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2B Bases

227 Defn

A basis of V is a list of vectors $v_1, \dots, v_m$ of V that is linearly independent and spans V .

228 (Eg) The list $(1, 0, \dots, 0), (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, (0, \dots, 0, 1)$ 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 $\mathbb{F}^2$
(standard basis)

• $(1, 2), (3, 5)$ is a basis of $\mathbb{F}^2$?

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

• $(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 13)$ is NOT a basis of $\mathbb{F}^2$.

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

(linearly dependent)

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

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

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

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

because $x + y + z = 0$ implies $z = -x - y$. So,

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

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

$$= (x, 0, 0)$$

2.29 Criterion for Bases

A list $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ is a basis of V if and only if every $v \in V$ can be written uniquely (in only one way) in the form

$$v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$$

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

Proof: Forward Direction

Suppose $v_1, \dots, v_n$ is a basis of V . For all $v \in V$, there exist $a_1, \dots, a_n$ such that

$$\star v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$$

We need to show that this representation is unique.

Suppose $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$ also satisfy

$$\star v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$$

Subtraction $\star - \star$, we get

$$0 = (a_1 - c_1)v_1 + \dots + (a_n - c_n)v_n$$

Since 0 can be written in only one way, we must have:

$$a_1 - c_1 = 0, \dots, a_n - c_n = 0$$

Therefore,

$$a_1 = c_1, \dots, a_n = c_n$$

and so the representation is unique.

Backward Direction

Suppose we can write every $v \in V$ uniquely in the form $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$.

Then v is a linear combination of $v_1, \dots, v_n$, which means $v_1, \dots, v_n$ spans V .

Now we must prove that $v_1, \dots, v_n$ is linearly independent. Suppose $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{F}$ satisfy

$$a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n = 0$$

Since the representation of every $v \in V$ ($v=0$, in particular) is unique, we must have $a_1=0, \dots, a_n=0$.

Therefore, $V_1, \dots, V_n$ is linearly independent

Since we proved that $V_1, \dots, V_n$ is a linearly independent set that spans V , we conclude that $V_1, \dots, V_n$ is a basis of V . $\square$

2.31 Spanning List contains a Basis

Every spanning list is a vector space can be reduced to a basis of the vector space

Eq. $(1,0), (0,1), (2,3)$ is a spanning list of F^2 . But we can reduce this list to $(1,0), (0,1)$.
basis of F^2 $\swarrow$
basis of F^2

(Proof skipped for 2.31)

2.32 Basis of finite-dimensional vector space

Every finite-dimensional vector space has a basis.

proof: According to 2.10 of Axler (Defn. of finite-dimensional vector space), there exists a spanning list of every finite-dimensional vector space.

By 2.31, the spanning list can be reduced to a basis.

2.33 Linearly Independent list Extends to a Basis

Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space, and let $u_1, \dots, u_m$ be a linearly independent list. Then this list can be extended to a basis $w_1, \dots, w_n$ of V .

proof: Suppose $u_1, \dots, u_m \in V$ is linearly independent and $w_1, \dots, w_n \in V$ is a basis. $\swarrow$ extend to spanning list of V

Then the list $u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_n$

spans V . Apply the procedure of 2.31 of Axler to remove some vectors from $u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_n$ (if necessary)

to reduce this ^{spanning} list to a basis of V .

(Eg) The list $(2, 3, 4), (2, 6, 8)$ is linearly independent in $\mathbb{F}^3$. Then following the procedure of the proof of 2.33 of Axler, we can obtain a list: $(2, 3, 4), (2, 6, 8), (0, 10)$ which is a basis of $\mathbb{F}^3$. $\square$

2.34 Every subspace of V is part of a direct sum equal to V .
Suppose V is a finite-dimensional vector space, and U is a subspace of V . Then there exists a subspace W of V such that $V = U \oplus W$.
Can write $v = u + w$ in only one way
 $v \in V, u \in U, w \in W$

proof: Since V is finite-dimensional and U is a subspace of V , by 2.26 of Axler, U is also finite-dimensional. By 2.32 of Axler, there exist a basis $u_1, \dots, u_m$ of U . This means in particular that $u_1, \dots, u_m$ is linearly independent in V . By 2.33 of Axler we can extend $u_1, \dots, u_m$ to a basis $u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_n$ of V .

Now, let $W = \text{span}(w_1, \dots, w_n)$

To prove $V = U \oplus W$. By 1.45 of Axler, we just need to prove

$$V = U + W \text{ and } U \cap W = \{0\}$$

• First, we prove $V = U + W$.

Suppose $v \in V$. Since $u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_n$ spans V , there exist $a_1, \dots, a_m, b_1, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{F}$ such that

$$v = \underbrace{a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m}_u + \underbrace{b_1 w_1 + \dots + b_n w_n}_w$$

So $v = u + w$, where $u \in U$ and $w \in W$.

proof: Next, we will show $U \cap W = \{0\}$

Suppose $v \in U \cap W$. Then $u \in U$ and $u \in W$.

So there exist $a_1, \dots, a_m, b_1, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{F}$ such that

$$v = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m = b_1 w_1 + \dots + b_n w_n$$

Subtracting, we get

$$a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m - b_1 w_1 - \dots - b_n w_n = 0.$$

Since $u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_n$ are linearly independent, all the scalars are zero:

$$a_1 = 0, \dots, a_m = 0, -b_1 = 0, \dots, -b_n = 0.$$

$$(b_1 = 0, \dots, b_n = 0)$$

Therefore, $v = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m$

$$= 0 u_1 + \dots + 0 u_m$$

$$= 0 \in \{0\}$$

$$\text{and } v = b_1 w_1 + \dots + b_n w_n$$

$$= 0 w_1 + \dots + 0 w_n$$

$$= 0 \in \{0\}$$

therefore, $U \cap W \subset \{0\}$

So, $U \cap W = \{0\}$, as desired. $\square$

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2B Revisited

Eg. The list $(1, -1, 0), (1, 0, -1)$ is a basis of

$$U = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : x + y + z = 0 \}$$

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

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

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

So, $(1, 0, -1), (0, 1, -1)$ spans U .

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

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

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

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

Equate coordinates

$$a = 0$$

$$b = 0$$

$$-a - b = 0$$

Therefore, the list $(1, 0, -1), (0, 1, -1)$ is linearly independent.

So, $(1, 0, -1), (0, 1, -1)$ is a basis of U .

The list $1, z, \dots, z^m$ is a basis of $P_m(\mathbb{F})$.

Every polynomial $p \in P_m(\mathbb{F})$ is written

$$p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_m z^m \quad \text{for all } z \in \mathbb{F}$$

for all $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$.

defn 2.12

Note that $p(z)$ is a linear combination of

$$1, z, z^2, \dots, z^m.$$

(Eg) Also for example

$$1, z+3, (z+3)^2, \dots, (z+3)^m.$$

is a basis of $P_m(\mathbb{F})$

(Eg) Another example

$$1, z-6, (z-6)^2$$

is a basis of $P_2(\mathbb{F})$