

The ideas of span, linear independence, basis, coordinates are all the same in this more abstract notion of linear space and subspace. Also dimension.

ex. Find a basis for $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ and determine its dim.

Strategy: Like with vectors, look for a way to write each element as a basis element.

Solution: Any $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ is $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix}$, $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\text{Here, } \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix} = a \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}^{e_{11}} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{e_{12}} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{e_{13}} \\ + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{e_{21}} + e \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{e_{22}} + f \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{e_{23}}.$$

$$\text{Hence } \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}.$$

($e_{11}, e_{12}, e_{13}, e_{21}, e_{22}, e_{23}$)

But are any of them redundant?

For example, is e_{12} redundant? No.

$$e_{12} = c_1 e_{11} + c_2 e_{13} + c_3 e_{21} + c_4 e_{22} + c_5 e_{23}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 & c_2 \\ c_3 & c_4 & c_5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is not possible.}$$

Here a basis for $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ is $(e_{11}, e_{12}, e_{13}, e_{21}, e_{22}, e_{23})$.
and $\dim(\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}) = 6$.

Q: Can you show $\dim(\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}) = nm$?

ex. What is the dimension of the set of all polynomials of $\deg \leq 3$?

Solution: A generic element of P_3 is

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3 \\ &= a \cdot 1 + b \cdot x + c \cdot x^2 + d \cdot x^3. \end{aligned}$$

We view the monomials $1, x, x^2, x^3$ as basis elements.

noting that $\text{span}(1, x, x^2, x^3) = P_3$

and non-redundant (we cannot write any as a linear combination of the others ($x^2 = x \cdot x$ is not a linear combination)).

$$\dim(P_3) = 4.$$

Q: Can you show P_n is a linear space $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\dim(P_n) = n+1$?

Some questions form Chapters 1, 2 and 3

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More than one answer is possible here

A span is

- ① a basis for a vector space.
- ② a finite set of vectors.
- ③ an infinite set of vectors.
- ④ a linear subspace.
- ⑤ a set of all linear combinations of a set of vectors.

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For $T : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{Ax}$,

- ① $\text{im}(T) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$.
- ② $\text{im}(T) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.
- ③ $\text{ker}(T) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$.
- ④ $\text{ker}(T) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

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A basis of an n -dimensional vector space V is

- ① any finite set of vectors in V .
- ② an infinite set of vectors in V .
- ③ The span of a set of vectors in V .
- ④ any linearly independent set of vectors in V .
- ⑤ any linearly independent set of vectors in V that span V .

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For $T : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{Ax}$, $\text{im}(A) =$

- ① all solutions to $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$, $\forall \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- ② all solutions to $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$.
- ③ all $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent.
- ④ all points in \mathbb{R}^m mapped to a particular $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

True or False

- ① The column vectors of any 5×4 matrix must be linearly dependent.
- ② If \mathbf{A} is an invertible $n \times n$ matrix, then the kernels of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{A}^{-1} must be equal.
- ③ If the vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ span \mathbb{R}^4 , then n must be equal to 4.
- ④ The image of a 3×4 matrix is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 .
- ⑤ If $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{I}_n$, then \mathbf{A} must be invertible.
- ⑥ The function $T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x - y \\ y - x \end{bmatrix}$ is a linear transformation.
- ⑦ if $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I}_n$ for two matrices \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} , the \mathbf{B} must be the inverse of \mathbf{A} .
- ⑧ There exists a 3×4 matrix with rank 4.
- ⑨ A linear system with fewer unknowns than equations must have either an infinite number of solutions or no solutions.
- ⑩ A matrix \mathbf{E} is in reduced-row echelon form. If we remove any single row, the resulting matrix will still be in reduced-row echelon form.