

# LINEARLY DEPENDANT AND INDEPENDENT VECTORS

# VECTOR SPACES

□ **Definition:** A vector space  $V$  is a set that is closed under finite vector addition and scalar multiplication.

- An operation called vector addition that takes two vectors  $v, w \in V$ , and produces a third vector, written  $v + w \in V$ .
- An operation called scalar multiplication that takes a scalar  $c \in F$  and a vector  $v \in V$ , and produces a new vector, written  $cv \in V$ .

# LINEAR INDEPENDENCE VECTORS

□ **Definition:** An indexed set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  in  $V$  is said to be **linearly independent** if the vector equation

$$x_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + x_p \mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}$$

has only the trivial solution. The set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is said to be **linearly dependent** if there exist weights  $c_1, \dots, c_p$ , not all zero, such that,

$$c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_p \mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{----(1)}$$

# LINEAR INDEPENDENCE VECTORS

- Equation (1) is called a **linear dependence relation** among  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  when the weights are not all zero.
- An indexed set is linearly dependent if and only if it is not linearly independent.

- **Example 1:** Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

# LINEAR DEPENDENCE VECTORS

- **Definition:** A finite set  $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$  of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be linearly dependent if there exist scalars (real numbers)  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m$ , not all of which are 0, such that

$$c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \dots + c_mx_m = 0.$$

# LINEAR DEPENDENCE VECTORS

- Any set containing the vector  $0$  is linearly dependent, because for any  $c \neq 0$ ,  $c0 = 0$ .
- In the definition, we require that not all of the scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are  $0$ . The reason for this is that otherwise, any set of vectors would be linearly dependent.

- **Example 1:** Let  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .



# MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS

**Question:**  $S = \{(1, -1, 3), (1, 4, 5), (2, -3, -7)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ .  $S$  is LD or LI.

**Solution:** We name the vectors as,

$$(1, -1, 3) = v_1 ; (1, 4, 5) = v_2 \text{ and } (2, -3, -7) = v_3$$

We can construct a matrix by using the vectors,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & -3 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 63 \end{pmatrix}$$

(REF)

Since there is no zero row in REF the vectors in  $S$  are Linear Independent.

# MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS

**Question:**  $S = \{(2,1,1), (3,-4,6), (4,-9,11)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ .  $S$  is LD or LI.

**Solution:** We name the vectors as,

$$(2,1,1) = v_1 ; (3,-4,6) = v_2 \text{ and } (4,-9,11) = v_3$$

We can construct a matrix by using the vectors,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 & 6 \\ 4 & -9 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 11 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(REF)

Since there is a zero row in REF the vectors in  $S$  are Linear Dependent.



# Laplace Equation in Three Coordinate System

- In Cartesian coordinates:

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \bar{a}_x + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \bar{a}_y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \bar{a}_z$$

and,

$$\nabla A = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

Knowing

$$\nabla^2 V = \nabla \cdot \nabla V$$

Hence, Laplace's equation is,

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

- **In cylindrical coordinates:**

$$\nabla \cdot V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \rho} \bar{a}_\rho + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \bar{a}_\phi + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \bar{a}_z$$

and,

$$\nabla \cdot A = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} (\rho A_\rho) + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

Knowing

$$\nabla^2 V = \nabla \cdot \nabla V$$

Hence, Laplace's equation is,

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left( \rho \frac{\partial V}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

- **In spherical coordinates:**

$$\nabla \cdot V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \bar{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \bar{a}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \bar{a}_\phi$$

and,

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{A} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 A_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (A_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi}$$

Knowing

$$\nabla^2 V = \nabla \cdot \nabla V$$

Hence, Laplace's equation is,

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} = 0$$