

Linearly dependent & linearly independent vectors: So

The vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  of a vector space  $V$  over  $F$  are said to be linearly dependent if there exist elements  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m \in F$ , not all zeros such that

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$$

On the other hand if

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0 \quad \text{where all } a_i = 0$$

then vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  are said to be linearly independent.

Note

① If any two vectors out of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  are equal say  $v_3 = v_4$

then  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  are linearly dependent

$$\text{because } 0 \cdot v_1 + 0 \cdot v_2 + 1 \cdot v_3 + (-1) \cdot v_4 + 0 \cdot v_5 + \dots + 0 \cdot v_m = 0$$

② If any one of the vector out of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  is zero, say  $v_2 = 0$  then  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  are linearly dependent because

$$0 \cdot v_1 + 1 \cdot v_2 + 0 \cdot v_3 + \dots + 0 \cdot v_m = 0$$

③ A single non zero vector is always linearly independent because

let  $v \neq 0$  be the single vector

$$\text{then } a v = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$$

Thus  $v$  is linearly independent.

④ Two vectors  $v_1$  &  $v_2$  are linearly dependent if one of them is a multiple of other.

Theorem Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$  &  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  be a set of vectors in  $V$

Then

(i) If  $S$  is linearly independent then any subset of  $S$  is also linearly independent.

(ii) If  $S$  is linearly dependent, then the set  $\{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  is linearly dependent for all  $v \in V$  i.e., every superset of  $S$  is also linearly dependent.

Proof:

(i) Here  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$

Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_i\}$  where  $i < m$

is a subset of  $S$

& let  $a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_i v_i = 0$  where  $a_i \in F$

or  $a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_i v_i + 0 v_{i+1} + \dots + 0 v_m = 0$

But  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  is linearly dependent

So  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = \dots = a_i = 0$

Hence  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_i\}$  is linearly dependent.

(ii) As  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  is linearly dependent

So  $a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$  where  $a_i \neq 0$  for some  $i$

Now

$0 \cdot v + a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$  where  $a_i \neq 0$  for some  $i$

So  $\{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  is linearly dependent.

Theorem A set  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  of  $n$  vectors ( $n \geq 2$ ) in a vector space  $V$  is linearly dependent iff. at least one of the vectors in  $S$  is a linear combination of the remaining vectors of the set.

Proof:

(i) Suppose the set

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$S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is linearly independent

Then there exist scalars  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  at least one of them say  $a_i$  is non zero, such that

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_i v_i + \dots + a_n v_n = 0$$

$$\text{or } a_i v_i = -a_1 v_1 - a_2 v_2 - \dots - a_{i-1} v_{i-1} - a_{i+1} v_{i+1} - \dots - a_n v_n$$

or

$$v_i = -\frac{a_1}{a_i} v_1 - \frac{a_2}{a_i} v_2 - \dots - \frac{a_{i-1}}{a_i} v_{i-1} - \frac{a_{i+1}}{a_i} v_{i+1} - \dots - \frac{a_n}{a_i} v_n$$

which shows that  $v_i$  is a linear combination of remaining vectors of the set.

Conversely

Let some vector  $v_j$  of the given set is a linear combination of the remaining vectors. i.e.,

$$v_j = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_{j-1} v_{j-1} + a_{j+1} v_{j+1} + \dots + a_n v_n$$

Then above eq. can be written as

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_{j-1} v_{j-1} + (-1)v_j + a_{j+1} v_{j+1} + \dots + a_n v_n = 0$$

Here there is at least one coefficient namely  $-1$  of  $v_j$

which is non zero & so the set

$\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_j, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_n\}$  is linearly dependent.

(ii) Suppose that the set  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is linearly dependent then there exist scalars

$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in F$  not all zero such that

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Let  $a_k$  be the last non zero scalar in (1) then

the terms  $a_{k+1} v_{k+1}, a_{k+2} v_{k+2}, \dots, a_n v_n$  are all zero

so eq. (1) becomes

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_k v_k = 0 \quad \text{where } a_k \neq 0$$

$$\text{or } a_k v_k = -a_1 v_1 - a_2 v_2 - \dots - a_{k-1} v_{k-1}$$

$$\text{or } v_k = -\frac{a_1}{a_k} v_1 - \frac{a_2}{a_k} v_2 - \dots - \frac{a_{k-1}}{a_k} v_{k-1}$$

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Which shows that  $v_k$  is a linear combination of the vectors preceding it.

Conversely

Suppose that in  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , some of the vectors say  $v_k$  is a linear combination of the vectors preceding it

$$\text{i.e., } v_k = b_1 v_1 + b_2 v_2 + \dots + b_{k-1} v_{k-1}$$

$$\text{or } b_1 v_1 + b_2 v_2 + \dots + b_{k-1} v_{k-1} + (-1)v_k = 0$$

$$\text{or } b_1 v_1 + b_2 v_2 + \dots + b_{k-1} v_{k-1} + (-1)v_k + 0v_{k+1} + \dots + 0v_n = 0$$

Here atleast one coefficient  $-1$  of  $v_k$  is non zero

Hence  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is linearly dependent.

Basis of a vector space:

A linearly independent set which generates or spans a vector space  $V$  is called a basis for  $V$ .

Theorem Any finite dimensional vector space contains a basis.

Proof:

Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space then  $V$  should be linear span of some finite set.

Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$  be a finite spanning set of  $V$ .

In case  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent,

then they form a basis for  $V$  & the proof is complete.

Suppose  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  are not linearly independent

i.e; they are linearly dependent, so one of the vectors  $v_i$  is a linear combination of the preceding vectors. We drop this vector  $v_i$  from the set & obtain a set of  $r-1$  vectors

$v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{i-1}$ . clearly <sup>559</sup> any linear combination <sup>54</sup> of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_i$  is also a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{i-1}$ . So  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{i-1}\}$  is also a spanning set for  $V$ .

Continuing in this way, we arrive at a linearly independent spanning set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}; 1 \leq n \leq i$  & so it forms a basis for  $V$ .

Thus every finite dimensional vector space contains a basis.

Note If a vector space  $V$  is generated by  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  then any linearly independent set in  $V$  cannot have more than  $m$  no. of elements.

Dimension of a vector space:

The no. of elements in a basis of a vector space  $V$  over  $F$  is called dimension of  $V$ . It is denoted by  $\dim V$ .

Theorem All bases of a finite dimensional vector space contains the same no. of elements.

Proof. Let a vector space  $V$  over  $F$  has two bases  $A$  &  $B$  with  $m$  &  $n$  no. of elements. Since  $A$  spans  $V$  &  $B$  is a linearly independent subset in  $V$ , so  $B$  cannot have more than  $m$  no. of elements.

$$\text{i.e., } n \leq m \quad \text{---} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Now since  $B$  spans  $V$  &  $A$  is a linearly independent subset in  $V$ , so  $A$  cannot have

more than  $n$  no. of elements

i.e.,  $m \leq n$  ————— ②

from ① & ②

$$m = n$$

Hence no. of elements in  $A =$  no. of elements in  $B$   
which is req. proof.

Theorem Let  $V$  be a vector space such that  
 $\dim V = n < \infty$ .

A set of vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \subset V$  is a  
basis for  $V$  iff. each vector in  $V$  is uniquely  
expressible as a linear combination of vectors  
 $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ .

