

CHAPTER 1

VECTOR SPACES

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1.1 Vectors in R^n

- **An ordered n -tuple:**

a sequence of n real number (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)

- **n -space: R^n**

the set of all ordered n -tuple

- **Ex:**

$n = 1$ $R^1 = 1$ -space
 = set of all real number

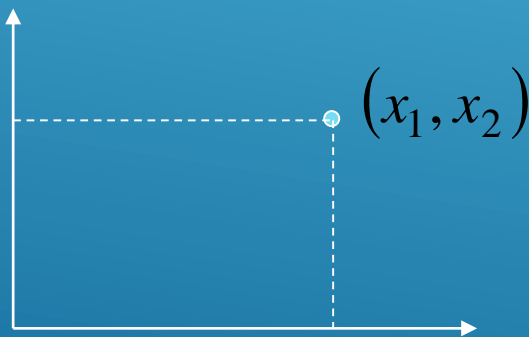
$n = 3$ $R^3 = 3$ -space
 = set of all ordered triple of real numbers (x_1, x_2, x_3)

1.1 Vectors in \mathbb{R}^n

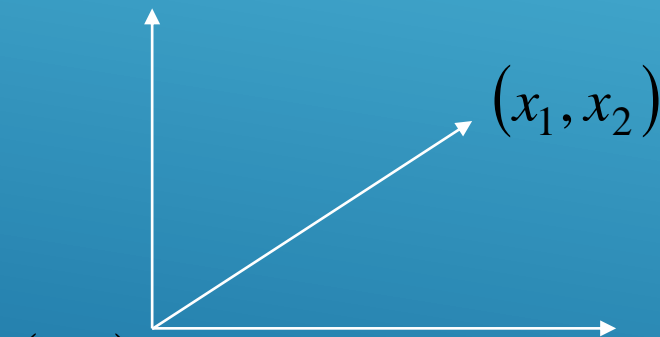
► Notes:

- (1) An n -tuple (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) can be viewed as a point in \mathbb{R}^n with the x_i 's as its coordinates.
- (2) An n -tuple (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) can be viewed as a vector $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ in \mathbb{R}^n with the x_i 's as its components.

▪ Ex:



a point



a vector

1.2 Vector Spaces

► **Vector spaces:**

Let V be a set on which two operations (*vector addition and scalar multiplication*) are defined. If the following axioms are satisfied for every \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} in V and every scalar (real number) c and d , then V is called a **vector space**.

Addition:

(1) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is in V too (closed under addition)

(2) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$

(3) $\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w}$

(4) V has a zero vector $\mathbf{0}$ such that for every \mathbf{u} in V , $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$

(5) For every \mathbf{u} in V , there is a vector in V denoted by $-\mathbf{u}$ such that $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$

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Scalar multiplication:

(6) $c\mathbf{u}$ is in V too (*closed under multiplication by a scalar*).

$$(7) \quad c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$$

$$(8) \quad (c + d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{u}$$

$$(9) \quad c(d\mathbf{u}) = (cd)\mathbf{u}$$

$$(10) \quad 1(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u}$$

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► **Note:**

(1) A vector space consists of **four entities**:

a set of vectors, a set of scalars, and two operations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} V : \text{nonempty set} \\ c : \text{scalar} \\ + \quad (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} & \text{vector addition} \\ \bullet \quad (c, \mathbf{u}) = c\mathbf{u} & \text{scalar multiplication} \end{array} \right.$$

$(V, +, \bullet)$ is then called a vector space

(2) $V = \{\mathbf{0}\}$: zero vector space

1.2 Vector Spaces

► Examples of vector spaces:

(1) n -tuple space: \mathbf{R}^n

$(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) + (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n)$ vector addition

$k(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = (ku_1, ku_2, \dots, ku_n)$ scalar multiplication

(2) n -th degree polynomial space: $V = P_n(x)$

(the set of all real polynomials of degree n or less)

$$p(x) + q(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + \dots + (a_n + b_n)x^n$$

$$kp(x) = ka_0 + ka_1x + \dots + ka_nx^n$$

1.2 Vector Spaces

- **Properties of scalar multiplication**

Let \mathbf{v} be any element of a vector space V , and let c be any scalar. Then the following properties are true.

