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Linear Algebra – Part 27

Steinitz Exchange Lemma: $(v^{(1)}, v^{(2)}, \dots, v^{(k)})$ basis of U

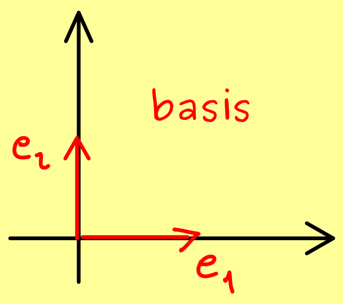
$(a^{(1)}, a^{(2)}, \dots, a^{(\ell)})$ lin. independent vectors in U

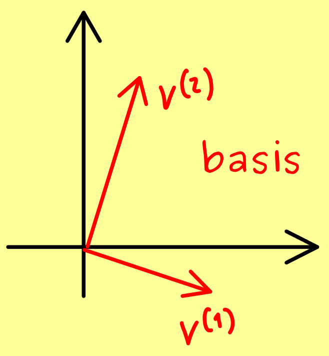
$\Rightarrow$ new basis of U

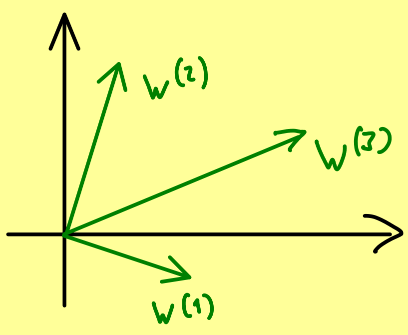
Fact: Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a subspace and $\mathcal{B} = (v^{(1)}, v^{(2)}, \dots, v^{(k)})$ be a basis of U.

Then: (a) Each family $(w^{(1)}, w^{(2)}, \dots, w^{(m)})$ with $m > k$ vectors in U is linearly dependent.

(b) Each basis of U has exactly k elements.







Definition: Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a subspace and $\mathcal{B}$ be a basis of U.

The number of vectors in $\mathcal{B}$ is called the dimension of U.

We write: $\dim(U)$ ← integer

Set: $\dim(\{0\}) := 0$ $\qquad \left(\mathrm{Span}(\emptyset) = \{0\} \right)$ ← basis

Example: $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$ standard basis of $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n$$