

General Fact:  $T \subset \text{span } S \Rightarrow \text{span } T \subset \text{span } S$

$$\underbrace{(M; S)}_T \quad (N; S)$$

lin comb of  $T \subset$  lin comb of  
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 elts in  $S$

$S \subset V$  is lin. indep  $\Leftrightarrow$  whenever  $u_i \in S$  are distinct

$\sum a_i u_i = 0 \Rightarrow \forall i a_i = 0$  "waste not"

Comments:

1.  $\emptyset$  is lin. indep
2.  $\{u\}$  is lin. indep. iff  $u \neq 0$ .
3. If  $S_1 \subset S_2 \subset V$ 
  - a. If  $S_1$  is linearly dependent, so is  $S_2$
  - b. If  $S_2$  is lin. indep, so is  $S_1$ .
  - c. If  $S_1$  generates  $(V)$  so does  $S_2$
  - d. If  $S_2$  doesn't generate  $(V)$ , neither do.
4. If  $S$  is lin. indep in  $V$  and  $v \notin S$   
 then  $S \cup \{v\}$  is lin. indep iff  $v \in \text{span } S$ .

Pf.  $\Leftarrow$ : Assume  $v \in \text{span } S$   
 $v = \sum a_i u_i$  where  $u_i \in S$   
 ~~$\forall i a_i = 0$~~   
 $\sum a_i u_i - 1v = 0$

This is a lin. comb of elements in  $S \cup \{v\}$ ,  
 in which not all coefficients are 0,  
 and which adds to 0.

So,  $S \cup \{v\}$  is lin. dep.

$\Rightarrow$  Assume  $S \cup \{v\}$  is lin. dep

$\Rightarrow$  can find a lin comb

$$(*) \quad \sum a_i u_i + b v = 0$$

where  $u_i \in S$ , not all of  $a_i$ 's and  $b$  are 0.

(over)

If  $b = 0$ ,  $\sum a_i u_i = 0$  & not all  $a_i$ 's are 0.

$\Rightarrow S'$  is lin. dep.

$\rightarrow$  Contradiction, so  $b \neq 0$ .

So divide by  $b$ : (\*) becomes

$$\sum \frac{a_i}{b} u_i + v = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \sum \frac{-a_i}{b} u_i$$

$$\Rightarrow v \in \text{span } S'$$

□.

Def: A basis of a v.s.  $V$  is a subset  $\beta \subset V$  s.t.

1.  $\beta$  generates  $V$  ( $V = \text{span } \beta$ )

2.  $\beta$  is lin. indep

Examples

1.  $\beta = \emptyset$  is a basis of  $\{0\}$

2.  $V$  be  $\mathbb{R}$  as a v.s. over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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$\beta = \{5\}$ ,  $\beta = \{1\}$  are b.  
 $\beta = \{1, i\}$

check: 1.  $z = a + bi = a \cdot 1 + b \cdot i$

So  $\{1, i\}$  generate.

2. Assume  $a \cdot 1 + b \cdot i = 0$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\Rightarrow a + bi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0, b = 0$$

4.  $V = \mathbb{R}^n = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ i \end{pmatrix} \right\}$   $e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$e_1 \dots e_n$  are a basis of  $V$ .

1. They span  $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \sum a_i e_i$

$$2. \sum a_i e_i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum a_i e_i = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_i = 0 \forall i$$

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5. In  $V = P_3(\mathbb{R})$   $\beta = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$

6. In  $P_1(\mathbb{R}) = \{ax + b\}$   $\beta = \{1+x, 1-x\}$  is a basis

$\frac{1}{2}(u_1 + u_2) = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$  So  $1 \in \text{span } \beta$

$\frac{1}{2}(u_1 - u_2) = 2x = x$  So  $x \in \text{span } \beta$ .

So  $\text{span}\{1, x\} \subset \text{span } \beta$   
" "  
 $P_1(\mathbb{R})$

2. Assume  $au_1 + bu_2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow a(1+x) + b(1-x) = 0$   
 $(a+b) + (a-b)x = 0$

$\Rightarrow a+b=0$

$a-b=0$

$\xrightarrow{\text{sum}} \Rightarrow 2a=0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{dif}} \Rightarrow 2b=0.$

$a=0.$

$b=0.$

$\therefore$  lin indep

Thm. A subset  $\beta \subset V$  is a basis iff every  $v \in V$  can be expressed as a lin. comb. of elements in  $\beta$  in exactly one way.

Pf. It's a combination of things we already know.