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1. (3 pts) Assume that $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$ are all vectors in a known vector space V . Prove that $W = \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is a vector subspace of V .

Note: $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\} = \{c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3 : c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}\}$

i $0\vec{v}_1 + 0\vec{v}_2 + 0\vec{v}_3 = \vec{0} + \vec{0} + \vec{0} = \vec{0}$, so $\vec{0} \in W$.

ii Let $\vec{u}, \vec{w} \in W$ so $\exists c_1, c_2, c_3, d_1, d_2, d_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ st. $\vec{u} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3$ and $\vec{w} = d_1\vec{v}_1 + d_2\vec{v}_2 + d_3\vec{v}_3$

$\Rightarrow \vec{u} + \vec{w} = (c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3) + (d_1\vec{v}_1 + d_2\vec{v}_2 + d_3\vec{v}_3) = (c_1 + d_1)\vec{v}_1 + (c_2 + d_2)\vec{v}_2 + (c_3 + d_3)\vec{v}_3 \in W$

Since $c_1 + d_1, c_2 + d_2, c_3 + d_3 \in \mathbb{R}$

iii Let $\vec{u} \in W, c \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $\exists c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ st. $\vec{u} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3$.

$\Rightarrow c\vec{u} = c(c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3) = (cc_1)\vec{v}_1 + (cc_2)\vec{v}_2 + (cc_3)\vec{v}_3 \in W$

Since $cc_1, cc_2, cc_3 \in \mathbb{R}$.

i, ii, and iii $\Rightarrow W$ is a vector subspace of V .

2. (2pts) Consider the vector space \mathbb{R}^2 . Both B and C are bases for \mathbb{R}^2 , where $B =$

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, and $C = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$. Let $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

- (a) Find the coordinates of \vec{x} with respect to each of the two bases. That is, find $[\vec{x}]_B$, and $[\vec{x}]_C$.

Solve $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$.

By row reduction: $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow c_2 = 0, c_1 = 1$ so $[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Similarly, for $[\vec{x}]_C$, row reduce $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow 2c_2 = 1$ or $c_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ and $c_1 + c_2 = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{1}{2}$, so $[\vec{x}]_C = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

Note: $[\vec{x}]_B$ is clear "by inspection". $[\vec{x}]_C$ can also be done by inspection, but it is not quite so obvious.

- (b) Extra credit (3pts). Find a matrix A such that $[\vec{y}]_C = A[\vec{y}]_B$ for any vector

$\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Write \vec{y} as a linear combination of basis vectors in both B and C :

$\vec{y} = b_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + b_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = d_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + d_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ where $\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = [\vec{y}]_B$ and $\begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix} = [\vec{y}]_C$

rewrite: $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix}$. Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Then $\vec{y} = B \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = C \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix}$. Solve for $\begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix} = C^{-1} B \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$

ie, $[\vec{y}]_C = C^{-1} B [\vec{y}]_B$, so $A = C^{-1} B = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$