

Abstract vector spaces

↳ something you can perform linear combinations on

e.g. functions $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\{f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\} = \mathbb{R}^\Omega$$

subcase: $\Omega = [n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$\mathbb{R}^{[n]} = \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha(1) \\ \vdots \\ \alpha(n) \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mathbb{R}[t]$ = polynomials over \mathbb{R}

$\mathbb{R}^\mathbb{N}$ = infinite sequences of real numbers.

$$(a_0, a_1, \dots)$$

$(a(0), a(1), \dots)$ alternative function notation

\mathbb{R} "scalars"
 V vector space - elements of V are "vectors"

Axioms \swarrow "+" is a binary operation on V : $+$: $V \times V \rightarrow V$

① $(V, +)$ is an abelian group.

(a) $(\forall a, b \in V) (\exists! c \in V \text{ called } c = a + b)$

(addition is defined)

$\forall a, b, c \in V \rightarrow$

(b) $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$

(addition is associative)

\forall for all

\exists there exists

(c) $(\exists 0)(a + 0 = 0 + a = a)$

(additive identity exists)

(d) $(\forall a \in V)(\exists b)(a + b = b + a = 0)$

(additive inverse exists)

notation: $b = -a$

(e) $(\forall a, b \in V)(a + b = b + a)$

(addition is commutative)

② Multiplication by scalars

$$\mathbb{R} \times V \rightarrow V$$

$$(\lambda, a) \rightarrow \lambda a$$

(a) $(\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R})(\forall a \in V)(\exists! b \in V \text{ called } b = \lambda a)$
 (scalar multiplication is defined)

(b) $(\forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R})(\forall a \in V)((\lambda \cdot \mu)a = \lambda(\mu a))$
 (mixed associativity)
 ↑ multiplication of scalars ↑ scalar × vector

(c) $(\forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R})(\forall a \in V)((\lambda + \mu)a = \lambda a + \mu a)$
 (mixed distributivity - scalars)
 ↑ scalar addition ↑ scalar × vector ↑ vector addition

(d) $(\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R})(\forall a, b \in V)(\lambda(a+b) = \lambda a + \lambda b)$
 (distributivity - vectors)

③ $1 \cdot a = a$ (rule of mapping everything to 0)
 (axiom of normalization)

Cor. $(\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R})(\forall a \in V)(\lambda a = \underline{0} \Leftrightarrow \lambda = \underline{0} \text{ or } a = \underline{0})$

\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow
 $0 \in V$ $0 \in \mathbb{R}$ $0 \in V$

Proof (i) wts: $\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda a = \underline{0}$

$$0 + 0 = 0$$

$$(0 + 0)a = 0 \cdot a \quad (\text{multiply by } a)$$

$$0 \cdot a + 0 \cdot a = 0 \cdot a =: f \quad (\text{Axiom 2c})$$

$$f + f = f$$

DC: $f = 0$.

$$f + f + (-f) = f + (-f) \quad (\text{Axiom 1d - addl - f})$$

$$f = f + 0 = f + (f + (-f)) = (f + (-f)) = 0 \quad (\text{Axioms 1b, 1c})$$

$$f = 0$$

DO If $a = 0$ then $\lambda a = 0$. (part 2)

(3) If $\lambda \neq 0$ and $a \neq 0$ then $\lambda a \neq 0$.

$$\frac{1}{\lambda}(\lambda a) = \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot \lambda\right)a = 1 \cdot a = a$$

↑
normalization

If $\lambda a = 0$

then $a = \frac{1}{\lambda}(\lambda a) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot 0 = 0$ by (2)

so $a = 0$ (contradiction. $\rightarrow a \neq 0$.)

$\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)$ exists b/c $\lambda \neq 0$.

Linear combination of $a_1, \dots, a_k \in V$:

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i a_i \text{ where the } \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}.$$

trivial l.c. - all $\alpha_i = 0$.

The list a_1, \dots, a_k is linearly independent if only the trivial l.c. evaluates to 0.

$S \subseteq V$ $\text{Span}(S) = \{\text{all l.c. of finite subsets of } S\}$

Subspace: V vector space

$W \subseteq V$ that is a vector space under the same operations.
 \uparrow
 subset

All properties with universal quantifiers for operations in V will be inherited by any subset of the space with the same operations.

