

## Lesson 20:

### Recall

#### Definition:

If a basis of a vector space  $V$  has  $n$  elements then we call  $n$  the dimension of  $V$ .

Theorem: If one basis of  $V$  has  $n$  elements then each basis of  $V$  will have  $n$  elements.

Definition: If the number of elements in a basis of a vector space  $V$  is infinite, then we call  $V$  infinite dimensional.

#### The Basis Theorem:

A linearly independent subset of a vector space  $V$  is either a basis of  $V$  or it can be extended to be a basis of  $V$ .

#### Examples from the text:

Let us first look at

6 on the page 261 in the third edition, which gives us the

subspace  $\left\{ \left[ \begin{array}{c} 3a + 6b - c \\ 6a - 2b - 2c \\ -3a + b + c \end{array} \right] : a, b, c \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3 \right\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and we have to

find

- a) Basis
- b) State the dimension.

Note that is purely a review.

- a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3a + 6b - c \\ 6a - 2b - 2c \\ -3a + b + c \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{a} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{b} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{c} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore the above subspace is spanned by

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ row echelon form: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

shows that the third column is a linear combination of the first two, which are pivot columns, there for

by the spanning theorem,  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis of the

above subspace.

b)

the dimension of the subspace is 2 because the number of elements in a basis is 2.

22 on page 261 in the third edition.

Given the polynomials

$$\mathbf{B} = \{1, 1 - t, 2 - 4t + t^2, 6 - 18t + 9t^2 - t^3\}$$

To show that  $\mathbf{B}$  is a basis of  $P_3$ .

Have to show

i)  $\mathbf{B}$  is linearly independent

ii)  $\mathbf{B}$  spans  $P_3$

Details from scratch

i)

For linear independence must show

$$a \cdot 1 + b(1 - t) + c(2 - 4t + t^2) + d(6 - 18t + 9t^2 - t^3) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow a = b = c = d = 0$$

Let us see

$$a \cdot 1 + b(1 - t) + c(2 - 4t + t^2) + d(6 - 18t + 9t^2 - t^3) = 0$$

collect the like terms and note that the above implies

$$(a + b + 2c + 6d) + (-b - 4c - 18d)t + (c + 9d)t^2 - dt^3 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} a + b + 2c + 6d = 0 \\ -b - 4c - 18d = 0 \\ c + 9d = 0 \\ d = 0 \end{cases}$$

Now note by going from bottom to top that

$$d=0 \rightarrow c=0 \rightarrow b=0 \rightarrow a=0 \text{ IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE}$$

OR may also note that from the coordinate vectors that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & -18 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ row echelon form: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

each column is a pivot column, therefore the polynomials are linearly independent.

ii)

Now to see that

$$P_3 = \text{span}(\mathbf{B})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & -18 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ row echelon form: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Each row has a pivot position therefore the coordinate vectors of the polynomials in  $\mathbf{B}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and therefore the polynomials in  $\mathbf{B}$  span  $P_3$ .

DONE:

Here is the rationale of why the procedure in part b) of the above is valid.

take any polynomial  $(a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + a_3t^3)$  in  $P_3$ ,  
we should be able to find  $x, y, z, w$  such that

$$x \cdot 1 + y(1 - t) + z(2 - 4t + t^2) + w(6 - 18t + 9t^2 - t^3) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + a_3t^3 \text{ for all } a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}$$

or

$$(x + y + 2z + 6w) + (-y - 4z - 18w)t + (z + 9w)t^2 - wt^3 = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + a_3t^3$$

therefore

$$x + y + 2z + 6w = a_0$$

$$-y - 4z - 18w = a_1$$

$$z + 9w = a_2$$

$$-w = a_3$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & -18 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has to have solutions for all } \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4$$

Each row of the coefficient matrix has to have a pivot position.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & -18 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ row echelon form: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Each row has a pivot position therefore answer is YES.

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24. on page 261 in the third edition:

We have to find the coordinate vector of  $p(t)=7-8t+3t^2$  relative to the basis  $B=\{1, 1-t, 2-4t+t^2\}$ .

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 7-8t+3t^2 &\rightarrow \text{coordinate vector } \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 1 &\rightarrow \text{coordinate vector } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 1-t &\rightarrow \text{coordinate vector } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 2-4t+t^2 &\rightarrow \text{coordinate vector } \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Looking in terms of the coordinate vectors, we have to find the

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{coordinates of } \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &\text{relative to } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

For which we look at the solution of the linear system corresponding to the augmented matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ row echelon form: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

therefore  $[7 - 8t + 3t^2]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

note that

$$5(1) - 4(1 - t) + 3(2 - 4t + t^2) = 7 - 8t + 3t^2$$

Please work on the section 4.5 exercises

Section 4.6 is self study.

Post your difficulties in the discussion area.