(1) $0\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

(2) $c\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$

(3) If $c\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$, then $c = 0$ or $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

(4) $(-1)\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v}$

1.2 Vector Spaces

► **Ex 1:**

$V = \mathbb{R}^2$ = the set of all ordered pairs of real numbers **defined as:**

- vector addition: $(u_1, u_2) + (v_1, v_2) = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2)$
- scalar multiplication: $c(u_1, u_2) = (cu_1, 0)$

Verify V is not a vector space.

Sol:

$\because 1(1, 1) = (1, 0) \neq (1, 1)$ Condition (10) is not satisfied
the set (together with the two given operations) **is not** a vector space

1.3 Vector Subspaces

► **Subspace:**

If $(V, +, \bullet)$: a vector space
 $\left. \begin{array}{l} W \neq \phi \\ W \subseteq V \end{array} \right\}$: a nonempty subset
 $(W, +, \bullet)$: a vector space (under the operations of addition and scalar multiplication defined in V)

\Rightarrow Then W **is a subspace** of V

■ **Trivial subspace:**

Every vector space V has at least two subspaces.

(1) Zero vector space $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ is a subspace of V .

(2) V is a subspace of V .

1.3 Vector Subspaces

▶ Test for a subspace

If W is a **nonempty subset** of a vector space V , then W is a subspace of V **if and only if** the following conditions hold.

- (1) If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are in W , then $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is in W (*closed under addition*).
- (2) If \mathbf{u} is in W and c is any scalar, then $c\mathbf{u}$ is in W (*closed under multiplication by a scalar*).

1.3 Vector Subspaces

- **Ex1:** Subspace of R^2
 - (1) $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ $\mathbf{0} = (0, 0)$
 - (2) Lines through the origin
 - (3) R^2
- **Ex2:** Show that $W = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1 \geq 0 \text{ and } x_2 \geq 0\}$, with the standard operations, is not a subspace of R^2 .

Let $\mathbf{u} = (1, 1) \in W$

$$\because (-1)\mathbf{u} = (-1)(1, 1) = (-1, -1) \notin W$$

$\therefore W$ is not a subspace of R^2

1.4 Linear Independence

- **Linear combination:**

A vector \mathbf{v} in a vector space V is called a linear combination of the vectors $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k$ in V if \mathbf{v} can be written in the form

$$\mathbf{v} = c_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + c_k \mathbf{u}_k \quad c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k : \text{scalars}$$

- **Ex1:** (Finding a linear combination)

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 2, 3) \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = (0, 1, 2) \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = (-1, 0, 1)$$

Prove (a) $\mathbf{w} = (1, 1, 1)$ is a linear combination of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$

(b) $\mathbf{w} = (1, -2, 2)$ is not a linear combination of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$

Sol:

(a) $\mathbf{w} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3 = 2\mathbf{v}_1 - 3\mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_3$

(b) $\mathbf{w} \neq c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3$

1.4 Linear Independence

- the span of a set: $\text{span}(S)$

If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is a set of vectors in a vector space V , then **the span of S** is the set of all linear combinations of the vectors in S ,

$$\text{span}(S) = \{c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_k\mathbf{v}_k \mid \forall c_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

(the set of all linear combinations of vectors in S)

- a spanning set of a vector space:

If **every vector** in a given vector space can be written as a linear combination of vectors in a given set S , then S is called **a spanning set** of the vector space.

