

**Sem-III**  
**MAT 202: Linear Algebra-I**  
**UNIT –2 Linearly dependence**

**Definition:- Trivial linear combination:**

If  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  are  $n$  vectors of a vector space  $V$ , then the linear combination  $\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \alpha_3 u_3 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n$  is called a trivial linear combination. If all the scalars  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n$  are zero.

**Definition:- Non-Trivial linear combination:**

If  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  are  $n$  vectors of a vector space  $V$ , then the linear combination  $\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \alpha_3 u_3 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n$  is called a non-trivial linear combination. If at least one of the scalars  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n$  is not zero. i.e. at least one of the  $\alpha$ 's is not zero.

e.g. (1)  $0u_1 + 0u_2 + 0u_3 + \dots + 0u_n$  is a trivial linear combination.

(2)  $0u_1 + 0u_2 + 0u_3 + \dots + 0u_{n-1} + 1u_n$  and  $1u_1 + 2u_2 + 3u_3 + \dots + nu_n$  is a non-trivial linear combination.

**Note:-** The trivial linear combination of any set of vectors is always the zero vector for  $0u_1 + 0u_2 + 0u_3 + \dots + 0u_n = 0 + 0 + 0 \dots + 0 = 0$

**Example:-** Give an example to show that a nontrivial linear combination of a set of vectors can give the zero vector.

**Solution:-** Example: Let  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(2, 0, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$  be three vectors in  $V_3$ . Then we have  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in R$  such that  $\alpha(1, 0, 0) + \beta(2, 0, 0) + \gamma(0, 0, 1) = (0, 0, 0) = 0$

Thus we get  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\beta = \frac{-1}{2}$  and  $\gamma = 0$

i.e.  $1(1, 0, 0) + \frac{-1}{2}(2, 0, 0) + 0(0, 0, 1) = (0, 0, 0) = 0$

thus a nontrivial linear combination may give the zero vector.

**Example :-** Prove that  $(1, 0, 0)$  is a linear combination of  $(2, 0, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$ .

**Solution:-** Let  $(1, 0, 0) = \alpha(2, 0, 0) + \beta(0, 0, 1)$   $\alpha, \beta \in R$

$$(1, 0, 0) = (2\alpha, 0, \beta)$$

$$\therefore 2\alpha = 1 \text{ and } \beta = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \beta = 0$$

$\therefore$  the linear combination of  $(2, 0, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$  is as

$$(1, 0, 0) = \frac{1}{2}(2, 0, 0) + 0(0, 0, 1)$$

**Example:-** Prove that the set of vectors  $\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$  is trivial linear combination.

**Solution:-** Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in R$  such that

$$\alpha(1, 0, 0) + \beta(0, 1, 0) + \gamma(0, 0, 1) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0$$

$\therefore$  given vectors are trivial linear combination.

**Definition:- Linearly dependent(L.D):-**

A set  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$  of vectors is said to be linearly dependent(L.D.) if there exists a nontrivial linear combination of  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  that equals the zero vector.

i.e. The linear combination  $\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \alpha_3 u_3 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n = 0$  with at least one of scalars  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n$  is not zero. i.e. at least one of the  $\alpha$ 's is not zero.

**Definition:- Linearly independent(L.I):-**

A set  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$  of vectors is said to be linearly independent(L.I.) if there exists a trivial linear combination of  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  that equals the zero vector.

i.e. The linear combination  $\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \alpha_3 u_3 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n = 0$  with all scalars  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n$  zero. i.e. all of the  $\alpha$ 's is zero.

**Example:-** Prove that the vectors  $(1, 0, 1)$ ,  $(1, 1, 0)$  and  $(-1, 0, -1)$  are L.D.

**Solution:-** Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in R$  such that

$$\alpha(1, 0, 1) + \beta(1, 1, 0) + \gamma(-1, 0, -1) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore (\alpha + \beta - \gamma, \beta, \alpha + \beta) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta - \gamma = 0, \quad \beta = 0, \quad \alpha + \beta = 0$$

Solving these equations then we get

$$\therefore \beta = 0, \quad \alpha = \gamma$$

Thus any nonzero value for  $\alpha$ , say 1, then we get

$$1(1, 0, 1) + 0(1, 1, 0) + 1(-1, 0, -1) = (0, 0, 0)$$

Hence this is a nontrivial linear combination of given vectors.

i.e. the vectors  $(1, 0, 1)$ ,  $(1, 1, 0)$  and  $(-1, 0, -1)$  are L.D.

**Example:-** Prove that the vectors  $(1, 0, 1)$ ,  $(1, 1, 0)$  and  $(1, 1, -1)$  are L.I.

**Solution:-** Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in R$  such that

$$\alpha(1, 0, 1) + \beta(1, 1, 0) + \gamma(1, 1, -1) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore (\alpha + \beta + \gamma, \beta + \gamma, \alpha - \gamma) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0, \quad \beta + \gamma = 0 \text{ and } \alpha - \gamma = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0$$

Hence this is a trivial linear combination of given vectors.

i.e. the vectors  $(1, 0, 1)$ ,  $(1, 1, 0)$  and  $(-1, 0, -1)$  are L.I.

**Example:-** Check whether the following set of vectors is L.D. or L.I.

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

(2)  $\{e^x, e^{2x}\}$  in  $\mathcal{C}^{(\infty)}(-\infty, \infty)$ .

(3)  $\{x, |x|\}$  in  $\mathcal{C}(-\infty, \infty)$ .

**Solution:-** (1)  $\{(1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, -1, 1), (1, 2, -3)\}$

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in R$  such that

$$\alpha(1, 0, 1) + \beta(1, 1, 0) + \gamma(1, 1, -1) + \delta(1, 2, -3) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore (\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta, \beta - \gamma + 2\delta, \alpha + \gamma - 3\delta) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = 0, \beta - \gamma + 2\delta = 0, \alpha + \gamma - 3\delta = 0$$

Solving above equation we get

$$\therefore \alpha = 5\delta, \beta = -4\delta, \gamma = -2\delta, \delta = \delta$$

If we take  $\delta = 1$  then

$$\alpha = 5, \beta = -4, \gamma = -2, \delta = 1$$

thus  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = \delta \neq 0$

Hence this is a nontrivial linear combination of given vectors.

i.e. the set of vectors  $\{(1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, -1, 1), (1, 2, -3)\}$  is L.D.

