

ASSIGNMENT-2: Linear Algebra

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- Q1. Given that  $S$  is a linearly independent subset of a vector space  $V$  and  $\beta$  is a vector in  $V$  that is not in the subspace spanned by  $S$ .

To prove: Set obtained by adjoining  $\beta$  to  $S$  is linearly independent.

Proof:

A list  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  of vectors in  $V$  is called linearly independent if the only choice of  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m \in F$  that makes

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$$

is  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = \dots = a_m = 0$ .

Let the set  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m\}$ . As  $S$  is linearly independent set,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m \in F$  makes  $a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_2 + \dots + a_m s_m = 0$  only when  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = \dots = a_m = 0$

Given  $\beta$  is not present in the subspace spanned by  $S$ , it means that no linear combination of vectors in  $S$  can form  $\beta$ , i.e.  $a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_2 + \dots + a_m s_m \neq \beta$  for  $a_i \in F$ . —①

To prove  $A = [\beta | S]$  is linearly independent, we have to prove that

$$a_0 \beta + a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_2 + \dots + a_m s_m = 0 \quad a_i \in F$$

only when all  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m+1} = 0$ .

Let us assume that A is a set of linearly dependent vectors, i.e. for  $a_i \in F$  not all 0,  
 $a_0\beta + a_1s_1 + a_2s_2 + \dots + a_ms_m = 0 \quad a_i \in F$

$$\Rightarrow a_0\beta = -(a_1s_1 + a_2s_2 + \dots + a_ms_m)$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \left(-\frac{a_1}{a_0}\right)s_1 + \left(-\frac{a_2}{a_0}\right)s_2 + \left(-\frac{a_3}{a_0}\right)s_3 + \dots + \left(-\frac{a_m}{a_0}\right)s_m.$$

It means that there exists a linear combination of vectors in S that produce  $\beta$ . This statement contradicts equation ①, that says that  $\beta$  is NOT in the subspace spanned by S.

So, our assumption that A is linearly dependent is false.

Thus, the set obtained by adjoining  $\beta$  to S is linearly independent.

Q2. Given that S is a subspace of a vector space V.  
 To prove:  $\text{Span}(S) = S$ .

Definition of span : Set of all combinations of a list of vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  in V is called the span of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  such that

$$\text{Span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m) = \{a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_mv_m\}$$

where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m \in F$ .

→ since S is a subspace of V, it will be a vector space and will follow the 10 properties of vector space.

So, there will exist a multiplicative identity in  $\mathbb{F}$  ( $1 \in \mathbb{F}$ ). If there is an arbitrary element  $x \in S$ , then

$$1 \cdot x = x \in \text{span}(S).$$

So,  $\forall x \in S, x \in \text{span}(S)$

$$\therefore S \subseteq \text{span}(S) \quad -\textcircled{1}$$

Now, consider an element  $x \in \text{span}(S)$ .

It means that there will be a combination of  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in S$  and  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $v = a_1d_1 + a_2d_2 + \dots + a_nd_n \in S$ .

$$\therefore \text{span}(S) \subseteq S \quad -\textcircled{2}.$$

From  $\textcircled{1}$  and  $\textcircled{2}$ , we can say that  $\text{span}(S) = S$ . Hence, proved.

Q3. Definition of null space:

(a) For  $T \in L(V, W)$ , the null space of  $T$ , denoted by  $\text{null } T$ , is the subset of  $V$  consisting of those vectors that  $T$  maps to 0:

$$\text{null } T = \{v \in V : Tr = 0\}, \text{null } T \subseteq V.$$

So, for a given matrix,  $A$ :

$x$  such that  $AX = 0$

forms a null space of  $A$ .

If  $A$  consists of linearly independent vectors, then the null space will be the null vector only.

To get  $x$ , we will convert  $A$  to row-reduced form.

$$3(a) \quad A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 12 & 4 & 4 \\ 5 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1/12} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 5 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$\downarrow R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 5R_1$   
 $\downarrow R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 7/3 & 10/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xleftarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 7/3 & 10/3 \\ 0 & 7/3 & 10/3 \end{array} \right]$$

Here  $\text{rank}(A) = 2$ .

so, there will be one arbitrary value in  
we get

$$x_1 + x_2/3 + x_3/3 = 0 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

and  $7x_2/3 + 10x_3/3 = 0 \quad \textcircled{2}$

$$\text{let } x_3 = t$$

then from  $\textcircled{2}$ , we will get  $x_2 = -10/7 \cdot t$

'from  $\textcircled{1}$ , if we substitute  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ , we get  
 $x_1 = 1/7 t$ .