Proof. Let the set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$ .  
Then every vector  $v \in V$  can be expressed in at least  
one way as a linear combination of the basis  
vectors. i.e.,

$$v = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n \quad \text{where } a_i \in F \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Suppose  $v$  can also be expressed as

$$v = b_1 v_1 + b_2 v_2 + \dots + b_n v_n \quad \text{where } b_i \in F \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Comparing above eqs.

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n = b_1 v_1 + b_2 v_2 + \dots + b_n v_n$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_1 - b_1)v_1 + (a_2 - b_2)v_2 + \dots + (a_n - b_n)v_n = 0$$

Since  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent

$$\text{So } a_1 - b_1 = 0, \quad a_2 - b_2 = 0, \quad \dots, \quad a_n - b_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = b_1, \quad a_2 = b_2, \quad \dots, \quad a_n = b_n$$

Hence every vector  $v \in V$  can be expressed in a  
unique way as a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ .

Conversely

Let every vector  $v \in V$  is uniquely expressible  
as a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ .

Then these vectors span  $V$ . We will prove that so they are linearly independent.

Suppose that for scalars  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{As } 0v_1 + 0v_2 + \dots + 0v_n = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Since the representation is unique

$$\text{So } a_1 = 0, a_2 = 0, \dots, a_n = 0$$

Hence  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent.

Since they also span  $V$ .

Hence  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  form a basis for  $V$

Theorem Let  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be a basis for an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$ .

Then every set with more than  $n$  vectors is linearly dependent.

Proof:

Let  $B = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r\}$  be a set of  $r$  vectors in  $V$  where  $r > n$ .

We shall show that  $B$  is linearly dependent.

To show that  $B$  is linearly dependent, we must find scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_r$ , not all zero, such that

$$c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_r u_r = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Since

the set  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is linearly independent

so each  $u_i$  can be uniquely expressed as a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . Hence

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_1 &= a_{11} v_1 + a_{12} v_2 + \dots + a_{1n} v_n \\ u_2 &= a_{21} v_1 + a_{22} v_2 + \dots + a_{2n} v_n \\ &\dots \\ &\dots \\ u_r &= a_{r1} v_1 + a_{r2} v_2 + \dots + a_{rn} v_n \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (2)}$$

where  $a_{ij} \in F$

$$u_r = a_{r1} v_1 + a_{r2} v_2 + \dots + a_{rn} v_n$$

Putting values of  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r$  from (2) in (1) s.t.

$$C_1(a_{11}v_1 + a_{12}v_2 + \dots + a_{1n}v_n) + C_2(a_{21}v_1 + a_{22}v_2 + \dots + a_{2n}v_n) \\ + \dots + C_r(a_{r1}v_1 + a_{r2}v_2 + \dots + a_{rn}v_n) = 0$$

or

$$(C_1a_{11} + C_2a_{21} + \dots + C_ra_{r1})v_1 + (C_1a_{12} + C_2a_{22} + \dots + C_ra_{r2})v_2 + \dots \\ + (C_1a_{1n} + C_2a_{2n} + \dots + C_ra_{rn})v_n = 0$$

Since  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} a_{11}C_1 + a_{21}C_2 + \dots + a_{r1}C_r &= 0 \\ a_{12}C_1 + a_{22}C_2 + \dots + a_{r2}C_r &= 0 \\ \dots & \\ a_{1n}C_1 + a_{2n}C_2 + \dots + a_{rn}C_r &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

which is a homogeneous system of  $n$  eqs. in  $r$  unknowns  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r$ .

Since  $n < r$ , so this system has a non trivial soln.

Hence atleast one of  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r$  is non zero & so from eq. (1) set  $B = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r\}$  is linearly dependent.

Theorem Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be linearly independent in a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$ . If  $v$  is any non zero vector in  $V$ . Then the set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v\}$  is linearly independent iff.  $v$  is not in the linear span  $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle$ .

Proof. Let  $v \notin \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle$

then we prove  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v\}$  is linearly independent.

Consider

$$a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n + av = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, a \in F$



Suppose that  $\alpha \neq 0$  then from ①, we have

$$V = -\frac{1}{\alpha}(a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n)$$

which shows that  $V \in \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle$

which is a contradiction.

Hence  $\alpha = 0$

Also since  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent

So eq. ① with  $\alpha = 0$  implies  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n = 0$

Hence  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v\}$  is linearly independent set.

Conversely

let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v\}$  be linearly independent set

then we prove  $v \notin \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle$

Suppose  $v \in \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle$

then  $v$  can be expressed as a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . i.e.,

$$v = a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n \quad \text{where } a_i \in F$$

or

$$a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n + (-1)v = 0$$

which shows that  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v\}$  is linearly dependent set.

which is a contradiction

Hence  $v \notin \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle$

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Theorem Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over a field  $F$ . Then every set  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  of  $n$  linearly independent vectors in  $V$  is a basis for  $V$ .

Proof

Let  $v \in V$  be any non zero vector then the set  $\hat{S} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v\}$  is a linearly dependent set. So we can find scalars  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, a$  not all zeros such that

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n + a v = 0 \quad \text{--- (1) } \quad 59$$

Since  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is linearly independent

So  $a_i = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

Hence  $a \neq 0$

And so, eq. (1) can be written as

$$a v = -a_1 v_1 - a_2 v_2 - \dots - a_n v_n$$

or

$$v = \left(-\frac{a_1}{a}\right)v_1 + \left(-\frac{a_2}{a}\right)v_2 + \dots + \left(-\frac{a_n}{a}\right)v_n$$

which shows that  $v$  is a linear

combination of vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ .

So  $S$  spans  $V$ .

Hence  $S$  is a linearly independent spanning set for  $V$ .

So  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ .

Theorem (i) Any linearly independent set of vectors in a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  can be extended to a basis for  $V$ .

(ii) If  $W$  is a subspace of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  then

$$\dim W \leq \dim V.$$

Moreover if  $\dim W = \dim V$  then  $W = V$

Proof:

Since  $V$  is finite dimensional so let  $\dim V = n$

Let  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$  (where  $r < n$ ) be a linearly independent set of vectors in  $V$ .

Since  $\dim V = n$ , so the set  $S$  cannot span  $V$ .

There is a vector say  $v_{r+1} \in V$  such that  $v_{r+1} \notin \langle S \rangle$

& the set  $S \cup \{v_{r+1}\}$  is linearly independent. This

process can be repeated  $n-r$  times to get

a larger set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1}, \dots, v_n\}$  which is linearly independent & so this will form a basis for  $V$ .

(ii) Proof:-

Since  $V$  is finite dimensional

suppose  $\dim V = n$

then any set of  $n+1$  or more vectors is linearly dependent.

Moreover since a basis of  $W$  consists of linearly independent vectors, so it cannot contain more than  $n$  elements

Hence  $\dim W \leq n = \dim V$

$\Rightarrow \dim W \leq \dim V$

If  $\dim W = \dim V$

Then every basis of  $W$  is also a basis for  $V$ .

Hence  $W = V$

Theorem A vector space  $V$  is the direct sum of its subspaces  $U$  &  $W$  iff. each  $v \in V$  can be uniquely written as

$$v = u + w \quad \text{for } u \in U, w \in W$$

Proof:-

Suppose that  $V$  is the direct sum of its subspaces  $U$  &  $W$  then by def.

