

Thm (2.3.21). Any linearly independent set can be extended to a basis, by adding more vectors if necessary. (35)

Any spanning set can be reduced to a basis, by discarding vectors, if necessary.

Remarks. A basis is a maximal independent set.
It is also a minimal spanning set.

If V has dimension k : at most k vectors may be linearly independent
at least k vectors are needed to span the space.

Examples:

Quadratic polynomials ax^2+bx+c basis $\{1, x, x^2\}$ dim 3.

2x2 matrices. $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ basis $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

§ 2.4 The four fundamental subspaces

Given a matrix A there are 4 natural subspaces built from $A_{m \times n}$.

- The column space $C(A)$ spanned by columns of A . $\dim(C(A)) = \text{rank}(A) = r$.
- The null space $N(A) = \{x | Ax=0\}$ dimension $n-r$.
(kernel).
- The row space spanned by rows of A , dimension $r = \text{rank}(A) = \dim(C(A^T))$.
- The left nullspace, all vectors y s.t. $y^T A = 0$, dimension $m-r$ ($N(A^T)$).
(kernel).
 $(y^T A)^T = A^T y$.

$A_{m \times n}$

nullspace $N(A)$, row space $C(A^T)$ subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$

left nullspace $N(A^T)$, column space $C(A)$ subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^m$