

VECTOR SPACES

Definition :

Let F be a given field and let V be a non-empty set with addition and scalar multiplication rules applicable to any $u, v \in V$ such as a sum $u + v \in V$ and to any $u \in V, \alpha \in F$ a product $\alpha u \in V$. Then V is called a vector space over F if the following conditions hold :

1. Closure : for all $u, v \in V \Rightarrow u + v \in V$
2. Associative : $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w \forall u, v, w \in V$.
3. Identity : $u + 0 = 0 + u = u$ for all $u \in V$, there exist $0 \in V$
4. Inverse : $(-u) + u = 0 = u + (-u)$ there exist $-u \in V$, for all $u \in V$
5. Commutative : $u + v = v + u$ for all $u, v \in V$
6. For all $\alpha \in F$ and for all $u \in V, \alpha u \in V$.
7. $\alpha(u + v) = \alpha u + \alpha v$, for all $\alpha \in F$ for all $u, v \in V$
8. $(\alpha + \beta)v = \alpha v + \beta v$, for all $\alpha, \beta \in F$ and for all $v \in V$
9. $(\alpha\beta)v = \alpha(\beta v)$, for all $\alpha, \beta \in F$ and for all $u, v \in V$
10. $1 \cdot v = v$ for all $v \in V$

Properties of vector space :

- (i) $\alpha \cdot 0 = 0, 0 \in V$, for all $\alpha \in F$
- (ii) $0 \cdot v = 0$, for all $v \in V, 0 \in F$

- (iii) $(-\alpha)v = -(\alpha v) = \alpha(-v)$ for all $v \in F, v \in V$
- (iv) $\alpha v = 0, v \neq 0, \alpha = 0$ where $\alpha \in F, \alpha \in V$
- (v) $\alpha(u - v) = \alpha v - \alpha v$ for all $\alpha \in F$ and $u, v \in V$

Proof :

- (i) since $0+0=0$ where $0 \in V$

$$\alpha(0 + 0) = \alpha 0 \text{ for all } \alpha \in F$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha 0 + \alpha 0 = \alpha 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha 0 + \alpha 0 = \alpha 0 + 0$$

Hence $\alpha 0 = 0$ [by left cancellation law]

- (ii) since $0 + 0 = 0$ where $0 \in F$

$$(0 + 0)v = 0v \text{ for all } v \in V$$

$$\Rightarrow 0v + 0v = 0v$$

$$\Rightarrow 0v + 0v = 0v + 0$$

Hence $0v = 0$ [by left cancellation law]

- (iii) $(-\alpha)v = -(\alpha v) = \alpha(-v)$ for all $v \in F, v \in V$

Since $\alpha \in F \Rightarrow -\alpha \in F$ and $v \in V, -v \in V$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + (-\alpha) = 0 \in F ; v + (-v) = 0 \in V$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha v + (-\alpha)v = [\alpha + (-\alpha)] v$$

$$\text{For all } v \in V ; \alpha v + \alpha(-v) = \alpha[v + (-v)]$$

For all $\alpha \in F$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha v + (-\alpha)v = 0v \text{ for all } v \in V ; \alpha v + \alpha(-v) = \alpha 0 \text{ for all } \alpha \in F$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha v + (-\alpha)v = 0$ for all $v \in V$; $\alpha v + \alpha(-v) = 0$ for all $\alpha \in F$

$\Rightarrow (-\alpha)v$ is the additive inverse of αv in V ; $\alpha(-v)$ is the additive inverse of αv in V .

$$(-\alpha)v = -(\alpha v) \quad ; \quad \alpha(-v) = -(\alpha v)$$

(iv) $\alpha v = 0, v \neq 0$

To prove $\alpha = 0$ where $\alpha \in F, v \in V$

Let $\alpha \neq 0$ then $\alpha^{-1} \in F$

Consider $\alpha v = 0$

$$\therefore \alpha^{-1}(\alpha v) = \alpha^{-1}(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha^{-1}\alpha)v = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1v = 0$$

$\Rightarrow v = 0$ which is a contradiction.

Hence $\alpha = 0$

Note : The vector space of V over the field F is denoted as $V(F)$.

- (i) C is a vector space over a field C and \mathbb{R}
- (ii) R is a vector space over a field \mathbb{R} but not in a field C
- (iii) Q is a vector space over a field Q .
- (iv) Z is not a vector space over a field R .
- (v) The set $\mathbb{R}^n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is a vector space over \mathbb{R} .

- (vi) The set $M_2(\mathbb{R})$ and $M_2(\mathbb{Q})$ of 2×2 matrices with entries from \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{Q} is a vector space over \mathbb{R} .
- (vii) The set $Z_p[\mathbb{R}]$ of polynomials with coefficients from Z_p is a vector space over Z_p , where P is a prime.
- (viii) Let E be a field and F be a subfield of E . Then E is a vector space over F .
- (ix) Let $P_n(t)$ be the set of all polynomials $P(t)$ over a field F , where the degree of $P(t)$ is less than or equal to n . i.e.,
- $$P(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + \dots + a_n t^n.$$

PROBLEMS UNDER VECTOR SPACE

Example 1. Prove that $R \times R$ is a vector space over R under addition and multiplication defined by $(x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2) = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2)$ and

$$a(x_1, x_2) = (ax_1, ax_2)$$

Sol: Let $x, y \in V = R \times R$

Then $x = (x_1, x_2)$

$$y = (y_1, y_2)$$

Where $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in R$

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= (x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2) \\ &= (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2) \in R \times R \end{aligned}$$

Let $\alpha \in F$ and $x \in \mathcal{Y}$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha x &= \alpha(x_1, x_2) \\ &= (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2) \in R \times R.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore vector addition and scalar multiplications are true in $R \times R$.

1 Under addition

A_1 : Commutativity: $x + y = y + x, \forall x, y \in R \times R$

$$x + y = (x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2)$$

$$= (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2)$$

$$= (y_1 + x_1, y_2 + x_2)$$

$$= (y_1, y_2) + (x_1, x_2)$$

$$= y + x$$

$$\therefore x + y = y + x, \forall x, y \in R \times R$$

A_2 : Associativity: $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z, \forall x, y, z \in R \times R$

Let $x, y, z \in R \times R$. Then

$$x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2), z = (z_1, z_2)$$

Where $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, z_1, z_2 \in R$

$$x + (y + z) = (x_1, x_2) + [(y_1, y_2) + (z_1, z_2)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (x_1, x_2) + (y_1 + z_1, y_2 + z_2) \\ &= (x_1 + (y_1 + z_1), x_2 + (y_2 + z_2)) \\ &= ((x_1 + y_1) + z_1, (x_2 + y_2) + z_2) \\ &= (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2) + (z_1, z_2) \\ &= ((x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2)) + (z_1, z_2) \\ &= (x + y) + z \end{aligned}$$

$$x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z, \forall x, y, z \in R \times R$$

A₃: Existence of Identity: There exists $0 \in R \times R$ such that

$$x + 0 = x, \forall x \in R \times R$$

Let $0 \in R$. Then $0 = (0, 0) \in R \times R$.

$$\begin{aligned} x + 0 &= (x_1, x_2) + (0, 0) \\ &= (x_1 + 0, x_2 + 0) \\ &= (x_1, x_2) \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$0 = (0, 0)$ is the zero element of $R \times R$

A₄: Existence of Inverse: For all $x \in R \times R$, there exists $-x \in R \times R$, such that

$$x + (-x) = 0$$

Let $x \in R \times R$

$\therefore x = (x_1, x_2)$, where $x_1, x_2 \in R$

Which implies $-x_1, -x_2 \in R$

$$\Rightarrow -x = (-x_1, -x_2) \in R \times R$$

$$x + (-x) = (x_1, x_2) + (-x_1, -x_2)$$

$$= (x_1 - x_1, x_2 - x_2)$$

$$= (0, 0)$$

$$x + (-x) = \overset{=0}{0}$$

\Rightarrow Inverse of x is $-x$

ie, inverse of (x_1, x_2) is $(-x_1, -x_2)$

II Under scalar multiplication:

$$M_1: a(x + y) = ax + ay; \forall a \in R \text{ and } \forall x, y \in R \times R$$

$$a(x + y) = a(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2)$$

$$= (a(x_1 + y_1), a(x_2 + y_2))$$

$$= (ax_1 + ay_1, ax_2 + ay_2)$$

$$= (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2) + (\alpha y_1, \alpha y_2)$$

$$= \alpha(x_1, x_2) + \alpha(y_1, y_2)$$

$$= \alpha x + \alpha y$$

$$\therefore a(x + y) = \alpha x + \alpha y \forall a \in R \text{ and } \forall x, y \in R \times R$$

$$M_2: (\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x, \forall \alpha, \beta \in R, \forall x \in R \times R$$

$$(\alpha + \beta)x = (\alpha + \beta)(x_1, x_2)$$

$$= ((\alpha + \beta)x_1, (\alpha + \beta)x_2)$$

$$= (\alpha x_1 + \beta x_1, \alpha x_2 + \beta x_2)$$

$$= (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2) + (\beta x_1, \beta x_2)$$

$$= \alpha(x_1, x_2) + \beta(x_1, x_2)$$

$$= \alpha x + \beta x$$

$$(\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x, \forall \alpha, \beta \in R, \forall x \in R \times R$$

$$M_3: a(\beta x) = (\alpha\beta)(x), \forall \alpha, \beta \in R, \forall x \in R \times R$$

$$\alpha(\beta x) = \alpha(\beta(x_1, x_2))$$

$$= \alpha(\beta x_1, \beta x_2)$$

$$= (\alpha(\beta x_1), \alpha(\beta x_2))$$

$$= ((\alpha\beta)x_1, (\alpha\beta)x_2)$$

$$= (\alpha\beta)(x_1, x_2)$$

$$= (\alpha\beta)(x)$$

$$\therefore \alpha(\beta x) = (\alpha\beta)(x) \forall \alpha, \beta \in R, \forall x \in R \times R$$

$M_4: 1 \cdot x = x, \forall x \in R \times R$ and $1 \in R$

$$1 \cdot x = 1(x_1, x_2)$$

$$= (1 \cdot x_1, 1 \cdot x_2)$$

$$= (x_1, x_2) = x$$

$1 \cdot x = x, \forall x \in R \times R$ and $1 \in R$

Therefore $V = R \times R$ is a vector space over R .

Example 2. Prove that F^n is a vector space over a field F under addition and

multiplication defined by $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 +$

$y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n)$ and $\alpha(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2, \dots, \alpha x_n)$

Let $x, y \in V = F^n$

Then $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

$$y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

where $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \in F$

$$x + y = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n) \in F^n$$

Let $\alpha \in F$ and $x \in F^n$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha x &= \alpha(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ &= (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2, \dots, \alpha x_n) \in F^n\end{aligned}$$

Therefore vector addition and scalar multiplications are true in F^n .