(2)  $\{e^x, e^{2x}\}$  in  $\mathcal{C}^{(\infty)}(-\infty, \infty)$ .

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that  $\alpha e^x + \beta e^{2x} = 0 \quad x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ -----(1)

Differentiate the equation with respect to  $x$ , then we get

$$\alpha e^x + 2\beta e^{2x} = 0 \quad \text{-----}(2)$$

Solving equation (1) and (2) then we get

$$\beta e^{2x} = 0. \text{ since } e^{2x} \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \beta = 0.$$

And we get  $\alpha = 0$

$$\therefore \beta = \alpha = 0.$$

Hence this is a trivial linear combination of given vectors.

i.e. the set of vectors  $\{e^x, e^{2x}\}$  in  $\mathcal{C}^{(\infty)}(-\infty, \infty)$  are L.I.

(3)  $\{x, |x|\}$  in  $\mathcal{C}(-\infty, \infty)$ .

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that  $\alpha x + \beta |x| = 0$

Since the function  $|x|$  is not differentiable at zero.

$$\therefore \alpha x + \beta |x| = 0 \text{ holds for all } x \in (-1, 1)$$

So choosing two different values of  $x$  say  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$  then we get

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{\beta}{2} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{-\alpha}{2} + \frac{\beta}{2} = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \beta = 0$$

$\therefore$  The set is LI over  $(-1, 1)$ .

**Definition:- The line through  $v$ :**

Given a vector  $v \neq 0$ , the set of all scalar multiples of  $v$  is called the line through  $v$ .

**Geometrically:** In the case of  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$  and  $V_3$ . It is nothing but the straight line through the origin and  $v$ .

**Definition:** Collinear:-

Two vectors  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are collinear if one of them lies in the line through the other.

Note:-  $0$  is collinear with any nonzero vector  $v$ .

**Definition:** Plane through  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  :-

Given Two vectors  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  which are not collinear, their span, namely  $[v_1, v_2]$  is called the plane through  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ .

**Geometrically:** In the case of  $V_2$  and  $V_3$ . It is nothing but the plane passing through the origin and  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ .

**Definition:** Coplanar:-

Three vectors  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  are coplanar if one of them lies in the plane through the other two. e.g.  $0$  is coplanar with every pair of non collinear vectors.

**Example :-** Prove that the vectors  $v$  and  $\alpha v$  of a vector space  $V$  are collinear.

**Solution:-** Since  $\alpha v$  is a scalar multiple of  $v$ .

$\therefore \alpha v$  lies in the line through  $v$ .

The vectors  $v$  and  $\alpha v$  are collinear.

**Example :-** Prove that the functions  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$  in  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{I})$  are not collinear.

**Solution:-** Since  $\sin x$  (or  $\cos x$ ) is not a scalar multiple of  $\cos x$  (or  $\sin x$ ).

$\therefore$  neither of the two lies in the line through the other.

$\therefore$  The functions  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$  in  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{I})$  are not collinear.

**Note:-** It spans, namely,  $[\sin x, \cos x] = \{ \alpha \sin x + \beta \cos x / \alpha, \beta \text{ any scalar} \}$  is the plane through the vectors  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$ .

**Example :-** The functions  $\sin x$ ,  $\cos x$ ,  $\tan x$  in  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{I})$  are obviously not coplanar because none of them lies in the plane through the other two.

**Example:-** Prove that the functions  $\cos^2 x$ ,  $\sin^2 x$ ,  $\cos 2x$  are coplanar.

**Solution:-** Since  $\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$

$\therefore \cos 2x$  lies in the plane through  $\cos^2 x$  and  $\sin^2 x$ . also  $\cos 2x$  is linear combination of  $\cos^2 x$  and  $\sin^2 x$ .

$\therefore$  the functions  $\cos^2 x$ ,  $\sin^2 x$ ,  $\cos 2x$  are coplanar.

**Theorem:-** Let  $V$  be any vector space. Then

(a) The set  $\{v\}$  is LD iff  $v = 0$ .

(b) The set  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is LD iff  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are coplanar.  
i.e. one of them is a scalar multiple of other.

(c) The set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is LD iff  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  are coplanar.

i.e. one of them is a scalar multiple of other two.

**Proof:-** (a) The set  $\{v\}$  is LD iff there exists a nonzero scalar  $\alpha$  such that  $\alpha v = 0$   
 Since  $\alpha \neq 0 \Rightarrow v = 0$ .

(b) suppose the set  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is L. D.

$\therefore$  there exist  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  with let  $\alpha \neq 0$  Such that

$$\alpha v_1 + \beta v_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore v_1 = -\frac{\beta}{\alpha} v_2$$

$\therefore v_1$  is scalar multiple of  $v_2$ .

$\therefore v_1$  lies in the line through  $v_2$ .

$\therefore v_1, v_2$  are collinear.

Conversely,

let us suppose that  $v_1, v_2$  are collinear.

$\therefore$  one of them say  $v_1$  lies in the line through  $v_2$ .

$\therefore v_1$  is scalar multiple of  $v_2$

$$\therefore v_1 = \alpha v_2$$

$$\text{i.e. } 1 \cdot v_1 - \alpha v_2 = 0$$

since  $1 \neq 0$

$\therefore v_1$  and  $v_2$  are L. D.

(c) Let us suppose that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is L. D.