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- Notes:

$$\text{span}(S) = V$$

$\Rightarrow S$ spans (generates) V

V is spanned (generated) by S

S is a spanning set of V

- Notes:

(1) $\text{span}(\phi) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$

(2) $S \subseteq \text{span}(S)$

(3) $S_1, S_2 \subseteq V$

$$S_1 \subseteq S_2 \Rightarrow \text{span}(S_1) \subseteq \text{span}(S_2)$$

1.4 Linear Independence

- **Linear Independence (L.I.) and Linear Dependence (L.D.):**

$S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$: a set of vectors in a vector space V

$$c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{0}$$

- (1) If the equation has only the trivial solution ($c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0$) then S is called linearly independent.
- (2) If the equation has a nontrivial solution (i.e., not all zeros), then S is called linearly dependent.

1.4 Linear Independence

- **Notes:**

(1) \emptyset is linearly independent

(2) $\mathbf{0} \in S \Rightarrow S$ is linearly dependent.

(3) $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \{\mathbf{v}\}$ is linearly independent

(4) $S_1 \subseteq S_2$

S_1 is linearly dependent $\Rightarrow S_2$ is linearly dependent

S_2 is linearly independent $\Rightarrow S_1$ is linearly independent

1.4 Linear Independence

- **Ex1:** (Testing for linearly independent)

Determine whether the following set of vectors in R^3 is L.I. or L.D.

$$S = \{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-2, 0, 1)\}$$

Sol:

$$c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 - 2c_3 = 0 \\ 2c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ 3c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0 \quad (\text{only the trivial solution})$$

$$\Rightarrow S \text{ is linearly independent}$$

1.5 Basis and Dimension

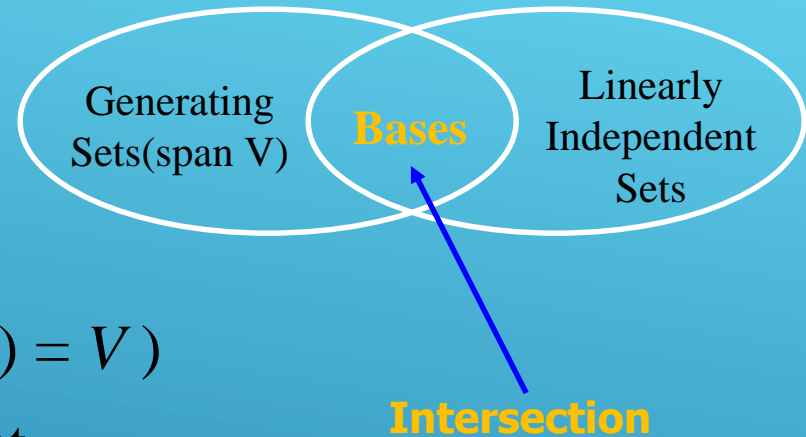
► Basis:

V : a vector space

$$S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \subseteq V$$

If $\begin{cases} (a) S \text{ spans } V \text{ (i.e., } \textit{span}(S) = V) \\ (b) S \text{ is linearly independent} \end{cases}$

\Rightarrow Then S is called a **basis** for V



■ Notes:

(1) \emptyset is a basis for $\{\mathbf{0}\}$

(2) the standard basis for R^3 :

$$\{i, j, k\} \quad i = (1, 0, 0), \quad j = (0, 1, 0), \quad k = (0, 0, 1)$$

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(3) the standard basis for \mathbf{R}^n :

$$\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\} \quad \mathbf{e}_1=(1,0,\dots,0), \mathbf{e}_2=(0,1,\dots,0), \mathbf{e}_n=(0,0,\dots,1)$$

Ex: \mathbf{R}^4 $\{(1,0,0,0), (0,1,0,0), (0,0,1,0), (0,0,0,1)\}$

(4) the standard basis for $\mathbf{P}_n(x)$: $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$

Ex: $\mathbf{P}_3(x)$ $\{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$

1.5 Basis and Dimension

▶ Uniqueness of basis representation

If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis for a vector space V , then every vector in V can be written in one and only one way as a linear combination of vectors in S .

