

Lemma: (Exchange Lemma)

Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the field \mathbb{F} . Let $S := \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ be a spanning set for V and $T := \{u_1, \dots, u_r\} \subset V$ a subset set of linearly independent vectors. Then, $r \leq n$ and we can exchange r of vectors of S for the set T with out changing the span, i.e. there exists vectors $v_{i_{r+1}}, \dots, v_{i_n}$ such that $V = \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_r, v_{i_{r+1}}, \dots, v_{i_n})$.

Consequences:

Theorem

Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over \mathbb{F} , and let $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ and $T = \{w_1, \dots, w_r\}$ be two subsets of vectors of V . If $V = \text{span}(S)$ and T is linearly independent, then $r \leq n$.

Definition

Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over \mathbb{F} . Then, $\dim V$ is the number of vectors in any basis; i.e. if $B := \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for V , then $\dim V = n$.

Theorem

Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over \mathbb{F} and $U \subset V$ be a subspace. Then, $\dim U \leq \dim V$ and every basis of U can be extended to a basis of V .