

## 2.C. Dimension

We need to recall 2.23 of Axler from section 2.B.

2.23: Length of linearly independent ~~list~~ 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-dimensional vector space.

Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be two bases of  $V$ .  
 $B_1 = v_1, \dots, v_m$   
 $B_2 = w_1, \dots, w_n$   
 $v_1, \dots, v_m, w_1, \dots, w_n \in V$ .

Then, by 2.23 of Axler, the length of  $B_1$  is less than or equal to the length of  $B_2$ . Interchange (swap) the roles of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ . By 2.23 of Axler, the length of  $B_2$  is less than or equal to 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.

## 2.36 Definition

The dimension of a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$  is the length of any basis  $B$  of  $V$ .

The dimension of  $V$  is denoted  $\dim V$ .

### 2-37 Example

- $\dim \mathbb{F}^n = n$  because the length of any basis of  $\mathbb{F}^n$  is  $n$  (any basis of  $\mathbb{F}^n$  contains  $n$  elements)
- $\dim P_m(\mathbb{F}) = m+1$  because, for example,  $1, z, z^2, \dots, z^m$  is a basis of  $P_m(\mathbb{F})$  and the length of the basis is  $m+1$ .

### 2-38 Dimension of a subspace

If  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then  $\dim U \leq \dim V$ .

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 of  $U$  and a basis of  $V$ . This means in particular, that the basis of  $U$  is a linearly independent list in  $U$  and the basis of  $V$  is a spanning list of  $V$ .

Recall from 2.23<sup>of Axler</sup>: length of linearly independent list  $\leq$  length of spanning list.

The length of our linearly independent list in  $U$  is  $\dim U$ . Likewise, the length of our spanning list in  $V$  is  $\dim V$ .

Therefore,  $\dim U \leq \dim V$ .

\* Useful result!

### 2-39 Linearly independent list of the right length is a basis

Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional. Then every linearly independent list of vectors in  $V$  with length  $\dim V$  is a basis of  $V$ .

Proof: Suppose  $\dim V = n$ . Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be a linearly independent list in  $V$ .

By 2.33 of Axler, we can extend  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  (if necessary) to a basis of  $V$ .

But every basis of  $V$  has length  $n$ . Since  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  already has length  $n$ , in this case, we do NOT need to extend to a basis of  $V$ . This means,  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is itself a basis of  $V$ .

### 2.40 Example

Show that the list  $(5, 7), (4, 3)$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{F}^2$ .

Proof: We will show that  $(5, 7), (4, 3)$  is linearly independent,

Suppose  $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{F}$  satisfy  $a_1(5, 7) + a_2(4, 3) = (0, 0)$

Then we have  $(5a_1 + 4a_2, 7a_1 + 3a_2) = (0, 0)$

Equate the coordinates to get the system of equations

$$5a_1 + 4a_2 = 0$$

$$7a_1 + 3a_2 = 0$$

System-solve to get  $a_1 = 0, a_2 = 0$ .

So the list  $(5, 7), (4, 3)$  is linearly ~~not~~ independent in  $\mathbb{F}^2$ .

Since  $(5, 7), (4, 3)$  has length 2 and  $\dim \mathbb{F}^2 = 2$ , by 2.39 of Axler, we conclude that  $(5, 7), (4, 3)$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{F}^2$ .

### 2.41 Example

Show that  $1, (x-5)^2, (x-5)^3$  is a basis of the subspace  $U$  of  $P_3(\mathbb{R})$  defined by  $U = \{p \in P_3(\mathbb{R}) : p'(5) = 0\}$ .

Proof: Let  $p_1(x) = 1$ . Then  $p_1'(x) = 0$ , so  $p_1'(5) = 0$ .

and so  $p_1 = 1 \in U$ .

Let  $p_2(x) = (x-5)^2$ . Then  $p_2'(x) = 2(x-5)$ .

So  $p_2'(5) = 0$ , and so  $p_2 = (x-5)^2 \in U$ .

Let  $p_3(x) = (x-5)^3$ . Then  $p_3'(x) = 3(x-5)^2$ .

So  $p_3'(5) = 0$ , and so  $p_3 = (x-5)^3 \in U$ .