(i)  $V = U + W$

(ii)  $U \cap W = \{0\}$

We want to show that each  $v \in V$  can be uniquely written as

$$v = u + w \quad \text{for } u \in U, w \in W$$

Let  $v \in V$  then

$$v = u + w \quad \text{--- (1) for } u \in U, w \in W \quad \text{by (i)}$$

of possible let

$$v = u_1 + w_1 \quad \text{for } u_1 \in U, w_1 \in W$$

then

$$u + w = u_1 + w_1$$

$$\text{or } u - u_1 = w_1 - w \in U \cap W$$

$$\text{But } U \cap W = \{0\} \quad \text{by (ii)}$$

$$\text{So } u - u_1 = w_1 - w = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u = u_1 \text{ \& } w = w_1$$

So the expression for  $v$  in (1) is unique.

Hence each  $v \in V$  can be uniquely written as

$$v = u + w \quad \text{for } u \in U, w \in W$$

Conversely

Let each  $v \in V$  is uniquely written as

$$v = u + w \quad \text{for } u \in U, w \in W$$

So (i) is satisfied. Now we prove Condition (ii)

For this let  $v \in U \cap W$  then  $v$  can be written as

$$v = u + 0 \quad u \in U$$

$$v = 0 + w \quad w \in W$$

Since the expression for  $v$  is unique

$$\text{So } u + 0 = 0 + w$$

$$\Rightarrow u = 0, w = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } v = u + w = 0$$

$$\text{So } U \cap W = \{0\}$$

Hence Condition (ii) is satisfied.

So  $V$  is the direct sum of  $U$  &  $W$

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Theorem If  $U$  &  $W$  are finite dimensional subspaces of a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  then

$$(i) \dim(U+W) = \dim U + \dim W - \dim(U \cap W)$$

(ii) If  $U \cap W = \{0\}$  then  $V = U \oplus W$   
and  $\dim V = \dim U + \dim W$

Proof.

Suppose that  $U \cap W \neq \{0\}$ .

Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$  be a basis for  $U \cap W$ ,

$\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_s\}$  be a basis for  $U$

&  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t\}$  be a basis for  $W$

Thus dimensions of  $U \cap W, U$  &  $W$  are  $r, r+s$  &  $r+t$  resp.

clearly

$\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_s, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t\}$  spans

$U+W$ .

Now we show that  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_s, w_1, \dots, w_t\}$  is linearly independent. Suppose that

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_r v_r + b_1 u_1 + b_2 u_2 + \dots + b_s u_s + c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_t w_t = 0 \quad (1)$$

where  $a$ 's,  $b$ 's,  $c$ 's  $\in F$

$$\text{or } a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_r v_r + b_1 u_1 + b_2 u_2 + \dots + b_s u_s = -(c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_t w_t) \quad (2)$$

from eq. (2) we see that

$$-(c_1 w_1 + c_2 w_2 + \dots + c_t w_t) \in U \cap W$$

But  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$  is a basis for  $U \cap W$ . So

$$-(c_1 w_1 + c_2 w_2 + \dots + c_t w_t) = d_1 v_1 + d_2 v_2 + \dots + d_r v_r$$

where  $d$ 's  $\in F$

or

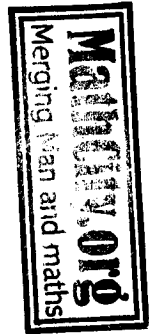
$$d_1 v_1 + d_2 v_2 + \dots + d_r v_r + c_1 w_1 + c_2 w_2 + \dots + c_t w_t = 0$$

Since  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t\}$  being basis of  $W$  is linearly independent

$$\Rightarrow d_1 = d_2 = \dots = d_r = 0, c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_t = 0$$

Then eq. (1) becomes

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_r v_r + b_1 u_1 + \dots + b_s u_s = 0$$



Again  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_s\}$  being basis of  $U$  is linearly independent.

So  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_r = 0$ ,  $b_1 = b_2 = \dots = b_s = 0$

Hence eq. (1) shows that the set

$\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_s, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t\}$  is linearly independent set. & so it forms a basis for  $U+W$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(U+W) &= r+s+t \\ &= (r+s) + (r+t) - r \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{\dim(U+W) = \dim U + \dim W - \dim(U \cap W)}$$

(ii) Now Suppose that  $U \cap W = \{0\}$

Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_s\}$  be a basis for  $U$

&  $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t\}$  be a basis for  $W$

Then clearly the set  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_s, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t\}$  spans  $U+W = U \oplus W$

Consider  $a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_s u_s + b_1 w_1 + \dots + b_t w_t = 0$  — (2)

then  $a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_s u_s = -(b_1 w_1 + \dots + b_t w_t)$

This shows that each vector is in  $U \cap W$ .

Hence  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_s = 0$ ,  $b_1 = b_2 = \dots = b_t = 0$

So (2) shows that  $\{u_1, \dots, u_s, w_1, \dots, w_t\}$  is linearly independent & so forms a basis for  $U \oplus W$

Hence  $\dim(U \oplus W) = s+t$

$$\text{or } \dim(V) = \dim U + \dim W \quad \therefore V = U \oplus W$$

Q1 Determine whether the following vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  are linearly independent or linearly dependent:

(i)  $(1, 3, -1, 4), (3, 8, -5, 7), (2, 9, 4, 23)$

Sol.

Let  $a(1, 3, -1, 4) + b(3, 8, -5, 7) + c(2, 9, 4, 23) = 0$   $a, b, c \in F$

or  $(a, 3a, -a, 4a) + (3b, 8b, -5b, 7b) + (2c, 9c, 4c, 23c) = 0$

$(a + 3b + 2c, 3a + 8b + 9c, -a - 5b + 4c, 4a + 7b + 23c) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$

$a + 3b + 2c = 0$  ———— ①

$3a + 8b + 9c = 0$  ———— ②

$-a - 5b + 4c = 0$  ———— ③

$4a + 7b + 23c = 0$  ———— ④

From ① & ②

$$\frac{a}{27-16} = \frac{-b}{9-6} = \frac{c}{8-9}$$

or  $\frac{a}{11} = \frac{b}{-3} = \frac{c}{-1} = k$

$\Rightarrow a = 11k$

$b = -3k$

$c = -k$

Putting these values in ③ & ④, we see eqs.

③ & ④ are satisfied.

Hence given vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  are linearly dependent.

(ii)  $(1, -2, 4, 1), (2, 1, 0, -3), (1, -6, 1, 4)$

Sol.

Let  $a(1, -2, 4, 1) + b(2, 1, 0, -3) + c(1, -6, 1, 4) = 0$  where  $a, b, c \in F$

or  $(a, -2a, 4a, a) + (2b, b, 0, -3b) + (c, -6c, c, 4c) = 0$

or  $(a + 2b + c, -2a + b - 6c, 4a + c, a - 3b + 4c) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$

$$a + 2b + c = 0 \quad \text{-----} \textcircled{1}$$

$$-2a + b - 6c = 0 \quad \text{-----} \textcircled{2}$$

$$4a + c = 0 \quad \text{-----} \textcircled{3}$$

$$a - 3b + 4c = 0 \quad \text{-----} \textcircled{4}$$

From  $\textcircled{1}$  +  $\textcircled{2}$

$$\frac{a}{-12-1} = \frac{-b}{-6+2} = \frac{c}{1+4}$$

$$\frac{a}{-13} = \frac{b}{4} = \frac{c}{5} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -13k$$

$$b = 4k$$

$$c = 5k$$

Putting these values in  $\textcircled{3}$  +  $\textcircled{4}$ , we see that eqs. are not satisfied. They are satisfied only when  $k = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a = b = c = 0$$

Hence given vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  are linearly independent.

