

- We will go over the review sheet & practice exam on Monday.
(Solutions to practice exam are posted on our home page!)
- Finish Wednesday notes ~ pages 11 & 12

On page 5 (Tuesday) we showed that any finite set of vectors spanning a subspace W can be successively called of dependent vectors, and ultimately replaced with a linearly independent set having the same span, i.e. W .

An analogous fact is

Theorem: If $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\} \subset W$ is a linearly independent collection of vectors, and $\dim(W) = n > k$, then there is a basis for W consisting of $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k, \vec{w}_{k+1}, \dots, \vec{w}_n\}$

proof: Since $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ don't span W ($k < n$), pick any vector not in $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$, call it \vec{w}_{k+1} .

Then $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k, \vec{w}_{k+1}\}$ is still linearly independent!

Because, if

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k + c_{k+1} \vec{w}_{k+1} = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \swarrow c_{k+1} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k = \vec{0} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0$$

by l.i. of original set

$$\begin{array}{l} \searrow c_{k+1} \neq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \vec{w}_{k+1} = -\frac{c_1}{c_{k+1}} \vec{v}_1 - \frac{c_2}{c_{k+1}} \vec{v}_2 - \dots - \frac{c_k}{c_{k+1}} \vec{v}_k \end{array}$$

↗ (contradiction!)
so this case didn't happen.

Continue this process successively, won't get a spanning set before finding

$$\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k, \vec{w}_{k+1}, \dots, \vec{w}_n\}$$

WHY?

and at this point the collection must span, since otherwise we could append \vec{w}_{n+1} , creating $(n+1)$ independent vectors in an n -dim'l space!

Note on "proof by contradiction"

$$P \Rightarrow q$$

is logically equivalent to

"statement p implies statement q"
or "if p is true then q is true"

$$\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$$

example : If your last name starts with the letter Z, then you ~~won't~~ get an A on exam 1

is logically equivalent to

If you didn't get an A on exam 1, your last name didn't start with z!

Why? The assumption is that each q, p or q can (only) be either true or false.

Make a truth table of all 4 possibilities about the truth of (p, q) :

(p, q)		q
		p
p	q	
(T, T)	(T, F)	
(F, T)	(F, F)	

$p \Rightarrow q$ means the possibility (T, F)
cannot occur, but the other three can!

$\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$ eliminates exactly the same (T, F),
although now you're focusing on
the 2nd column of the table
rather than the 1st row!

Theorem: If $\dim(W) = k$, then

(a) any k independent vectors in W automatically span! So are a basis
Why? use pages 13, 11

(b) any k vectors which span W are automatically independent! So are a basis
Why? use pages 13, 11

examples: Are $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ a basis for the plane $x+2y+3z=0$?

Find a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 including $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$