

## Lecture 10

Last time:

$$\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n$$

Example (Dimension of  $\text{Poly}_n$ )

Standard basis:

$$p_0 = 1, p_1 = x, p_2 = x^2, \\ \dots, p_n = x^n$$

• Spans  $\text{Poly}_n$  ? Let  $q \in \text{Poly}_n$ ,

i.e.

$$q = q_0 + q_1 x + q_2 x^2 + \dots + q_n x^n$$

We can write

$$q = \boxed{q_0} p_0 + \boxed{q_1} p_1 + \boxed{q_2} p_2 + \dots + \boxed{q_n} p_n$$

$\therefore$  A list  $\{p_0, \dots, p_n\}$  spans  $\text{Poly}_n$ .

lin. ind. Suppose

$$a_0 p_0 + a_1 p_1 + \dots + a_n p_n = 0$$

$$\therefore a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n = 0$$
$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Fundamental  
Theorem of Algebra: Every polynomial  
of order  $n$  has at most  $n$  roots.  
 $\therefore$  only the trivial soln  $a_0 = 0, \dots, a_n = 0$

$\therefore \{p_0, \dots, p_n\}$  is lin. incl.

$\therefore$  a basis for  $\text{Poly}_n$

$$\therefore \dim(\text{Poly}_n) = n+1$$

### Example (Dimension of Trig)

Standard basis :

$$T_0 = 1, T_1 = \cos x, T_2 = \sin x,$$

$$T_3 = \cos 2x, T_4 = \sin 2x,$$

$$\dots, T_{2n-1} = \cos nx, T_{2n} = \sin nx$$

• spans  $\text{Trig}_n$  (by defn)

• lin ind. (won't do)  $\therefore$  a basis

$$\therefore \dim(\text{Trig}_n) = 2n+1$$

## Example (Dimension of $\text{Mat}_{n,m}$ )

$$\text{Mat}_{n,m} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Standard basis :

$$E^{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}, E^{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dots, E^{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, E^{nm} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \\ 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Spans  $\text{Mat}_{n,m}$ ?

Yes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & & \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11} E^{11} + a_{12} E^{12} \\ + a_{13} E^{13} + \dots + a_{nm} E^{nm}$$

• Lin ind ? Suppose

$$a_{11} E^{11} + a_{12} E^{12} + \dots + a_{nm} E^{nm} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & & \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore a_{11} = 0, a_{12} = 0, \dots, a_{nm} = 0$$

$\therefore$  list is lin. ind.

$\therefore$  a basis

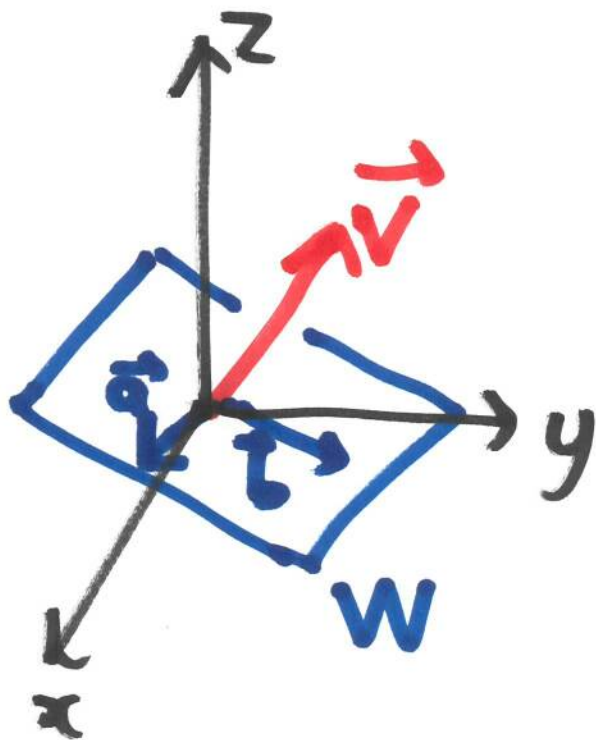
$$\therefore \dim(\text{Mat}_{n,m}) = nm$$

Example (hyperplanes)

Fix  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$W := \left\{ \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \vec{w} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \right\}$$

eg.  $\vec{v} = (1, 1, 2) \in \mathbb{R}^3$



$$W = \left\{ \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \vec{w} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \right\}$$

$$\dim(W) = 2.$$

In our example, the equation is

$$\vec{w} = (w_1, w_2, w_3)$$

$$\vec{v} = (1, 1, 2)$$

$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \Leftrightarrow w_1 + w_2 + 2w_3 = 0$$

$$\vec{a} = (1, 0, -\frac{1}{2}) \in W$$

$$\vec{b} = (0, 1, -\frac{1}{2}) \in W$$

or

$$\vec{u} = (2, 3, -\frac{5}{2})$$

$$\vec{v} = (-10, 6, 2)$$

Check  $\{\vec{a}, \vec{b}\}$  is a basis  
for  $W$ .



lin. ind. Suppose

$$k_1 \vec{a} + k_2 \vec{b} = \vec{0}$$

$$\therefore k_1 (1, 0, -1/2) + k_2 (0, 1, -1/2) \\ = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore (k_1, k_2, -1/2 k_1, -1/2 k_2) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\therefore k_1 = 0$$

$$k_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \dim W = 2.$$

$$-1/2 k_1 - 1/2 k_2 = 0$$

$$\text{so } k_1 = 0 \text{ and } k_2 = 0$$

$\therefore$  list is l. ind.

· spans W ? Exercise!

In general, the dimension  
of a hyperplane  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is

$$\dim(W) = n-1.$$

Example

$$\text{Col}_n = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Mat}_{n,1}$$

$$\therefore \dim(\text{Col}_n) = n.$$

Proposition Let  $W$  be a subspace of a finite-dim vector space  $V$ . Then  $W$  is finite-dimensional, and  $\dim(W) \leq \dim(V)$ .

Proof Let  $n = \dim(V)$ .

If  $W = \{\vec{0}\}$ , then  $\dim W = 0$

$$\therefore \dim W \leq n.$$

So, assume  $W \neq \{\vec{0}\}$ .

$\therefore$  there exists a nonzero vector

$$\vec{e}_1 \in W.$$

$$\text{Let } B_1 = \{\vec{e}_1\}$$

Note:  $B_1$  is lin. ind.

If  $B_1$  spans  $W$ , we are done.

If not, there exists  $\vec{e}_2 \in W$   
which is not a multiple of  $\vec{e}_1$ .

Consider

$$B_2 = \{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2\}$$

Note:  $B_2$  is ~~linearly~~ l. ind.

If  $B_2$  spans  $W$ , we are done.

If not, we carry on adding vectors  
to the list.