$$\text{So } x = \begin{bmatrix} 1/7 t \\ -10/7 t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \{ \begin{bmatrix} 1/7 \\ -10/7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t \} \text{ is the null space of } A.$$

$$3(b) \quad A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 6R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -7 & -14 \\ 0 & -2 & -5 \end{array} \right]$$

$\downarrow R_2 \rightarrow R_2 / -7$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -5 \end{array} \right] \xleftarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 2R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{So, } \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & x_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & x_2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & x_3 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \text{Rank}(A) = 3.$$

$$\text{So, } x_3 = 0, \\ x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0.$$

So, null space of A is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$3(c). \quad A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 12 & 3 & 9 \\ 20 & 5 & 15 \\ 16 & 4 & 12 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1/4} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1/4 & 3/4 \\ 20 & 5 & 15 \\ 16 & 4 & 12 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 20R_1 \\ & R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 16R_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1/4 & 3/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Rank}(A) = 1.$$

So, we can take  $x_2 = a$  and  $x_3 = b$

$$\text{then } x_1 + \frac{x_2}{4} + \frac{3x_3}{4} = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \begin{bmatrix} (a-3b)/4 \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + \frac{a}{4} + \frac{3b}{4} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = -\frac{a+3b}{4}$$

$$\therefore \text{Null space is } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1/4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} a + \begin{bmatrix} -3/4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} b \right\}$$

- Q4. Given that  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  with a basis  $\{\alpha_i : i \in [m]\}$ ,  $\beta \in V \setminus W$ .  
 To show: set  $\{\alpha_i + \beta : i \in [m]\}$  spans an  $m$ -dimensional subspace of  $V$ .
- Basis: A list  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  of vectors  $V$  is a basis of  $V$  iff every  $v \in V$  can be written uniquely in the form  
 $v = a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n$ ,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in F$ .

Given  $W$  has a basis  $\{\alpha_i : i \in [m]\}$ . So,  $W$  is a vector space where every  $w \in W$  can be written as

$$w = c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 + \dots + c_m\alpha_m, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m \in F$$

$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$  are linearly independent.

Dimension of a finite-dimensional vector space is the length of the basis of the vector space.  
 So, here Dimension of  $W = m$ .

Given that  $\beta \in V \setminus W$ , i.e.  $\beta \in V$  but  $\beta \notin W$ .

$$\text{Let } A = \{\alpha_i + \beta : i \in [m]\}$$

$$A = \{\alpha_1 + \beta, \alpha_2 + \beta, \dots, \alpha_m + \beta\}$$

Now, we have to prove that  $A$  spans an  $m$ -dimensional subspace of  $V$ . Let that subspace of  $V$  be called  $S$ , i.e.

$$\text{span}(A) = S$$

$$\text{i.e. } \text{span}(\alpha_1 + \beta, \alpha_2 + \beta, \alpha_3 + \beta, \dots, \alpha_m + \beta) = S.$$

LHS  $\text{span}(A)$

$$= \text{span}(\alpha_1 + \beta, \alpha_2 + \beta, \alpha_3 + \beta, \dots, \alpha_m + \beta)$$

$$= c_1(\alpha_1 + \beta) + c_2(\alpha_2 + \beta) + \dots + c_m(\alpha_m + \beta) \in \mathbb{C}\mathbb{F}.$$

Clearly, the dimension of this set of vectors is 'm'. - (1)

$$\text{span}(A) = c_1\alpha_1 + c_1\beta + c_2\alpha_2 + c_2\beta + \dots + c_m\alpha_m + c_m\beta$$

$$= c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 + \dots + c_m\alpha_m + c_1\beta + c_2\beta + \dots + c_m\beta$$

$$S = W + c_1\beta + c_2\beta + \dots + c_m\beta, c_i \in \mathbb{F}.$$

$$\text{i.e. } \forall w \in W, w + \sum c_i \beta \in S, w + c_i \beta \in S; \sum c_i = c$$

To prove  $S$  is a subspace of  $V$ , we have to prove that:

i)  $S$  is closed w.r.t. addition,

i.e. if  $s_1, s_2 \in S$  then  $s_1 + s_2 \in S$ .

ii)  $S$  is closed w.r.t scalar multiplication, i.e.

$$s_1 \in S, c \in \mathbb{F} \Rightarrow c \cdot s_1 \in S.$$

i) Closure under addition

$$\text{Let } s_1 = w_1 + c_1\beta \in S, w_1 \in W.$$

$$s_2 = w_2 + c_2\beta \in S, w_2 \in W.$$

$$\text{Then } s_1 + s_2 = (w_1 + w_2) + (c_1 + c_2)\beta$$

Now, we already know that  $W$  is a vector space, and vector spaces are closed under addition. So, if  $w_1 \in W$  and  $w_2 \in W$ , then  $w_1 + w_2 \in W$ .

