

Let V be an \mathbb{R} -vector space.

Let $W \subseteq V$ be a subspace of V .

Let $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $S = \{w_1, \dots, w_k\} \subseteq W$.

The set S is a basis of W if

(1) $\text{span}(S) = W$

(2) S is linearly independent

Example 23

Let

$$v_1 = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$$

$$v_2 = \langle 3, 6, 9 \rangle$$

$$v_3 = \langle -1, 0, -2 \rangle$$

$$v_4 = \langle 1, 4, 4 \rangle$$

Then

$$v_2 = 3 \cdot \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle = 3v_1$$

$$v_4 = \langle 1, 4, 4 \rangle = 2\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle + \langle -1, 0, -2 \rangle \\ = 2v_1 + v_3.$$

$$\text{Let } W = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$$

$$= \{c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 + c_4 v_4 \mid c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$= \{c_1 v_1 + 3c_2 v_1 + c_3 v_3 + 2c_4 v_1 + c_4 v_3 \mid c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$= \{(c_1 + 3c_2 + 2c_4)v_1 + (c_3 + c_4)v_3 \mid c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$= \{d_1 v_1 + d_2 v_3 \mid d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$= \text{span}\{v_1, v_3\}$$

and v_3 is not a multiple of v_1 .
 So $\{v_1, v_3\}$ is a basis of W .

Theorem (in English)

- (a) A basis of W is a maximal linearly independent subset of W .
- (b) A basis of W is a minimal spanning subset of W .
- (c) Any two bases of W have the same number of elements.

Example 24 (and Example 16 and Topic 5 Examples 20 and 21).

$$\text{Let } C = \{ \langle 1, -1 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle \} \\ B = \{ \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \langle 0, 1 \rangle \} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^2$$

Then

$$\langle 1, -1 \rangle = 1 \cdot \langle 1, 0 \rangle + (-1) \cdot \langle 0, 1 \rangle \\ \langle 2, 4 \rangle = 2 \cdot \langle 1, 0 \rangle + 4 \cdot \langle 0, 1 \rangle$$

The transition matrix from C to B is

$$P_{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Also

$$\langle 1, 0 \rangle = \frac{4}{6} \langle 1, -1 \rangle + \frac{1}{6} \langle 2, 4 \rangle \\ \langle 0, 1 \rangle = \frac{-2}{6} \langle 1, -1 \rangle + \frac{1}{6} \langle 2, 4 \rangle$$

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The transition matrix from B to C is

$$P_{CB} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{6} & \frac{-2}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

and $P_{CB}P_{BC} = I$ and $P_{BC}P_{CB} = I$.

Thus these matrices are square and B contains the same number of elements as C .

Example 27 Let $W = P_2 = \text{span}\{1, x, x^2\}$,

$$C = \{2 + 2x + 5x^2, 1 + x + x^2, 1 + 2x + 3x^2\}$$

$$B = \{1, x, x^2\}.$$

then

$$2 + 2x + 5x^2 = 2 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot x + 5 \cdot x^2$$

$$1 + x + x^2 = 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot x + 1 \cdot x^2$$

$$1 + 2x + 3x^2 = 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot x + 3 \cdot x^2$$

The transition matrix from C to B is

$$P_{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Then

$$1 = \frac{1}{3}(2+2x+5x^2) + \frac{4}{3}(1+x+x^2) - (1+2x+3x^2)$$

$$x = -\frac{2}{3}(2+2x+5x^2) + \frac{1}{3}(1+x+x^2) + (1+2x+3x^2)$$

$$x^2 = \frac{1}{3}(2+2x+5x^2) - \frac{1}{3}(1+x+x^2)$$

The transition matrix from B to C is

$$P_{CB} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and $P_{CB}P_{BC} = I$ and $P_{BC}P_{CB} = I$.

Thus these matrices are square and the basis B contains the same number of elements as the basis C.