

4.5 The dimension of a vector space.

Lemma - Any set in $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\} \quad \underline{p > n.}$$

is linearly dependent.

Proof -

Want to prove, there exists $c_1, \dots, c_p$ not all zeros such that

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p = \vec{0}.$$

First, we consider the linear combination

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p = \vec{0}$$

If we express this as a system of equations in matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_n & \dots & \vec{v}_p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \\ \vdots \\ c_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

or

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \vec{V}_1 & \vec{V}_2 & & \vec{V}_p \\
 \left[\begin{array}{cccc}
 V_{11} & V_{12} & \dots & V_{1n} \dots V_{1p} \\
 V_{21} & V_{22} & & V_{2n} & V_{2p} \\
 \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\
 V_{n1} & V_{n2} & & V_{nn} & V_{np}
 \end{array} \right] & \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \\ c_p \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ c^n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

More columns than rows $\Rightarrow$ there exist at least a
 free variable $\Rightarrow$ infinitely ^{many} solutions $\Rightarrow$ there are
 nonzero c 's. $\Rightarrow S = \{ \vec{V}_1 \dots \vec{V}_p \}$ lin dependent.

Consider the set of polynomials

$$S = \{ \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \vec{p}_3 \} = \{ 1+2t, 5+3t, -1+4t \}$$

Show that they are linearly dependent.

A way to do this is to consider the transformation $(B = \{1, t\})$.

$$T: P_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \text{Isomorphism}$$

$$\vec{p} = a_0 + a_1 t \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{bmatrix} = [\vec{p}]_B \quad \text{btw. } P_1 \text{ and } \mathbb{R}^2.$$

And then study the linear dependence relationship between the corresponding vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$ images of

In fact,

$$T(\vec{p}_1) = T(1+2t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = [\vec{p}_1]_B$$

$$T(\vec{p}_2) = T(5+3t) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = [\vec{p}_2]_B$$

$$T(\vec{p}_3) = T(-1+4t) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = [\vec{p}_3]_B$$

Now, the set $\tilde{S} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

is a set of 3 vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$.

Then, according to the previous lemma

$\tilde{S}$ is a lin. dependent set in $\mathbb{R}^2$.

Therefore, the corresponding set of vectors in $\mathbb{P}_1$

$S = \{ \bar{p}_1, \bar{p}_2, \bar{p}_3 \}$ is also lin. dependent, because

T is an isomorphism between $\mathbb{P}_1$ and $\mathbb{R}^2$.

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Thm 9. V vector space

$B = \{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$ is a basis for V .

Any Subset of V containing more than n vectors must be linearly dependent.

Proof. Consider a subset $S = \{\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_p\} \subset V$ $p > n$

Also Consider the corresponding set $S' \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ formed by the coordinate vectors

$$S' = \{[\vec{u}_1]_B, \dots, [\vec{u}_p]_B\} \quad p > n$$

According to our previous lemma, this set is linearly dependent. Therefore, there exists coefficients $c_1, \dots, c_p$ not all zero such that

$$c_1 [\vec{u}_1]_B + \dots + c_p [\vec{u}_p]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbb{R}^n}.$$

Using the linearity of the transformation (coord. mapping).

$$[c_1 \vec{u}_1 + \dots + c_p \vec{u}_p]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$$

But, $\vec{0} \in V \xrightarrow{[\]_B} \vec{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$

It means $[\vec{0}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbb{R}^n} \rightarrow [\vec{u}]_B = [\vec{v}]_B \Rightarrow \vec{u} = \vec{v}.$

Now, Coord. mapping is one-to-one then

$$c_1 \vec{u}_1 + \dots + c_p \vec{u}_p = \vec{0} \quad \text{and not all } c_i \text{'s are zero.}$$

Thus, $S = \{ \vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_p \} \quad p > n$ is lin. dependent.

Thm 10.

If a vector space V has a basis of n vectors, then every basis of V must consist of exactly n vectors.

Proof.

Consider two basis $B = \{ \vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n \}$ and

$$D = \{ \vec{d}_1, \dots, \vec{d}_p \} \text{ of } V. \quad \text{We want to prove } \boxed{p=n.}$$

We know both B and D are 1) Lin. indep. 2) $\text{span } V$

Since B is a basis of n vectors any set with more than n vectors must be linearly dep. (thm 9)
Therefore, for D to be lin. indep.

$$p \leq n.$$

Similarly, if D is a basis of p vectors and B is a set of n vectors lin. indep.

$$n \leq p.$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{n=p} \quad \checkmark$$

Definition

- i) If the vector space is spanned by a finite set then V is said to be finite-dimensional.
- ii) The dimension of a finite-dimensional vector space is the number of vectors in a basis of V .
- iii) The dimension of $V = \{\vec{0}\}$ is zero.
- iv) If V is not spanned by a finite set, then V is said to be infinite-dimensional.

Thm 11

$H \subset V$, V finite-dimensional Vector space.
 H Subspace of V .

i) Any lin. indep. set in H can be expanded to a basis

ii) $\dim(H) \leq \dim(V)$.

Proof.

Based on thm 9. and thm 4.

Thm 12

V p -dimensional Vector space

i) Any lin. indep. set of exactly p vectors is automatically a basis for V .

ii) Any Set S of exactly p elements such that

$$\text{Span}(S) = V$$

is automatically a basis for V .

Proposition

The dimension of $\text{Nul } A$ is the number of free variables in the equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$, and the dimension of $\text{Col } A$ is the number of pivot columns in A .

Example 3 (Sect. 4.2 book)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 & -1 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 - 2x_2 - x_4 + 3x_5 = 0$$

$$x_3 + 2x_4 - 2x_5 = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 2x_2 + x_4 - 3x_5 \\ x_3 = -2x_4 + 2x_5 \end{cases}, \quad x_2, x_4, x_5 \text{ free variables.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_2 + x_4 - 3x_5 \\ x_2 \\ -2x_4 + 2x_5 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

lin. indep. set
also spans Nul A.