

Example Say  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is a spanning set for a v.s.  $V$  and  $\dim(V) = 3$ . Show that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is LI.

(Of course, once it is LI, it is a basis.)

Pf Assume that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is LD. Then, we can get rid of one of the vectors in this set without changing the span. (So for example if  $2v_1 + v_2 - 3v_3 = 0$  then we can get rid of  $v_2$  since  $v_2 = -2v_1 + 3v_3$ ,

so  $V = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\} = \text{span}\{v_1, v_3\}$ ) However, since  $\dim(V) = 3$ , any spanning set for  $V$  has to have 3 three vectors. This a contradiction so  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  must be LI.

So it is also a basis.

Example Determine a basis for  $3 \times 3$  skew-symmetric ( $A^T = -A$ ) matrices.

$$S = \{A \in M_3(\mathbb{R}) \mid A^T = -A\} \quad A^T = -A$$

$$S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, \dots, g, h, i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b & c \\ -b & 0 & f \\ -c & -f & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid b, c, f \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} a=d \\ b=e \\ c=h \\ i=i \end{array} \right) \\ &\hookrightarrow b \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + f \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} a=-a \Rightarrow a=0 \\ e=-e \Rightarrow e=0 \\ i=-i \Rightarrow i=0 \end{array} \\ &\text{and } b, c, f \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \text{ are free} \quad \begin{array}{l} d=-b \\ g=-c \\ h=-f \end{array} \quad \text{Blue part gives us the same equations} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } S = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Exercise: Show } v_1, v_2, v_3 \text{ are LI.} \\ \text{So they form a basis for } 3 \times 3 \text{ skewsym. matrices.} \end{array}$$

Example

a) Determine a basis for  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrices. ( $A^T = A$ )

b) Find the dimension of the subspace.

c) Extend the basis you found in (a) to a basis for  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

$$S = \{A \in M_2(\mathbb{R}) \mid A^T = A\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + d \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} a=a \\ b=b \\ d=d \end{array} \quad \text{so } S = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$$

again  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  are LI.

Therefore  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is a basis for  $S$  and  $\dim(S) = 3$

c) To extend  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  to a basis for  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$ , we need to find a vector that is not in  $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  and add it to the set.

Since  $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is all  $2 \times 2$  sym. matrices, any

$(2 \times 2)$  matrix that is not symmetric will work. e.g.  $v_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Now,  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  is a basis for  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

$$\dim(S) = 3 \quad \dim(M_2(\mathbb{R})) = 4$$

$$\text{Example Find a basis for } S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + 2y - z = 0, -2x - y + z = 0\}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[3]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x + 2y - z = 0 \\ y - \frac{z}{3} = 0 \end{array}$$

leading ones So  $z$  is a free variable set  $z = t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{array}{l} x = t/3 \\ y = t/3 \\ x + 2t/3 - t = 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} y = t/3 \\ y - t/3 = 0 \\ x + 2t/3 - t = 0 \end{array}$$

$$S = \{(x, y, z) = (t/3, t/3, t) \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$S = \text{span}\{\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1\right)\}$$

and in fact  $\{\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1\right)\}$  is a basis for  $S$ .

so  $\dim(S) = 1$ .

Next extend it to a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$\text{Find } v_2 \notin \text{span}\{v_1\} \quad v_2 = (1, 0, 0) \notin \text{span}\{v_1\}$$

$$\text{Next, we find } v_3 \notin \text{span}\{v_1, v_2\} = \left\{ t \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1\right) + k(1, 0, 0) \mid t, k \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Claim

$$v_3 = (0, 0, 1) \notin \text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}$$

$$\text{Pf If } v_3 \in \text{span}\{v_1, v_2\} \text{ then } (0, 0, 1) = \left(\frac{t}{3} + k, \frac{t}{3}, t\right)$$

$$0 = \frac{t}{3} \quad t = 0$$

$$1 = t \quad \text{Not possible}$$

$$\therefore v_3 \notin \text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}$$

$$\text{So } \{v_1, v_2, v_3\} \text{ is a basis for } \mathbb{R}^3.$$

## 4.8 Row Space and Column Space

e.g.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4$

$$\text{rowspace}(A) = \text{span}\{(3, 0, 4, -1), (-1, 5, 2, 0), (2, 0, 6, -4)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$$

Fact  $\dim(\text{colspace}(A)) = \dim(\text{rowspace}(A)) = \text{rank}(A)$

Thm a) To find a basis for rowspace(A)

- reduce it to row-echelon form B  
and take all non-zero rows in B

b) To find a basis for colspace(A)

- reduce it to row-echelon form B  
and take columns of A that ended up

having a leading 1 in B

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ -1 & 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\left\{ (1, 0, -2, 3), (0, 1, 0, 3/5), (0, 0, 1, -1) \right\}$  is a basis for rowspace(A).

leading ones

$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis

for colspace(A).

## AFTER CLASS DISCUSSION

Thm Say  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq V$  and  $\dim(V) = n$

Then this set being LI is equivalent to  
being a basis is equivalent to  
being a spanning set

$$(1, x-1, x^2-x, x^3-x^2, x^4-x^3)$$

span

$$\cdot x$$

span

$$\cdot x^2$$

$$\cdot x^3$$

$$\cdot x^4$$

is a spanning set for  $P_4(\mathbb{R})$

LI

$$\dim(P_4(\mathbb{R})) = 5$$

$$\checkmark \dim(V) = n$$

$$S \subseteq V \sim \mathbb{R}^n, P_n(\mathbb{R})$$

$$M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$$