Q2 Let  $V = P_3(x)$  be the vector space of all polynomials of degree  $\leq 3$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  together with the zero polynomial. Determine whether  $u, v, w \in V$  are linearly dependent or linearly independent.

$$(i) u = x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x + 3, v = x^3 + 2x^2 + 4x - 1, w = 2x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 3$$

Sol.

$$\text{Let } au + bv + cw = 0$$

where  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$

$$\text{or } a(x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x + 3) + b(x^3 + 2x^2 + 4x - 1) + c(2x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 3) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (a+b+2c)x^3 + (-4a+2b-c)x^2 + (2a+4b-3c)x + (3a-b+3c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b + 2c = 0 \quad \text{-----} \textcircled{1}$$

$$-4a + 2b - c = 0 \quad \text{-----} \textcircled{2}$$

$$2a + 4b - 3c = 0 \quad \text{-----} \textcircled{3}$$

$$3a - b + 3c = 0 \quad \text{-----} \textcircled{4}$$

From  $\textcircled{1}$  +  $\textcircled{2}$



$$\frac{a}{-1-4} = \frac{-b}{-1+8} = \frac{c}{2+4}$$

$$\frac{a}{-5} = \frac{b}{-7} = \frac{c}{6} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -5k$$

$$b = -7k$$

$$c = 6k$$

Putting these values in (3) & (4) we see eqs. are not satisfied. They are satisfied only when  $k=0$

$$\Rightarrow a = b = c = 0$$

Hence vectors  $u, v, w$  are linearly independent.

$$(ii) u = x^3 - 3x^2 - 2x + 3, v = x^3 - 4x^2 - 3x + 4, w = 2x^3 - 7x^2 - 7x + 9$$

Sol

$$\text{Let } au + bv + cw = 0$$

where  $a, b, c \in F$

$$\text{or } a(x^3 - 3x^2 - 2x + 3) + b(x^3 - 4x^2 - 3x + 4) + c(2x^3 - 7x^2 - 7x + 9) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (a+b+2c)x^3 + (-3a-4b-7c)x^2 + (-2a-3b-7c)x + (3a+4b+9c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b + 2c = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$-3a - 4b - 7c = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$-2a - 3b - 7c = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$3a + 4b + 9c = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

From (1) & (2)

$$\frac{a}{-1+8} = \frac{-b}{-7+6} = \frac{c}{-4+3}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{a}{1} = \frac{b}{1} = \frac{c}{-1} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow a = k$$

$$b = k$$

$$c = -k$$

Putting these values in (3) & (4), we see eqs. are not satisfied. They are satisfied only when  $k=0$ .

$$\Rightarrow a = b = c = 0$$

Hence given vectors  $u, v, w$  are linearly independent.

Q3 Show that the vectors  $(1-i, i)$  &  $(2, -1+i)$  in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  are linearly dependent over  $\mathbb{C}$  but linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Sol.

$$\text{Let } a(1-i, i) + b(2, -1+i) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (a(1-i), ai) + (2b, b(-1+i)) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (a(1-i) + 2b, ai + b(-1+i)) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a(1-i) + 2b = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$ai + (-1+i)b = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

These eqs. are satisfied in  $\mathbb{R}$  only when  $a=b=0$

Hence given vectors are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Now we find the values of  $a$  &  $b$  from the set  $\mathbb{C}$  which satisfy eqs. (1) & (2)

From (1)

$$a(1-i) = -2b$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{-2}{1-i}$$

$$= \frac{-2}{1-i} \times \frac{1+i}{1+i}$$

$$= \frac{-2(1+i)}{1+1}$$

$$= \frac{-2(1+i)}{2}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = -(1+i)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{a}{1+i} = \frac{b}{-1} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow a = (1+i)k$$

$$b = -k$$

Putting these values in eq. (2), we see eq. (2)

is satisfied.

Hence given vectors are linearly dependent over  $\mathbb{C}$

Q4 Show that the vectors  $(3+\sqrt{2}, 1+\sqrt{2})$  &  $(7, 1+2\sqrt{2})$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are linearly dependent over  $\mathbb{R}$  but linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Sol.

$$\text{Let } a(3+\sqrt{2}, 1+\sqrt{2}) + b(7, 1+2\sqrt{2}) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (a(3+\sqrt{2}), a(1+\sqrt{2})) + (7b, b(1+2\sqrt{2})) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (a(3+\sqrt{2}) + 7b, a(1+\sqrt{2}) + b(1+2\sqrt{2})) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$(3+\sqrt{2})a + 7b = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\& (1+\sqrt{2})a + (1+2\sqrt{2})b = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

These eqs. are satisfied in  $\mathbb{Q}$  only when  $a=b=0$

Hence the given vectors are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Now we will find values of  $a$  &  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  which satisfy the eqs. (1) & (2)

From (1)

$$(3+\sqrt{2})a = -7b$$

$$\text{or } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{-7}{3+\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{7} = \frac{-b}{3+\sqrt{2}} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 7k$$

$$\& b = -(3+\sqrt{2})k$$

Putting these values in eq. (2), we see eq. (2) is satisfied.

Hence given vectors are dependent over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Q5 Suppose that  $u, v$  &  $w$  are linearly independent vectors. Prove that

(i)  $u+v-2w, u-v-w, u+w$  are linearly independent.

(ii)  $u+v-3w, u+3v-w, u+w$  are linearly independent.

(i) Sol.

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$$\text{Let } a(u+v-2w) + b(u-v-w) + c(u+w) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (a+b+c)u + (a-b)v + (-2a-b+c)w = 0$$

But  $u, v$  &  $w$  are linearly independent

$$\Rightarrow a+b+c = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$a-b = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$-2a-b+c = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

From (1) & (3)

$$\frac{a}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-b}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{c}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}}$$

or

$$\frac{a}{1+1} = \frac{-b}{1+2} = \frac{c}{-1+2}$$

$$\frac{a}{2} = \frac{b}{-3} = \frac{c}{1} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2k$$

$$b = -3k$$

$$c = k$$

Putting these values in (2), we see that eq.

(2) is not satisfied. It is satisfied only when  $k = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a = b = c = 0$$

Hence given vectors are linearly independent.

(ii) Sol.

$$\text{Let } a(u+v-3w) + b(u+3v-w) + c(u+w) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (a+b+c)u + (a+3b)v + (-3a-b+c)w = 0$$

But  $u, v$  &  $w$  are linearly independent

$$\Rightarrow a+b+c = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$a+3b = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$-3a-b+c = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

From ① &amp; ③

$$\frac{a}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-b}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{c}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -3 & -1 \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$\frac{a}{1+1} = \frac{-b}{1+3} = \frac{c}{-1+3}$$

$$\frac{a}{2} = \frac{b}{-4} = \frac{c}{2} = K$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2K$$

$$b = -4K$$

$$c = 2K$$

Putting these values in eq. ②, we see eq. ② is not satisfied. It is satisfied only if  $K=0$

$$\Rightarrow a = b = c = 0$$

Hence given vectors are linearly independent.

Q6. Determine  $K$  so that the vectors  $(1, -1, K-1), (2, K, -4), (0, 2+K, -8)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are linearly dependent.

