of vectors $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ is the smallest subspace of V containing $v_1, \dots, v_m$.

Proof: First, we will prove that $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ is a subspace of V .

• Additive identity: $0 = 0v_1 + \dots + 0v_m \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$

• Closed Under Addition: Let $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m, c_1v_1 + \dots + c_mv_m \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$, for some $a_1, \dots, a_m, c_1, \dots, c_m \in \mathbb{F}$. Then we have $(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m) + (c_1v_1 + \dots + c_mv_m)$
 $= (a_1 + c_1)v_1 + \dots + (a_m + c_m)v_m \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$

• Closed Under Scalar Multiplication: Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ be arbitrary. Then $\lambda(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m) = (\lambda a_1)v_1 + \dots + (\lambda a_m)v_m \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$

Therefore, $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ is a subspace of V .

Now we will prove that $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ is the SMALLEST subspace of V for all

First, notice that each $v_j = (j=1, \dots, m)$ can be written as a linear combo of $v_1, \dots, v_m$:

$$v_j = 0v_1 + \dots + 0v_{j-1} + 1v_j + 0v_{j+1} + \dots + 0v_m \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$$

In other words, $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ contains each v_j , or equivalently $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ contains $v_1, \dots, v_m$. Also b/c every subspace of V is closed under scalar mult. & addition, every subspace containing v_j contains all linear combo of $v_1, \dots, v_m$. In other words every subspace contains $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$. This makes $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ the SMALLEST subspace of V .

2.8 Definition: If we have $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) = V$, then we say $v_1, \dots, v_m$ spans V .

2.9 Example: The list $(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)$ spans $\mathbb{F}^3$.

Proof: Let $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{F}^3$ be arbitrary ... Then we write

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, x_2, x_3) &= (x_1, 0, 0) + (0, x_2, 0) + (0, 0, x_3) \\ &= x_1(1, 0, 0) + x_2(0, 1, 0) + x_3(0, 0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

So $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \text{span}((1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1))$. In other words, $(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)$ spans $\mathbb{F}^3$.

2.11 Definition

- A function $p: \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ is a polynomial if there exist $a_0, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots + a_m z^m$ for all $z \in \mathbb{F}$.
- The set of all polynomials w/ coefficients in $\mathbb{F}$ is called $P(\mathbb{F})$.

2.12 A Polynomial $p \in P(\mathbb{F})$ is said to be degree m if there exist $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$ w/ $a_m \neq 0$ such that $p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_m z^m$ for all $z \in \mathbb{F}$.

2.10 Definition: A vector space V is called finite-dimensional if there exists a list $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ that spans V , that is $\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) = V$.

2.15 Definition: A vector space V is called infinite-dimensional if it is NOT finite dimensional.

Linear Independence

2.17 Definition

- A list $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ is called linear independent if the only choice of $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$ that satisfies $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$ is $a_1 = 0, \dots, a_m = 0$.

2.19 Definition

- A list $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ is linearly dependent if there exist $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$ not all zero (in other words, some non zero) such that $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$.
In other words, $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ is NOT linearly independent.

2.18 Example linearly Independent lists

- A list v_i of one vector $v \in V$ is linearly independent if & only if $v \neq 0$. Then if $a \in \mathbb{F}$ satisfies $a v = 0$, then $a = 0$.

- A list $(1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 0)$ is linearly independent in $\mathbb{F}^4$.

Suppose $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \in \mathbb{F}$ satisfy, $a_1(1, 0, 0, 0) + a_2(0, 1, 0, 0) + a_3(0, 0, 1, 0) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$

Then we have $(a_1, 0, 0, 0) + (0, a_2, 0, 0) + (0, 0, a_3, 0) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$
 $(a_1, a_2, a_3, 0) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$

Equate the coordinates

$$a_1 = 0, a_2 = 0, a_3 = 0$$

2.20 Example linearly dependent lists

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• $(2, 3, 1), (1, -1, 2), (7, 3, 8)$ is linearly dependent in $\mathbb{F}^3$

suppose $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{F}$ satisfy

$$a_1(2, 3, 1) + a_2(1, -1, 2) + a_3(7, 3, 8) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$(2a_1, 3a_1, a_1) + (a_2, -a_2, 2a_2) + (7a_3, 3a_3, 8a_3) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$(2a_1 + a_2 + 7a_3, 3a_1 - a_2 + 3a_3, a_1 + 2a_2 + 8a_3) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$2a_1 + a_2 + 7a_3 = 0 \quad a_1 = 2$$

$$3a_1 - a_2 + 3a_3 = 0 \Rightarrow a_2 = 3$$

$$a_1 + 2a_2 + 8a_3 = 0 \quad a_3 = -1$$

so at least one scalar is nonzero a_1, a_2, a_3

so $(2, 3, 1), (1, -1, 2), (7, 3, 8)$ is linearly dependent in $\mathbb{F}^3$

• Every list of vectors in V containing the zero vector, such as $v_1, v_2, 0, v_4, v_5, v_6$ is linearly dependent

suppose $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6 \in \mathbb{F}$ satisfy

$$a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + a_3(0) + a_4v_4 + a_5v_5 + a_6v_6 = 0$$

Then set

$$a_1 = 0, a_2 = 0, a_3 = 1, a_4 = 0, a_5 = 0, a_6 = 0$$

so the scalars are NOT ALL ZERO.