$\therefore \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in R$  with at least one of them say  $\alpha \neq 0$  Such that

$$\alpha v_1 + \beta v_2 + \gamma v_3 = 0$$

$$\therefore v_1 = \left(\frac{-\beta}{\alpha}\right) v_2 + \left(\frac{\gamma}{\alpha}\right) v_3$$

$$\text{i.e. } v_1 \in [v_2, v_3]$$

$\therefore v_1$  lies in the plane through  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ .

$\therefore v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  are coplanar.

Conversely,

Let us suppose that  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  are coplanar

$\therefore$  one of them, say  $v_1 \in [v_2, v_3]$

$$\text{i.e. } v_1 = \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 \quad \forall \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in R.$$

$$\therefore 1 \cdot v_1 - \alpha_2 v_2 - \alpha_3 v_3 = 0$$

Since  $1 \neq 0$

$\therefore v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  are L. D.

**Explain by illustration for above theorem.**

Let us consider the three vectors  $(1,1,1)$ ,  $(1,-1,1)$  and  $(3,-1,3)$

They are L. D.

Because

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

$\therefore$  the plane through  $(1,1,1)$  and  $(3,-1,3)$  contains the point  $(1,-1,1)$ .

As the plane through  $(1,1,1)$  and  $(3,-1,3)$  is

$$[(1,1,1), (3,-1,3)] = \alpha(1,1,1) + \beta(3,-1,3)$$

$$\forall \alpha, \beta \in R$$

$$= \left\{ \alpha + 3\beta, \alpha - \beta, \alpha + \frac{3\beta}{\alpha}, \beta \in R \right\}$$

Let  $(1, -1, 1) \in [(1, 1, 1), (3, -1, 3)]$

$$\therefore (1, -1, 1) = \alpha(1, 1, 1) + \beta(3, -1, 3)$$

$$\therefore \alpha + 3\beta = 1, \quad \alpha - \beta = -1, \quad \alpha + 3\beta = 1$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{-1}{2} \text{ and } \beta = \frac{1}{2}$$

**Note:** In a vector space  $V$  any set of vectors containing the zero vector is L. D.

If  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a set and  $v_1 = 0$

then  $0v_1 + 0v_2 + \dots + 0v_{i-1} + 1v_i + 0v_{i+1} + \dots + 0v_n$  is a nontrivial linear combination resulting in the zero vector.

Ex. In a vector space  $V$ , if  $v$  is a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ ,

i.e.  $v \in [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$  then prove that  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is L. D.

Solution:

Since  $v \in [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$  is given

$$\therefore v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$

$$\forall \alpha_i \in R \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

$$\text{i.e. } 1.v - \alpha v_1 - \alpha v_2 - \dots - \alpha_n v_n = 0$$

Since  $1 \neq 0$

$\therefore \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is L. D.

**Example:-** In a vector space  $V$ , if the set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  L. I. and

$v \notin [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$  then prove  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is L. I.

**Solution:** Let us suppose that  $v \in [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$

$$\therefore \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$

$$\forall \alpha_i \in R, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

$$\therefore 1.v - \alpha_1 v_1 - \alpha_2 v_2 - \dots - \alpha_n v_n = 0$$

Since  $1 \neq 0$

$\therefore \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is L. D.

**Theorem:-** (a) If a set is LI, then any subset of it is also LI and

(b) If a set is LD, then any superset of it is also LD.

**Theorem:-** In a vector space  $V$ . Suppose  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is an ordered set of

vectors with  $v_1 \neq 0$ . The set is LD iff one of the vectors  $v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$ , say  $v_k$ ,

belongs to the span of  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{k-1}$

i.e.  $v_k \in [v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{k-1}]$  for some  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

**Proof:-** Suppose  $v_k \in [v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{k-1}]$

i.e.  $v_k$  is a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{k-1}$ .

$\therefore$  the set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{k-1}, v_k\}$  is LD.

Since  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is a subset of the set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{k-1}, v_k\}$

$\therefore \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{k-1}, v_k\}$  is superset of  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$

$\therefore \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is LD.

Conversely,

Let us suppose that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is LD.

Now consider the set

$$S_1 = \{v_1\}$$

$$S_2 = \{v_1, v_2\}$$

$$S_3 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$$

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$$S_i = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_i\}$$

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$$S_n = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$$

Here  $S_1 = \{v_1\}$  is LI because  $v_1 \neq 0$

But  $S_n = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is LD is given.

So we go down the list and choose the first linearly dependent set.

Let  $S_k$  be first linearly dependent set.

i.e.  $S_k$  is linearly dependent set (LD) and  $S_{k-1}$  is linearly independent set(LI).

Here  $2 \leq k \leq n$

Since  $S_k$  is LD

$\therefore \alpha_i \in R, i=1,2,3,\dots,k$  with at least one of  $\alpha_i \neq 0$  such that

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k = 0 \text{ -----(1)}$$

Let  $\alpha_k \neq 0$

If  $\alpha_k = 0$  then  $S_{k-1}$  would become a linearly dependent.

But  $S_{k-1}$  is LI.

$\therefore \alpha_k = 0$  is not possible.

$\therefore \alpha_k \neq 0$ .

From equation (1) we get

$$v_k = -\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_k} v_1 - \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_k} v_2 - \frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_k} v_3 + \dots - \frac{\alpha_{k-1}}{\alpha_k} v_{k-1}$$

$v_k$  is linear combination of  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{k-1}\}$

i.e.  $v_k \in [v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{k-1}]$

**Corollary:-** A finite subset  $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  of a vector space  $V$  containing a nonzero vector has a linearly independent subset  $A$  such that  $[A] = [S]$

**Proof:-** Assume that  $v_1 \neq 0$

If  $S$  is LI then there is nothing to prove as we have  $A = S$ . and

If  $S$  is not LI then we have a vector  $v_k$  such that  $v_k \in [v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{k-1}]$

Now discard  $v_k$  then the remaining set  $S_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_{k-1}, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}$  has the same span as that of  $S$ .

If  $S_1$  is LI then there is nothing to prove that and we have  $S_1 = S$ .

And

If  $S_1$  is not LI then repeat the foregoing process.