Sol: Suppose that given vectors are linearly dependent then one of them must be a linear combination of the other two

$$\text{Let } (1, -1, K-1) = a(2, K, -4) + b(0, 2+K, -8) \text{ where } a, b \in F$$

$$= (2a, aK, -4a) + (0, b(2+K), -8b)$$

$$\text{or } (1, -1, K-1) = (2a, aK + b(2+K), -4a - 8b)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a = 1 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$aK + b(2+K) = -1 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$-4a - 8b = K-1 \quad \text{--- ③}$$

$$\text{from ① } a = \frac{1}{2}$$

Put in ② & ③

$$\text{② } \Rightarrow \frac{K}{2} + b(2+K) = -1 \quad \text{--- ④}$$

$$\text{③ } \Rightarrow -4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 8b = K-1$$

$$-2 - 8b = K-1$$

$$-8b = k - 1 + 2$$

$$-8b = k + 1$$

$$b = -\frac{k+1}{8}$$

Put this value in (4)

$$\frac{k}{2} + (2+k)\left(-\frac{k+1}{8}\right) = -1$$

$$4k - (2+k)(k+1) = -8$$

$$4k - 2k - 2 - k^2 - k + 8 = 0$$

$$-k^2 + k + 6 = 0$$

$$\text{or } k^2 - k - 6 = 0$$

$$k^2 - 3k + 2k - 6 = 0$$

$$k(k-3) + 2(k-3) = 0$$

$$(k-3)(k+2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k = 3, -2}$$

So for  $k = 3, -2$ ; given vectors are linearly dependent.

Q7 Using the technique of casting out vectors which are linear combination of others, find a linearly independent subset of the given set spanning the same subspace:

$$(i) \{(1, -3, 1), (2, 1, -4), (-2, 6, -2), (-1, 10, -7)\} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3$$

Sol.

$$\text{Given set is } \{(1, -3, 1), (2, 1, -4), (-2, 6, -2), (-1, 10, -7)\}$$

We see that

$$(-2, 6, -2) = -2(1, -3, 1)$$

So we cast out  $(-2, 6, -2)$  & obtain the subset

$$\{(1, -3, 1), (2, 1, -4), (-1, 10, -7)\}$$

$$\text{Suppose } (-1, 10, -7) = a(1, -3, 1) + b(2, 1, -4) \quad \text{for } a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{or } (-1, 10, -7) = (a+2b, -3a+b, a-4b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} a+2b = -1 \quad \text{--- ①} \\ -3a+b = 10 \quad \text{--- ②} \\ a-4b = -7 \quad \text{--- ③} \end{array}$$

Multiplying ① by 2 & adding in ③

$$2a + 4b = -2 \quad \text{--- ④}$$

$$a - 4b = -7 \quad \text{--- ③}$$

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$$3a = -9$$

$$\boxed{a = -3}$$

Put in ③

$$-3 - 4b = -7$$

$$-4b = -7 + 3$$

$$-4b = -4$$

$$\boxed{b = 1}$$

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$$\text{So } (-1, 10, -7) = -3(1, -3, 1) + 1(2, 1, -4)$$

Hence  $(-1, 10, -7)$  is a linear combination of  $(1, -3, 1)$  &  $(2, 1, -4)$

We cast out  $(-1, 10, -7)$  & obtain a subset

$$A = \{(1, -3, 1), (2, 1, -4)\}$$

Since  $(2, 1, -4)$  is not a multiple of  $(1, -3, 1)$  so

the set  $A = \{(1, -3, 1), (2, 1, -4)\}$  is req. linearly independent set which spans the same subspace as the given set of four vectors.

(ii)  $\{1, \sin^2 x, \cos 2x, \cos^2 x\}$  in the space of all functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Sol.

Given set is  $\{1, \sin^2 x, \cos 2x, \cos^2 x\}$

As

$$\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$$

$$\text{or } \cos 2x = 1 \cdot \cos^2 x + (-1) \cdot \sin^2 x$$

So  $\cos 2x$  is a linear combination of  $\cos^2 x$  &  $\sin^2 x$

We cast out  $\cos 2x$  & obtain the subset

$$\{1, \sin^2 x, \cos^2 x\}$$

$$\text{Also } \cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$$

$$\text{or } \cos^2 x = 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \sin^2 x \quad 578$$

So  $\cos^2 x$  is a linear combination of 1 &  $\sin^2 x$

We cast out  $\cos^2 x$  & obtain the subset  $\{1, \sin^2 x\}$

Since none of 1 &  $\sin^2 x$  is multiple of other

So  $\{1, \sin^2 x\}$  is req. linearly independent set which spans the same subspace as the given set of four vectors.

(iii)  $\{1, 3x-4, 4x+3, x^2+2, x-x^2\}$  in the space  $P_2(x)$  of polynomials.

Sol.

Given set is  $\{1, 3x-4, 4x+3, x^2+2, x-x^2\}$

We see that

$$3x-4 = \frac{3}{4}(4x+3) - \frac{25}{4}(1)$$

So  $3x-4$  is a linear combination of  $4x+3$  & 1

We cast out  $3x-4$  & obtain the subset

$$\{1, 4x+3, x^2+2, x-x^2\}$$

Now

$$\text{Let } x-x^2 = a(1) + b(4x+3) + c(x^2+2)$$

$$\text{or } x-x^2 = (a+3b+2c) + (4b)x + cx^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 3b + 2c = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$4b = 1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$c = -1 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{(2)} \Rightarrow \boxed{c = -1}$$

$$\text{(2)} \Rightarrow \boxed{b = \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\text{(1)} \Rightarrow a + \frac{3}{4} - 2 = 0$$

$$a - \frac{5}{4} = 0$$

$$\boxed{a = \frac{5}{4}}$$

$$\text{So } x-x^2 = \frac{5}{4}(1) + \frac{1}{4}(4x+3) - 1(x^2+2)$$



Hence  $x-x^2$  is a linear combination of  $1, 4x+3$  &  $x^2+2$

We cast out  $x-x^2$  & obtain the subset

$$A = \{1, 4x+3, x^2+2\}$$

We check whether  $A$  is linearly independent or not

$$\text{Let } a(1) + b(4x+3) + c(x^2+2) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (a+3b+2c) + 4bx + cx^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad a + 3b + 2c = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$4b = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$c = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{(3)} \Rightarrow \boxed{c = 0}$$

$$\text{(2)} \Rightarrow \boxed{b = 0}$$

Put in (1)

$$a + 0 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = 0}$$

Hence the set  $A = \{1, 4x+3, x^2+2\}$  is linearly independent set which spans the same subspace as the given set of five vectors.

Q8 Verify that the polynomials  $2-x^2, x^3-x, 2-3x^2$  &  $3-x^3$  form a basis for  $P_3(x)$ . Express each of

(i)  $1+x$  & (ii)  $x+x^2$

as a linear combination of these basis vectors.

Sol.

We want to show that  $\{2-x^2, x^3-x, 2-3x^2, 3-x^3\}$  form a basis for  $P_3(x)$ .

First we prove that this set is linearly independent.

$$\text{Let } a(2-x^2) + b(x^3-x) + c(2-3x^2) + d(3-x^3) = 0 \quad a, b, c, d \in F$$

$$\text{or } (2a+2c+3d) - bx + (-a-3c)x^2 + (b-d)x^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 2a + 2c + 3d = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$-b = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$-a - 3c = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$b - d = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{b=0}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \boxed{b=d}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow a = -3c$$

Put in  $\textcircled{1}$

$$2(-3c) + 2c + 3(0) = 0$$

$$-6c + 2c = 0$$

$$-4c = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{c=0}$$

Put in  $\textcircled{2}$

$$-a - 3(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a=0}$$

Hence the given set of polynomials is linearly independent

As dimension of  $P_3(x)$  is 4

& no. of vectors in set  $\{2-x^2, x^2-x, 2-3x^2, 3-x^3\}$

So the given set  $\{2-x^2, x^2-x, 2-3x^2, 3-x^3\}$  form a basis for  $P_3(x)$ .