Thm. $W \subseteq V$ is a subspace \Leftrightarrow

(1) $0 \in W$.

(DO) (2) if $a, b \in W$, then $a+b \in W$.

(3) if $a \in W$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ then $\lambda a \in W$.

(DO) Span of any subset of V is a subspace.

Note empty set is not a subspace -

Axiom 1c \Rightarrow vector space is nonempty.

DO In particular, $0_w = 0_v$.

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

span is an idempotent operator - doing it twice is the same as doing it once

(e.g. - projection for transformations.)

An involution is when doing it twice is the same as doing nothing

(identity) $\rightarrow f(f(x)) = I(x)$.

Rank of a list L of vectors:

$$\text{rk}(L) = \max \# \text{ of lin. independent vectors in } L.$$

if no finite max, rank = ∞

Def. $\dim V = \text{rk}(V)$.

Def. A basis of V is a list L s.t.

(1) L is lin. independent

(2) $\text{Span}(L) = V$

Every linearly independent list of vectors is a basis of its span.

Thm L is a basis $\iff L$ is a maximal lin. independent list.

(A)

Lemma If v_1, \dots, v_k are lin. indep. and

(B) v_1, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1} are lin. dependent,

then $v_{k+1} \in \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$.

Proof (B) $\Rightarrow \exists \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k, \alpha_{k+1}$ not all zero

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \alpha_i v_i = 0$$

If $\alpha_{k+1} \neq 0$ then $v_{k+1} \in \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$

(move to other sides divide by α_{k+1}).

So NTS: $\alpha_{k+1} \neq 0$

Suppose $\alpha_{k+1} = 0$.

But then $\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i v_i = 0$ and not all of $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k = 0 \rightarrow$ contradiction (as v_1, \dots, v_k are lin. indep.) \square

Proof of Thm

basis \Leftrightarrow maximal lin. indep. list

(1) \Rightarrow Suppose v_1, \dots, v_k basis

NTS. $(\forall w \in V) (v_1, \dots, v_k, w \text{ is lin dep.})$

Since v_1, \dots, v_k is basis,

$\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_k) = V$, so

$w \in \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$ and

v_1, \dots, v_k, w is lin. dependent

$\therefore v_1, \dots, v_k$ maximal.

(2) \Leftarrow Suppose v_1, \dots, v_k is a maximal lin. indep. set

NTS: $\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_k) \in V$

i.e. NTS: $(\forall w \in V), w \in \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$,

By maximality, v_1, \dots, v_k, w lin. dependent,

so by lemma, $w \in \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$

Thus v_1, \dots, v_k is basis. \square

Note: V is finite dimensional if all lin. indep. sets have bounded size, i.e.

$(\exists n_0)(\forall \text{ lin. indep. set } A)(|A| \leq n_0)$

Thm. In a finite-dimensional space, every linearly independent list can be extended to a basis.

Cor. In a finite-dimensional space, \exists basis.
Proof: Extend the empty list.

"Mathematics is about understanding the empty set".
(Fermat's Last Theorem)

Fermat's Last Tango - musical

Isomorphism of vector spaces:

$f: V \rightarrow W$ bijection s.t.

$$(1) (\forall a, b \in V) (f(a +_V b) = f(a) +_W f(b))$$

$$(2) (\forall a \in V) (\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}) (f(\lambda \cdot_V a) = \lambda \cdot_W f(a))$$

DO If f is an isomorphism $V \rightarrow W$ then
 f^{-1} is an isomorphism $W \rightarrow V$.

V is isomorphic to W ($V \cong W$) if
 $\exists f: V \rightarrow W$ s.t. f is isomorphism.

Thm. v_1, \dots, v_k is a basis of $V \iff$

$$(\forall w \in V) (\exists! \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in \mathbb{R}) (w = \sum \alpha_i v_i)$$

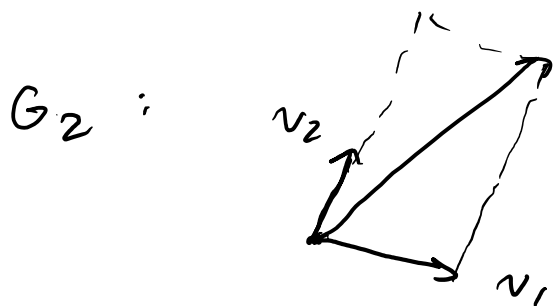
coordinates of w wrt. the basis v_1, \dots, v_k .
(with respect to)

So B defines a map

$$f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$$

coordinationization of V

$$f(w) = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_k \end{bmatrix} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{[w]_B}$$



$$w = 1.1v_1 + 3v_2$$

$$[w]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1.1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = (v_1, v_2)$$

$w \mapsto [w]_B$ is an isomorphism.

