

Compliments in Linear Algebra 80146

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- Theorem: Every vector-space has a *basis* (not necessarily finitely-generated)

Proof: Via Zorn's Lemma (or transfinite induction)

Note: Zorn's lemma may help prove that every basis has the same cardinality (its' dimension)

$\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}} = \{(a_0, a_1, \dots) | a_i \in \mathbb{R}\} \supset \oplus_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{R} = \{(a_0, a_1, \dots) | a_i \in \mathbb{R} (\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, a_i = 0, i > n)\}$ (is countable)

Candidate for a basis:

$$\begin{cases} e_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots) \\ e_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots) \\ e_3 = \dots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i = (a_1, \dots, a_n, 0, 0, \dots) \end{cases}$$

Examples:

Polynomials over \mathbb{F} :

$\mathbb{F}[x] = \{a_n x^n + \dots + a_0 | a_i \in \mathbb{F}\}$ (formal sum) $\equiv \{(a_n, \dots, a_0) | a_i \in \mathbb{F}\}$, thus $\mathbb{F}[x] = \oplus_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{F}$

Formal series: (divergent)

$\mathbb{F}[[x]] = \{a_0 + a_1 x + \dots a_n x^n + \dots | a_i \in \mathbb{F}\}$ is *isomorphic* to $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$.

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a_i x^i) \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (b_j x^j) =_{def} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\sum_{i=0}^n a_i b_{n-i}) x^n$$

- Exercise (*): $\mathbb{F}^{\mathbb{N}}$ has no *countable* basis over \mathbb{F} .

Proposition: \mathbb{R} over \mathbb{Q} has no *countable* basis.

$$\mathbb{Q} = \{\pm \frac{m}{n}\}$$

\mathbb{R} is not *countable*, suppose $\mathbb{R} = \{x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$

Clue: Prove: if V over \mathbb{Q} has a countable basis, then V itself is a *countable* set.

Note: Zorn's Lemma is the only way to prove since \mathbb{R} has a basis over \mathbb{Q} .

(side note: $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C} = 1$, $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C} = 2$)

Basis of \mathbb{R} over \mathbb{Q} $(1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, e, \pi, \dots)$

If \mathbb{F} is *finite* (*countable*) then $\mathbb{F}[[x]]$ is not *countable*,

However, every vector space \mathbb{V} over \mathbb{F} with countable basis is still countable.

- Sum and product of vector spaces:

Definition: Suppose I is an indices *set*, and $\{V_i | i \in I\}$ is a *set* of *vector-spaces* indexed by I .

Then $\prod_{i \in I} V_i = \{(v_i) | i \in I, v_i \in V_i\}$.

Examples:

(1) $I = \{1, 2\}$

$V_1 \times V_2 = \{(v_1, v_2)\}$

(2) $I = \mathbb{N}$

$V_1 \times V_2 \times \dots \times V_n \times \dots = \{(v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots)\}$

Notes:

Just like with sets:

$$\prod_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}^{\mathbb{N}}$$

Note: Union of sets is usually not a vector-space. Instead, we define an external sum of vector-spaces.

- Definition: Suppose I is a *set* of indices, $\{V_i | i \in I\}$ is a *set* of *vector-spaces*.

Define: $\oplus_{i \in I} V_i = \{(v_i) | i \in I, \text{there is a finite subset in } I' \subset I \text{ such that if } i \in I \setminus I' \text{ then } v_i = 0\}$

Note:

If $\oplus V_i \subseteq \prod V_i$ is a *subspace*, then there is equality \iff only a *finite* amount V_i is *nonzero*.

Example:

$$\mathbb{F}[x] = \oplus_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{F} \subset \mathbb{F}[[x]] = \prod_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{F}.$$

Exercise (proof next week):

Finding a basis B for vector-space V is equivalent to obtaining an *isomorphism*.

$V \cong \oplus_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{F}$ (at least when $\dim V < \infty$)