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lets revisit:

Tuesday

2.7 span is the smallest containing subspace

Every subspace of V containing $v_1, \dots, v_m$ each $v_j, j=1, \dots, m$ contains $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$

In other words: If a subspace contains $v_1, \dots, v_m$, then it contains $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$

Proof of that statement:

Let U be a subspace of V that contains $v_1, \dots, v_m$. Since subspaces are closed under addition & scalar mult.,

$v_1, \dots, v_m \in U$ implies $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m \in U$ for all $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$. By definition, $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) = \{a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m : a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}\}$.

Therefore, $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) \in U$

In other words, every subspace of V that contains $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ also contains $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ the SMALLEST subspace of V that contains $v_1, \dots, v_m$

2.21 Linear Dependence Lemma

Suppose $v_1, \dots, v_m$ is a linearly dependent list in V . Then there exists $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ such that:

(a) $v_j \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1})$
 $\uparrow$
 linear combination

(b) If the j -th term is removed from $v_1, \dots, v_m$, (resulting in $v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_m$)

then $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_m) = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$

Proof of (a): Since $v_1, \dots, v_m$ is linearly dependent, there exists

$a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$, not all 0, such that $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$.

In particular, there exists $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ such that $a_j \neq 0$. So we have $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_{j-1} v_{j-1} + a_j v_j + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$.

Solve for v_j :

$$v_j = -\frac{a_1}{a_j} v_1 - \dots - \frac{a_{j-1}}{a_j} v_{j-1}$$

In other words, v_j is a linear combination of $v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}$.

Therefore, $v_j \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1})$, proving (a).

Proof of (b):

Suppose $u \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$. Then there exist $c_1, \dots, c_m \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $u = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_m v_m$.

Recall from the proof of part (a): $v_j = -\frac{a_1}{a_j} v_1 - \dots - \frac{a_{j-1}}{a_j} v_{j-1}$

we have $u = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_m v_m$

$$\begin{aligned} &= c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_{j-1} v_{j-1} + c_j v_j + c_{j+1} v_{j+1} + \dots + c_m v_m \\ &= c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_{j-1} v_{j-1} + c_j \left(-\frac{a_1}{a_j} v_1 - \dots - \frac{a_{j-1}}{a_j} v_{j-1} \right) + c_{j+1} v_{j+1} + \dots + c_m v_m \\ &= \left(c_1 - c_j \frac{a_1}{a_j} \right) v_1 + \dots + \left(c_{j-1} - c_j \frac{a_{j-1}}{a_j} \right) v_{j-1} + c_{j+1} v_{j+1} + \dots + c_m v_m \end{aligned}$$

$\in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, v_m)$

Therefore, $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) \subset \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_m)$

On the other hand, let $u \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_m)$

Then there exist $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$ such that

$$u = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_{j-1} v_{j-1} + a_{j+1} v_{j+1} + \dots + a_m v_m.$$

But also,

$$u = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_{j-1} v_{j-1} + 0 v_j + a_{j+1} v_{j+1} + \dots + a_m v_m \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$$

So $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_m) \subset \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$

Therefore, we have the set equality $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_m) = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ proving part (b).

2.24 Example

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Is the list $(1, 2, 3), (4, 5, 8), (9, 6, 7), (-3, 2, 8)$

linearly independent in $\mathbb{R}^3$? No

The list $(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)$ spans $\mathbb{R}^3$. This list has length 3

- No list of length greater than 3 ^{is lin indep.} $\mathbb{R}^3$, b/c any vector in the list $(1, 2, 3), (4, 5, 8), (9, 6, 7), (-3, 2, 8)$ is a linear combo of the other three

2.25 Example

$\mathbb{R}^4$?

No, the list $(1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)$ spans

No list of length less than 4 spans $\mathbb{R}^4$.

2.26 Finite Dimensional Subspaces

Every subspace of a finite dimensional vector space is finite dimensional. (skipping the proof in lecture)

2.3 Bases

2.27 Definition: A basis of V is a list of vectors $v_1, \dots, v_m$ of V that is linearly independent & spans V .

2.28 Example

• The list $(1, 0, \dots, 0), (0, 1, \dots, 0), \dots, (0, \dots, 0, 1)$ is a basis of $\mathbb{F}^n$

It is called the standard basis of $\mathbb{F}^n$

• $(1, 0), (0, 1)$ is a basis of $\mathbb{F}^2$

• $(2, 3), (4, 6)$ is NOT a basis of $\mathbb{F}^2$ (is linearly dependent)

• $(1, 2, 3), (2, 1, 3)$ is NOT a basis of $\mathbb{F}^3$ (only two vectors in $\mathbb{F}^3$, therefore does not span $\mathbb{F}^3$)

• $(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 1, 3)$ is NOT a basis of $\mathbb{F}^2$

(three vectors in $\mathbb{F}^2$, therefore one vector is linear combo of the other two) (lin. dependent).

• $(1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)$ is a basis of $\{ (x, x, y) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : x, y \in \mathbb{F} \}$ b/c $(x, x, y) = (x, x, 0) + (0, 0, y)$

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

• $(1, -1, 0), (1, 0, -1)$ is a basis of $\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : x + y + z = 0 \}$

b/c $x + y + z = 0$ implies $z = -x - y$.

$$(x, y, z) = (x, y, -x - y)$$

$$= (x, 0, -x) + (0, y, -y)$$

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

so $(1, 0, -1), (0, 1, -1)$ spans V .

Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ satisfy

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

$$(a, 0, -a) + (0, b, -b) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$(a, b, -a - b) = (0, 0, 0)$$

Therefore the list $(1, 0, -1), (0, 1, -1)$ is lin. indep. Equate coordinates $a = 0, b = 0, -a - b = 0$