I. Under addition

A_1 : Commutativity: $x + y = y + x, \forall x, y \in F^n$

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n) \\ &= (y_1 + x_1, y_2 + x_2, \dots, y_n + x_n) \\ &= (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ &= y + x\end{aligned}$$

$$x + y = y + x, \forall x, y \in F^n$$

A_2 : Associativity: $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z, \forall x, y, z \in F^n$

Let $x, y, z \in F^n$. Then

$$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n), z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$$

Where $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n \in F$

$$\begin{aligned}x + (y + z) &= (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + [(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)] \\ &= (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + (y_1 + z_1, y_2 + z_2, \dots, y_n + z_n) \\ &= (x_1 + (y_1 + z_1), x_2 + (y_2 + z_2), \dots, x_n + (y_n + z_n))\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= ((x_1 + y_1) + z_1, (x_2 + y_2) + z_2, \dots, (x_n + y_n) + z_n) \\ &= (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n) + (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \\ &= ((x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)) + (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \\ &= (x + y) + z \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z, \forall x, y, z \in F^n$$

A_3 : Existence of Identity: There exists $0 \in F^n$ such that

$$x + 0 = 0 + x = x, \forall x \in F^n$$

Let $0 \in F$. Then $0 = (0, 0, \dots, 0) \in F^n$

$$x + 0 = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + (0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$= (x_1 + 0, x_2 + 0, \dots, x_n + 0)$$

$$= (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$= x$$

$0 = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ is the zero element of F^n

A_4 : Existence of Inverse: For all x in F^n , there exists $-x$ in F^n such that

$$(-x) + x = 0$$

Let $x \in F^n$.

$\therefore x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$; where $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in F$

Which implies $-x_1, -x_2, \dots, -x_n \in F$

$$-x = (-x_1, -x_2, \dots, -x_n) \in k^n$$

$$x + (-x) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + (-x_1, -x_2, \dots, -x_n)$$

$$= (x_1 - x_1, x_2 - x_2 + \dots, x_n - x_n)$$

$$= (0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$= 0$$

\Rightarrow Inverse of x is $-x$

ie, inverse of (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) is $(-x_1, -x_2, \dots, -x_n)$

II Under scalar multiplication:

$$M_1 = \alpha(x + y) = \alpha x + \alpha y, \forall \alpha \in F \text{ and } \forall x, y \in F^n$$

$$\alpha(x + y) = \alpha(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n)$$

$$= (\alpha(x_1 + y_1), \alpha(x_2 + y_2), \dots, \alpha(x_n + y_n))$$

$$= (\alpha x_1 + \alpha y_1, \alpha x_2 + \alpha y_2, \dots, \alpha x_n + \alpha y_n)$$

$$= (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2) + (\alpha y_1, \alpha y_2), \dots, (\alpha x_n + \alpha y_n)$$

$$= \alpha(x_1, x_2) + \alpha(y_1, y_2), \dots, (\alpha x_n + \alpha y_n)$$

$$= \alpha x + \alpha y$$

$$\therefore \alpha(x + y) = \alpha x + \alpha y, \forall \alpha \in F \text{ and } \forall x, y \in F^n$$

$$\mathbf{M}_2: (\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x, \alpha, \beta \in F, \forall x \in F^n$$

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha + \beta)x &= (\alpha + \beta)(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\&= ((\alpha + \beta)x_1, (\alpha + \beta)x_2, \dots, (\alpha + \beta)x_n) \\&= (\alpha x_1 + \beta x_1, \alpha x_2 + \beta x_2, \dots, \alpha x_n + \beta x_n) \\&= (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2, \dots, \alpha x_n) + (\beta x_1, \beta x_2, \dots, \beta x_n) \\&= \alpha(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + \beta(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\&= \alpha x + \beta x\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x, \forall \alpha, \beta \in F, \forall x \in F^n$$

$$\mathbf{M}_3: \alpha(\beta x) = (\alpha\beta)(x), \alpha, \beta \in F, \forall x \in F^n$$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(\beta x) &= \alpha(\beta(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) \\&= \alpha(\beta x_1, \beta x_2, \dots, \beta x_n) \\&= (\alpha(\beta x_1), \alpha(\beta x_2), \dots, \alpha(\beta x_n)) \\&= ((\alpha\beta)x_1, (\alpha\beta)x_2, \dots, (\alpha\beta)x_n) \\&= (\alpha\beta)(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\&= (\alpha\beta)(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \alpha(\beta x) = (\alpha\beta)(x), \forall \alpha, \beta \in F, \forall x \in F^n$$

$$M_4: 1 \cdot x = x, \forall x \in F^n \text{ and } 1 \in F$$

$$1 \cdot x = 1 \cdot (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$= (1 \cdot x_1, 1 \cdot x_2, \dots, 1 \cdot x_n)$$

$$= (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x$$

$$\therefore 1 \cdot x = x, \forall x \in F^n \text{ and } 1 \in F$$

$\therefore F^n$ is a vector space over F .

Example 3. Prove that set of complex numbers is a vector space over field

R.

$$\text{Sol: } V = C = \{(x + iy) / x, y \in R\}$$

Let $x, y \in C$

$$\text{Then } x = x_1 + iy_1, y = x_2 + iy_2$$

Where $x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2 \in R$

Addition of vectors is defined by

$$x + y = (x_1 + iy_1) + (x_2 + iy_2)$$

$$= x_1 + x_2 + i(y_1 + y_2) \in C$$

Scalar multiplication is defined by

For $\alpha \in R$ and $x \in C$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha x &= \alpha(x_1 + iy_1) \\ &= \alpha x_1 + i\alpha x_2 \in \mathbb{C} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore vector addition and scalar multiplications are true in \mathbb{C} .

1. Under Addition

A_1 : Commutativity: $x + y = y + x, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= (x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2) \\ &= (x_2 + x_1) + i(y_2 + y_1) \\ &= (x_2 + iy_2) + (x_1 + iy_1) \\ &= y + x \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore x + y = y + x, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{C}$

A_2 : Associativity: $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z, \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{C}$

Let $x, y, z \in \mathbb{C}$

$\therefore x = x_1 + iy_1, y = x_2 + iy_2, z = x_3 + iy_3$

$$\begin{aligned} x + (y + z) &= (x_1 + iy_1) + [(x_2 + iy_2) + (x_3 + iy_3)] \\ &= (x_1 + iy_1) + [(x_2 + x_3) + i(y_2 + y_3)] \\ &= (x_1 + (x_2 + x_3)) + i(y_1 + (y_2 + y_3)) \end{aligned}$$

$$=((x_1 + x_2) + x_3) + i((y_1 + y_2)y_3)$$

$$=[(x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2)] + (x_3 + iy_3)$$

$$=[(x_1 + iy_1) + (x_3 + iy_2)] + (x_3 + iy_3)$$

$$=(x + y) + z$$

$$x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z, \forall x, y, z \in \mathcal{C}$$

A_3 : Existence of Identity: There exists $0 \in \mathcal{C}$ such that

$$x + 0 = x, \forall x \in \mathcal{C}$$

Let $0 \in \mathcal{R}$. Then $0 = 0 + i0 \in \mathcal{C}$

$$x + 0 = (x_1 + iy_1) + (0 + i0)$$

$$= x_1 + 0 + i(y_1 + 0)$$

$$= x_1 + iy_1$$

$$= x$$

$0 = 0 + i0$ is the zero element of \mathcal{C}

A_4 : Existence of Inverse: For all x in \mathcal{C} , there exists $-x$ in \mathcal{C} such that

$$(-x) + x = 0$$

Let $x \in \mathbb{C}$. Then

$$x = x_1 + iy_1, \text{ where } x_1, y_1 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Which implies $-x_1, y_1 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore -x = -x_1 + i(-y_1) \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x + (-x) &= (x_1 + iy_1) + (-x_1 + i(-y_1)) \\&= x_1 - x_1 + i(y_1 - y_1) \\&= 0 + i0 \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Inverse of x is $-x$

i.e. inverse of $x_1 + iy_1$ is $-x_1 + i(-y_1)$

II. Under scalar multiplication

$$M_1: \alpha(x + y) = \alpha x + \alpha y, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \forall x, y \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(x + y) &= \alpha[(x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2)] \\&= \alpha(x_1 + x_2) + i\alpha(y_1 + y_2) \\&= (\alpha x_1 + \alpha x_2) + i(\alpha y_1 + \alpha y_2) \\&= (\alpha x_1 + i\alpha y_1) + (\alpha x_2 + i\alpha y_2)\end{aligned}$$

$$= \alpha(x_1 + iy_1) + \alpha(x_2 + iy_2)$$

$$= \alpha x + \alpha y$$

$$\therefore \alpha(x + y) = \alpha x + \alpha y, \forall \alpha \in R \text{ and } \forall x, y \in C$$

$$M_2: (\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x, \forall \alpha, \beta \in R, \forall x \in C$$

$$(\alpha + \beta)x = (\alpha + \beta)(x_1 + iy_1)$$

$$= (\alpha + \beta)x_1 + i(\alpha + \beta)y_1$$

$$= \alpha x_1 + \beta x_1 + i(\alpha y_1 + \beta y_1)$$

$$= (\alpha x_1 + i\alpha y_1) + (\beta x_1 + i\beta y_1)$$

$$= \alpha(x_1 + iy_1) + \beta(x_1 + iy_1)$$

$$= \alpha x + \beta x$$

$$\therefore (\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x, \forall \alpha, \beta \in R, \forall x \in C$$

$$M_3: \alpha(\beta x) = (\alpha\beta)x, \forall \alpha, \beta \in R, \forall x \in C$$

$$\alpha(\beta x) = \alpha(\beta(x_1 + iy_1))$$

$$= \alpha(\beta x_1 + i\beta y_1)$$

$$= \alpha(\beta x_1) + i\alpha(\beta y_1)$$

$$= (\alpha\beta)x_1 + i(\alpha\beta)y_1$$

$$= (\alpha\beta)(x_1 + iy_1)$$

$$= (\alpha\beta)x$$

$$\therefore \alpha(\beta x) = (\alpha\beta)x, \forall \alpha, \beta \in R, \forall x \in C$$

$$M_4: 1 \cdot x = x, \forall x \in C \text{ and } 1 \in R$$

$$1 \cdot x = (1 + i0)(x_1 + iy_1)$$

$$= x_1 + iy_1$$

$$= x$$

$$\therefore 1 \cdot x^n = x, \forall x \in C \text{ and } 1 \in R$$

$$\therefore C \text{ is a vector space over } R.$$

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1.2 SUBSPACES

Definition :

Let V be a vector space and U be a non-empty subset of V . If U is a vector space under the operation of addition and scalar multiplication of V , then it is said to be a subspace of V .

