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4.1: If a vector space  $V$  is generated by a finite set  $S$  then a subset of  $S$  is a basis of  $V$  (p44 Thm 1.9 in Friedberg et al.)

4.2: Suppose  $V$  is a vector space  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \in V$  spans  $V$  and  $\{y_1, \dots, y_m\} \in V$  is linearly independent then  $m \leq n$ .  
(p45 Thm 1.10)

Note 5.0 We proved, in fact, that  $\exists i_1, \dots, i_{n-m} \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $\{y_1, \dots, y_m, x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_{n-m}}\}$  spans  $V$ .

4.3 Suppose  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}, \{y_1, \dots, y_m\}$  are two bases of a vector space  $V$ . Then  $n = m$ .

Definition A vector space  $V$  is finite dimensional if it has a finite basis. The dimension of  $V$  is the number of vectors in the bases.

Note By 4.3 the dimension of a finite dimensional vector space is well-defined.

Notation:  $\dim V =$  dimension of a vector space  $V$ .  
 $|X| =$  # of elements in a set  $X$ .

Remark If a vector space  $V$  is spanned by a finite set then  $V$  is finite dimensional by 4.1.

Lemma 5.1 (equivalent to Cor 2 on p47)

Let  $V$  be a vector space of dimension  $n \geq 0$ , ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

(a) If a set  $S \subseteq V$  spans (generates)  $V$  then  $|S| \geq n = \dim V$ .  
If  $|S| = n$ , then  $S$  is a basis.

(b) If  $S \subseteq V$  is linearly independent and  $|S| = n = \dim V$  then  $S$  is a basis of  $V$ .

(c) If  $S \subseteq V$  is linearly independent then  $\exists S' \subseteq V, S \subseteq S'$

so that  $S'$  is a basis of  $V$ .

Proof (a) By 4.1, a subset of  $S$  is a basis for  $V$ . By 4.3 this subset has  $n = \dim V$  elements.  $\Rightarrow S$  has  $n$  or more elements. If  $S$  has  $n = \dim V$  elements and  $S' \subsetneq S$  then  $|S'| < n$  so cannot be a basis. But some subset of  $S$  is a basis. So it has to be  $S$  itself.

(b) We want to argue that  $\text{span } S = V$ .

Suppose not. Then  $\exists v \in V$  st  $v \notin \text{span } S$ . (in particular  $v \notin S$ )

Claim:  $S \cup \{v\}$  is linearly independent.

Proof of claim: if  $S \cup \{v\}$  is linearly dependent,  $\exists y_1, \dots, y_m \in S$  and  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m, \alpha_{m+1} \in \mathbb{R}$  not all zero st

$$\alpha_1 y_1 + \dots + \alpha_m y_m + \alpha_{m+1} v = \vec{0},$$

$\alpha_{m+1}$  cannot be zero, for then  $\alpha_1 y_1 + \dots + \alpha_m y_m = \vec{0}$

which contradicts linear independence of  $S$ .

Since  $\alpha_{m+1} \neq 0$ ,  $v = \left(-\frac{1}{\alpha_{m+1}}\right) (\alpha_1 y_1 + \dots + \alpha_m y_m) \in \text{span } S$   
contradiction again.

Since  $S \cup \{v\}$  is linearly independent  $n+1 \leq |S \cup \{v\}|$ .

Since  $v \notin S$ ,  $|S \cup \{v\}| = n+1$ . Contradiction.

(c) Suppose  $S = \{y_1, \dots, y_m\}$  is linearly independent and  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is a basis of  $V$ . By Note 5.10  $\exists x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_{n-m}}$  st

$$\{y_1, \dots, y_m, x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_{n-m}}\} \text{ spans } V.$$

The set  $\{y_1, \dots, y_m, x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_{n-m}}\}$  has at most  $n$  elements.

Since it spans  $V$  it has to have at least  $n$  elements.

$\Rightarrow S' = \{y_1, \dots, y_m, x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_{n-m}}\}$  has exactly  $n$  elements

By (a) the set  $S'$  is a basis.  $\square$

Ex let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$   $\{(1,1)^T\} = S$  is linearly independent 5.3

Since  $(1,1)^T \neq (0,0)^T$ .

$\{e_1 = (1,0)^T, e_2 = (0,1)^T\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$e_1, e_2 \notin \text{span}\{(1,1)^T\}$ .

$\Rightarrow \{(1,1)^T, e_1\}$  and  $\{(1,1)^T, e_2\}$  are both linearly independent sets with  $2 = \dim \mathbb{R}^2$  elements.

$\Rightarrow S' = \{e_1, (1,1)^T\}$  and  $S'' = \{(1,1)^T, e_2\}$  are bases of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

□

Theorem 5.2 (Thm. 11 on p 50) Suppose  $W$  is a subspace of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ . Then

(1)  $W$  is finite dimensional.

(2)  $\dim W \leq \dim V$ .

(3) if  $\dim W = \dim V$ ,  $W = V$ .

Remark The proof uses repeatedly: if  $S \subseteq W$  is linearly independent and  $\exists w \in W$  st  $w \notin \text{span } S$  then  $S \cup \{w\}$  is linearly independent.

Proof of 5.2 If  $W = \{0\}$ ,  $\dim W = 0 \leq \dim V$ .

Suppose  $W \neq \{0\}$ . Then  $\exists x_1 \in W$  st.  $x_1 \neq 0$ . If  $W = \text{span}\{x_1\}$  and  $\dim W = 1$  if  $W \neq \text{span}\{x_1\}$ ,  $\exists x_2 \in W$  st  $x_2 \notin \text{span}\{x_1\}$

Then  $\{x_1, x_2\}$  is lin. independent. If  $W = \text{span}\{x_1, x_2\}$ , we're done. Otherwise keep choosing  $x_3, x_4, \dots, x_k$  st.  $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$  is lin. independent.

Note that by 4.2  $k \leq \dim V$ , so the process has to stop after at most  $\dim V$  steps.

The process stops when  $W = \text{span}\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$ .

$\Rightarrow \dim W = k \leq \dim V$ . If  $k = \dim V$ ,  $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$  is

a basis of  $V$  by 5.1 (b). In this case

$$W = \text{span}\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} = V.$$

□

Corollary 5.3 (Corollary on p 51) Let  $W$  be a subspace of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ . Then any basis of  $W$  can be extended to a basis of  $V$ .

Proof Note first that by 5.2,  $W$  has a finite basis  $S$ .

Then  $S$  is linearly independent as a subset of  $W$

$\Rightarrow S$  is linearly independent as a subset of  $V$ .

By 5.1 (c)  $\exists S' \subseteq V$  s.t. (1)  $S \subseteq S'$  and (2)

$S'$  is a basis of  $V$ .

Ex Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \mid x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \right\}$

$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in W$ . Moreover, for any  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \in W$

$$x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 - x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ since } x_1 = -x_2 - x_3$$

$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  spans  $W$

$$c_1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis of  $W$ .

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \notin W = \text{span } S \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

is lin. independent in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .  $\Rightarrow$  It's a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  extending the basis of  $W$ .