

My first

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hello

Let  $\mathbb{L}$  be the vector space of all linear mappings from  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  under standard addition and scalar multiplication of linear mappings. Let

$$\mathbb{S} = \{L \in \mathbb{L} \mid L(1, 0) = (0, 0)\}$$

Given that  $\mathbb{S}$  is a subspace of  $L$ , find a basis for  $S$ .

**Solution:** Let  $L \in \mathbb{S}$  and let  $[L] = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ . Then, by definition,  $L$  satisfies

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = L(1, 0) = [L] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence,  $a = 0$  and  $c = 0$ . Thus we have

$$[L] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, every  $L \in \mathbb{S}$  satisfies

$$L(x_1, x_2) = [L] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} bx_2 \\ dx_2 \end{bmatrix} = b \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, if we define

$$L_1(x_1, x_2) = (x_2, 0), \quad \text{and} \quad L_2(x_1, x_2) = (0, x_2)$$

Then,  $\{L_1, L_2\}$  spans  $\mathbb{L}$  and is clearly linearly independent (since neither vector is a scalar multiple of each other) and hence is a basis.