Therefore,  $1, (x-5)^2, (x-5)^3 \in U$ .

Next, suppose  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfy  $a + b(x-5)^2 + c(x-5)^3 = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Notice that the left-hand side of the above equation contains the  $cx^3$  term, but the right-hand side does not. So  $c = 0$ .

Similarly, the left-hand side contains the  $bx^2$  term, but the right-hand side does not. So  $b = 0$ .

Since  $b=0$  and  $c=0$ , the above equation implies  $a=0$ .

So,  $1, (x-5)^2, (x-5)^3$  is linearly independent.

Since the length of  $1, (x-5)^2, (x-5)^3$  is 3 and  $\dim U=3$ , by 2.37,

$1, (x-5)^2, (x-5)^3$  is a basis of  $U$ .

Note that  $\dim U$  is at most 4, but it cannot equal 4 because if  $\dim U=4$ , then we can extend a basis of  $U$  to a basis of  $P_3(\mathbb{R})$ , which would produce a list with length greater than 4. So  $\dim U=3$ .

(See Axler, p. 46), Re-explain Example 2.11 why does  $U = \{p \in P_3(\mathbb{R}) : p'(5) = 0\}$  have ~~the~~ dimension 3?

Since we proved  $1, (x-5)^2, (x-5)^3$  is linearly independent in  $U$ ,  $\dim U$  is 3 or 4.

Since  $U$  is a subspace of  $P_3(\mathbb{R})$ , by 2.33 of Axler,  $3 \leq \dim U \leq \dim P_3(\mathbb{R}) = 4$ , (if  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then  $\dim U \leq \dim V$ ). However,  $p = x-5 \in P_3(\mathbb{R})$ , BUT  $q = x-5 \notin U$  because  $q'(5) = 1 \neq 0$  (if  $q'(5) = 0$ )

2.42 Spanning list of the right length is a basis. (So  $q \notin U$ .)

Suppose  $V$  is a finite-dimensional vector space.

Then every spanning list of vectors in  $V$  with length  $\dim V$  is a basis of  $V$ .

we found a polynomial such as  $x-5$  that is in  $P_3(\mathbb{R})$  but not in  $U$ .

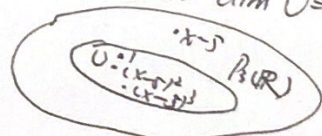
Proof: Suppose  $\dim V = n$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  spans  $V$ .

By 2.31 of Axler, we can reduce (if necessary) to a basis of  $V$ .

But every basis of  $V$  has length  $n$ , so in this case, we do not need to reduce anything; we do not need to remove any elements of  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ .

Therefore,  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  itself is a basis of  $V$ .

Therefore,  $U \neq P_3(\mathbb{R})$   
This means we have  $3 \leq \dim U < \dim P_3(\mathbb{R}) = 4$   
So we conclude  $\dim U = 3$ .



### 2.43 Dimension of a sum

If  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are subspaces of a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ , then,  
$$\dim(U_1 + U_2) = \dim U_1 + \dim U_2 - \dim(U_1 \cap U_2)$$

Proof: Let  $m = \dim(U_1 \cap U_2)$ , and let  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  be a basis of  $U_1 \cap U_2$ . Then it is linearly independent in  $U_1$ . So, by 2.33 of Axler, we can extend this list of a basis  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j$  of  $U_1$ , which means  $\dim U_1 = m+j$ .

Similarly,  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  is linearly independent in  $U_2$ . So, by 2.33 of Axler, we can extend this list to a basis  $u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_k$  of  $U_2$ , which means  $\dim U_2 = m+k$ .

We will prove that the list  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k$  is a basis of  $U_1 + U_2$ . We have  $U_1, U_2 \subset \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k)$ , which means  $\text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k) = U_1 + U_2$ .

So the dimensions of  $U_1 + U_2$  and  $\text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k)$  are equal.

If  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k$  is linearly independent, then by 2.33 of Axler it would be a basis.

Prove that  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k$  is linearly independent.

Suppose  $a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m + b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_j v_j + c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k = 0$

Need to prove:  $a_1 = 0, \dots, a_m = 0, b_1 = 0, \dots, b_j = 0, c_1 = 0, \dots, c_k = 0$ .