Now we express  $1+x$  as a linear combination of given vectors.

$$\text{Let } 1+x = a(2-x^2) + b(x^2-x) + c(2-3x^2) + d(3-x^3)$$

$$\text{or } 1+x = (2a+2c+3d) - bx + (-a-3c)x^2 + (b-d)x^3$$

where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + 2c + 3d = 1 \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{1}$$

$$-b = 1 \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{2}$$

$$-a - 3c = 0 \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{3}$$

$$b - d = 0 \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{4}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{b=-1}$$

Put in  $\textcircled{4}$

$$-1 - d = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{d=-1}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow a = -3c$$

Put in  $\textcircled{1}$

$$2(-3c) + 2c + 3(-1) = 1$$

$$-4c - 3 = 1$$

$$-4c = 4$$

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$$\Rightarrow \boxed{c = -1}$$

Put in (3)

$$-a - 3(-1) = 0$$

$$-a + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = 3}$$

$$\text{So } 1+x = 3(2-x^2) - (x^3-x) - (2-3x^2) - (3-x^3)$$

(ii) Now we express  $x+x^2$  as a linear combination of given vectors

$$\text{Let } x+x^2 = a(2-x^2) + b(x^3-x) + c(2-3x^2) + d(3-x^3)$$

where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$\text{or } x+x^2 = (2a+2c+3d) - bx + (-a-3c)x^2 + (b-d)x^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + 2c + 3d = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$-b = 1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$-a - 3c = 1 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$b - d = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\text{(2)} \Rightarrow \boxed{b = -1}$$

$$\text{(4)} \Rightarrow -1 - d = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{d = -1}$$

$$\text{(3)} \Rightarrow a = -1 - 3c$$

Put in (1)

$$2(-1-3c) + 2c + 3(-1) = 0$$

$$-2 - 6c + 2c - 3 = 0$$

$$-4c - 5 = 0$$

$$4c = -5 \Rightarrow \boxed{c = -\frac{5}{4}}$$

Put in (3)

$$-a - 3(-\frac{5}{4}) = 1$$

$$-a + \frac{15}{4} = 1$$

$$a = \frac{15}{4} - 1$$

$$\boxed{a = \frac{11}{4}}$$

$$\text{So } x+x^2 = \frac{11}{4}(2-x^2) - (x^3-x) - \frac{5}{4}(2-3x^2) - (3-x^3)$$

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Q9 Determine whether or not the given set of 77  
vectors is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(i)  $\{(1,1), (3,1)\}$

Sol. Given set is  $\{(1,1), (3,1)\}$

First we will check their independency

For scalars  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Let  $a(1,1) + b(3,1) = 0$

or  $(a+3b, a+b) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$

$a+3b = 0$  ----- ①

$a+b = 0$  ----- ②

Subst. ② from ①

$2b = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{b=0}$

Put in ①

$a+0 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a=0}$

Hence given set of vectors is linearly independent.

Since dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is 2

& the linearly independent vectors are also 2.

So the given set of vectors  $\{(1,1), (3,1)\}$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

(ii)  $\{(2,1), (1,-1)\}$

Sol. Given set is  $\{(2,1), (1,-1)\}$

First we will check their independency.

For scalars  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Let  $a(2,1) + b(1,-1) = 0$

or  $(2a+b, a-b) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2a+b = 0$  ----- ①

&  $a-b = 0$  ----- ②

Adding ① + ②

$3a = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a=0}$

$$0 - b = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{b = 0}$$

Hence given set of vectors  $\{(2,1), (1,-1)\}$  is linearly independent.

Since dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is 2

& no. of linearly independent vectors are also 2

So  $\{(2,1), (1,-1)\}$  forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Q10 Determine whether or not the given set of vectors is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$(i) \{(1,2,-1), (0,3,1), (1,-5,3)\}$$

Sol. Given set is  $\{(1,2,-1), (0,3,1), (1,-5,3)\}$

First we will check their independency.

For scalars  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{Let } a(1,2,-1) + b(0,3,1) + c(1,-5,3) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (a+c, 2a+3b-5c, -a+b+3c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} a+c &= 0 & \text{--- ①} \\ 2a+3b-5c &= 0 & \text{--- ②} \\ -a+b+3c &= 0 & \text{--- ③} \end{aligned}$$

From ② & ③

$$\frac{a}{9+5} = \frac{-b}{6-5} = \frac{c}{2+3}$$

$$\frac{a}{14} = \frac{b}{-1} = \frac{c}{5} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 14k$$

$$b = -k$$

$$c = 5k$$

Putting these values in ①, we see eq. ① is not satisfied. It is satisfied only when  $k = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0, b = 0, c = 0$$

Hence given set of vectors  $\{(1,2,-1), (0,3,1), (1,-5,3)\}$  is linearly independent.

Since dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is 3  
 & the no. of linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is  
 also 3.

So the set  $\{(1, 2, -1), (0, 3, 1), (1, -5, 2)\}$  forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$

(ii)  $\{(2, 4, -3), (0, 1, 1), (0, 1, -1)\}$

Soln

Given set is  $\{(2, 4, -3), (0, 1, 1), (0, 1, -1)\}$

First we will check their independency.

For scalars  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$

Let  $a(2, 4, -3) + b(0, 1, 1) + c(0, 1, -1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow (2a, 4a + b + c, -3a + b - c) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2a = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$

$4a + b + c = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$

$-3a + b - c = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$

(1)  $\Rightarrow \boxed{a = 0}$

Put in (2) & (3)

$b + c = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$

$b - c = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$

Add (4) & (5)

$2b = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{b = 0}$

Put in (4)

$0 + c = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{c = 0}$

Hence given set of vectors  $\{(2, 4, -3), (0, 1, 1), (0, 1, -1)\}$   
 is linearly independent.

Since dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is 3

& no. of linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is also 3

So the set  $\{(2, 4, -3), (0, 1, 1), (0, 1, -1)\}$  forms a  
 basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Q11 Let  $V$  be the real vector space of all functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Determine whether the given vectors are linearly independent or linearly dependent in  $V$ :

(i)  $x, \cos x$

Sol. Given vectors are  $x, \cos x$

Suppose that for scalars  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$ax + b\cos x = 0 \quad \text{--- (1) for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Put  $x = 0$  in (1)

$$a(0) + b\cos 0 = 0$$

$$0 + b = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \boxed{b = 0}$$

Now Put  $x = \pi/2$  in (1)

$$a(\pi/2) + b\cos \pi/2 = 0$$

$$a(\pi/2) + 0 = 0$$

$$\boxed{a = 0}$$

Hence given vectors are linearly independent.

(ii)  $\sin^2 x, \cos^2 x, \cos 2x$

Sol. Given vectors are  $\sin^2 x, \cos^2 x, \cos 2x$

Suppose that for scalars  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$a\sin^2 x + b\cos^2 x + c\cos 2x = 0 \quad \text{--- (1) for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Put  $x = 0$  in (1)

$$a\sin^2(0) + b\cos^2 0 + c\cos 0 = 0$$

$$b + c = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Put  $x = \pi/2$  in (1)

$$a\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2} + b\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2} + c\cos \pi = 0$$

$$a - c = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Put  $x = \pi/4$  in (1)

$$a\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{4} + b\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{4} + c\cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$a \quad \frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{or } a + b = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow b = -c$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow a = c$$

So, non zero soln. of above eq. is

$$a = c$$

$$b = -c$$

$$c = c$$

$$\text{or } (c, -c, c)$$

where  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

So, given vectors are linearly dependent.