Then finally we get a linearly independent subset  $A$  such that  $[A] = [S]$

**Example:-** Show that the ordered set  $\{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, -1), (1, 1, 1)\}$  is L.D. and locate one of the vectors that belongs to the span of the previous ones. Also find the largest linearly independent subset whose span in  $[S_4]$ .

**Solution:-** Let us consider the sets

$$S_1 = \{(1, 1, 0)\}$$

$$S_2 = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1)\}$$

$$S_3 = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, -1)\}$$

$$S_4 = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, -1), (1, 1, 1)\}$$

Here  $S_1 = \{(1, 1, 0)\}$  is LI  $[\because (1, 1, 0) \neq (0, 0, 0)]$

Now  $S_2 = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1)\}$  is also LI because neither of the two vectors in  $S_2$  is a scalar multiple of the other.

i.e.  $(1, 1, 0) \neq \alpha (0, 1, 1)$  or  $(0, 1, 1) \neq \alpha (1, 1, 0)$

{(or) for  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\alpha (1, 1, 0) + \beta (0, 1, 1) = (0, 0, 0)$  thus we get

$\alpha = \beta = 0$  there for  $S_2 = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1)\}$  is also LI }

Now  $S_3 = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, -1)\}$  is LD

because for  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\alpha (1, 1, 0) + \beta (0, 1, 1) + \gamma (1, 0, -1) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \gamma = 0, \alpha + \beta = 0, \beta - \gamma = 0$$

From these equations we get  $\alpha = -\gamma, \beta = \gamma, \gamma = \gamma$

Thus if we take  $\gamma = 1$  then we get  $\alpha = -1, \beta = 1, \gamma = 1$

$$\therefore \alpha = \beta = \gamma \neq 0$$

$\therefore S_3 = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, -1)\}$  is LD

Hence  $(1, 0, -1) \in [\{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1)\}]$

Now  $S_4 = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, -1), (1, 1, 1)\}$  is LD

Because  $S_3 \subset S_4$  i.e.  $S_4$  is super set of  $S_3$ .

Since  $(1, 0, -1) \in [\{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1)\}]$

$$\therefore (1, 0, -1) \in [\{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}]$$

Now discard  $(1, 0, -1)$  from the set  $S_4$  then the span of the remaining set  $A = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}$  is the same as  $[S_4]$ .

Let us check for the linear independent of A

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\alpha (1, 1, 0) + \beta (0, 1, 1) + \gamma (1, 1, 1) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \gamma = 0, \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0, \beta + \gamma = 0$$

From these equations we get

$$\therefore \alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0$$

Set  $A = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}$  is the largest linearly independent subset whose span in  $[S_4]$ . i.e.  $[A] = [S_4]$

**Note :-** An infinite subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is said to be linearly independent if every finite subset of  $S$  is LI. And an infinite subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is said to be linearly dependent if it is not LI.

**Example:-** Prove that the subset  $S = \{1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots\}$  of  $\mathcal{P}$  is LI

Solution:- Let  $S_1 = \{1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n\}$

$$a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } a_1 1 + a_2 x + a_3 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } a_1 1 + a_2 x + a_3 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n = 0 \cdot 1 + 0 x + 0 x^2 + \dots + 0 x^n$$

Comparing the coefficient then we get

$$a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = \dots = a_n = 0$$

$\therefore S_1$  is finite and LI.

Since  $S$  is infinite set but  $S_1 \subset S$  and  $S_1$  is LI

$\therefore S$  is LI.



## Dimension and Basis

### Definition: Basis:-

A subspace B of a vector space V is said to be a basis for V if

- (a) B is linearly independent and
- (b)  $[B]=V$  i.e. B generates V.

**Example:-** Prove that the set  $B = \{i, j, k\}$  is basis for  $V_3$  where  $i=(1,0,0)$ ,  $j=(0,1,0)$  and  $k=(0,0,1)$ .

- (a) Check set B for LI.

$$\alpha(1,0,0) + \beta(0,1,0) + \gamma(0,0,1) = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 0, \beta = 0, \gamma = 0$$

$\therefore$  set B is LI.

- (b) Let us check for set B as  $[B]=V$

Let  $(x, y, z) \in V_3$  and  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\alpha(1,0,0) + \beta(0,1,0) + \gamma(0,0,1) = (x, y, z)$$

$$\therefore \alpha = x, \beta = y, \gamma = z$$

$$\therefore x(1,0,0) + y(0,1,0) + z(0,0,1) = (x, y, z)$$

Which is the required linear combination of set B .

$$\therefore [B] = V_3.$$

$\therefore$  Set B is Basis for  $V_3$ .

**Example:-** Prove that the set  $B = \{(1,1,0), (1,0,1), (0,1,1)\}$  is basis for  $V_3$ .

- (a) Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\alpha(1,1,0) + \beta(1,0,1) + \gamma(0,1,1) = (0,0,0)$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = 0, \beta + \gamma = 0, \gamma + \alpha = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 0, \beta = 0, \gamma = 0$$

$\therefore$  set B is LI. -----(1)

- (b) Now Let  $(x, y, z) \in V_3$  and  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\alpha(1,1,0) + \beta(1,0,1) + \gamma(0,1,1) = (x, y, z)$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = x, \beta + \gamma = z, \gamma + \alpha = y$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{x+y-z}{2}, \beta = \frac{x-y+z}{2}, \gamma = \frac{z-x+y}{2}$$

$$\frac{x+y-z}{2}(1,1,0) + \frac{x-y+z}{2}(1,0,1) + \frac{z-x+y}{2}(0,1,1) = (x, y, z)$$

Which is linear combination of vector of set B.

i.e. B generates  $V_3$ .

$$\therefore [B] = V_3. -----(2)$$

From (1) and (2)

the set  $B = \{(1,1,0), (1,0,1), (0,1,1)\}$  is basis for  $V_3$ .

