

3.6 basis and dimension

Def:

A basis for a vector space V is a set S such that

① S is linearly independent

② $\text{Span}(S) = V$

plural of the basis is bases.

Theorem: if a vector space V has a basis S with n number of elements, then any other basis for V also has n elements.

Def:

Let V be a vector space:

① The dimension of V is n , if any basis for V has n elements.

② The dimension of the zero vector space is zero. (the zero vector space has no basis)

$V = \{0\} \Rightarrow$ no basis \Rightarrow Dimension zero.

$V = \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow$ mem basis \Rightarrow Dimension $\Rightarrow n$

Example:

Let $S = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$

where, $e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$; ... and $e_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

S is a basis for \mathbb{R}^n :

① S is linearly independent? in the only soln to

$$c_1 e_1 + c_2 e_2 + \dots + c_n e_n = \vec{0}, c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0?$$

Let, $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

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$$c_1 \xi_1 + \dots + c_n \xi_n = \vec{0}$$

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \dots + c_n \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow c_1, \dots, c_n = 0$$

2) Does S span \mathbb{R}^n ? in $\text{span}\{S\} = \mathbb{R}^n$?

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in the set of all linear combination of elements of S .

if $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, are there $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\vec{x} = c_1 \xi_1 + c_2 \xi_2 + \dots + c_n \xi_n?$$

Let, $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then:

$$\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x_1(1, 0, \dots, 0) + x_2(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) + \dots + x_n(0, 0, \dots, 1)$$

$$\vec{x} = x_1 \xi_1 + x_2 \xi_2 + \dots + x_n \xi_n$$

$S = \{ \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \}$ is called "standard basis" for \mathbb{R}^n

Let, $S = \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \}$, where

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

show that, S is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3

Show, S is linearly independent and spans \mathbb{R}^3 .

Does S span \mathbb{R}^3 ?

if $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, are there numbers $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{such that, } c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 = \vec{x}?$$

→ Does the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & -2 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

have a solution?

Augmented matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & -2 & : & x_1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 & : & x_2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & : & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1: \frac{1}{2}R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & -2 & : & x_1 \\ 0 & -3/2 & 2 & : & -1/2 x_1 + x_2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & : & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$$

$R_3: \frac{2}{3}R_2 + R_3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & -2 & : & x_1 \\ 0 & -3/2 & 2 & : & -1/2 x_1 + x_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 & : & -1/3 x_1 + 2/3 x_2 + x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

This has a solution for x_1, x_2, x_3 : spans \mathbb{R}^3

Choose $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

The system becomes

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & -2 & : & 0 \\ 0 & -3/2 & 2 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 & : & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{only trivial soln}$$

S is linearly independent