

Th: - 4. Any superset of L.D. set of vectors<sup>(5)</sup> is also L.D.

Proof: - let  $T = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is the L.D. set of vectors of vector space  $V(F)$ .

$\exists$  scalars  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in F$  s.t.

$a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n = 0 \stackrel{(i)}{\Rightarrow}$  at least one of the scalar is non-zero.

{ or  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are all not zero }

let  $T_1 = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n, \alpha_{n+1}, \alpha_{n+2}, \dots, \alpha_{n+m}\}$

is any superset of  $T$ .

We have to prove that  $T_1$  is also L.D.

By eq.<sup>n</sup> (i),  $a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n + 0\alpha_{n+1} + 0\alpha_{n+2} + \dots + 0\alpha_{n+m} = 0$$

$$= 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots + 0$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n + 0\alpha_{n+1} + \dots + 0\alpha_{n+m} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are all not zero (at least one of the scalar  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  is non zero) (by (i))

$\Rightarrow T_1$  is L.D. set.

$\Rightarrow$  Every superset of L.D. set of vectors is also L.D.

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then the vector  $\alpha_3$  can be expressed as a  $\textcircled{7}$  L.C. of its preceding vectors

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_1 \alpha_1 + a_2 \alpha_2 + a_3 \alpha_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_3 = -a_1 a_3^{-1} \alpha_1 - a_2 a_3^{-1} \alpha_2 \end{array} \right\}$$

But if the set of vectors  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$  is L.I. then we take <sup>next</sup> set of vectors  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4\}$  and repeat the entire process.

Finally let for  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $2 \leq j \leq n$  & the set  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}\}$  of vectors is L.I.; then

<sup>taking</sup> the set of vectors  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j\}$ .

If this set is L.D. then

$$a_1 \alpha_1 + a_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + a_j \alpha_j = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

where at least one of the scalar  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_j \in \mathbb{F}$  is non zero.

Here  $a_j \neq 0 \Rightarrow \cancel{a_1 \alpha_1 + a_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + a_j \alpha_j = 0}$

as if  $a_j = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 \alpha_1 + a_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + a_{j-1} \alpha_{j-1} + 0 \alpha_j = 0$   
 where <sup>at least one</sup>  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{j-1}$  is non-zero (by (2))

$\Rightarrow \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}\}$  is L.D. set

which is contradiction of our basic assumption

$\Rightarrow a_j \neq 0$  by Eq.<sup>n</sup> (2)

$$a_j \alpha_j = -a_1 \alpha_1 - a_2 \alpha_2 - \dots - a_{j-1} \alpha_{j-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_j = -a_1 a_j^{-1} \alpha_1 - a_2 a_j^{-1} \alpha_2 - \dots - a_{j-1} a_j^{-1} \alpha_{j-1}$$

$$\{ \because a_i \in F, a_j^{-1} \in F \Rightarrow a_i a_j^{-1} \in F \Rightarrow -a_i a_j^{-1} \in F \} \textcircled{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_j = \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} (-a_i a_j^{-1}) \alpha_i$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha_j$  can be expressed as a L.C. of its preceding vectors.

sufficient condition ( $\Leftarrow$ ) let the vectors  $\alpha_j$  can be expressed as a L.C. of its preceding vectors.

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_j = a_1 \alpha_1 + a_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + a_{j-1} \alpha_{j-1}$$

where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{j-1} \in F$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 \alpha_1 + a_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + a_{j-1} \alpha_{j-1} + (-1) \alpha_j = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  set  $\{ \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j \}$  of vectors is L.D. as the scalar coefficient of  $\alpha_j$  is non-zero.

$\Rightarrow \{ \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \}$  is also L.D. set of vectors as every superset of L.D. set of vectors is also L.D. (Th. 4)

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