Note:

- (i) $\{0\}$ and V itself are called trivial subspaces.
- (ii) All other vector subspace of V are called non-trivial subspaces.

Note :

- (i) A non-empty subset U of a vector space V over F is called subspace of V , if $u + v \in U$ and $\alpha u \in U$ for all $u, v \in U$ and $\alpha \in F$ or simply

$$\alpha u + \beta v \in U \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in F$$

- (ii) $\{0\}$ is a subspace of V called zero subspace.
- (iii) V is a subspace of its own.
- (iv) $\{0\}$ and V are called trivial subspace (or) improper subspaces.
- (v) Any subspace other than $\{0\}$ and V are called proper subspaces of V (or) non-trivial subspaces.
- (vi) The vectors lying on a line L through the origin \mathbb{R}^2 are subspaces of the vector space.

- (vii) A non-empty subset U of vector space V is a subspace iff $u + \alpha v \in U$
for any $v \in U$ and $\alpha \in F$.

Theorem : 1.

Let w_1 and w_2 be two subspaces of vector space V over F . Then $w_1 \cap w_2$ is a subspace of V .

Proof :

As $0 \in w_1 \cap w_2$, $w_1 \cap w_2$ is non-empty.

Consider $u, v \in w_1 \cap w_2, \alpha \in F$.

Then $u, v \in w_1, \alpha \in F$ and $u, v \in w_2, \alpha \in F$

$u + \alpha v \in w_1$ and $u + \alpha v \in w_2$

So, $u + \alpha v \in w_1 \cap w_2$

Hence $w_1 \cap w_2$ is a subspace of V .

PROBLEMS BASED ON SUBSPACES

1. Let $V = \mathbb{R}^3$. The XY-plane $w_1 = \{(x, y, 0) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and the XZ-plane $w_2 = \{(x, 0, z) : x, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$. These are subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 . Then $w_1 \cap w_2 = \{(x, 0, 0) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is the x-axis.

Solution :

Let $v \in V, v = (x, y, z) \in V$

$$v = (x, y, 0) + (0, 0, z) \in w_1 + w_2$$

$$\text{So, } V \subseteq w_1 + w_2 \subseteq V$$

Hence $V = w_1 + w_2$

2. Express the polynomial $3t^2 + 5t - 5$ as a linear combination of the polynomials $t^2 + 2t + 1, 2t^2 + 5t + 4, t^2 + 3t + 6$

Solution :

Let $a, b, c \in F$ such that

$$3t^2 + 5t - 5 = a(t^2 + 2t + 1) + b(2t^2 + 5t + 4) + c(t^2 + 3t + 6)$$

$$3t^2 + 5t - 5 = (a + 2b + c)t^2 + (2a + 5b + 3c)t + (a + 4b + 6c)$$

Comparing the co-efficients, we get

$$a + 2b + c = 3 \dots(1)$$

$$2a + 5b + 3c = 5 \dots(2)$$

$$a + 4b + 6c = -5 \dots(3)$$

$$(3) - (1) \Rightarrow 2b + 5c = -8 \dots(4)$$

Multiply (1) by 2,

$$2a + 4b + 2c = 6 \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

$$(2) - (5) \Rightarrow b + c = -1 \dots (6)$$

Multiply (6) by 2,

$$2b + 2c = -2 \dots (7)$$

$$(4) - (7) \Rightarrow 3c = -6$$

$$\therefore c = -2$$

Substituting c in (6),

$$b - 2 = -1$$

$$\therefore b = 2 - 1 = 1$$

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Substituting c, b in (1)

$$a + 2(1) - 2 = 3$$

$$a + 2 - 2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3$$

$$\therefore a = 3, b = 1, c = -2$$

$$\text{Hence, } 3t^2 + 5t - 5 = 3(t^2 + 2t + 1) + 1(2t^2 + 5t + 4)$$

$$-2(t^2 + 3t + 6)$$

3. Let $V = R^3$, then which of the following sets is/are subspace(s) of V .

$$(i) w_1 = \{(a, b, 0); a, b \in \mathbf{R}\}$$

$$(ii) w_2 = \{(a, b, 0); a \geq 0\}$$

Solution :

$$(i) \quad \vec{0} = (0,0,0) \in w_1, \text{ so } w_1 \neq \phi$$

Let $v_1, v_2 \in w_1, \alpha \in \mathbf{R}$

Then, $v_1 = (a, b, 0)$ and $v_2 = (c, d, 0)$ for some $a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{R}$

$$v_1 + v_2 = (a + c, b + d, 0) \in w_1$$

$$\alpha v_1 = (\alpha a, \alpha b, 0) \in w_1$$

Hence w_1 is a subspace of V .

$$(ii) \text{ Consider } w_2 = \{(a, b, 0); a \geq 0\}$$

Here we should take the value of a as zero or positive.

$$\text{Let } v = (2,1,0) \in w_2$$

But under scalar multiplication, the vector is not in w_2

$$\text{That is } -v = (-2, -1, 0) \notin w_2$$

$$(-1)v \notin w_2$$

Hence w_2 is not a subspace of V

4. Let V be a vector space of all 2×2 matrices over real numbers. Determine whether W is a subspace of V or not, where

(i) W consists of all matrices with non-zero determinant.

(ii) W consists of all matrices A such that $A^2 = A$.

Solution :

$$(i) \text{ Let } w = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & y \end{bmatrix} : x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Since $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in W$, W is a non-empty subset of V .

$$\text{Consider } A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 \\ 0 & y_1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 & 0 \\ 0 & y_2 \end{bmatrix} \in W \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in R$$

$$\alpha A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha x_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha y_1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \alpha B = \begin{bmatrix} \beta x_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha A + \beta B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha x_1 + \beta x_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha y_1 + \beta y_2 \end{bmatrix} \in W$$

Hence W is a subspace of V .

(ii) W is not a subspace of V because w is not closed under addition.

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so that}$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+0 & 0+0 \\ 0+0 & 0+0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

$$\therefore A \in W$$

$$\text{But } A + A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq A + A$$

Thus $A + A \notin W$

7. Let $V = \{A/A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}, a_{ij} \in \mathbf{R}\}$ be a vector space over \mathbf{R} . Show $W = \{A \in V/AX = XA \text{ for all } X \in V\}$ is a sub-space of $V(\mathbf{R})$

Solution :

Since $0X = 0 = X0$ for all $X \in V$

$\Rightarrow 0 \in W$. Thus W is non-empty.

Now, let $\alpha, \beta \in R$ and $A_1, A_2 \in W$

$\Rightarrow A_1X = XA_1$ and $A_2X = XA_2$ for all $X \in V$

$$\therefore (\alpha A_1 + \beta A_2)X = (\alpha A_1)X + (\beta A_2)X$$

$$= \alpha(A_1X) + \beta(A_2X)$$

$$= \alpha(XA_1) + \beta(XA_2)$$

$$= X(\alpha A_1) + X(\beta A_2)$$

$$= X(\alpha A_1 + \beta A_2)$$

$$= \alpha A_1 + \beta A_2 \in W$$

Hence W is a vector space of $V(R)$.

Theorem : 3. If S is any subset of a vector space $V(F)$, then S is a subspace of $V(F)$ if and only if $L(S) = S$.

Proof:

Given S is a subspace of $V(F)$

To prove $L(S) = S$

Let $x \in L(S) \Rightarrow$ there exists $x_1, \dots, x_n \in S$

$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in F$

$$x = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n \in S$$

$$L(S) \subset S \quad \dots (1)$$

Also $S \subset L(S) \dots (2)$ [Since S is a subspace of $V(F)$]

From (1) and (2), $L(S) = S$

Conversely, Given $L(S) = S$

To prove: S is a subspace of $V(F)$

Since $L(S)$ is a subspace of $V(F)$

$\therefore S$ is also a subspace of $V(F)$

8. Let V be the set of all solutions of the differential equation $2y'' - 7y' + 3y = 0$. Then V is a vector space over R .

Solution :

Let $f, g \in V$ and $\alpha \in R$.

Then $2f'' - 7f' + 3f = 0$ and

$$2g'' - 7g' + 3g = 0$$

$$2\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(f + g) - 7\frac{d}{dx}(f + g) + 3(f + g) = 0$$

Hence $f + g \in V$

$$\text{Also } 2(\alpha f)'' - 7(\alpha f)' + 3(\alpha f) = 0$$

Hence $\alpha f \in V$

Hence V is a vector space over R .

9 Examine whether $(1, -3, 5)$ belongs to the linear space generated by S , where $S = \{(1, 2, 1), (1, 1, -1), (4, 5, -2)\}$ or not?

Solution :

Suppose $(1, -3, 5)$ belongs to S .

\therefore There exists scalars α, β, γ such that

$$(1, -3, 5) = \alpha(1, 2, 1) + \beta(1, 1, -1) + \gamma(4, 5, -2)$$

$$(1, -3, 5) = (\alpha + \beta + 4\gamma, 2\alpha + \beta + 5\gamma, \alpha - \beta - 2\gamma)$$

Comparing both sides, we get

$$\alpha + \beta + 4\gamma = 1 \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$2\alpha + \beta + 5\gamma = -3 \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$\alpha - \beta - 2\gamma = 5 \quad \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

Adding (1) and (3), we get

$$2\alpha + 2\gamma = 6 \Rightarrow \alpha + \gamma = 3 \quad \dots \quad (4)$$

Adding (2) and (3), we get

$$3\alpha + 3\gamma = 2 \Rightarrow \alpha + \gamma = \frac{2}{3} \dots \quad (5)$$

Equation (4) and (5) are contradiction

Hence $(1, -3, 5)$ does not belong to linear space of S .

Remark :

The union of the subspace may not be a sub-space.

1.5 LINEARLY INDEPENDENCE AND LINEARLY DEPENDENCE

Linearly dependent set

A subset S of a vector space is called linearly dependent if there is a finite number of distinct vectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n in S and scalars $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$, zero such that

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = 0$$

Linearly independent set

A subset S of a vector space that is not linearly dependent is called independent. i.e., A subset S of a vector space is called linearly independent if there exists a finite number of distinct vectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n in S and scalars $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ such

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = 0. \text{ Implies } \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_n = 0$$

Note:

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- Any set of vectors which contains zero vectors is linearly dependent
- In R^2 any two straight lines which are not parallel are linearly independent
- In R^2 any two straight lines which are parallel are linearly dependent
- In R^2 any three vectors are linearly dependent therefore any set of n in the R^m are linearly dependent if $n > m$.

Theorem 1.16: $\{0\}$ is a dependent set

Proof: Let V be a vector space over F

Let $v_1 = 0$

Therefore $\alpha_1 v_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 \neq 0$

$\therefore \{0\}$ is linearly dependent.

