

Assignment-3

- ① Show that a subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  defined over a field  $F$  is a subspace iff  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in S, c \in F$  we have  $c\alpha + \beta \in S$

Given  $c\alpha + \beta \in S \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in S$  and  $\forall c \in F$  Because  $S \rightarrow$  non-empty  $\exists \beta \in S$

$$\text{let } c = -1 \text{ and } \bar{\beta} = \bar{\alpha} = \bar{\beta} \quad \therefore (-1)\bar{\beta} + \bar{\beta} = \bar{0}.$$

$$\therefore \bar{0} \in S \text{ (identity)}$$

$$\text{let } \bar{\beta} = 0 \quad \bar{\alpha} = \bar{\beta} \quad \& \quad c = -1$$

$$\therefore -\bar{\beta} \in S \text{ (Inverse)}$$

$$\alpha \in S \quad c = 1 \quad \alpha + \beta \in S \text{ (closure)}$$

Because  $S$  is subset of vector space  $V \quad \therefore \alpha + \beta = \beta + \alpha$  (comm.)  
and  $(\alpha + \beta) + c = \alpha + (\beta + c)$  (Associative)

$$\beta = 0 \quad c = 1$$

$$1 \cdot \alpha \in S$$

$$\beta = 0 \quad c = c_1$$

$$c_1 \alpha \in S \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$c = c_2$$

$$c_2 \alpha \in S \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{let } \alpha = c_1 \alpha \quad c = c_2 \quad c_2(c_1 \alpha) \in S$$

Because  $S \rightarrow$  subset of vector space  $V$

$$\therefore c_2(c_1 \alpha) = c_1(c_2 \alpha)$$

Similarly if  $\beta \in S \quad \therefore c_1 \beta \in S$

$$\alpha \rightarrow c_1 \alpha \quad \beta \rightarrow c_1 \beta \quad c \in F \quad \therefore c_1 \alpha + c_1 \beta \in S$$

$$S \rightarrow \text{subset of vector space } V \quad \therefore c_1 \alpha + c_1 \beta = c_1(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$\text{By (1) \& (2) } c_1 \alpha + c_2 \alpha \in S$$

$S \rightarrow$  subset of vector space  $V \quad \therefore (c_1 + c_2)\alpha = c_1 \alpha + c_2 \alpha$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  Properties of multiplication

Given

$S \rightarrow$  subspace of  $V \quad \alpha, \beta \in S$

$c \in F$

$\therefore c\alpha \in S$  (By property of scalar multiplication)



CA + B ∈ S } Property of addition -

H/P

- (2) Show that all  $2 \times 2$  Hermitian matrices over  $\mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$  are of the following form
- $$M = \begin{bmatrix} a & x+iy \\ x-yi & b \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } a, b, x, y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ Additionally}$$

Show that the set of Hermitian Matrices  $H \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is not a vector subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . What if  $\mathbb{C}$  was replaced by  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

Ans

for a Hermitian matrix  $M$ ,  $M_{ij} = \overline{M_{ji}}$   
for diagonal elements,  $M_{ii} = \overline{M_{ii}}$

for a complex no. to be equal to its complex conjugate, it has to be a real no.  
(Since  $\overline{x-iy} = x+iy \Rightarrow x+iy = x-iy \Rightarrow y=0$ )  
 $\therefore$  Diagonal elements are real no. (not imaginary)

1. All  $2 \times 2$  Hermitian matrices have to be of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & x+iy \\ x-yi & b \end{bmatrix} \quad a, b, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

Now, let's say the set of Hermitian matrices over  $\mathbb{C}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ .  
This would mean  $\forall C \in \mathbb{C}, \forall A \in H^{n \times n}$ , then  $CA \in H^{n \times n}$ .  
But if we take  $C$  as  $i$ ,  $CA$  would have imaginary diagonal elements. As we saw above, this is not possible.

$\therefore$  Contradiction

Hence Hermitian matrices over  $\mathbb{C}$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ .

Ultimately let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & x+iy \\ x-yi & b \end{bmatrix}$  then  $iA \in H^{n \times n}$   
But it doesn't



field

Now if we replace  $\mathbb{C}$  by  $\mathbb{R}$  that

If we multiply a hermitian matrix with a real no., the diagonal elements will remain real no. and non-diagonal element will remain complex conjugate of the symmetric non-diagonal element.

Plus, addition of hermitian matrices will also lead to a hermitian matrix.

③ Show that the subspace spanned by a non-empty subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is the set of all linear combination of vectors in  $S$ .

Let  $W$  be the subspace spanned by  $S$

where  $S = \{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_n\}$  then all linear combination

$$\vec{\alpha} = x_1 \vec{x}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{x}_n \in W$$

Let  $L$  be the set of linear combination of vectors in  $S$ .

$\therefore L$  contains  $S$ , and is therefore non-empty

If  $\alpha, \beta \in L$  then  $\alpha$  is linear combination

$$\alpha = x_1 \vec{x}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{x}_n$$

~~Let  $L$  be the set of linear combinations of vectors~~

Similarly  $\beta$  is linear combination

$$\beta = y_1 \vec{x}_1 + \dots + y_n \vec{x}_n$$

for a scalar  $c$ :-

$$c\alpha + \beta = \sum_{i=1}^n (cx_i) \vec{x}_i + \sum_{j=1}^n y_j \vec{x}_j$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n (cx_j + y_j) \vec{x}_j$$

Thus  $c\alpha + \beta \in L$

Thus  $L$  is closed under

both addition and multiplication

Thus  $L$  is a valid subspace of  $V$ .



also  $L$  will be containing  $S$  hence it will contain  $\vec{0}$  and inverses of all other required vectors

$\therefore$  Thus  $L$  is a subspace of  $V$  containing set of vectors ( $S$ ) and any subspace contains  $L$ .