**Note:** The above example shows that a basis for a vector V need not be unique.

**Theorem:-** In a vector space V if  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  generates V and if

$\{w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n\}$  is LI then prove that  $m \leq n$ .

**OR** We cannot have more linearly independent vectors than the number of elements in a set of generators.

**Proof:-** Since  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  generates  $V$ .

i.e.  $V = [v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n]$

Let  $w_1 \in V$

$\therefore w_1 \in [v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n]$

$\therefore$  The new set  $\{w_1, v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  will be LD

( $\because$  one of vector is a linear combination of other one)

Since the set is LD

$\therefore$  there exists a vector which is the linear combination of the preceding vectors.

Such vector must be from  $v_i$ 's.

Let such a vector be  $v_j$ .

We discard this vector due to which the set becomes LD.

Remaining vectors will have same span.

i.e.  $V = [w_1, v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_n]$

Again an element  $w_2 \in V$  must be the linear combination of vectors in this span.

$\therefore w_2 \in [w_1, v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_n]$

Add the vector  $w_2$  and consider the set  $\{w_2, w_1, v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_n\}$

Again this set is LD

Again remove the vector which belongs to the span of preceding vectors.

Such vector must be from  $v_i$ 's.

Let such a vector be  $v_k$ .

We discard this vector due to which the set becomes LD.

Then we get following set

$\{w_2, w_1, v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{k-1}, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_n\}$

This is LI and which generates vector span  $V$ .

We continue the process of adding the vectors from  $w_i$  set and removing the vector from  $v_i$  set.

At the time of addition of the vector from  $w_i$  set the set becomes LD and at the time of removal of vector from  $v_i$  set the set becomes LI.

We have to prove that  $m \leq n$ .

Let us suppose that  $m > n$ .

Then the vectors from  $v_i$  set will be exhausted first, After consuming all vectors in set when we add the vector from  $w_i$  set we will get LD set of vectors from  $w_i$  set only.

This is impossible.

Since  $\{w_i\}_{i=m}$  is LI and hence its every subset is LI.

$\therefore$  our supposition is wrong.

Hence  $m \leq n$  is true.

**Corollary:-** If  $V$  has a basis of  $n$  elements, then every set of  $p$  vectors with  $p > n$  is LD.

**Proof:-** Let  $B = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  the basis for  $V$  and  $A = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$  be set of vectors in  $V$  with  $p > n$

We have to prove that  $A$  is LD.

Assume that  $A$  is not LD.

i.e. A is LI

So A is the set of LI vectors in V and B is the set of LI generators in V.

$\therefore p \leq n$ .

Which contradicts the hypothesis  $p > n$ .

$\therefore$  our supposition is wrong.

$\therefore$  A must be LD.

**Corollary:-** If V has a basis of n elements, then every other basis for V also has n elements.

**Proof:-** Let  $B_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $B_2 = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_m\}$  are two bases for V. then  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are LI and  $[B_1] = V$  and  $[B_2] = V$

We have to prove that  $m = n$

Since  $[B_1] = V$  and  $B_2$  are LI

i.e.  $B_2$  is the set of LI generators of V and  $B_1$  is the set of LI vector in V.

$\therefore m \leq n$ ------(1)

Since  $[B_2] = V$  and  $B_1$  are LI

i.e.  $B_1$  is the set of LI generators of V and  $B_2$  is the set of LI vector in V.

$\therefore n \leq m$ ------(2)

From (1) and (2)

$m = n$

$\therefore$  Every basis of V contains vector.

i.e. Numbers of elements in a basis for vector space V is always constant.

**Definition:- Dimension of a vector space:-**

If a vector space V has a basis consisting of a finite number of elements in a basis is called the dimension of the space. The vector space V is called finite dimensional and is written as  $\dim V$ .

Note:-

- If  $\dim V = n$  then V is said to be n-dimensional.
- If V is not finite dimensional then it is called infinite dimensional.
- If  $V = V_0 = \{0\}$  its dimension is taken to be zero.
- If a vector space V is n –dimensional then there exist n linearly independent vectors in V.
- If a vector space V is n –dimensional then every set of n+1 vectors in V is linearly dependent (LD) vectors in V.

**Example:-** Prove that  $V_2$  is 2-dimensional space and  $V_3$  is 3-dimensional space.

**Solution:-** Here  $e_1 = (1,0)$  and  $e_2 = (0,1)$  in  $V_2$  and  $e_1 = (1,0,0)$ ,  $e_2 = (0,1,0)$  and  $e_3 = (0,0,1)$  in  $V_3$ .

Since  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  is basis for  $V_2$  and  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  is basis for  $V_3$ .

$\therefore \dim V_2 = 2$  and  $\dim V_3 = 3$

**Example:-** Prove that  $s = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  be a standard basis for  $V_n$  and find the dimension for  $V_n$ .(or)  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Solution:-** Let  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  such that

$\alpha_1 e_1 + \alpha_2 e_2 + \dots + \alpha_n e_n = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$

$\therefore \alpha_1(1, 0, 0, \dots, 0) + \alpha_2(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) + \dots + \alpha_n(0, 0, 0, \dots, 1) = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$   
 $\therefore (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n) = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$   
 $\therefore \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_n = 0$   
 $\therefore$  The set  $s = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  is LI. \_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
 Now let  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \in V_n$  such that  
 $\alpha_1 e_1 + \alpha_2 e_2 + \dots + \alpha_n e_n = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$   
 $\therefore \alpha_1(1, 0, 0, \dots, 0) + \alpha_2(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) + \dots + \alpha_n(0, 0, 0, \dots, 1) = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$   
 $\therefore (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n) = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$   
 $\therefore \alpha_1 = x_1, \alpha_2 = x_2, \dots, \alpha_n = x_n$   
 $\therefore \alpha_1 e_1 + \alpha_2 e_2 + \dots + \alpha_n e_n = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$  is linear combination of  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$   
 i.e.  $[S] = V$  \_\_\_\_\_ (2)  
 From (1) and (2)  
 $s = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  be a standard basis for  $V_n$ .  
 $\therefore \dim V_n = n$ .