Theorem 1.17: A singleton non zero vector is linearly independent set

Proof: Let V be a vector space over F

Let $v_1 \neq 0 \in V$

Therefore $\alpha_1 v_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0$

$\therefore \{v_1\}$ is linearly independent.

Theorem 1.18: Any subset of a linearly independent set is linearly independent.

Proof:

Let V be a vector space over a field F .

Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be a linearly independent set.

Let $S_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ be a subset of S , where $m < n$.

Suppose S_1 is a linearly dependent set. Then there exist $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$ in F not all zero, such that

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_m v_m = 0$$

Hence $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_m v_m + 0v_{m+1} + \dots + 0v_n = 0$ with $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$ in F not all zero.

Therefore $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, v_{m+1}, \dots, v_n\}$ is a linearly dependent set of V i.e., S is a linearly dependent set of V , which is a contradiction.

Therefore S_1 is linearly independent.

Theorem 1.19: Any set containing a linearly dependent set is also linearly dependent

OR

Any super set of a linearly dependent set is linearly dependent set

Proof: Let V a vector space over F .

let S be a linearly dependent set of V ...

Then there exists scalar $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in F$ not all zero such that

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = 0$$

now consider the super set $S_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1}\}$

Then we have $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n + 0 v_{n+1} = 0$ with at least one $\alpha_i \neq 0$

$\therefore S_1$ is linearly dependent.

Theorem 1.20: A finite set of vectors that contains the zero vector will be linearly dependent.

Proof: Let $S = \{0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be any set of vectors that contains the zero vector. Consider

$$\alpha_1(0) + \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = 0$$

Which implies $\alpha_1 \neq 0$

Therefore $S = \{0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ linearly dependent.

Theorem 1.21: Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be a linearly independent set of vectors in

a vector space V over a field F . Then every element of $L(S)$ can be uniquely written in the form $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$, where $v_i \in S$ and $\alpha_i \in F$.

Proof: By the definition, every element of $L(S)$ is of the form

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$

We prove that every element of $L(S)$ can be uniquely written in the form

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$

If not suppose there is linear combination $\beta_1v_1 + \beta_2v_2 + \dots + \beta_nv_n$ of S such that

$$\alpha_1v_1 + \alpha_2v_2 + \dots + \alpha_nv_n = \beta_1v_1 + \beta_2v_2 + \dots + \beta_nv_n, \quad \text{where } \beta_i \in F$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha_1 - \beta_1)v_1 + (\alpha_2 - \beta_2)v_2 + \dots + (\alpha_n - \beta_n)v_n = 0$$

Since S is a linearly independent set, $(\alpha_i - \beta_i) = 0$ for all i .

$$\alpha_i - \beta_i = 0 \text{ for all } i$$

$$\therefore \alpha_i = \beta_i \text{ for all } i$$

Hence every element of $L(S)$ can be uniquely written in the form

$$\alpha_1v_1 + \alpha_2v_2 + \dots + \alpha_nv_n$$

Theorem 1.22: A set $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}; n \geq 2$ is a linearly dependent set of vectors in V if and only if there exists a vector $v_k \in S$ such that v_k is a linear combination of the preceding vectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{k-1} .



1. Determine whether the following sets of vectors $v_3(\mathbb{R})$ are linearly dependent or linearly independent.

- i. $V_1=(0,2,-4), V_2=(1,-2,-1), V_3=(1,-4,3)$**
- ii. $V_1=(1,2,-3), V_2=(1,-3,2), V_3=(2,-1,5)$**
- iii. $V_1=(1,2,3), V_2=(3,1,5), V_3=(3,-4,7)$**

Solution:

(i) Let $av_1 + bv_2 + cv_3 = 0, a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$a(0,2,-4) + b(1,-2,-1) + c(1,-4,3) = (0,0,0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (0, 2a, -4a) + (b, -2b, -b) + (c, -4c, -3c) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (b+c, 2a-2b-4c, -4a-b+3c) = (0,0,0)$$

$$b + c = 0 \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$2a - 2b - 4c \Rightarrow a - b - 2c = 0 \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$- 4a - b + 3c = 0 \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

Subtracting (3) from (2)

$$5a - 5c = 0 \Rightarrow a = c$$

From (1) $b = -c$

If we choose $c = k$, then $a=k$ and $b=-k$

Hence the system is linearly dependent

$$(ii) \quad a(1,2,-3)+b(1,-3,2)+c(2,-1,5) = (0,0,0)$$

$$a + b + 2c = 0 \dots\dots(1)$$

$$2a - 3b - c = 0 \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$-3a + 2b + 5c = 0 \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

Multiply (1) by 2,

$$2a + 2b + 4c = 0 \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

Subtracting (1) and (2),

We get $5b + 5c = 0 \dots\dots\dots(5)$

Multiply (1) by (3),

$$3a + 3b + 6c = 0 \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

Adding (3) and (6),

$$5b = 11c = 0 \dots\dots\dots(7)$$

Substituting $c=0$ in (5)

We get $b=0$

From (1), $a=0$

$$a = 0, b = 0, c = 0$$

The given system is linearly independent.

$$(iii) \quad a(1,2,3) + b(3,1,5) + c(3,-4,7) = (0,0,0)$$

$$a + 3b + 3c = 0 \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

$$2a + b - 4c = 0 \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

$$a + 5b + 7c = 0 \quad \dots\dots(3)$$

Subtracting (3) and (1),

$$2b + 4c = 0 \quad \dots\dots(4)$$

$$\text{Multiply (1) by (2), } 2a + 6b + 6c = 0 \quad \dots(5)$$

Subtracting (5) and (2),

$$5b + 10c = 0$$

$$b + 2c = 0 \quad \dots\dots(6)$$

Multiplying (6) by 2,

$$2b + 4c = 0 \quad \dots\dots(7)$$

From (4) and (7),

$$B = -2c$$

Substituting b in (2)

$$2a - 2c - 4c = 0$$

$$2a = 6c$$

$$a = 3c$$

The given system is linearly dependent.

2.If $V_1=(2, -1,0)$, $V_2=(1,2,1)$ and $V_3=(0,2,-1)$. Show V_1, V_2, V_3 are linearly independent. Is it possible $(3,2,1)$ as a linear combination of V_1, V_2, V_3 .

Solution:

Let $av_1+ bv_2+ cv_3 = 0$, $a, b, c \in F$

$$a(2,-1,0)+b(1,2,1)+c(0,2,-1)=(0,0,0)$$

$$2a+b=0 \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

$$-a +2b+2c =0 \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

$$b-c =0 \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

these equation can be put in the form $AX =0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det } A = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad C_1 \rightarrow C_2 + C_3$$

$$= - \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -9 \neq 0$$

$$a= b = c =0$$

hence the system is linearly independent.

Let $v=a_1v_1+ a_2v_2+ a_3v_3$ where $a_1, a_2,a_3 \in F$

$$(3,2,1) = a_1(2,-1,0)+a_2(1,2,1)+a_3(0,2,-1)$$

$$(3,2,1) = (2 a_1 + a_2, - a_1+ 2 a_2+2 a_3, a_2- a_3)$$

Comparing

$$3 = 2a_1 + a_2 \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

$$2 = -a_1 + 2a_2 + a_3 \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

$$1 = a_2 - a_3 \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

Multiplying (5) by 2,

$$4 = 2(-a_1 + 2a_2 + a_3) \dots\dots\dots(7)$$

Adding (4) and (7)

$$7 = 5a_2 + 4a_3 \dots\dots\dots(8)$$

Multiplying (6) by 5,

$$5 = 5a_2 - 5a_3 \dots\dots\dots(9)$$

Subtracting (8) and (9)

$$2 = 9a_3 \Rightarrow a_3 = \frac{2}{9}$$

Substituting a_3 in (6)

$$1 = a_2 - \frac{2}{9} \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{2}{9}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{11}{9}$$

Substituting a_2 in (4)

$$3 = 2a_1 + \frac{11}{9}$$

$$2a_1 = 3 - \frac{11}{9}$$

$$2a_1 = \frac{27-11}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = \frac{16}{2 \cdot 9} = \frac{8}{9}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{8}{9}, a_2 = \frac{11}{9}, a_3 = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$\text{hence } (3,2,1) = \frac{8}{9}(2,-1,0) + \frac{11}{9}(1,2,1) + \frac{2}{9}(0,2,-1)$$

which is the required linear combination.

1. If x, y, z are linearly independent vectors in a vector space V then prove that all linearly independent $x+y, x-y, x-2y+2z$

Solution:

Let $a, b, c \in F$ such that

$$A(x+y) + b(x-y) + c(x-2y-z) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a+b+c)x + (a-b-2c)y + cz = 0, \quad x \neq 0, y \neq 0, z \neq 0$$

$$\text{Comparing } a + b + c = 0 \dots (1)$$

$$a - b - 2c = 0 \dots (2),$$

$$c = 0 \dots (3)$$

Note:

1. Any matrix with distinct eigen values can be diagonalizable.
2. All matrices do not possess n linearly independent eigen vectors. Therefore all matrices are not diagonalizable.
3. Similar matrices have the same eigen values.
4. If A is diagonalizable then it has n linearly independent eigen vectors.
5. Symmetric matrices are always diagonalizable.
6. Let A be a square matrix, A is orthogonally diagonalizable iff it is a symmetric matrix.

Definition:

A square matrix A is said to be orthogonally diagonalizable if there exists an orthogonal matrix N such that $D = N^T A N$ is a diagonal matrix.

1. Show that the following matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -6 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ is diagonalizable

hence find A^9 .

Solution:

The characteristic equation is given by $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\text{(i.e.,)} \begin{vmatrix} -4 - \lambda & -6 \\ 3 & 5 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-4 - \lambda)(5 - \lambda) - 3(-6) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -20 + 4\lambda - 5\lambda + \lambda^2 + 18 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 = 0$$

$$(\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 2) = 0$$

$$\lambda = -1, 2$$

The eigen values are $\lambda = -1, 2$

To find eigen vectors :

$$(A - \lambda I)v = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -4 - \lambda & -6 \\ 3 & 5 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \dots\dots(1)$$

Case (i)

Substituting $\lambda = 2$ in we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} -4 - 2 & -6 \\ 3 & 5 - 2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -6 & -6 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-6x_1 - 6x_2 = 0$$

$$3x_1 + 3x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow 3x_1 = -3x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = -x_2$$

Let $x_2 = t$, then $x_1 = t$

$$V_1 = t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Case (ii)

Substituting $\lambda = -1$ in we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} -4+1 & -6 \\ 3 & 5+1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -3 & -6 \\ 3 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-3x_1 - 6x_2 = 0$$

$$3x_1 + 6x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow 3x_1 = -6x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = -2x_2$$

Let $x_2 = s$, then $x_1 = -2s$

$$V_2 = s \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since A has two linearly independent eigen vectors it is diagonalizable.

