

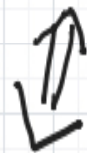
Lecture #12

BASES & DIMENSION

SUMMARY

* V finite dimensional $\Leftrightarrow V = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$

* $v_1, \dots, v_m$ span & linearly independent



$v_1, \dots, v_m$ a basis & $m =: \dim V$

A basis is a: good way to label elements of $V \ni v$

$$v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_m v_m$$

with $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \in \mathbb{F}^m$, unique for each v .

Key tool: Linear dependence Lemma.

Last time

$$V = \text{span}(\overbrace{u_1, \dots, u_m}^{m \text{ elements}})$$

$v_1, \dots, v_n$ linearly independent

insert a v , remove a u

NEVER EXHAUSTS v 's
BY LINEAR INDEPENDENCE

$$V = \text{span}(\underbrace{v_1, \dots, v_n, u}_{m \text{ elements}})$$

NUMBER OF LINEARLY INDEPENDENT VECTORS
ALWAYS LESS THAN THAT OF SPANNING SET FOR V .

Goal Show m is independent of choice of basis.

First ingredient:

Basis Reduction Theorem: If $V = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ either $v_1, \dots, v_m$ is a basis for V or some subset of $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$ can be removed to obtain a basis.

Proof If $v_1, \dots, v_m$ are not linearly independent use the Linear dependence Lemma to remove some v_j (if $v_i = 0$ first remove it). Iterate until linearly independent

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Corollary Every finite dimensional vector space has a basis.

Basis Extension Theorem: If V is finite dimensional, any linearly independent set of vectors $\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$ can be extended to a basis.

Proof Since V is finite dimension it certainly has a basis $v_1, \dots, v_m$ so now consider the list $(u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_m)$ which is certainly linearly dependent. Now use Linear dependence Lemma to successively remove v_j for some j (this can never remove u_j b/c these are linearly independent). The result $\{u_1, \dots, u_k, U\}$ with $U \subset \{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$ will be linearly independent & span V $\square$

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DIMENSION

Theorem: Let $v_1, \dots, v_n$ & $u_1, \dots, u_m$ be bases for V .

Then $n = m$

Proof: We proved already that $V = \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m)$ & $v_1, \dots, v_n$ linearly independent, then $V = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n) \Rightarrow n \leq m$ or $n \leq m$. Swapping u 's & v 's gives $m \leq n \Rightarrow n = m$

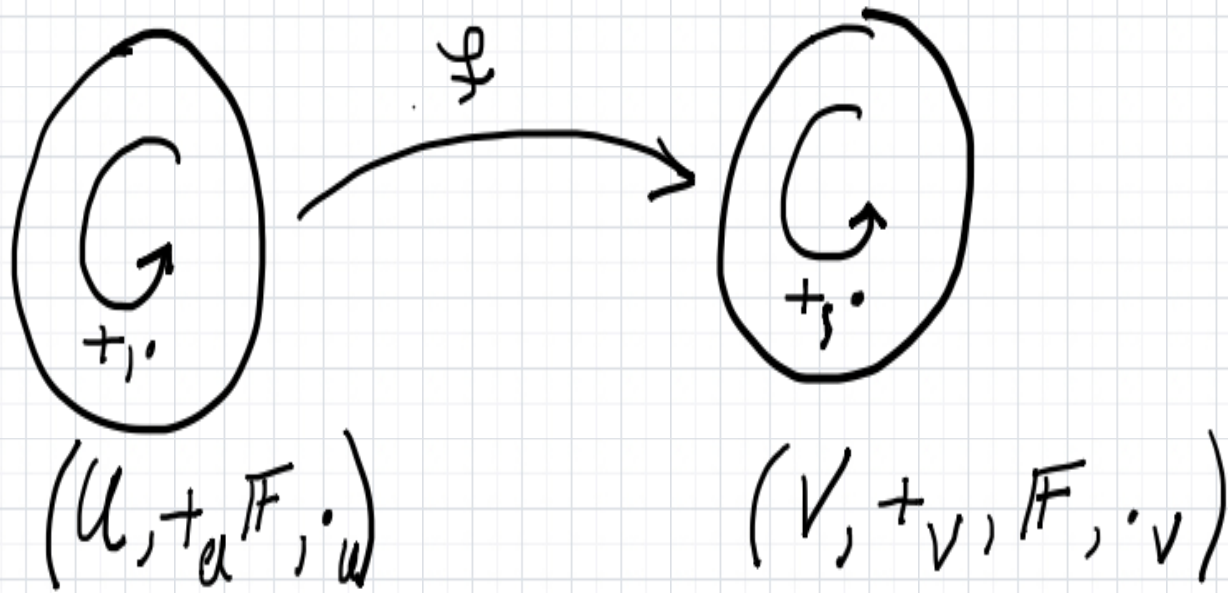
- Remarks
- The number of vectors in any basis of a finite dimensional vector space is called $\dim V$.
 - If $\dim V$ vectors are linearly independent then they form a basis.
 - If U is a subspace of V , $\dim U \leq \dim V$
 - If $\dim V$ vectors span V then they form a basis

EXERCISES

- (i) Make sure you can prove the above four remarks.
- (ii) Read & understand the applications of the basis extension theorem to subspaces Thm 5.4.5 & 5.4.6

LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS (LINEAR MAPS) Ch. 6

Alias VECTOR SPACE HOMOMORPHISM



$$f(u +_U w) = f(u) +_V f(w)$$

$$f(\lambda \cdot_U u) = \lambda \cdot_V f(u)$$

Commutative diagrams