DO

If V has a basis consisting of k vectors

then $V \cong \mathbb{R}^k$.

First Miracle of Linear Algebra

If v_1, \dots, v_k are linearly independent and all

$v_i \in \text{Span}(w_1, \dots, w_\ell)$ then $k \leq \ell$.

"impossibility of boosting linear independence"

Cor. If B_1, B_2 are bases of V then

$$|B_1| = |B_2|.$$

(i.e. maximal lin. indep. set is the maximum.)

Proof Let B_2 be the v_i and B_1 be the w_j .

By First miracle, $|B_2| \leq |B_1|$.

By symmetry, $|B_1| \leq |B_2|$ and thus

$$|B_1| = |B_2|.$$

□

Back to extending lists for a second.

Thm. In a finite dimensional space, every linearly independent list can be extended to a basis.

Finite - dimensional - bounded # of lin. independent vectors.

Can always add more vectors that are lin. independent if not maximal - must stop at maximal \Rightarrow basis.

we actually don't need finite dimensionality -

Thm. Every vector space has a basis

Proof Use Zorn's Lemma.

CAUCHY'S PROBLEM

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{s.t.}$$

Cauchy's functional equation is satisfied:

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

(e.g. $f(x) = c \cdot x$)

$$f(x) = c \cdot x.$$

(a) If f is continuous, then f is linear.

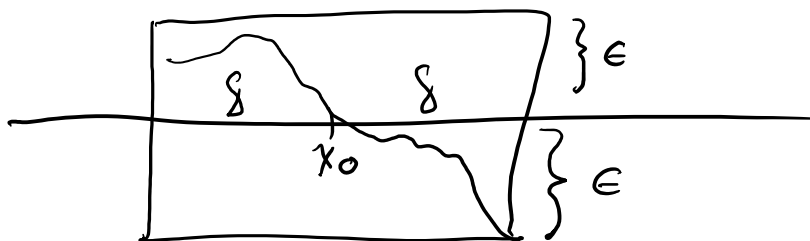
(b) If f is continuous at a point, then f

is linear.

(c) If f is bounded in some interval, then

f is linear.

$$(c) \Rightarrow (b) \Rightarrow (a)$$



(d) If f is measurable then f is linear

(e) \exists nonlinear solution.

\mathbb{Q} can be used for coefficients.

(Do) Prove: $1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}$ are linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} (rationals).

i.e. if $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $\alpha(1) + \beta(\sqrt{2}) + \gamma(\sqrt{3}) = 0$,

then $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0$.

\mathbb{R} is a vector space over \mathbb{Q} .

HW correction:

For 2 pts., justify why the triangle-free graph with 11 vertices and 5-fold rotational symmetry is not 3-colorable.

Be sure to check grader's comments and talk to friends \Rightarrow go to OH \Rightarrow speak to Prof. Babai if something doesn't seem right.

[HW] From DLA:

15.1.11 (a)(b)

15.1.12

15.2.6 (a) - (c) Prove only "No" answers.

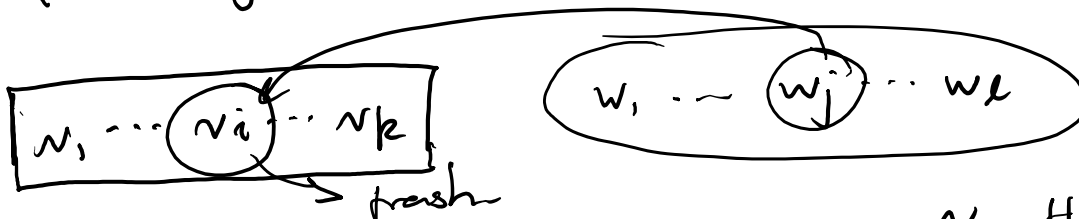
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First Miracle of Linear Algebra

Lemma. (Steinitz Exchange Principle)

Under conditions of First Miracle,

$(\forall i)(\exists j)(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k, w_j \text{ lin indep.})$



(Terminology: if $S \subseteq V$ spans V then S is a set of generators.)