**Example :-** Find the dimension of the space  $\mathcal{P}_n$ .

**Solution:-** Every polynomial in  $\mathcal{P}_n$  is a linear combination of the function  $\{1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n\}$

Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a_1 1 + a_2 x + a_3 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n = 0$

i.e.  $a_1 1 + a_2 x + a_3 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n = 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x^2 + \dots + 0 \cdot x^n$

Comparing the coefficient, then we get

$a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = \dots = a_n = 0$

$\therefore \{1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n\}$  is LI.

$\therefore \{1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n\}$  is basis for  $\mathcal{P}_n$ .

$\therefore \dim \mathcal{P}_n = n+1$ .

**Theorem:-** In an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$ , any set of  $n$  linearly independent vector is a basis. OR. Prove that any set of  $n$  linearly independent vector is a basis In an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$ .

**Proof:-** Suppose  $B = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is a set of  $n$  linearly independent vectors.

We want to prove that  $B$  is basis.

For this,

Since  $B$  is set of  $n$  linearly independent vectors is given.

$\therefore$  we have to only prove that  $[B] = V$ .

Let  $v \in V$

Now consider the set  $B_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, v\}$ .

$\therefore B_1$  is a set containing  $n+1$  vectors in dimensional vector space  $V$ .

$\therefore B_1$  is LD.

$\therefore$  there exists a vector in this set which belongs to the span of preceding vectors.

But such vectors cannot be  $v_i, i=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$  because  $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is LI.

So any vector  $v \in V$  can be expressed as a linear combination of  $B$ .

$\therefore v \in [v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n]$

$\therefore [B] = V$ .

$\therefore [B]$  is basis of  $V$ .

**Example:** Prove that the set  $\{(1,1,1), (1,-1,1), (0,1,1)\}$  is a basis for  $V_3$ .

**Solution:** Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in R$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha(1,1,1) + \beta(1,-1,1) + \gamma(0,1,1) = 0 \\ \therefore & \alpha + \beta, \alpha - \beta + \gamma, \alpha + \beta + \gamma = (0,0,0) \\ \therefore & \alpha + \beta = 0, \\ & \alpha - \beta = 0 \\ & \alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0 \\ \therefore & \{(1,1,1), (1,-1,1), (0,1,1)\} \text{ is LI} \text{-----(1)} \end{aligned}$$

Now  $\forall (x, y, z) \in V_3$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha(1,1,1) + \beta(1,-1,1) + \gamma(0,1,1) = (x, y, z) \\ \therefore & \alpha + \beta = x, \\ & \alpha - \beta + \gamma = y \\ & \alpha + \beta + \gamma = z \\ & \gamma = z - x \\ \therefore & \alpha = \frac{x - 2y - z}{2}, \beta = \frac{z - x}{2}, \gamma = z - x \\ \therefore & \frac{x - 2y - z}{2}(1,1,1) + \frac{z - x}{2}(1,-1,1) + z - x(0,1,1) = (x, y, z) \end{aligned}$$

Which is linear combination of vector  $\{(1,1,1), (1,-1,1), (0,1,1)\}$

$$\therefore V_3 = [(1,1,1), (1,-1,1), (0,1,1)] \text{-----(2)}$$

From (1) and (2) given set is basis for  $V_3$ .

**Theorem:** In a vector space  $V$ . Let  $B = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  span  $V$ . Then the following two conditions are equivalent.

- (a)  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is a linearly independent set.
- (b) If  $v \in V$  then the expression  $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$  is unique.

**Proof:-** Let us assume that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is a linearly independent set.

Now we want to prove that for  $v \in V$ , then the expression  $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$  is unique.

For this,

Let  $v = \beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \beta_3 v_3 + \dots + \beta_n v_n$  be another expression of  $v \in V$ .

$$\therefore \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = \beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \beta_3 v_3 + \dots + \beta_n v_n$$

$$\therefore (\alpha_1 - \beta_1)v_1 + (\alpha_2 - \beta_2)v_2 + (\alpha_3 - \beta_3)v_3 + \dots + (\alpha_n - \beta_n)v_n = 0$$

But  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is a linearly independent set.

$$\therefore (\alpha_1 - \beta_1) = (\alpha_2 - \beta_2) = (\alpha_3 - \beta_3) = \dots = (\alpha_n - \beta_n) = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha_1 = \beta_1, \alpha_2 = \beta_2, \alpha_3 = \beta_3, \dots, \alpha_n = \beta_n$$

Hence the expression  $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$  is unique.

Conversely,

Let us assume that  $v \in V$  then the expression  $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$  is unique.

We want to prove that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is a linearly independent set.

Let us suppose that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is not a linearly independent set.

Then there exists scalars  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n$  (not all zero) with at least one

non zero scalar satisfying

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = 0 \text{ -----(1)}$$

$$\text{Also } 0v_1 + 0v_2 + 0v_3 + \dots + 0v_n = 0 \text{ -----(2)}$$

$\therefore$  (1) and (2) are two different linear combination for the vector  $0 \in V$ .

This contradicts to our assumption.

$\therefore$  our supposition is wrong.

$\therefore \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is a linearly independent set.

**Note:-** From above theorem we get that a set B is a basis for a vector space V iff  $[B] = V$ . and the expression for  $v \in V$  in terms of elements of B is unique.

**Definition:- Coordinate vector:-**

Let  $B = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  be an ordered basis for V. Then a vector  $v \in V$  can be written as  $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$ . The vector  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n)$  is called the coordinate vector of V relative to the ordered basis B.

- It is denoted by  $[V]_B$ .
- $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n$  are called the coordinates of V relative to the ordered basis B.
- the coordinate vector of V relative to are simply called the the coordinate vector.

**Example:-** Find the coordinate vector of the vector  $(2, 3, 4, -1)$  of  $V_4$  relative to the standard basis for  $V_4$ .