(iii)  $\sin x, \cos x, \sinh x, \cosh x$

Sol.

Given vectors are  $\sin x, \cos x, \sinh x, \cosh x$

Suppose that for scalars  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

$$a \sin x + b \cos x + c \sinh x + d \cosh x = 0 \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

Put  $x = 0$

$$a \sin 0 + b \cos 0 + c \sinh 0 + d \cosh 0 = 0$$

$$b + d = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Diff. (A) w.r.t.  $x$

$$a \cos x - b \sin x + c \cosh x + d \sinh x = 0 \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

Put  $x = 0$

$$a \cos 0 - b \sin 0 + c \cosh 0 + d \sinh 0 = 0$$

$$a + c = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Diff. (B) w.r.t.  $x$

$$-a \sin x - b \cos x + c \sinh x + d \cosh x = 0 \quad \text{--- (C)}$$

Put  $x = 0$

$$-a \sin 0 - b \cos 0 + c \sinh 0 + d \cosh 0 = 0$$

$$\text{or } -b + d = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Diff. (C) w.r.t.  $x$

$$-a \cos x + b \sin x + c \cosh x + d \sinh x = 0$$

Put  $x = 0$

$$-a \cos 0 + b \sin 0 + c \cosh 0 + d \sinh 0 = 0$$



$$-a + c = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Adding (1) + (3)

$$2d = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{d = 0}$$

Put in (1)

$$b + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{b = 0}$$

Adding (2) + (4)

$$2c = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{c = 0}$$

Put in (4)

$$-a + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = 0}$$

Hence given vectors are linearly independent.



(iv)  $\sin x, \sin x + \cos x, \sin x - \cos x$

Sol. Given vectors are  $\sin x, \sin x + \cos x, \sin x - \cos x$

Suppose that for scalars  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$a \sin x + b(\sin x + \cos x) + c(\sin x - \cos x) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (a+b+c) \sin x + (b-c) \cos x = 0 \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

Put  $x = 0$  in (A)

$$(a+b+c) \sin 0 + (b-c) \cos 0 = 0$$

$$\text{or } b - c = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Put  $x = \pi/2$  in (A)

$$(a+b+c) \sin \pi/2 + (b-c) \cos \pi/2 = 0$$

$$\text{or } a + b + c = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Put  $x = \pi$  in (A)

$$(a+b+c) \sin \pi + (b-c) \cos \pi = 0$$

$$\text{or } (b-c)(-1) = 0$$

$$\text{or } b - c = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{(3)} \Rightarrow b = c$$

Put in (2)

$$a + c + c = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = -2c}$$

So a non zero soln. of last eqn. is  $(-2c, c, c)$

Hence, the given vectors are linearly dependent. 83

(v)  $e^{ax}, e^{bx}, e^{cx}$ ;  $a, b, c$  being distinct real no's.

Sol.

Given vectors are  $e^{ax}, e^{bx}, e^{cx}$

Suppose that for scalars  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\alpha e^{ax} + \beta e^{bx} + \gamma e^{cx} = 0$$

Q12. Determine a basis for each of the following subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

(i) The plane  $x - 2y + 5z = 0$

Sol.

Given eq. of plane is  $x - 2y + 5z = 0$

or  $x = 2y - 5z$  where  $y, z$  are free variables

The above eq. in vector form can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y, z) &= (2y - 5z, y, z) \\ &= (2y - 5z, y + 0, 0 + z) \\ &= (2y, y, 0) + (-5z, 0, z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, y, z) = y(2, 1, 0) + z(-5, 0, 1)$$

Thus given plane is spanned by vectors  $(2, 1, 0)$  &

$(-5, 0, 1)$ . Since none of the vector is multiple of other. So the set  $\{(2, 1, 0), (-5, 0, 1)\}$  is linearly independent.

Hence  $\{(2, 1, 0), (-5, 0, 1)\}$  forms a basis for given subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(ii) The line  $\frac{x}{-2} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{6}$

Sol.

Given eq. of line is

$$\frac{x}{-2} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{6} = t$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -2t$$

$$y = t$$

$$z = 6t$$

The above eq. in vector form can be written as

$$(x, y, z) = (-2t, t, 6t)$$

$$\text{or } (x, y, z) = t(-2, 1, 6)$$

Hence the given line is spanned by the vector  $(-2, 1, 6)$ . Also  $(-2, 1, 6)$  being a non

zero single vector is linearly independent 85  
 So  $\{(-2, 1, 6)\}$  forms a basis for the given subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(iii) All vectors of the form  $(a, b, c)$  where  
 $3a - 2b + c = 0$

Sol.

Given eq. is

$$3a - 2b + c = 0$$

or  $c = -3a + 2b$  where  $a, b$  are free variables

The above eq. can be written in vector form as

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b, c) &= (a, b, -3a + 2b) \\ &= (a + 0, 0 + b, -3a + 2b) \\ &= (a, 0, -3a) + (0, b, 2b) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } (a, b, c) = a(1, 0, -3) + b(0, 1, 2)$$

So given subspace is spanned by  $(1, 0, -3)$  &  $(0, 1, 2)$ .

Now since none of the vector is multiple of other. So the vectors  $(1, 0, -3)$  &  $(0, 1, 2)$  are linearly independent

So the set  $\{(1, 0, -3), (0, 1, 2)\}$  forms a basis for the given subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Q13 Find the dimension of the subspace

$\{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) : x_2 = x_3\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Also determine a basis.

Sol.

$$\text{Let } W = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) : x_2 = x_3\}$$

Suppose,  $(x_1, x_2, x_2, x_4)$  be a general vector of  $W$

then we can write it as

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, x_2, x_2, x_4) &= (x_1, 0, 0, 0) + (0, x_2, x_2, 0) + (0, 0, 0, x_4) \\ &= x_1(1, 0, 0, 0) + x_2(0, 1, 1, 0) + x_4(0, 0, 0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $(x_1, x_2, x_2, x_4) \in W$  is a linear combination of vectors  $(1, 0, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 1, 0)$  &  $(0, 0, 0, 1)$ .

So the set  $S = \{(1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$  spans  $W$ .

Now we check the independence of set  $S$ .

Suppose that for scalars  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$a(1, 0, 0, 0) + b(0, 1, 1, 0) + c(0, 0, 0, 1) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\text{or } (a, b, b, c) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0$$

$$b = 0$$

$$c = 0$$

Hence the set  $S = \{(1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$  is also linearly independent.

Hence  $S$  is a basis for  $W$ .

So dimension of  $W$  is 3.

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Q14 A subspace  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is spanned by the vectors  $(1, 0, 2, 3)$  &  $(0, 1, -1, 2)$  & a subspace  $W$  is spanned by  $(1, 2, 3, 4)$ ,  $(-1, -1, 5, 0)$  &  $(0, 0, 0, 1)$ . Find the dimensions of  $U$  &  $W$ .

Sol.

$$\text{Let } S = \{(1, 0, 2, 3), (0, 1, -1, 2)\}$$

Since these vectors span  $U$

So we only check their independence.

