

on board { Goal: Every v.s. has a "basis". So while we don't have to use coordinates, we can.

$$\text{span}(S) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i u_i : a_i \in F, u_i \in S \right\}$$

Proposition 1. $\text{span}(S)$ is a subspace of V .

2. If $S_1 \subset \text{span}(S_2)$, then $\text{span}(S_1) \subset \text{span}(S_2)$

DEF A subset $S \subset V$ is "lin. dep" if it is "wasteful".
I.e., if $\exists a_i \in F$ not all 0 & $u_i \in S$ st. $\sum a_i u_i = 0$.
Otherwise, it is "lin. indep."

Examples $\{e_i\}$ ✓, $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

Comments 1. \emptyset is lin. indep.

2. $\{u\}$ is lin indep iff $u \neq 0$.

3. Suppose $S_1 \subset S_2 \subset V$. Then

a. If S_1 is dep, so is S_2

b. If S_2 is indep, so is S_1

4. If S is lin indep in V and $v \in V \setminus S$, then

$S \cup \{v\}$ is lin. dep. iff $v \in \text{span}(S)$.