

Consider $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in F^n$

clearly every $v \in F^n$ can be written in a unique way as a linear comb of those

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (-7) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 8 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

we will show that every vector space has such a "basis" - a collection of vectors with which you can write every other vector in a unique way.

lecture

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Def: $v \in V$ is a linear comb of elements in $S \subset V$ if $\exists u_1, \dots, u_n \in S$

& $a_1, \dots, a_n \in F$ s.t. $v = \sum a_i u_i$

Example: In $P_3(\mathbb{R}) = (\text{Polynomials of degree } \leq 3 \text{ with coeffs in } \mathbb{R})$

$v_1 = 2x^3 - 2x^2 + 12x - 6$ is a lc of

$u_1 = x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x - 3$ & $u_2 = 3x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x - 9$

but $v_2 = 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 7x + 8$ is not

Why?

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^3 - 2x^2 + 12x - 6 &= v_1 = a_1 u_1 + a_2 u_2 \\ &= a_1 (x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x - 3) + a_2 (3x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x - 9) \end{aligned}$$

Equal coef for x^3 : $2 = a_1 + 3a_2$

$$x^2: -2 = -2a_1 - 5a_2$$

$$x^1: 12 = -5a_1 - 4a_2$$

$$x^0: -6 = -3a_1 - 9a_2$$

2 first + second

$$2 = a_2,$$

$$\text{in first } 2 = a_1 + 3 \cdot 2 \Rightarrow a_1 = -4$$

$$x_1: 12 = 20 - 4 \cdot 2 \quad \checkmark$$

now check for other equations if they hold.

$$x_0: -6 = -3 \cdot (-4) - 9 \cdot 2 \quad \checkmark$$

Check that v_2 isn't a l.c. of u_1 & u_2

$$\text{Equal coeff's for } x^3: \quad 3 = a_1 + 3$$

$$x^2: \quad -2 = -2a_1 - 5a_2$$

$$x^1: \quad 7 = -5a_1 - 4a_2$$

$$x^0: \quad 8 = -3a_1 - 9a_2$$

$$2 \text{ first} + \text{second} \quad 4 = a_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a_2 = 4$$

$$3 = a_1 + 3 \cdot 4 \quad a_1 = -9$$

check for other equations if they hold. $7 \neq (-5)(-9) - 4 \cdot 4$

Examples: show that $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 is a l.c. of $u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ & $u_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{Indeed } v_1 = 2u_1 + 3u_2 + 0u_3$$

$$= 0u_1 + 1u_2 + 2u_3$$

\therefore coeff's are not unique

Def:

we say that a subset $S \subset V$ "generates" or "spans" V if

$$\text{span } S = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{all l.c. of} \\ \text{elements on } S \end{array} \right\} = V$$

Examples: $V = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ $M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $M_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $M_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$N_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $N_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $N_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $N_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Claims: 1. $\{M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4\}$ generates V

2. $\{N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4\}$ generates V

3. $\{M_1, M_2, M_3\}$ does not generate V

4. $\{N_1, N_2, N_3\}$ does not generate V

Proof of 1. Given any $B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ need to find a_1, \dots, a_4 such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix} = B = a_1 M_1 + a_2 M_2 + a_3 M_3 + a_4 M_4 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ a_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_4 \end{pmatrix} \iff \begin{cases} b_{11} = a_1 \\ b_{12} = a_2 \\ b_{21} = a_3 \\ b_{22} = a_4 \end{cases}$$

Proof of 2. Given any $B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ need to find a_1, \dots, a_4 such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix} = B = a_1 N_1 + a_2 N_2 + a_3 N_3 + a_4 N_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_1 \\ a_1 & a_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & 0 \\ a_2 & a_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a_3 & a_3 \\ 0 & a_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a_4 & a_4 \\ a_4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_2 + a_3 + a_4 & a_1 + a_3 + a_4 \\ a_1 + a_2 + a_4 & a_1 + a_2 + a_3 \end{pmatrix} \iff \begin{cases} b_{11} = a_2 + a_3 + a_4 \\ b_{12} = a_1 + a_3 + a_4 \\ b_{21} = a_1 + a_2 + a_4 \\ b_{22} = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 \end{cases} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{sys of 4 eq'n} \\ \text{with 4 unknowns} \end{array} \right\}$$

trick

How to find M_1 $(N_1 + N_2 + N_3 + N_4) - 3N_1 = 3M_1$ so $M_1 = -\frac{2}{3}N_1 + \frac{1}{3}N_2 + \frac{1}{3}N_3 + \frac{1}{3}N_4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Fact: TC spans

$$\Rightarrow M_2 = \frac{1}{3}(N_1 + N_2 + N_3 + N_4 - 3N_2)$$

\Rightarrow span TC spans M_i 's N_i

$\cdot \cap$ lin. comb. of elements in S \cup lin. comb. of elements in S

$$B = b_{11}M_1 + b_{12}M_2 + b_{21}M_3 + b_{22}M_4$$

$$= b_{11} \left(-\frac{2}{3}N_1 + \frac{1}{3}N_2 + \frac{1}{3}N_3 + \frac{1}{3}N_4 \right) + b_{12} \left(\frac{1}{3}N_1 - \frac{2}{3}N_2 + \frac{1}{3}N_3 + \frac{1}{3}N_4 \right) + \dots = \text{a l.c. of } N_1, \dots, N_4$$

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$$a_1M_1 + a_2M_2 + a_3M_3 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ lower right is always 0 so } \begin{pmatrix} 240 & 152 \\ e & \pi \end{pmatrix} \text{ not in span (since } \pi \neq 0)$$

$$a_1N_1 + a_2N_2 + a_3N_3 = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 + a_3 & a_1 + a_3 \\ a_1 + a_2 & a_1 + a_2 + a_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 240 & 152 \\ e & \pi \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 240 &= a_2 + a_3 \\ 152 &= a_1 + a_3 \\ e &= a_1 + a_2 \\ \pi &= a_1 + a_2 + a_3 \end{aligned}$$

Motivation:

$S \subset V$ is linearly dependent if it is "wasteful"; i.e., if $\exists v \in V$

s.t. $\exists a_1, \dots, a_n \in F$ & $u_1, \dots, u_n \in S$

& $\exists b_1, \dots, b_m \in F$ & $w_1, \dots, w_m \in S$

so that $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i u_i = v = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i w_i \Rightarrow \sum c_i z_i = 0$