Modal matrix is the column vectors of the diagonalizing matrix M.

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M^{-1}AM = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -6 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M^{-1} = \frac{1}{|M|} (\text{cofactor matrix})^T$$

$$= \frac{1}{(-1+2)} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Substituting M^{-1} in (2),

$$M^{-1} AM = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -6 & -1 & -2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -4 + 6 & -6 + 10 \\ 4 - 3 & 6 - 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2 + 4 & -4 + 4 \\ -1 + 1 & -2 + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = D$$

$$M^{-1} AM = D \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

Pre-multiply (3) by M and postmultiply (3) by M^{-1} on both

$$MM^{-1} AM M^{-1} = MDM^{-1}$$

$$A = MDM^{-1}$$

$$A^9 = MD^9 M^{-1} \dots\dots\dots (4)$$

$$D^9 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^9 = \begin{bmatrix} 2^9 & 0 \\ 0 & (-1)^9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 512 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^9 = MD^9 M^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 512 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 512 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -512 + 0 & 0 + 2 \\ 512 + 0 & 0 - 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -514 & +1026 \\ 513 & 1025 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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LINEAR COMBINATIONS

Definition :

Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m be vectors of vector space V . The vector v in V is a linear combination of v_1, \dots, v_m if there exist scalars a_1, \dots, a_m such that v can be written as $v = a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_mv_m$

Span

Definition :

Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m be vector of vector space V . These vector span V if every vector in V can be expressed as a linear combination of them.

THE SYSTEM OF HOMOGENOUS EQUATIONS

The system of homogenous equations is $AX = 0$

$$\text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, 0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \cdot \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Evidently $X = 0$ is a solution of $AX = 0$ in which $X = 0$, called trivial solution.

There are solutions to $AX = 0$ in which $X \neq 0$, called non-trivial solution.

Note: For $AX = 0$, there is more than one solution.

We have the following two theorems without proof.

Theorem 1 : The system of homogenous equations $AX = 0$ has trivial solution ($X = 0$) if and only if $|A| \neq 0$

Theorem 2 : The system of homogenous equations $AX = 0$ has non-trivial solution ($X \neq 0$) if and only if $|A| = 0$.

Find the non-trivial solutions of the equations

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 0, 3x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0, 2x_1 - x_2 = 0$$

Sol:

The system is equivalent to

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

$$\therefore |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(0 - 1) - 2(0 + 2) - 1(-3 - 2)$$

$$= -5 + 5 = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

Hence rank of A is $r = 2$.

$n =$ number of unknown $= 3$

Therefore, $n - r = 3 - 2 = 1$.

There is only one linearly independent non-zero solution.

Solving actually, by rule of cross multiplication, the equation

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 0$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0 \text{ we get,}$$

$$\frac{x_1}{-2+1} = \frac{x_2}{-3+1} = \frac{x_3}{1-6}$$

$$\frac{x_1}{-1} = \frac{x_2}{-2} = \frac{x_3}{-5} \Rightarrow \frac{x_1}{1} = \frac{x_2}{2} = \frac{x_3}{5}$$

$$x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2, x_3 = 5$$

Solve the system of homogeneous equations

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 0, 2x_1 - 3x_2 - x_3 = 0, -3x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 = 0$$

The system is equivalent to

$$AX = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(-15 + 2) - 1(10 - 3) + 2(4 - 9)$$

$$= -30 \neq 0$$

Therefore the system has a trivial solution

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 0$$

THE SYSTEM OF NON-HOMOGENOUS EQUATIONS

The system of non-homogenous equations is $AX = B$

$$\text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

The system $AX = B$ is said to be consistent if it has a solution. Otherwise it is inconsistent.

Roaches' theorem :

The system $AX = B$ is consistent if and only if $r(A, B) = r(A)$

Note

- If $r(A, B) = r(A) =$ number of unknowns, then the system has unique solution.
- If $r(A, B) = r(A) <$ number of unknowns, then the system has an infinite number of solutions.
- If $r(A, B) \neq r(A)$, then the system has no solution.

Show that the equations $x + y + z = 6$, $x - y + 2z = 5$, $3x + y + z = 8$,
and, $2x - 2y + 3z = 7$ are consistent and solve them.

Sol:

The system of the given equations is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \\ 8 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[A \quad B] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -10 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1 \\ R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 2R_1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2 \\ R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 2R_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$[A \quad B] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} R_4 \rightarrow 3R_4 - R_3$$

$$\text{Now } A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}r(A) &= \text{number of non-zero rows of } A \\ &= 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}r(A, B) &= \text{number of non-zero rows of } [A, B] \\ &= 3\end{aligned}$$

Since $r(A, B) = r(A) = 3 = \text{number of unknowns}$, the system is consistent
unique solution.

$$3z = 9$$

$$\therefore z = 3$$

$$-2y + z = -1$$

$$-2y + 3 = -1$$

$$-2y = -4$$

$$\therefore y = 2$$

$$x + y + z = 6$$

$$x + 2 + 3 = 6$$

$$\therefore x = 1$$

**Examine if the following system of equations is consistent and find the
solution if it exists. The system of the given equations is $+y + z = 1, 2x -$**

$$2y + 3z = 1, x - y + 2z = 5, \text{ and, } 3x + y + z = 2$$

Sol: The system of the given equations is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The augmented matrix is given by

$$[A, B] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1 \\ R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 3R_1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_3 \rightarrow 2R_3 - R_2 \\ R_4 \rightarrow 2R_4 - R_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$[A, B] \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 44 \end{pmatrix} R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + 5R_3$$

$\sim (A) =$ number of non-zero rows of $[A, B]$

$$= 4$$

$$\text{Now } A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$r(A)$ = number of non-zero rows of A

$$= 3$$

$r(A, B)$ = number of non-zero rows of $[A, B]$

$$= 3$$

Since $r(A, B) \neq r(A)$, the system is inconsistent and has no solution.

Solve the system of equations if consistent

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 - 5x_4 = 4$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 - 7x_4 = 5$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 = 3$$

Sol: The system of the given equations is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & -5 & 4 & x \\ 1 & 3 & -2 & -7 & 5 & y \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 & 3 & z \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

The augmented matrix is given by

$$[A, B] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & -5 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 & -7 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & -5 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & 5 & 10 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & -5 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 5R_2$$

$r(A, B) =$ number of non-zero rows of $[A, B]$

$$= 2$$

$$A \sim \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & -5 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$r(A) =$ number of non-zero rows of A

$$= 2$$

$(A, B) = r(A) = 2 <$ number of unknowns $= 4,$

The system is consistent and has many solution.

To find the solutions

we have,

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 - 5x_4 = 4 \dots(1)$$

and

$$x_2 - x_3 - 2x_4 = 1 \dots\dots(2)$$

As there are 2 equations, we can solve for only two unknown. Hence other two variables are treated as parameters

Let $x_3 = k_1$, $x_4 = k_2$

$$(2) \Rightarrow x_2 - k_1 - 2k_2 = -1$$

$$x_2 = k_1 + 2k_2 + 1$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow x_1 + 2(k_1 + 2k_2 + 1) - k_1 - 5k_2 = 4$$

$$x_1 + 2k_1 + 4k_2 + 2 - k_1 - 5k_2 = 4$$

$$x_1 + k_1 - k_2 = 2$$

$$x_1 = 2 - k_1 + k_2$$

\therefore The given system possess a two parameters family of solution.

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LINEAR COMBINATION

Definition : Let V be a vector space over F and $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in V$. Any vector of the form

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$

where $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in F$, is called a linear combination of the vectors v_1, v_2, \dots ,

If $w_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $w_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, what is the linear combination $w_1 y_1 + w_2 y_2$?

Sol:

$$w_1 y_1 + w_2 y_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} y_1 + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} y_2$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ 2y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} y_1 + y_2 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In R^3 , determine whether $(5, 1, -5)$ is expressed as a line combination of $(1, -2, -3)$ and $(-2, 3, -4)$.

Sol: Given $v = (5, 1, -5)$, $v_1 = (1, -2, -3)$ and $v_2 = (-2, 3, -4)$

The linear combination of v_1 and v_2 is

$$v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2$$

$$(5, 1, -5) = \alpha_1(1, -2, -3) + \alpha_2(-2, 3, -4) \dots (1)$$

$$= (\alpha_1, -2\alpha_1, -3\alpha_1) + (-2\alpha_2, 3\alpha_2, -4\alpha_2)$$

$$= (\alpha_1 - 2\alpha_2, -2\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2, -3\alpha_1 - 4\alpha_2)$$

From the equivalent system of equations by setting corresponding components equal to each other and then reduce to echelon form

$$\alpha_1 - 2\alpha_2 = 5 \dots (2)$$

$$-2\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2 = 1 \dots (3)$$

$$-3\alpha_1 - 4\alpha_2 = -5 \dots (4)$$

solve (2) and (3)

$$(1) \times 2 \Rightarrow 2\alpha_1 - 4\alpha_2 = 10$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow -2\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2 = 1$$

$$\alpha_2 = -11$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow \alpha_1 - 2(-11) = 5$$

$$\alpha_1 = -17$$

Substitute the values in (1), we get

$$(5, 1, -5) = -17(1, -2, -3) - 11(-2, 3, -4)$$

$$(5, 1, -5) = (5, 1, 95), \text{ which is false}$$

$\therefore v$ is not a linear combination of v_1 and v_2

In R^3 , determine whether $(1, 7, -4)$ is expressed as a linear combination of

$u = (1, -3, 2)$ and $v = (2, -1, 1)$ in R^3 .

Sol: We wish to write

$$(1, 7, -4) = \alpha_1 u + \alpha_2 v$$

$$= \alpha_1(1, -3, 2) + \alpha_2(2, -1, 1) \dots (1)$$

$$= (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2, -3\alpha_1 - \alpha_2, 2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$$

From the equivalent system of equations by setting corresponding component equal to each other, and then reduce to echelon form

$$\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 = 1 \dots (2)$$

$$-3\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = 7 \dots (3)$$

$$2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = -4 \dots \dots (4)$$

Verify $2x^3 - 2x^2 + 12x - 6$ is a linear combination of $x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x - 3$ and $3x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x - 9$ in $P_3(\mathbb{R})$.

