

Linear Independence in Left Module over Domain ¹

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Summary. Notion of submodule generated by a set of vectors and linear independence of a set of vectors. A few theorems originated as a generalization of the theorems from the article [18].

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The articles [22], [5], [3], [2], [4], [6], [21], [16], [14], [15], [1], [17], [19], [20], [7], [8], [9], [12], [11], [10], and [13] provide the terminology and notation for this paper. For simplicity we adopt the following rules: x is arbitrary, R is an associative ring, V is a left module over R , v, v_1, v_2 are vectors of V , A, B are subsets of V , and l is a linear combination of A . We now define two new predicates. Let us consider R, V, A . We say that A is linearly independent if and only if:

(Def.1) for every l such that $\sum l = \Theta_V$ holds $\text{support } l = \emptyset$.

A is linearly dependent stands for A is not linearly independent.

One can prove the following propositions:

- (2)² If $A \subseteq B$ and B is linearly independent, then A is linearly independent.
- (3) If $0_R \neq 1_R$ and A is linearly independent, then $\Theta_V \notin A$.
- (4) $\emptyset_{\text{the carrier of } V}$ is linearly independent.
- (5) If $0_R \neq 1_R$ and $\{v_1, v_2\}$ is linearly independent, then $v_1 \neq \Theta_V$ and $v_2 \neq \Theta_V$.
- (6) If $0_R \neq 1_R$, then $\{v, \Theta_V\}$ is linearly dependent and $\{\Theta_V, v\}$ is linearly dependent.

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²The proposition (1) was either repeated or obvious.

For simplicity we follow the rules: R will be an integral domain, V will be a left module over R , W will be a submodule of V , A, B will be subsets of V , and l will be a linear combination of A . Let us consider R, V, A . The functor $\text{Lin}(A)$ yields a submodule of V and is defined as follows:

(Def.2) the carrier of the carrier of $\text{Lin}(A) = \{\sum l\}$.

One can prove the following propositions:

- (7) If the carrier of the carrier of $W = \{\sum l\}$, then $W = \text{Lin}(A)$.
- (8) The carrier of the carrier of $\text{Lin}(A) = \{\sum l\}$.
- (9) $x \in \text{Lin}(A)$ if and only if there exists l such that $x = \sum l$.
- (10) If $x \in A$, then $x \in \text{Lin}(A)$.

We now state several propositions:

- (11) $\text{Lin}(\emptyset_{\text{the carrier of the carrier of } V}) = \mathbf{0}_V$.
- (12) If $\text{Lin}(A) = \mathbf{0}_V$, then $A = \emptyset$ or $A = \{\Theta_V\}$.
- (13) If $0_R \neq 1_R$ and $A = \text{the carrier of the carrier of } W$, then $\text{Lin}(A) = W$.
- (14) If $0_R \neq 1_R$ and $A = \text{the carrier of the carrier of } V$, then $\text{Lin}(A) = V$.
- (15) If $A \subseteq B$, then $\text{Lin}(A)$ is a submodule of $\text{Lin}(B)$.
- (16) If $\text{Lin}(A) = V$ and $A \subseteq B$, then $\text{Lin}(B) = V$.
- (17) $\text{Lin}(A \cup B) = \text{Lin}(A) + \text{Lin}(B)$.
- (18) $\text{Lin}(A \cap B)$ is a submodule of $\text{Lin}(A) \cap \text{Lin}(B)$.

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