Proof Suppose w_j doesn't work. Then

$v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k, w_j$ lin. dep., but
 $\underbrace{v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k}_{\text{lin. indep.}}, \text{ so } w_j \in \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k)$
 by previous lemma.

If none of the w_j work, then

$w_1, \dots, w_l \in \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k)$

but $v_i \in \text{Span}(w_1, \dots, w_l)$ and

$\text{Span}(w_1, \dots, w_l) \subseteq \text{Span}(\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k))$

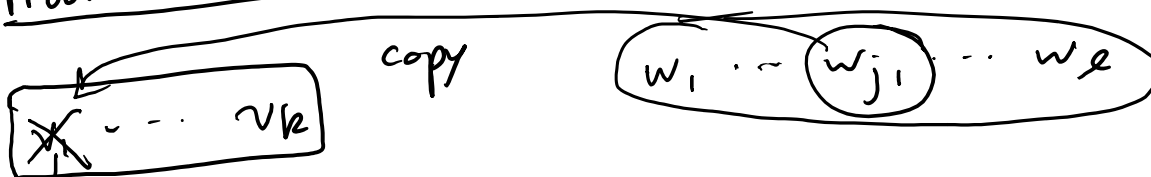
$\therefore v_i \in \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k)$

$\therefore v_1, \dots, v_k$ lin. dependent - a

contradiction.

Thus, at least one of w_j must work. \square

Proof of First Miracle



w_j, \dots, v_k

still in $\text{Span}(w_1, \dots, w_l)$.

w_j, w_{j+1}, \dots, v_k

all w_j distinct
(otherwise lin. dep. subset)

\vdots

$w_j, w_{j+1}, w_{j+2}, \dots, w_{j+k}$

lin independent

$k \leq l$

\square

Cor. If $\mathbb{R}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^m$ then $n = m$.

b/c \mathbb{R}^n has a basis of n vectors:
 "standard basis": columns of identity matrix

(Do) Show this is a basis, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(Do) If $f: V \rightarrow W$ isomorphism, then f maps basis to basis.

Cor. $\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n$.

Can find basis (n lin. indep.) and First Miracle guarantees no larger

Def. $A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times l}$

column rank $(A) =$ rank of list of columns

row rank $(A) =$ rank of list of rows

Second Miracle of Linear Algebra

col $\text{rk}(A) =$ row $\text{rk}(A) =: \text{rk}(A)$ (rank of matrix A)

$$A = [\underline{a}_1, \underline{a}_2, \dots, \underline{a}_\ell] \quad \underline{a}_i : \text{columns.}$$

The column space of A is $\text{Span}(\underline{a}_1, \underline{a}_2, \dots, \underline{a}_\ell)$.

[HW] $\text{col rk}(A) = \dim \text{ of space.}$

Proof: 1 line incl. key reference

[HW] $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times \ell} \Rightarrow$

$$\text{rk}(A+B) \leq \text{rk}(A) + \text{rk}(B)$$

[CH] Let A be matrix : $A = (a_{ij})$

$$B := (a_{ij}^2)$$

Prove : $\text{rk}(B) \leq \frac{\text{rk}(A)(\text{rk}(A)+1)}{2}$

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times \ell}$.

B is a right inverse of A if $AB = I_k$

$B \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times k}$, so $AB \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$.

[HW] A right inverse exists $\Leftrightarrow \text{rk}(A) = k$.
 "A has full row rank." \nearrow

Commentary:

A right inverse exists $\Leftrightarrow \text{rk}(A) = k$

(from Second Mirade) \Leftrightarrow rows are lin. indep.
 \Leftrightarrow columns span \mathbb{R}^k

Do State analogous result for left inverse.

HW (for Monday) (submit via email)

Suppose we have

$$A_1, \dots, A_m, B_1, \dots, B_m \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\text{s.t. } A_i B_j = B_j A_i \Leftrightarrow i \neq j.$$

$$\text{Prove: } m \leq n^2.$$

(Ask for a hint tomorrow - if you figure it out before tomorrow - email Prof. Babai)

Note: The chromatic polynomial problem is now due Mon. July 3 \rightarrow check the website for a more detailed description.