Since  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j$  is a basis of  $U_1$ , we have

$$c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k = -a_1 u_1 - \dots - a_m u_m - b_1 v_1 - \dots - b_j v_j \in U_1$$

Since  $w_1, \dots, w_k \in U_2$ , we have  $c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k \in U_2$ .

So  $c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k \in U_1 \cap U_2$ .

Since we introduced  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  to be a basis of  $U_1 \cap U_2$ ,

we can write  $c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k = d_1 u_1 + \dots + d_m u_m$

for some  $d_1, \dots, d_m \in \mathbb{F}$ . This means  $c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k - d_1 u_1 - \dots - d_m u_m = 0$ .

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

$$c_1 = 0, \dots, c_k = 0, d_1 = 0, \dots, d_m = 0.$$

In particular,  $c_1 = 0, \dots, c_k = 0$ .

Similarly,  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  is linearly independent in  $U_2$ . So, by 2.33 of Axler, we can extend this list to a basis  $u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_k$  of  $U_2$ , which means  $\dim U_2 = m+k$ .

We will prove that the list  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k$  is a basis of  $U_1 + U_2$ . We have  $U_1, U_2 \subset \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k)$ , which means  $\text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k) = U_1 + U_2$ .

So the dimensions of  $U_1 + U_2$  and  $\text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k)$  are equal.

If  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k$  is linearly independent, then by 2.31 of Axler it would be a basis.

Prove that  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k$  is linearly independent.

Suppose  $a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m + b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_j v_j + c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k = 0$

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$$c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k = -a_1 u_1 - \dots - a_m u_m - b_1 v_1 - \dots - b_j v_j \in U_1$$

Since  $w_1, \dots, w_k \in U_2$ , we have  $c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k \in U_2$ .

So  $c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k \in U_1 \cap U_2$ .

Since we introduced  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  to be a basis of  $U_1 \cap U_2$ ,

we can write  $c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k = d_1 u_1 + \dots + d_m u_m$

for some  $d_1, \dots, d_m \in \mathbb{F}$ . This means  $c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k - d_1 u_1 - \dots - d_m u_m = 0$ .

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

$$c_1 = 0, \dots, c_k = 0, d_1 = 0, \dots, d_m = 0.$$

In particular,  $c_1 = 0, \dots, c_k = 0$ .

~~2.3~~ So the original equation

$$a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m + b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_j v_j + c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k = 0$$

reduces to  $a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m + b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_j v_j = 0$

Since  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots$  is a basis of  $U_1$ , it is linearly independent,

So  $a_1 = 0, \dots, a_m = 0, b_1 = 0, \dots, b_j = 0$ .

So all scalars are zero.

So  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k$  is linearly independent.

Then by 2.39 of Axler, it is also a basis of  $U_1 + U_2$ .

Therefore, we have  $\dim(U_1 + U_2) = m + j + k$

$$= (m+j) + (m+k) - m$$

$$= \dim U_1 + \dim U_2 - \dim(U_1 \cap U_2)$$

### 3.A The Vector Space of Linear Maps

#### 3.2 Definition

A linear map from  $V$  to  $W$  is a function  $T: V \rightarrow W$  that satisfies:

- additivity:  $T(u+v) = Tu + Tv$  for all  $u, v \in V$
- homogeneity:  $T(\lambda u) = \lambda Tu$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  and for all  $u \in V$ .

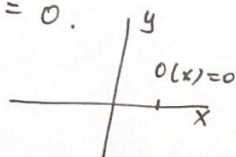
The set of all linear maps  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is denoted  $L(V, W)$ .

#### 3.4 Examples:

(1) Zero map: Let  $0 \in L(V, W)$  be the zero map, defined by  $0v = 0$ .

~~Let~~  $0 \in L(V, W)$

this is,  $0$  is a linear map because:



- additivity: If  $u, v \in V$ , then
- homogeneity: If  $u \in V$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} 0(u+v) &= 0 \\ &= 0 + 0 \\ &= 0 + 0u \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0(\lambda u) &= 0 \\ &= \lambda \cdot 0 \\ &= \lambda 0u \end{aligned}$$