

2.9: Basis and Dimension

Defn: Let S be a subspace of R^k . A set \mathcal{T} is a **basis** for S if

- i.) \mathcal{T} is linearly independent and
- ii.) \mathcal{T} spans S .

Examples

a.) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for $\text{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

b.) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is NOT a basis for $\text{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ■

c.) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is NOT a basis for $\text{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Defn: A vector space is called **finite-dimensional** if it has a basis consisting of a finite number of vectors. Otherwise, V is **infinite dimensional**.

Thm: All basis for a finite-dimensional vector space have the same number of elements.

Defn: $\dim(V)$ = the **dimension** of a finite-dimensional vector space V = the number of vectors in any basis for S . If $\dim(V) = n$, then V is said to be n -dimensional.

rank $A = \text{Rank of a matrix } A = \text{dimension of Col } A$
 $= \text{number of pivot columns of } A.$

nullity of $A = \text{dimension of Nul } A = \text{number of free variables}.$

Basis theorem: Let H be a p -dimensional subspace of R^n .

i.) If $H = \text{span}\{w_1, \dots, w_p\}$, then $\{w_1, \dots, w_p\}$ is a basis for H .

ii.) If v_1, \dots, v_p are linearly independent vectors in H ,
then $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ is a basis for H .

Rank(A) + nullity(A) = Number of columns of A .

Ex. 1) Suppose A is a 5×7 matrix.

If Rank(A) = 4, then nullity(A) =

$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has _____ solutions.

$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has _____ solutions.

If Rank(A) = 5, then nullity(A) =

$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has _____ solutions.

$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has _____ solutions.

If Rank(A) = 5, the column space of $A =$