**Solution:-** Since  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$  is basis for  $V_4$ .

Where  $e_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ ,  $e_2 = (0, 1, 0, 0)$ ,  $e_3 = (0, 0, 1, 0)$  and  $e_4 = (0, 0, 0, 1)$

For a, b, c, d  $\in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (2, 3, 4, -1) &= ae_1 + b e_2 + ce_3 + de_4 \\ &= a(1, 0, 0, 0) + b(0, 1, 0, 0) + c(0, 0, 1, 0) + d(0, 0, 0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$(2, 3, 4, -1) = (a, b, c, d)$$

$$\therefore a = 2, b = 3, c = 4, d = -1$$

$$\therefore (2, 3, 4, -1) = 2e_1 + 3e_2 + 4e_3 + (-1)e_4$$

$\therefore$  The coordinate vector of the vector  $(2, 3, 4, -1)$  of  $V_4$  relative to the standard basis for  $V_4$  is  $(2, 3, 4, -1)$

$$\therefore (2, 3, 4, -1) = [(2, 3, 4, -1)]_B.$$

**Example:-** Find the coordinate vector of the vector  $(2, 3, 4, -1)$  of  $V_4$  relative to the ordered basis  $B = \{(1, 1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 0, 0)\}$  for  $V_4$ .

**Solution:-** Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$(2, 3, 4, -1) = \alpha(1, 1, 0, 0) + \beta(0, 1, 1, 0) + \gamma(0, 0, 1, 1) + \delta(1, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore (2, 3, 4, -1) = (\alpha + \delta, \alpha + \beta, \beta + \gamma, \gamma)$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \delta = 2, \alpha + \beta = 3, \beta + \gamma = 4, \gamma = -1$$

Solving above equation we get

$$\therefore \alpha = -2, \beta = 5, \gamma = -1, \delta = 4$$

Hence the coordinates of  $(2, 3, 4, -1)$  relative to the ordered basis  $B$  are  $(-2, 5, -1, 4)$  and 4.

$$\therefore (-2, 5, -1, 4) = [(2, 3, 4, -1)]_B.$$

**Theorem:-** Let the set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k\}$  be a set of linearly independent subset of an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$ . Then we can find vectors  $v_{k+1}, v_{k+2}, \dots, v_n$  in  $V$  such that the set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ .

**OR**

any set of linearly independent vectors of vector space can be extended to the basis or starting from any LI set of vectors in a vector space we can construct basis for it.

**Proof:-** Here  $V$  is  $n$ -dimensional vector space.

$\therefore$  it has  $n$  LI generators.

But number of LI vectors of  $V$  must be less than the number of LI generators of  $V$ .

$\therefore k \leq n$ .

If  $k = n$  then the set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  will be a set of  $n$  LI vectors in an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$ .

If  $k < n$  then the set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k\}$  is not basis of  $V$ , because any basis of  $V$  should contain  $n$  elements.

i.e.  $[v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k] \neq V$

i.e.  $[v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k] \subset V$ .

Hence there exists at least one vector  $v_{k+1}$  of  $V$  which does not belongs to the span of  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k\}$

i.e.  $v_{k+1} \notin [v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k]$

we enlarge our set by adding  $v_{k+1}$  to our set thus obtaining  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}\}$ .

Obviously this set of  $k+1$  vectors is LI.

If  $k+1 = n$  then this set is basis for  $V$ .

If  $k+1 < n$  again we can find a vector of  $v_{k+2}$  outside the span of  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}\}$ .

We repeat this process till we get  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}$  a basis of  $V$ .

**Example:-** Given two linearly independent vectors  $(1, 0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, -1, 1, 0)$  of  $V_4$ . Find a basis for  $V_4$  that includes these two vectors.

**Solution:-** Since  $[(1, 0, 1, 0), (0, -1, 1, 0)] = \{\alpha, -\beta, \alpha + \beta, 0 / \alpha, \beta \text{ any scalars}\}$ .

Since the fourth coordinate is always zero for vectors in this span.

$\therefore (0, 0, 0, 1)$  is not in this span.

Thus we get an enlarged linearly independent set

$$\{(1, 0, 1, 0), (0, -1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$$

And whose span is

$$[(1, 0, 1, 0), (0, -1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)] = \{\alpha, -\beta, \alpha + \beta, \gamma / \alpha, \beta, \gamma \text{ any scalars}\}.$$

Now we have to identify one element outside this span.

Since the third coordinate in the elements of this span is always  $\alpha + \beta$ .

So we can find a vector for which this is not true.

Thus  $(1, -2, 0, 0)$  is not in the span of the earlier set.

So we have a set  $B = \{(1, 0, 1, 0), (0, -1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1), (1, -2, 0, 0)\}$  which is LI and it is a basis for  $V_4$ .

Let us check set B is basis .

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in R$  such that

$$\alpha(1, 0, 1, 0) + \beta(0, -1, 1, 0) + \gamma(0, 0, 0, 1) + \delta(1, -2, 0, 0) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore (\alpha + \delta, -\beta - 2\delta, \alpha + \beta, \gamma) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \delta = 0, -\beta - 2\delta = 0, \alpha + \beta = 0, \gamma = 0$$

Solving above equation we get

$$\text{thus } \alpha = \beta = \gamma = \delta = 0$$

i.e. the set of vectors  $\{(1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, -1, 1), (1, 2, -3)\}$  is L.I.

$\therefore$  set  $B = \{(1, 0, 1, 0), (0, -1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1), (1, -2, 0, 0)\}$  is LI and a basis for  $V_4$ .

**Example:-** Let  $\{(1, 1, 1, 1), (1, 2, 1, 2)\}$  be a linearly independent subset of vector space  $V_4$ . Extend it to the basis for  $V_4$ .

**Solution:-** We have

$$[(1, 1, 1, 1), (1, 2, 1, 2)] = \{\alpha + \beta, \alpha + 2\beta, \alpha + \beta, \alpha + 2\beta / \alpha, \beta \text{ any scalars}\}.$$

Since the first and third coordinates are equal for all vectors in the span.