Sol: $P(x) = 2x^3 - 2x^2 + 12x - 6$, $Q(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x - 3$

and $R(x) = 3x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x - 9$

We wish to write $P(x) = \alpha_1 Q(x) + \alpha_2 R(x)$, with α_1 and α_2 as unknown scalars. Thus

$$2x^3 - 2x^2 + 12x - 6$$

$$= \alpha_1(x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x - 3) + \alpha_2(3x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x - 9) \dots (1)$$

$$2x^3 - 2x^2 + 12x - 6$$

$$= (\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2)x^3 + (-2\alpha_1 - 5\alpha_2)x^2 + (-5\alpha_1 - 4\alpha_2)x + (-3\alpha_1 - 9\alpha_2)$$

Equating the co-efficient on both sides, we get

$$\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2 = 2 \dots (2)$$

$$-2\alpha_1 - 5\alpha_2 = -2 \dots (3)$$

$$-5\alpha_1 - 4\alpha_2 = 12 \dots (4)$$

$$-3\alpha_1 - 9\alpha_2 = -6 \dots (5)$$

Solve (2) and (3)

$$(2) \times 2 \Rightarrow 2\alpha_1 + 6\alpha_2 = 4$$

Adding

$$(3) \Rightarrow \frac{-2\alpha_1 - 5\alpha_2 = -2}{\alpha_2 = 2}$$

From (2), we get $\alpha_1 + 3(2) = 2$

$$\alpha_1 = 2 - 6$$
$$\therefore \alpha_1 = -4.$$

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From (4), $-5\alpha_1 - 4\alpha_2 = 12$

$$-5(-4) - 4(2) = 12$$

$$20 - 8 = 12$$

$$12 = 12$$

(4) holds good.

From (5), $-3\alpha_1 - 9\alpha_2 = -6$

$$-3(-4) - 9(2) = -6$$

$$12-18=-6$$

(5) holds good.

$\therefore P(x)$ is a linear combination of $Q(x)$ and $R(x)$.

Seample (44) Verify $3x^3 - 2x^2 + 7x + 8$ is a linear combination of $x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x - 3$ and $3x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x - 9$ in $P_3(R)$

Sol: $P(x) = 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 7x + 8, Q(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x - 3$

and $R(x) = 3x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x - 9$

We wish to write $P(x) = \alpha_1 Q(x) + \alpha_2 R(x)$, with α_1 and α_2 as unknown scalars. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 7x + 8 &= \alpha_1(x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x - 3) + \alpha_2(3x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x - 9) \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$3x^3 - 2x^2 + 7x + 8$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2)x^3 + (-2\alpha_1 - 5\alpha_2)x^2 + (-5\alpha_1 - 4\alpha_2)x + \\ &(-3\alpha_1 - 9\alpha_2) \end{aligned}$$

Equating the co-efficient on both sides, we get

$$\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2 = 3 \dots (2)$$

$$-2\alpha_1 - 5\alpha_2 = -2 \dots (3)$$

$$-5\alpha_1 - 4\alpha_2 = 7 \dots (4)$$

$$-3\alpha_1 - 9\alpha_2 = 8 \dots (5)$$

Solve (2) and (3)

$$(2) \times 2 \Rightarrow 2\alpha_1 + 6\alpha_2 = 6$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow -2\alpha_1 - 5\alpha_2 = -2$$

Adding $\alpha_2 = 4$

From (2), we get $\alpha_1 + 3(4) = 3$

$$\alpha_1 = 3 - 12$$

$$\therefore \alpha_1 = -9$$

From (4), $-5\alpha_1 - 4\alpha_2 = 7$

$$(-9) - 4(4) = 7$$

$$45 - 16 = 7$$

$$29 = 7$$

(4) does not hold good.

$\therefore P(x)$ cannot be written as a linear combination of $Q(x)$ and $R(x)$.

LINEAR SPAN

Definition:

Let V be a vector space over F and S be a non-empty subset of V .
Then the set of all linear combination of the finite subset of S is called the linear span of set of and is denoted by $L(S)$.

$$\text{i.e., } L(S) = \{\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n / \alpha_i \in F, v_i \in S\}$$

Note:

- $L(S) \subseteq V$
- If $S = \emptyset$, then $L(S) = 0$.

Definition:

A subset S of a vector space V generates (or span) V , if $L(S) = V$

Theorem 1.13: Let S be a nonempty subset of a vector space $V(F)$.

- $L(S)$ is a subspace of V and $S \subseteq L(S)$
- if W is a subspace of V such that $S \subseteq W$, then $L(S) \subseteq W$

Proof:

- Let S be a nonempty subset of a vector space $V(F)$.

Let $u, v \in L(S)$ and $\alpha, \beta \in F$.

Then $u = \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_m u_m$ and $v = \beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \dots + \beta_n v_n$

where $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n \in F$ and

$u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in S$ and also m and n are finite.

$$u + \beta v = \alpha(\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_m u_m) + \beta(\beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \dots + \beta_n v_n)$$
$$\alpha \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha \alpha_m u_m + \beta \beta_1 v_1 + \beta \beta_2 v_2 + \dots + \beta \beta_n v_n \dots (1)$$

assume $\alpha \alpha_i = \gamma_i$; $\beta \beta_i = \gamma_{m+i}$ and $v_i = u_{m+i}$ in (1), we get

$$u + \beta v$$

$$\gamma_1 u_1 + \gamma_2 u_2 + \dots + \gamma_m u_m + \gamma_{m+1} u_{m+1} + \gamma_{m+1} u_{m+1} + \dots + \gamma_{m+n} u_{m+n}$$
$$\in L(S)$$

$$u + \beta v \in L(S)$$

hence $L(S)$ is a subspace of V .

Let W be a subspace of V such that $S \subseteq W$

have to prove $L(S) \subseteq W$

$v \in L(S)$. Then $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$ where the $\alpha_i \in F$ and $v_i \in S$

Since $S \subseteq W$, $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in W$

Since W is a subspace of V , m

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n \in W$$

$$\Rightarrow v \in W$$

$$v \in L(S) \Rightarrow v \in W$$

$$\therefore L(S) \subseteq W$$

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Theorem 1.14: Let V be a vector space over a field F .

Let $S, T \subseteq V$. Then

$$(a) S \subseteq T \Rightarrow L(S) \subseteq L(T)$$

$$(b) L(S \cup T) = L(S) + L(T)$$

$$(c) L(S) = S \text{ if and only if } S \text{ is a subspace of } V.$$

Proof:

$$(a) \text{ Let } S \subseteq T \text{ and } v \in L(S),$$

Then $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$ where $v_i \in S$ and $\alpha_i \in F$.

Now, since $S \subseteq T$, $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in T$

$$\therefore \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n \in L(T)$$

$$\therefore v \in L(T)$$

$$v \in L(S) \Rightarrow v \in L(T)$$

$$\Rightarrow L(S) \subseteq L(T)$$

(ii) Let $v \in L(S \cup T)$

Then $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$ where $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in S \cup T$ and $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in F$. Without loss of generality, we shall assume that

$$v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m \in S \text{ and } v_{m+1}, v_{m+2}, \dots, v_n \in T$$

Hence

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_m v_m \in L(S) \text{ and } \alpha_{m+1} v_{m+1} + \alpha_{m+2} v_{m+2} + \dots + \alpha_n v_n \in L(T).$$

$$v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$

$$= \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_m v_m + \alpha_{m+1} v_{m+1} + \alpha_{m+2} v_{m+2} + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$

$$v \in L(S) + L(T)$$

$$v \in L(S \cup T) \Rightarrow v \in L(S) + L(T)$$

$$\therefore L(S \cup T) \subseteq L(S) + L(T) \dots (1)$$

Since $S \subseteq S \cup T$ and $T \subseteq S \cup T$, we have $L(S) \subseteq L(S \cup T)$ and $L(T) \subseteq L(S \cup T)$.

$$\therefore \text{their linear sum } L(S) + L(T) \subseteq L(S \cup T) \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2),

$$L(S \cup T) = L(S) + L(T)$$

(C) Let $L(S) = S$.

Since $L(S)$ is a subspace of V . we get S is a subspace $V(F)$.

Conversely let S is a subspace $V(F)$.

$$\text{We know that } S \subseteq L(S) \dots (3).$$

Let $v \in L(S)$. Then $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$ where $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in S$
and

$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in F$$

Since S is a subspace of V , $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n \in S$

$$\text{i.e., } v \in S$$

$$v \in L(S) \Rightarrow v \in S$$

$$\therefore L(S) \subseteq S \dots (4)$$

From (3) and (4), we get

$$\text{Hence } L(S) = S.$$

Corollary 1.15: $L[L(S)] = L(S)$

Proof: If S is a subspace of V , then $L(S) = S \dots (1)$

Since $L(S)$ is a subspace of V , then $L[L(S)] = L(S) = S$ [From (1)]

$$\therefore L[L(S)] = L(S)$$

Example 46. Let $S = \{(1,2), (2,1)\}$; $V = R^2$. Prove that V is a linear span of S .

Sol: We know that $L(S) \subseteq V \dots (1)$

Let us consider $(x, y) \in V$

$$(x, y) = \alpha_1(1,2) + \alpha_2(2,1) \dots (2)$$

$$= (\alpha_1, 2\alpha_1) + (2\alpha_2, \alpha_2)$$

$$(x, y) = (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2, 2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$$

$$\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 = x \dots (3)$$

$$2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = y \dots (4)$$

$$(3) \times 2 \Rightarrow 2a_1 + 4a_2 = 2x$$

$$(4) \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 2a_1 + a_2 &= y \\ 3a_2 &= 2x - y \\ a_2 &= \frac{2x-y}{3} \end{aligned}$$

From equation (4)

$$2a_1 = y - a_2$$

$$2a_1 = y - \left(\frac{2x-y}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{3y-2x+y}{3}$$

$$2a_1 = \frac{4y-2x}{3}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{2y-x}{3}$$

Substitute the values of a_1 and a_2 in (2), we get

$$x(x, y) = \left(\frac{2y-x}{3}\right) (1,2) + \left(\frac{2x-y}{3}\right) (2,1)$$

Hence (x, y) is a linear combination of S

$$s(x, y) \in L(S)$$

We have $(x, y) \in V \Rightarrow (x, y) \in L(S)$

$$\therefore V \subset L(S) - (5)$$

From (1) and (5), we get

$$L(S) = V$$

Therefore S generates V .

Example 47. Prove that in $V_2(R)$, $(3,7)$ belongs to the linear space

$((1,2), (0,1))$

sol: Let $S = ((1,2), (0,1))$

$$v_1 = (1,2), v_2 = (0,1)$$

Let $v = (x, y) \in L(S)$

$$v = a_1v_1 + a_2v_2$$

$$(x, y) = a_1(1,2) + a_2(0,1) \dots (1)$$

$$=(a_1, 2a_2 + a_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= x \\ 2a_1 + a_2 &= y \end{aligned}$$

$$2x + a_2 = y$$

$$a_2 = y - 2x$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow (x, y) = x(1,2) + (y - 2x)(0,1)$$

we check $(3,7) \in L(S)$

Here $x = 3, y = 7$

$$(1) \Rightarrow (3,7) = 3(1,2) + (7 - 6)(0,1)$$

$$= (3,6) + (0,1)$$

$$= (3,7)$$

which is true.

$$(3,7) \in L(\text{Sam})$$

Example 48. Prove that the vectors $(1,1,0), (1,0,1), (0,1,1)$ generates R^3 .

