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Examples

Normed vector spaces: $\mathbb{R}^n$ with

$$\|x\| = (|x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 + \dots + |x_n|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ if } x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

Positive definite symmetric inner product spaces

(a) $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ is an $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space with

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n, \text{ if } x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ and } y = (y_1, \dots, y_n).$$

(b) $V = \mathbb{C}^n$ is a $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space with

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n, \text{ if } x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \text{ and } y = (y_1, \dots, y_n).$$

Positive definite Hermitian inner product spaces

(a) $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ as an $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space with

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 \bar{y}_1 + \dots + x_n \bar{y}_n, \text{ if } x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ and } y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

(b) $V = \mathbb{C}^n$ as a $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space with

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 \bar{y}_1 + \dots + x_n \bar{y}_n, \text{ if } x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ and } y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

(Note: $\bar{y}_i = y_i$ if $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$, as in case (a)).

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Bases: Let K be $\mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C}$.

Let V be a K -vector space.

A (Hamel) basis of V is a subset $B \subseteq V$ such that

$$(a) \text{Kspan}(B) = V$$

(b) B is linearly independent,

where

$$K\text{-span}(B) = \left\{ a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_\ell b_\ell \mid \ell \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}, b_1, \dots, b_\ell \in B, a_1, \dots, a_\ell \in K \right\}$$

and B is linearly independent if B satisfies

if $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $b_1, \dots, b_\ell \in B$ and $a_1, \dots, a_\ell \in K$ and $a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_\ell b_\ell = 0$ then $a_1 = 0, a_2 = 0, \dots, a_\ell = 0$.

A Schauder basis of V is a sequence

$(b_1, b_2, \dots)$ in V such that

if $v \in V$ then there exists a unique sequence $(a_1, a_2, \dots)$ in K such that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i b_i = v$.

Note: $v = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i b_i$ means $v = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$ where

$$s_1 = a_1 b_1, s_2 = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2, \dots \text{ Hence,}$$

if $(b_1, b_2, \dots)$ is a Schauder basis then $V \subseteq \overline{\text{Kspan}\{b_1, b_2, \dots\}}$

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When is $\overline{\mathbb{K}\text{-span}(B)} = V$?

Let $e_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$, $e_2 = (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots)$, ...

with e_i having 1 in the i th entry and all other entries 0.

Then

$$c_c = \mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{e_1, e_2, \dots\} = \left\{ \text{sequences } (a_1, a_2, \dots) \in \mathbb{R}^\infty \text{ with } \begin{array}{l} \text{all but a finite number of entries} \\ \text{equal to 0.} \end{array} \right\}$$

Then,

$$\text{in } \mathcal{L}', \quad \overline{\mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{e_1, e_2, \dots\}} = \mathcal{L}',$$

$$\text{in } \mathcal{L}^p \text{ with } p \in \mathbb{R} > 0, \text{ then } \overline{\mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{e_1, e_2, \dots\}} = \mathcal{L}^p,$$

$$\text{in } \mathcal{L}^\infty, \text{ then } \overline{\mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{e_1, e_2, \dots\}} = c_0, \text{ where}$$

$$c_0 = \left\{ (a_1, a_2, \dots) \in \mathbb{R}^\infty \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0 \right\}.$$

is the set of sequences on $\mathbb{R}$ which converge to 0.

Since $(1, 1, 1, \dots) \in \mathcal{L}^\infty$ but $(1, 1, 1, \dots) \notin c_0$ then $c_0 \neq \mathcal{L}^\infty$.

$$\therefore \overline{\mathbb{R}\text{-span}\{e_1, e_2, \dots\}} \neq \mathcal{L}^\infty.$$

Proposition Let $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed vector space. (4)

Then

V has a countable dense set C
if and only if

V has a countable subset B with $\overline{K\text{-span}(B)} = V$.

Proof $\Rightarrow$ Assume C is a countable dense subset of V .

To show: There is a countable subset $B \subseteq V$ with
 $\overline{K\text{-span}(B)} = V$.

Let $B = C$.

To show: $\overline{K\text{-span}(B)} = V$.

Since $C \subseteq K\text{-span}(C) = K\text{-span}(B)$ then

$$V = \overline{C} \subseteq \overline{K\text{-span}(B)}. \quad \text{So } V = \overline{K\text{-span}(B)}.$$

$\Leftarrow$ Assume V has a countable subset B with $\overline{K\text{-span}(B)} = V$.

To show: V has a countable dense set C .

Let $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Q}$ if $K = \mathbb{R}$ and let $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Q} + i\mathbb{Q}$ if $K = \mathbb{C}$.

Let $C = \mathbb{F}\text{-span}(B)$.

Then C is countable and

$$\overline{C} = \overline{\mathbb{F}\text{-span}(B)} \supseteq \overline{\mathbb{F}\text{-span}(B)} = \overline{K\text{-span}(B)} = V.$$

So $\overline{C} = V$. So C is dense in V .