

But, $x + w_1 \notin W_2$, For if

$$x + w_1 \in W_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x + w_1, x \in W_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + w_1) - x \in W_2$$

$\Rightarrow w_1 \in W_2$, which contradicts to the fact that $w_1 \notin W_2$

$$\therefore x + w_1 \in W_1$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + w_1) - w_1 \in W_1$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in W_1$$

$$\therefore W_2 \subseteq W_1$$

Similarly, If $W_2 \not\subseteq W_1$, then we can show that $W_1 \subseteq W_2$.

Conversely, let either $W_1 \subseteq W_2$ or $W_2 \subseteq W_1$

If $W_1 \subseteq W_2$ then $W_1 \cup W_2 = W_2$ or $W_2 \subseteq W_1$,

then $W_1 \cup W_2 = W_1$. Since W_1 & W_2 both are subspaces, therefore $W_1 \cup W_2$ is also a subspace

of $V(F)$. //

Definition of linearly independent and linearly dependent sets :-

A set of vectors $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ is said to be linearly independent (L.I) set if for any $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in F$ such that -

$$\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n = \bar{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_n = 0$$

Again, a set of vectors $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ is said to be linear dependent (L.D) set if $\exists \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in F$ not all zero (some may be zero) such that

$$\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n = \bar{0}$$

Notes:- 1. A single ^{non} set $\{\bar{0}\}$ is linearly dependent.

2. A singleton set $\{u\}$, where $u \neq \bar{0}$ is linearly Indep.

3. Any set containing $\bar{0}$ is linearly dependent.

4. Subset of linear ^{L.I} dependent set is linear independent.

5. Supur set of a linear dependent set is linear dependent.

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* Theorem:- Prove that a subset of a linear independent set of a vector space is linear independent.

Proof:- Let, $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ be a linearly independent set of a vector space $V(F)$.

Let, $S_1 = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$, where $m < n$.

clearly, $S_1 \subseteq S$.

We now show that S_1 is linear independent.

Let, $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m \in F$ such that

$$\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_m x_m = \bar{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_m x_m + 0 \cdot x_{m+1} + 0 \cdot x_{m+2} + \dots + 0 \cdot x_n = \bar{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_m = 0 \quad [\because S \text{ is L.I.}]$$

This shows that the set S_1 is linear independent. //

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* Theorem:- Prove that super set of a linearly dependent set of a vector space $V(F)$ is linearly ~~dependent~~ independent.

Proof:- Let, $S = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n\}$ be a linearly dependent subset of vector space $V(F)$.

Let, $S_1 = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$ be a super set of S . We now show that S_1 is linearly dependent.

Since, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are linearly dependent, therefore $\exists d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n \in F$ not all zero such that -

$$d_1 x_1 + d_2 x_2 + \dots + d_n x_n = \bar{0}$$
$$\Rightarrow d_1 x_1 + d_2 x_2 + \dots + d_n x_n + 0 \cdot y_1 + 0 \cdot y_2 + \dots + 0 \cdot y_m = \bar{0}$$

This shows that the set S_1 is linearly dependent.

Basis of a vector space:-

A set $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ is said to be a basis of the vector space $V(F)$ if -

(i) S is linearly independent.

(ii) $L(S) = V(F)$.

Dimension of a vector space:- The no. of distinct elemt. of a basis ^{in a vector space $V(F)$} is said to be the dimension of the vector space and it is denoted by $\dim(V)$.