

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

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$\mathbb{R}^4$?

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 .

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• 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 $a = 0, b = 0, -a - b = 0$

2.29 Criterion for Basis

A list $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ is a basis of V if & 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 $a_1, \dots, a_n \in F$

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

$$* v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n \quad \leftarrow$$

we need to show that this representation is unique

Suppose $c_1, \dots, c_n \in F$ also satisfy

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

subtracting $* - *$, 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,

$$a_1 = c_1, \dots, a_n = c_n \quad \text{and so the representation is unique}$$

Backward direction

Suppose we can write every $v \in V$ uniquely into 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 $a_1, \dots, a_n \in F$ 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 lin independent

Since we proved that $v_1, \dots, v_n$ is a lin indep. set that spans V , we conclude that $v_1, \dots, v_n$ is a basis of V .

2.31 Spanning list contains a basis

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

for example, $((1,0), (0,1), (2,3))$ is a spanning list of F^2 . But we can reduce this list to $(1,0), (0,1)$

basis of F^2

also a basis of F^2

Proof skipped for 2.31

2.28 cont.

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

every polynomial $p \in P_m(F)$ is written $p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_m z^m$
for all $z \in F$, for all $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m \in F$. Notice that $p(z)$ is a linear
combo of $1, z, z^2, \dots, z^m$

Also for example

$1, z+3, (z+3)^2, \dots, (z+3)^m$ is a basis of $P_m(F)$

Another Example, $1, z-6, (z-6)^2$ is a basis of $P_2(F)$

2.3.2 Basis of finite dimensional vector space

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Every finite-dimensional vector space has a basis

Proof: According to 2.10 of Axler

there exist a spanning list of every finite-dimensional vector space. By 2.31, the spanning list can be reduced to a basis

2.3.3 Linearly Independent list extends to a basis

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

Proof: Suppose $u_1, \dots, u_m \in V$ is lin. indep. & $w_1, \dots, w_n \in V$ is a basis. 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 .

For Example, the list $(2, 3, 4), (9, 6, 8)$ is lin. indep. in $\mathbb{R}^3$

Then following the procedure of the proof of 2.33 of Axler, we can obtain a list $(2, 3, 4), (9, 6, 8), (0, 1, 0)$, which is a basis of $\mathbb{R}^3$.

2.3.4 Every subspace of V is part of a direct sum equal to V .

Suppose V is a finite-dimensional vector space, & 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 & U is a subspace of V , by 2.26 of Axler, U is also finite dimensional. By 2.32 of Axler

there exists a basis $u_1, \dots, u_m \in U$. This means in particular that $u_1, \dots, u_m$ is linearly indep. 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

$$V = U + W \quad \& \quad U \cap W = \{0\}$$

First, we will 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 $v = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m + b_1 w_1 + \dots + b_n w_n$

so $v = u + w$, where $u \in U$ & $w \in W$. so $V = U + W$

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

Suppose $v \in U \cap W$. Then 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 indep., all the scalars are zero

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } v &= a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m \\ &= 0u_1 + \dots + 0u_m \\ &= 0 \in \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } v &= b_1 w_1 + \dots + b_n w_n \\ &= 0w_1 + \dots + 0w_n \\ &= 0 \in \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

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

so $U \cap W = \{0\}$, as desired

2.C Dimension

We need to recall 2.2.3 of Axler section 2.B

2.23: Length of lin indep. list $\leq$ length of spanning list in a finite-dimensional vector space

2.35 The length of a basis of a vector space does not depend on the basis

Any two bases of a finite dimensional vector space have the same length (same number of vectors in the bases)

Proof: Suppose V is a finite dim vector space, $B_1 = v_1, \dots, v_m$

Let $B_1 = v_1, \dots, v_m$ and $B_2 = w_1, \dots, w_n$ $B_2 = w_1, \dots, w_n$

be two bases of V . Then, by 2.23 of Axler, $v_1, \dots, v_m, w_1, \dots, w_n$ the length of B_1 is less than or equal to the length of B_2 .

Interchange (swap) the roles of B_1 & B_2 . By 2.23 of Axler, the length of B_2 is $\leq$ the length of B_1 .

In other words, we have length of $B_1 \leq$ length of B_2 and length of $B_2 \leq$ length of B_1

Therefore, length of $B_1 =$ length of B_2 .

In other words, the two bases have the same length.