Sol: Let $S = \{(1,1,0), (1,0,1), (0,1,1)\}$

We know that $L(S) \subseteq R^3 \dots (1)$

Let $v \in R^3$. Then $v = (a, b, c)$

Let $v = \alpha_1(1,1,0) + \alpha_2(1,0,1) + \alpha_3(0,1,1)$

$$(a, b, c) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \alpha_1 + \alpha_3, \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)$$

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = a \dots (1)$$

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_3 = b \dots (2)$$

$$\alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = c \dots (3)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[A, B] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & a \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[A, B] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & b-a \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & b-a \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & b-a+c \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$2\alpha_3 = b - a + c$$

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{1}{2}(b - a + c)$$

$$-\alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = b - a$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\alpha_2 &= b - a - \alpha_3 \\ &= b - a - \frac{1}{2}(b - a + c) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(2b - 2a - b + a - c) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(b - a + c) \\ \alpha_2 &= \frac{1}{2}(a - b + c) \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = a$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= a - \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_1 &= a - \frac{1}{2}(a - b + c) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(2a - a + b - c) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(a + b - c) \end{aligned}$$

Substitute the values of $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ in (1), we get

$$v = \frac{1}{2}(a + b - c)(1,1,0) + \frac{1}{2}(a - b + c)(1,0,1) + \frac{1}{2}(b - a + c)(0,1,1)$$

$$\therefore v \in L(S)$$

$$\therefore R^3 \subseteq L(S) \dots (5)$$

From (1) and (5), we get

$$L(S) = R^3$$

Therefore S generates R^3 .

Example 49. Prove that the polynomials $x^2 + 3x - 2, 2x^2 + 5x - 3$ and $-x^2 -$

$4x + 4$ generates $P_2(R)$

Let $p(x) = x^2 + 3x - 2$, $q(x) = 2x^2 + 5x - 3$ and $r(x) = -x^2 - 4x + 4$

Let $S = \{p(x), q(x), r(x)\}$. Then

$$L(S) \subseteq P_2(R) \dots (1)$$

Let $t(x) \in P_2(R)$. Then

$$t(x) = ax^2 + bx + c; a, b, c \in R$$

$$\text{Let } t(x) = \alpha_1 p(x) + \alpha_2 q(x) + \alpha_3 r(x)$$

$$= \alpha_1(x^2 + 3x - 2) + \alpha_2(2x^2 + 5x - 3) + \alpha_3(-x^2 - 4x + 4) \dots(1)$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$= (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 - \alpha_3)x^2 + (3\alpha_1 + 5\alpha_2 - 4\alpha_3)x + (-2\alpha_1 - 3\alpha_2 + 4\alpha_3)$$

$$\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 - \alpha_3 = a \dots (2)$$

$$3\alpha_1 + 5\alpha_2 - 4\alpha_3 = b \dots (3)$$

$$-2\alpha_1 - 3\alpha_2 + 4\alpha_3 = c \dots (4)$$

$$(A, B) \sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & a \\ 3 & 5 & -4 & b \\ -2 & -3 & & 4 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & a \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & b - 3a \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & c + 2a \end{array} \right) R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 2R_1$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & a \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & b - 3a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & c + b - a \end{array} \right) R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2$$

$$\alpha_3 = c + b - a$$

$$-\alpha_2 - \alpha_3 = b - 3a$$

$$-\alpha_2 = b - 3a + \alpha_3$$

$$= b - 3a + c + b - a$$

$$= 2b - 4a + c$$

$$\alpha_2 = 4a - 2b - c$$

$$\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 - \alpha_3 = a$$

$$\alpha_1 = a - 2\alpha_2 + \alpha_3$$

$$= a - 2(4a - 2b - c) + (c + b - a)$$

$$= -8a + 5b + 3c$$

Substitute the values of $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ in (1), we get

$$t(x) = (-8a + 5b + 3c)(x^3 + 3x - 2) + (4a - 2b - c)(2x^2 + 5x - 3)$$

$$+(c + b - a)(-x^2 - 4x + 4) \in L(S)$$

$$\therefore P_2(R) \subseteq L(S) \dots (5)$$

From (1) and (5), we get

$$L(S) = P_2(R)$$

1.6.1. PROBLEMS UNDER BASIS

Let V be a vector space with $\dim(V) = n$. Then any basis of V contains n elements.

Let β be a set with cardinality(number of elements) $|\beta|$.

- If $|\beta| < n$ or $|\beta| > n$, then S does not form a basis of V .
- If β is a linearly independent set in V with $|\beta| = n$, then β forms a basis in V .

Example. Determine whether $(1,1,1), (1,0,1)$ forms a basis of R^3

Sol: Since $\dim(R^3) = 3$, any basis of R^3 contains three elements. Let $\beta = \{(1,1,1), (1,0,1)\}$. Since β contains two elements, β does not form a basis of R^3 .

Example 80. Show that the sets of vectors

$\{(1,2,1), (3,1,5), (-1,0,1), (1, -1,2)\}$ do not form a basis for $V_3(R)$.

Sol: Since $\dim(V_3(R)) = 3$, any basis of $V_3(R)$ contains three elements.

Let $\beta = \{(1,2,1), (3,1,5), (-1,0,1), (1, -1,2)\}$. Since β contains four elements, does not form a basis of $V_3(R)$.

Example Verify the vectors $(1, -1,2), (1, -2,1), (1,1,4)$ in R^3 forms a basis of R^3 .

Sol: Let $\beta = \{(1, -1,2), (1, -2,1), (1,1,4)\}$

$\dim(R^3) = 3$, which is finite.

In R^3 , any independent set with three elements is a basis of R^3 .

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(-8 - 1) + 1(4 - 1) + 2(1 + 2) = 0$$

$\therefore \beta$ is a linearly dependent set in R^3 .

$\therefore \beta$ does not form a basis of R^3 .

Example. Verify the vectors $(1,2,0)$, $(2,3,0)$, $(8,13,0)$ of R^3 is a basis of R^3

Sol: Let $\beta = \{(1,2,0), (2,3,0), (8,13,0)\}$

$\dim(R^3) = 3$, which is finite.

In R^3 , any independent set with three elements is a basis of R^3 .

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 8 & 13 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 8 & 13 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$\therefore \beta$ is a linearly dependent set in R^3 .

$\therefore \beta$ is not a basis of R^3

Example Verify the vectors $(2,1,0)$, $(-3,-3,1)$, $(-2,1,-1)$ in R^3 basis of R^3

Sol: Let $\beta = \{(2,1,0), (-3,-3,1), (-2,1,-1)\}$.

$\dim(R^3) = 3$, which is finite.

In R^3 , any independent set with three elements is a basis of R^3 .

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -3 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -3 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \neq 0$$

$\therefore \beta$ is a linearly independent set in R^3 .

$\therefore \beta$ is a basis of R^3 .

Example. Check whether the following are basis for the space R^3

(a) $\{(1,1, -1), (2,3,4), (4,1, -1), (0,1, -1)\}$

(b) $\{(1,1, -1), (0,3,4), (0,0, -1)\}$

(c) $\{(1,2,0), (0,1, -1)\}$

Sol:

$\dim(R^3) = 3$, which is finite.

In R^3 , any independent set with three elements is a basis for R^3 .

(a) $\beta = \{(1,1, -1), (2,3,4), (4,1, -1), (0,1, -1)\}$

Since β contains four elements, it is not a basis for R^3 .

(b) $\beta = \{(1,1, -1), (0,3,4), (0,0, -1)\}$

The set contains three elements

Let $v_1 = (1,1, -1), v_2 = (0,3,4), v_3 = (0,0, -1)$

To prove S is a basis we have to prove S is a linearly independent.

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \neq 0$$

$\therefore \beta$ is linearly independent in R^3

$\Rightarrow \beta$ is a basis in R^3

(c) $\beta = \{(1,2,0), (0,1, -1)\}$

Since the set contains two elements, it does not form a basis in R^3 .

Example 85. Determine $\{1 + 2x + x^2, 3 + x^2, x + x^2\}$ is a basis for $P_2(R)$. Sol:

$\dim P_2(R) = 3$, which is finite. In $P_2(R)$, any independent set with three elements is a basis.

Given $v_1 = 1 + 2x + x^2, v_2 = 3 + x^2, v_3 = x + x^2$

The vector equation is

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 = 0$$

$$\alpha_1(1 + 2x + x^2) + \alpha_2(3 + x^2) + \alpha_3(x + x^2) = 0$$

$$(\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2) + (2\alpha_1 + \alpha_3)x + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)x^2 = 0$$

Equating the like terms, we get

$$\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2 = 0$$

$$2\alpha_1 + \alpha_3 = 0$$

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 0$$

Let A be the coefficients matrix,

$$\therefore A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -4 \neq 0$$

the system of homogenous equations have only the trivial solution

$$\alpha_1 = 0, \alpha_2 = 0, \alpha_3 = 0$$

$\therefore v_1, v_2, v_3$ are linearly independent

Hence v_1, v_2, v_3 is a basis of $P_2(R)$

Therefore $\{1 + 2x + x^2, 3 + x^2, x + x^2\}$ is a basis over R .

Example 86. Let $V = P_2(R)$ and. $\beta = \{1, 1 + x, 1 + x + x^2\}$. Check whether S forms a basis in V .

Sol: $\dim P_2(R) = 3$, which is finite.

In $P_2(R)$, any independent set with three elements is a basis.

Given $v_1 = 1, v_2 = 1 + x, v_3 = 1 + x + x^2$

The vector equation is

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 = 0$$

$$\alpha_1(1) + \alpha_2(1 + x) + \alpha_3(1 + x + x^2) = 0$$

$$\alpha_3 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_2 x + \alpha_3 x + \alpha_3 x^2 = 0x^2 + 0x + 0$$

$$(\alpha_3 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2) + (\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)x + \alpha_3 x^2 = 0x^2 + 0x + 0$$

Equating the like terms, we get

$$\alpha_3 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 0 \dots (1)$$

$$\alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 0 \dots (2)$$

$$\alpha_3 = 0$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow \alpha_2 = 0$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0$$

$\therefore \beta$ is linearly independent set in $P_2(R)$,

Therefore β is a basis in $P_2(R)$,

Example 87. If the vectors $\{u, v, w\}$ form a basis for R^3 , show that the vectors $\{u, u - w, u + v - 2w\}$ also forms a basis for R^3 .