Suppose that for scalars  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$a(1, 0, 2, 3) + b(0, 1, -1, 2) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (a, b, 2a-b, 3a+2b) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0$$

$$b = 0$$

$$2a - b = 0$$

$$3a + 2b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b = 0$$

which shows that set  $S$  is linearly independent.

Hence  $S = \{(1, 0, 2, 3), (0, 1, -1, 2)\}$  forms a basis for  $U$   
 So dimension of  $U = 2$

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(ii)  $(1, 2, 3, 4), (-1, -1, 5, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)$

Sol.

Let  $S = \{(1, 2, 3, 4), (-1, -1, 5, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$

Since these vectors span  $W$  (given)

So we only check their independency.

Suppose that for scalars  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$a(1, 2, 3, 4) + b(-1, -1, 5, 0) + c(0, 0, 0, 1) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (a-b, 2a-b, 3a+5b, 4a+c) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

or

$$a - b = 0 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$2a - b = 0 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$3a + 5b = 0 \quad \text{--- ③}$$

$$4a + c = 0 \quad \text{--- ④}$$

Subst. ② from ①

$$-a = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = 0}$$

$$\text{①} \Rightarrow \boxed{b = 0}$$

$$\text{④} \Rightarrow \boxed{c = 0}$$

Hence the set  $S = \{(1, 2, 3, 4), (-1, -1, 5, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$  is linearly independent.

So  $S = \{(1, 2, 3, 4), (-1, -1, 5, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$  forms a basis for  $W$   
 Hence dimension of  $W = 3$

Q15. Suppose that  $U$  &  $W$  are distinct four dimensional subspaces of a vector space  $V$  of dimension six. Find the possible dimension of  $U \cap W$ .

Sol. We are given that

$$\dim U = 4$$

$$\dim W = 4$$

$$\& \dim V = 6$$

Since  $U+W$  is a subspace of  $V$

$$\text{So } \dim(U+W) \leq \dim V = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(U+W) \leq 6$$

Now as  $U \subseteq U+W$  &  $W \subseteq U+W$

$$\text{So } \dim U \leq \dim(U+W) \leq 6$$

$$\text{or } 4 \leq \dim(U+W) \leq 6$$

Hence  $\dim(U+W)$  is 4 or 5 or 6

Since  $U$  &  $W$  are distinct, so they must be different by at least one generator

$$\text{So } \dim(U+W) > 4$$

Hence  $\dim(U+W)$  is 5 or 6

As we know

$$\dim(U+W) = \dim U + \dim W - \dim(U \cap W)$$

$$\text{or } \dim(U \cap W) = \dim U + \dim W - \dim(U+W)$$

$$(i) \text{ If } \dim(U+W) = 5$$

$$\text{Then } \dim(U \cap W) = 4 + 4 - 5 = 3$$

$$(ii) \text{ If } \dim(U+W) = 6$$

$$\text{then } \dim(U \cap W) = 4 + 4 - 6 = 2$$

Hence the possible dimensions of  $U \cap W$  are 2 or 3

Q16 Find a basis & dimension of the subspace

$W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by

$$(i) (1, 4, -1, 3), (2, 1, -3, -1) \text{ \& } (0, 2, 1, -5)$$

$$(ii) (1, -4, -2, 1), (1, -3, -1, 2) \text{ \& } (3, -8, -2, 7)$$

Sol.

As the subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is spanned by  $(1, 4, -1, 3)$ ,

$(2, 1, -3, -1)$  &  $(0, 2, 1, -5)$

Now we only check their independency

For this let for  $a, b, c \in F$

$$a(1, 4, -1, 3) + b(2, 1, -3, -1) + c(0, 2, 1, -5) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$(a+2b, 4a+b+2c, -a-3b+c, 3a-b-5c) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow a+2b = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$4a+b+2c = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$-a-3b+c = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$3a-b-5c = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

from (1) & (2)

$$\frac{a}{4-0} = \frac{-b}{2-0} = \frac{c}{1-8}$$

$$\frac{a}{4} = \frac{b}{-2} = \frac{c}{-7} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} a &= 4k \\ b &= -2k \\ c &= -7k \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Put in (3) & (4), we see eqs. are not satisfied &

they are satisfied only when  $k = 0$

i.e., when  $a = b = c = 0$

Which shows that given vectors are linearly independent

$\therefore \{(1, 4, -1, 3), (2, 1, -3, -1), (0, 2, 1, -5)\}$  form a basis of  $W$

$$\text{Hence } \dim W = 3$$

(ii)  $(1, -4, -2, 1), (1, -3, -1, 2), (3, -8, -2, 7)$

Sol. Given vectors are

$$(1, -4, -2, 1), (1, -3, -1, 2) \text{ & } (3, -8, -2, 7)$$





As the subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is spanned by  $(1, -4, -2, 1)$ ,  
 $(1, -3, -1, 2)$  &  $(3, -8, -2, 7)$ .

So we only check their independency.

For this let for scalars  $a, b, c$

$$a(1, -4, -2, 1) + b(1, -3, -1, 2) + c(3, -8, -2, 7) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\text{or } (a+b+3c, -4a-3b-8c, -2a-b-2c, a+2b+7c) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b+3c = 0 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$-4a-3b-8c = 0 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$-2a-b-2c = 0 \quad \text{--- ③}$$

$$a+2b+7c = 0 \quad \text{--- ④}$$

from ① & ②

$$\frac{a}{-8+9} = \frac{-b}{-8+12} = \frac{c}{-3+4}$$

$$\frac{a}{1} = \frac{b}{-4} = \frac{c}{1} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} a = k \\ b = -4k \\ c = k \end{array} \right\}$$

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Put these values in ③ & ④, we see these eqs. are satisfied so the given vectors are linearly dependent.

Now we take only first two vectors  $(1, -4, -2, 1)$  &  $(1, -3, -1, 2)$  & check their independency.

Suppose for  $a, b \in F$

$$a(1, -4, -2, 1) + b(1, -3, -1, 2) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\text{or } (a+b, -4a-3b, -2a-b, a+2b) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b = 0 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$-4a-3b = 0 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$-2a-b = 0 \quad \text{--- ③}$$

$$a+2b = 0 \quad \text{--- ④}$$

Adding ① + ②

$$-a = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{a = 0}$$

Put in ①

$$0 + b = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{b = 0}$$

Hence the vectors are linearly independent & so the set  $\{(1, -4, -2, 1), (1, -3, -1, 2)\}$  form a basis of  $W$

$$\text{Hence } \dim W = 2$$

Q17 Let  $U$  &  $W$  be 2-dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Show that  $U \cap W \neq \{0\}$

Sol. Given that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dim U &= 2 \\ \& \dim W &= 2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

If  $U = W$  then  $\dim U = \dim W = 2$

$$\text{So } U \cap W \neq \{0\}$$

Hence we suppose that  $U \neq W$ . This means that  $U$  &  $W$  are not spanned by the same set.

$$\text{So } \dim(U+W) > 2$$

Since  $U$  &  $W$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\text{Hence } \dim(U+W) \leq 3$$

$$\text{So } 2 < \dim(U+W) \leq 3$$

$$\text{Hence } \dim(U+W) = 3$$

$$\text{As } \dim(U+W) = \dim U + \dim W - \dim(U \cap W)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \dim(U \cap W) &= \dim U + \dim W - \dim(U+W) \\ &= 2 + 2 - 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \dim(U \cap W) = 1$$

It shows that  $U \cap W$  contains a non zero element

$$\& \text{ so } U \cap W \neq \{0\}$$