▶ Basis and linear dependence

If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis for a vector space V , then every set containing more than n vectors in V is linearly dependent.

▶ Number of vectors in a basis

If a vector space V has one basis with **n vectors**, then every basis for V has n vectors. (*All bases for a finite-dimensional vector space has the same number of vectors.*)

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- ▶ **Finite dimensional:**

A vector space V is called **finite dimensional**, if it has a basis consisting of a finite number of elements.

- **Infinite dimensional:**

If a vector space V is not finite dimensional, then it is called **infinite dimensional**.

- **Dimension:**

The **dimension** of a finite dimensional vector space V is defined to be the number of vectors in a basis for V .

V : a vector space S : a basis for V

\Rightarrow symbol: $\mathbf{dim}(V) = \#(S)$ (the number of vectors in S)

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- Notes:

(1) $\dim(\{\mathbf{0}\}) = 0 = \#(\emptyset)$

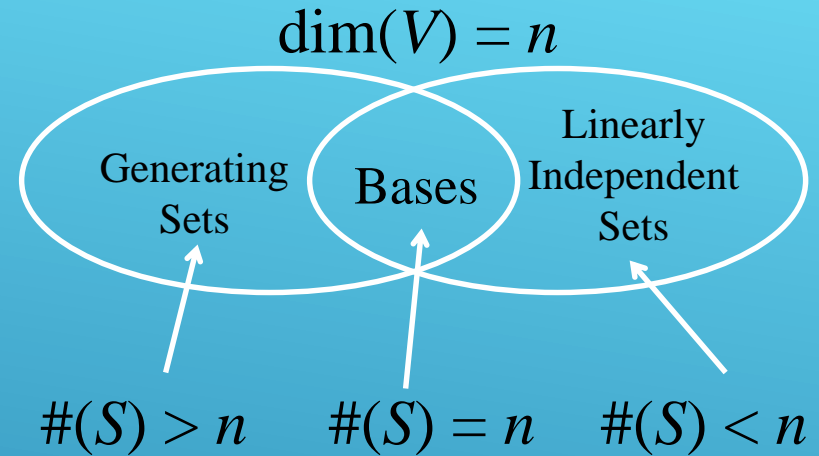
(2) $\dim(V) = n, S \subseteq V$

S : a generating set $\Rightarrow \#(S) \geq n$

S : a L.I. set $\Rightarrow \#(S) \leq n$

S : a basis $\Rightarrow \#(S) = n$

(3) $\dim(V) = n, W$ is a subspace of $V \Rightarrow \dim(W) \leq n$



1.5 Basis and Dimension

► Exp:

(1) Vector space R^n \Rightarrow basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$
 $\Rightarrow \dim(R^n) = n$

(2) Vector space $P_n(x)$ \Rightarrow basis $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$
 $\Rightarrow \dim(P_n(x)) = n+1$

(3) Vector space $P(x)$ \Rightarrow basis $\{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$
 $\Rightarrow \dim(P(x)) = \infty$

1.5 Basis and Dimension

► Ex1:

(a) $W = \{(d, c-d, c) : c \text{ and } d \text{ are real numbers}\}$

(b) $W = \{(2b, b, 0) : b \text{ is a real number}\}$

Sol:

$$(a) \quad (d, c-d, c) = c(0, 1, 1) + d(1, -1, 0)$$

$\Rightarrow S = \{(0, 1, 1), (1, -1, 0)\}$ (S is L.I. and S spans W)

$\Rightarrow S$ is a basis for W

$$\Rightarrow \dim(W) = \#(S) = 2$$

$$(b) \quad (2b, b, 0) = b(2, 1, 0)$$

$\Rightarrow S = \{(2, 1, 0)\}$ spans W and S is L.I.

$\Rightarrow S$ is a basis for W

$$\Rightarrow \dim(W) = \#(S) = 1$$