Sol: $\dim(R^3) = 3$, which is finite.

In R^3 , any independent set with three elements is a basis for R^3 .

Let $\beta = \{u, v, w\}$ and $\beta_1 = \{u - w, u + v - 2w\}$

Given β forms a basic for R^3 .

$\therefore \beta$ is a linearly independent set in R^3 .

In a finite dimensional vector space, any two bases has same number of elements.

Also in a finite dimensional vector space, any independent set with number elements $\dim(V)$ is a basis.

To prove β_1 is a basis for R^3 , it is enough to prove β_1 is a linearly independent set. The vector equation is

$$\alpha_1 u + \alpha_2(u - w) + \alpha_3(u + v - 2w) = 0$$

$$\alpha_1 u + \alpha_2 u - \alpha_2 w + \alpha_3 u + \alpha_3 v - 2\alpha_3 w = 0$$

$$(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)u + \alpha_3 v + (-\alpha_2 - 2\alpha_3)w = 0$$

Since u, v and w are linearly independent,

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 0 \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$\alpha_3 = 0$$

$$\alpha_2 - 2\alpha_3 = 0 \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow -\alpha_2 - 2(0) = 0$$

$$\alpha_2 = 0$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha_1 u + \alpha_2(u - w) + \alpha_3(u + v - 2w) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0, \alpha_2 = 0, \alpha_3 = 0$$

$\therefore \beta_1$ is a linearly independent set.

Hence β_1 is a basis of R^3 .

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 & \alpha_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Equating the like terms, we get

$$\alpha_1 = 2$$

$$\alpha_2 = 3$$

$$\alpha_3 = 4$$

$$\alpha_4 = -7$$

The coordinate of A relative to the usual basis is $(2,3,4, -7)$.

1.6.2. PROBLEMS UNDER BASIS AND DIMENSION OF A SUBSPACE

Let W be a subspace of a vector space V over F . To find the basis dimension of
:

- From W , find linear span of W . Let it be β .
- Check β is linearly independent or not.
- If β is linearly independent set, then β forms a basis in W .
- $\dim(W) = |\beta|$

Example 91. Find the dimension of the subspace W of the vector space R^3 over R if $W = \{(a, 0,0)/a \in R\}$

Sol: Let $v \in W$. Then

$$v = (a, 0,0) = a(1,0,0)$$

$$\therefore \beta = \{(1,0,0)\} \text{ spans } \underline{W}.$$

Any set with one element is linearly independent

$$\therefore B \text{ is a linearly independent set in } W.$$

$$\therefore B = \{(1,0,0)\} \text{ is a basis of } W.$$

$$\therefore \dim(W) = 1$$

Example 92. Find the dimension of the subspace W of the vector space R^3 over

$$R, \text{ if } W = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3)/(2a_1 - 7a_2 + a_3 = 0)\}$$

$$\text{Sol: } W = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3)/(2a_1 - 7a_2 + a_3 = 0)\}$$

$$\text{Given } 2a_1 - 7a_2 + a_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_3 = -2a_1 + 7a_2$$

Let $v \in W$. Then

$$v = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$$

$$(a_1, a_2, a_3) = a_1(1,0,0) + a_2(0,1,0) + a_3(0,0,1)$$

$$= a_1(1,0,0) + a_2(0,1,0) + (-2a_1 + 7a_2)(0,0,1)$$

$$= a_1(1,0,0) + a_2(0,1,0) - 2a_1(0,0,1) + 7a_2(0,0,1)$$

$$= (a_1, 0, 0) + (0, a_2, 0) + (0, 0, -2a_1) + (0, 0, 7a_2)$$

$$= (a_1, 0, -2a_1) + (0, a_2, 7a_2)$$

$$= a_1(1,0,-2) + a_2(0,1,7)$$

$$\therefore \beta = \{(1,0,-2), (0,1,7)\} \text{ spans } W \text{ i.e., } L(\beta) = W$$

Next we prove that B is a linearly independent set in W .

Consider the vector equation

$$a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 = 0$$

$$a_1(1,0,-2) + a_2(0,1,7) = 0$$

$$(a_1, a_2, -2a_1 + 7a_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = 0$$

$\therefore \beta$ is a linearly independent set in W .

$\therefore \beta = \{(1,0, -2), (0,1,7)\}$ is a basis of W

Since the basis contains two elements, $\dim(W) = 2$

Example 93. Find the dimension of the subspace W of the vector space F^5 over

F , if $W = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5) / a_1 - a_3 + a_4 = 0\}$

Sol: $W = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5) / a_1 - a_3 + a_4 = 0\}$

Given $a_1 - a_3 + a_4 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a_4 = a_3 - a_1$$

Let $v \in W$. Then

$$v = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5)$$

$$(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5)$$

$$= a_1(1,0,0,0,0) + a_2(0,1,0,0,0) + a_3(0,0,1,0,0) + a_4(0,0,0,1,0)$$

$$= a_1(1,0,0,0,0) + a_2(0,1,0,0,0) + a_3(0,0,1,0,0) + (a_3 - a_1)(0,0,0,1,0) + a_5(0,0,0,0,1)$$

$$= a_1(1,0,0,0,0) + a_2(0,1,0,0,0) + a_3(0,0,1,0,0) + a_3(0,0,0,1,0) - a_1(0,0,0,1,0)$$

$$+ a_5(0,0,0,0,1)$$

$$= a_1(1,0,0, -1,0) + a_2(0,1,0,0,0) + a_3(0,0,1,1,0) + a_5(0,0,0,0,1)$$

$\therefore \beta = a_1(1,0,0, -1,0), (0,0, -1,0), (0,1,0,0,0), (0,0,1,1,0), (0,0,0,0,1)\}$ spans W

$$\text{i.e., } L(\beta) = W$$

Next we prove that β is a linearly independent set in W .

Consider the vector equation

$$a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + a_3v_3 + a_4v_4 = 0$$

$$a_1(1,0,0, -1,0) + a_2(0,1,0,0,0) + a_3(0,0,1,1,0) + a_4(0,0,0,0,1) = 0$$

$$(a_1, a_2, a_3, -a_1 + a_3, a_4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = a_4 = 0$$

$\therefore \beta$ is a linearly independent set in W .

$\therefore \beta = \{(1,0,0, -1,0), (0,1,0,0,0), (0,0,1,1,0), (0,0,0,0,1)\}$ is a basis of W .

Since the basis contains four elements, $\dim(W) = 4$.

Example 94. Find the dimension of the subspace W of the vector space F^5

over R , if $W = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5) / a_2 = a_3 = a_4, a_1 + a_5 = 0\}$

Sol: $W = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5) / a_2 = a_3 = a_4 = 0, a_1 + a_5 = 0\}$

Given $a_1 + a_5 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a_5 = -a_1$$

Also given $a_2 = a_3 = a_4$

$\therefore a_3 = a_2$ and $a_4 = a_2$

Let $v \in W$. Then

$$v = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5)$$

$$(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5)$$

$$= a_1(1,0,0,0,0) + a_2(0,1,0,0,0) + a_3(0,0,1,0,0) + a_3(0,0,0,1,0) + a_5(0,0,0,0,1)$$

$$= a_1(1,0,0,0,0) + a_2(0,1,0,0,0) + a_2(0,0,1,0,0) + a_2(0,0,0,1,0) \\ - a_1(0,0,0,0,1) = a_1(1,0,0,0,-1) + a_2(0,1,1,1,0)$$

$\beta = \{(1,0,0,0,-1), (0,1,1,1,0)\}$ spans W

i.e., $L(\beta) = W$

Next we prove that β is a linearly independent set in W .

Consider the vector equation

$$a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 = 0$$

$$a_1(1,0,0,0,-1) + a_2(0,1,1,1,0) = 0$$

$$(a_1, a_2, a_2, a_2, -a_1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = 0$$

$\therefore \beta$ is a linearly independent set in W .

$\therefore \beta = \{(1,0,0,0,-1), (0,1,1,1,0)\}$ is a basis of W . Since the basis contains two elements, $\dim(W) = 2$

Example 95. Find the dimension of the subspace W of the vector space R^3 over R , if $W = \{(a, b, c): 2a + 3b = c; 7c + 9b = a\}$

Sol:

$$W = \{(a, b, c): 2a + 3b = c; 7c + 9b = a\}$$

Given

$$2a + 3b = c$$

$$2a + 3b - c = 0$$

Also given

$$7c + 9b = a$$

$$a - 9b - 7c = 0 \dots (2)$$

Solve (1) and (2)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -9 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -9 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -21 & -12 \end{bmatrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -21 \end{vmatrix} = -42 \neq 0$$

$$R(A) = 2 < \text{the number of unknowns} = 3$$

Therefore the system has an infinite number of solutions.

From the last row, we get

$$-21b - 12c = 0$$

$$-21b = 12c$$

$$b = -\frac{4}{7}c$$

$$\text{Let } c = k$$

$$\therefore b = -\frac{4}{7}k$$

From the first equation, we get

$$2a + 3b - c = 0$$

$$2a - \frac{12}{7}k - k = 0$$

$$2a = \frac{19}{7}k$$

$$a = \frac{19}{14}k$$

where k is a parameter

$$W = \left\{ \left(\frac{19}{14}k, -\frac{4}{7}k, k \right) : k \in R \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \left(\frac{19}{14}, -\frac{4}{7}, 1 \right) k : k \in R \right\}$$

$$\therefore \beta = \left\{ \left(\frac{19}{14}, -\frac{4}{7}, 1 \right) \right\} \text{ spans } W.$$

$$\text{i.e., } L(\beta) = W$$

Any set with one non vector is linearly independent

$$\therefore \beta \text{ is a linearly independent set in } W. \therefore \beta = \left\{ \left(\frac{19}{14}, -\frac{4}{7}, 1 \right) \right\} \text{ is a basis of } W.$$

Since the basis contains one element, $\dim(W) = 1$

Example(96) Find the dimension of the subspace W of the vector space

$$M_{2 \times 2}(R) \text{ over } R, \text{ if } W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a + b + c + d = 0 \right\}$$

$$\text{Sol: } W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a + b + c + d = 0 \right\}$$

Given

$$a + b + c + d = 0$$

$$d = -a - b - c \dots (1)$$

Let $v \in W$. Then

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} &= a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \beta = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ spans } W.$$

i.e., $L(\beta) = W$

Next we prove that β is a linearly independent set in W .

Consider the vector equation

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + a_3 v_3 &= 0 \\ a_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + a_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + a_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & & a_2 \\ a_3 & -a_1 - a_2 & -a_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0$$

$\therefore \beta$ is a linearly independent set in W .

$\therefore \beta = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis of W .

Since the basis contains three elements, $\dim(W) = 3$

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