Also,  $c \in \mathbb{F}$  and field is also closed under addition. Hence,  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $c_1 + c_2 \in \mathbb{F}$ .

$$\text{Thus, } w_1 + w_2 \in W, c_1 + c_2 \in \mathbb{F}$$

$$\Rightarrow s_1 + s_2 \in S.$$

Thus, we can say that  $S$  is closed under addition.

ii) Closure under scalar multiplication

Let  $s \in S$  such that  $s = w + c\beta$ .

where  $w \in W$  and  $c \in F$  (proved in (i))

Let  $b \in F$ .

$$b.s = b.w + b.c\beta$$

since  $w \in W$  and  $b \in F$  and vector space,  $W$  is closed under scalar multiplication,  $b.w \in W$ .

Similarly,  $b \in F$  and  $c \in F$ , so,  $b.c \in F$  as field is closed under multiplication.

so, since  $b.w \in W$  and  $b.c \in F$ ,

$$b.s \in S.$$

so,  $S$  is closed under scalar multiplication.

Thus,  $S$  is a subspace of  $V$ . -②

From ①, ②, we have proved that set A  
 $\{a_i\beta + b : i \in [m]\}$  spans an  $m$ -dimensional subspace of  $V$ .

Q5.  $F$  is a finite field with  $p^n$  elements ( $p$  is prime). and  $V$  is a  $k$ -dimensional vector space over  $F$ .

i. The number of linear transformations  $T: V \rightarrow V$ .  
 Here,  $T$  is a linear transformation  
 can be represented by a  $k \times k$  matrix.  
 where  $k$  is the dimension of vector space.

Each element in that matrix takes the value from field,  $\mathbb{F}$ , that has  $p^n$  values.

So, number of  $k \times k$  matrices possible can be found out as:

$$\begin{matrix} & 1 & 2 & \dots & k \\ 1 & \left[ \begin{array}{c} p^n \text{ ways} \\ p^n \text{ ways} \end{array} \right] \\ 2 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 3 & \left[ \begin{array}{c} p^n \text{ ways} \\ \vdots \\ p^n \text{ ways} \end{array} \right]_{k \times k} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{No. of matrices} &= p^n \times p^n \times \dots (k \times k) \text{ times} \\ &= (p^n)^{k^2} \text{ matrices} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{No. of Transformations} = (p^n)^{k^2} \text{ transformations.}$$

Thus, the number of linear transformations  $T: V \rightarrow V$  are  $(p^n)^{k^2}$

2. The number of invertible linear transformations  $T: V \rightarrow V$ .

The number of invertible linear transformations can be found out by finding number of invertible  $k \times k$  matrices.

To find invertible (non-singular)  $k \times k$  matrices, all the columns must be linearly independent.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & k \end{bmatrix}$$

↑  
non-zero  
 $(p^n)^{k-1}$  ways  $(p^n)^k - p^n$  FOR EDUCATIONAL USE

1st column of matrix ( $k$ -sized column) must be comprised of non-zeroes. elements in  $\mathbb{F}$ .

$$\therefore \text{No. of ways to form 1st column} = (p^n)^k - 1.$$

2nd column of matrix must be linearly independent from 1st column. Since there are  $p^n$  vectors in the span of 1st column, we have

$$\text{no. of ways to form second column} = (p^n)^k - p^n$$

Now, let  $v_1, v_2$  be first two column vectors.

Then the set of vectors in the span of  $v_1, v_2$  is of the form  $\{c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 \mid c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{F}\}$ . This set is of size  $(p^n)^2$  as we have  $p^n$  choices for  $c_1$  and  $p^n$  choices for  $c_2$ .

$$\therefore \text{No. of ways to form second third column} = (p^n)^k - (p^n)^2$$

similarly,

$$\text{no. of ways to form forth column} = (p^n)^k - (p^n)^3$$

We must continue this process for all ' $k$ ' columns to get

the number of invertible matrices

$$\begin{aligned} &= ((p^n)^k - 1) \cdot ((p^n)^k - p^n) \cdot ((p^n)^k - (p^n)^2) \\ &\quad \cdot ((p^n)^k - (p^n)^3) \cdots ((p^n)^k - (p^n)^{k-1}) \\ &= \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} ((p^n)^k - (p^n)^j) = \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} [(p^n)^k - (p^n)^j] \end{aligned}$$

This is the required number of invertible linear transformations  $T: V \rightarrow V$ .