$\therefore (0, 3, 2, 3)$  is not in the span.

Thus we have enlarged linearly independent set

$$\{(1, 1, 1, 1), (1, 2, 1, 2), (0, 3, 2, 3)\}$$

And whose span is

$$[(1, 1, 1, 1), (1, 2, 1, 2), (0, 3, 2, 3)] = \{\alpha + \beta, \alpha + 2\beta + 3\gamma, \alpha + \beta + 2\gamma, \alpha + 2\beta + 3\gamma / \alpha, \beta, \gamma \text{ any scalars}\}.$$

Obviously the vector  $(2, 6, 4, 5)$  is not in this span.

Hence the set  $\{(1, 1, 1, 1), (1, 2, 1, 2), (0, 3, 2, 3), (2, 6, 4, 5)\}$  is LI and a basis for  $V_4$ .

**Theorem:-** Let  $U$  be a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ . Then prove that  $\dim U \leq \dim V$ . Equality holds only when  $U = V$ .

**Proof:-** Let  $B = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  be basis for  $V$ . This generates  $V$  and has  $n$  elements.

i.e. there can be at most  $n$  linearly independent vectors in  $V$  and therefore in  $U$ .

$\therefore$  Any set of linearly independent vectors in  $U$  cannot more than  $n$  vectors.

$\therefore \dim U \leq \dim V$

Let  $\dim U = \dim V$

Let  $B_1 =$  basis of  $U$ .

$\therefore$  is  $B_1$  LI and span  $U$ .

$\therefore B_1$  contains  $n$  LI vectors in  $U$ .

But any set of  $n$  LI vectors in  $V$  is basis for  $V$  ( $\because \dim V = n$ ).

$\therefore B_1$  is basis of  $V$ .

**Theorem:-** (Dimension theorem) If  $U$  and  $W$  are two subspaces of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ , then prove that  $\dim(U + W) = \dim U + \dim W - \dim U \cap W$ .

**Proof:-** Let  $\dim U = m, \dim W = p, \dim U \cap W = r$  and  $\dim V = n$ .

Since  $U, W$  and  $U \cap W$  are subspaces of a vector space  $V$ .



Since dimension of a subspace of a vector space cannot exceed that of a vector space.

$$\therefore m \leq n, \quad p \leq n, \quad r \leq n$$

Let  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_r\}$  be basis for  $U \cap W$ .

Since vectors in basis is LI.

$$\therefore \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_r\} \text{ is LI in } U \cap W$$

Hence  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_r\}$  is LI in U and W both.

In particular  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_r\}$  are LI vectors in U.

So that can set can be extended to the basis of U.

Thus we can find the vector  $u_{r+1}, u_{r+2}, \dots, u_m$  in U such that

$$\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_r, u_{r+1}, u_{r+2}, \dots, u_m\} \text{ is a basis for U}$$

Similarly, the set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_r\}$  are LI vectors in W.

So that can set can be extended to the basis of W.

Thus we can find the vector  $w_{r+1}, w_{r+2}, \dots, w_p$  in W such that

$$\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_r, w_{r+1}, w_{r+2}, \dots, w_p\} \text{ is a basis for W.}$$

Now let us consider the set

$$A = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_r, u_{r+1}, u_{r+2}, \dots, u_m, w_{r+1}, w_{r+2}, \dots, w_p\}$$

We shall show that A is basis for  $U + W$ .

A will be basis for  $U + W$  if

(i) A is LI. (ii)  $[A] = U + W$

Let  $x$  be any vector in  $U + W$ .

Then  $x = u + w$  where  $u \in U$  and  $w \in W$ .

But  $u \in U$  is a linear combination of vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_r, u_{r+1}, u_{r+2}, \dots, u_m\}$

Similarly,  $w \in W$  is a linear combination of vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_r, w_{r+1}, w_{r+2}, \dots, w_p\}$

$\therefore x = u + w$  becomes linear combination of A.

Hence  $[A] = U + W$

To prove linear independence of A

Let  $\alpha_i, \beta_j, \gamma_k$  for  $1 \leq i \leq r, r+1 \leq j \leq m, 1+r \leq k \leq p$  are scalars such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i v_i + \sum_{i=r+1}^m \beta_i u_i + \sum_{i=r+1}^p \gamma_i w_i = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i v_i + \sum_{i=r+1}^m \beta_i u_i = - \sum_{i=r+1}^p \gamma_i w_i = v \text{ say } \text{-----(1)}$$

Since vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_r, u_{r+1}, u_{r+2}, \dots, u_m\}$  in U and vector  $w_{r+1}, w_{r+2}, \dots, w_p$  in W.

vector  $v$  belongs both U and W.

i.e.  $v \in U \cap W$ .

$\therefore v$  can be expressed as a linear combination of basis of  $U \cap W$ .

$$\therefore v = \sum_{i=1}^r \delta_i v_i \text{-----(2)}$$

From (1) and (2) we get

$$\sum_{i=r+1}^p \gamma_i w_i + \sum_{i=1}^r \delta_i v_i = 0 \text{-----(3)}$$

Since  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_r, w_{r+1}, w_{r+2}, \dots, w_p\}$  is LI.

Each  $\gamma_i$  and  $\delta_i$  are zero.

In particular each  $\gamma_i$   $i = r+1, \dots, p$  is zero.

Using this with equation (1) we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i v_i + \sum_{i=r+1}^m \beta_i u_i = 0$$

But  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_r, u_{r+1}, u_{r+2}, \dots, u_m\}$  be basis in U therefore it is LI.

Each  $\alpha_i = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and  $\beta_i = 0$  for  $i = r+1, \dots, m$

Thus we get the value of each scalars is zero.

$\therefore$  the set A is LI.

$\therefore$  set A is basis for  $U + W$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \dim(U + W) &= m + p - r \\ &= \dim U + \dim W - \dim U \cap W. \end{aligned}$$

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