This implies  $L$  is the intersection of all subspaces containing  $S$  which means  $L$  is the subspace spanned by  $S$ .

(4) Prove if  $W_1 \cup W_2 \cup W_3 \dots \cup W_n$  is a valid subspace or not. Check whether  $W_1 \cup W_2 \dots \cup W_k$  is spanned by  $W_1 \cup W_2 \dots \cup W_k$ .

Proving  $\sum_{i=1}^k W_i$  is spanned by  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k W_i$

let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i$  and  $\alpha \in W$  where  $\alpha_i \in W_i$

$$c\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^k c\alpha_i$$

$c\alpha \in W$  because  $c\alpha_i \in W_i$  (By property of scalar multiplication)

let  $\beta = \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j$  where  $\beta_i \in W_i \therefore \beta \in W$

$$c\alpha + \beta = \sum_{i=1}^k (c\alpha_i + \beta_i)$$

$c\alpha + \beta \in W$  because  $c\alpha_i + \beta_i \in W_i$

Because  $W_i$  is the subspace and by theorem that non empty subset  $W$  of  $V$  is subspace of  $V$  iff for each pair of  $\alpha, \beta \in W$  & each scalar  $c \in F$   $c\alpha + \beta \in W$ .

$\therefore W$  is a subspace



2nd part

$$\text{let } \alpha = \alpha_1 \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \alpha_m$$

where  $\alpha_i \in \bigcup_{j=1}^K W_j \rightarrow$  linear combination of vectors in  $\bigcup_{i=1}^K W_i$

$\alpha_i \rightarrow$  belong to any of  $W_j$  where  $1 \leq j \leq K$

$$\text{let } \alpha_i \in W_a \text{ where } 1 \leq a \leq v$$

$\alpha_i \in F \therefore \alpha_i \alpha_i \in W_a \rightarrow$  because  $W_a$  is subspace and by property of scalar multiplication

$\alpha \in W_j \quad \forall j \in [1, K]$  because  $W_j$  is a subspace

let take  $\alpha$  from all  $W_j$  except  $W_a$

Take  $\alpha_i \alpha_i$  from  $W_a$  then

$$\alpha + \alpha + \dots + \alpha_i \alpha_i + \dots + \alpha \in W$$

By definition of  $W \therefore \alpha_i \alpha_i \in W \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$  as  $W$  is a subspace (already proven)

By property of addition  $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \alpha_i \in W$

Hence as  $\alpha_i$  &  $\alpha_i$  was arbitrary,  $W$  contains all linear combinations of vectors in  $\bigcup_{j=1}^K W_j$

By th<sup>m</sup>  $\rightarrow$  Subspace spanned by non-empty subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is set of all linear combinations of vectors in  $S$ .

Hence  $W$  is a subspace spanned by  $\bigcup_{j=1}^K W_j$

Hence  
proved



Let  $W = W_1 \cup \dots \cup W_k$

where each  $W_i$   $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  is a subspace of vector space  $V$

Now, let there be a vector  $\bar{\alpha}$  s.t.  $\bar{\alpha} \in W$ , and  $\bar{\alpha} \notin W_i$  all except 1

(Note you may not always find such a vector, like in the case where  $W_i \subset W_j$  (for all  $i \neq j$ ))

Now let there be another vector  $\bar{\beta}$  s.t.  $\bar{\beta} \in W_1$  and  $\bar{\beta} \notin W_i$  (all  $i \neq 1$ )

then  $\bar{\alpha} \in W$  &  $\bar{\beta} \in W$

let  $c \in F$

$\therefore c\bar{\alpha} = w_1$  ( $w_1$  is subspace)  $\rightarrow c\bar{\alpha} \in W$

But  $c\bar{\alpha} + \bar{\beta} \notin W_1$  (as  $\bar{\beta} \notin W_1$ ) and  $c\bar{\alpha} + \bar{\beta} \notin W_2$  (as  $c\bar{\alpha} \notin W_2$ )

$\therefore c\bar{\alpha} + \bar{\beta} \notin W$

$\therefore$  for  $\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta} \in W$  and  $c \in F$ ,  $c\bar{\alpha} + \bar{\beta} \notin W$

$\therefore W_1 \cup \dots \cup W_k$  is not a subspace

By th<sup>m</sup> non-empty subset of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  iff for each pair  $\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta} \in W$  and scalar  $c \in F$ ,  $c\bar{\alpha} + \bar{\beta} \in W$ .



⑤ let  $A \in F^{m \times n}$   $S_A = \{x \in F^n \mid Ax = 0\}$  that is  $S_A \rightarrow$  solution space of  $Ax=0$ .  
Find no. of linearly independent  $x \in S_A$

Soln

$A \rightarrow m \times n$  matrix

$S_A \rightarrow$  solution space of  $Ax=0$

$R \rightarrow$  row reduced echelon matrix of  $A$

then  $S_A$  is solution space of  $Rx=0$

let  $R$  has  $r$  non-zero rows

$Rx=0 \rightarrow \therefore r$  unknowns in terms of  $(n-r)$  unknowns

let  $x_1, \dots, x_r \rightarrow$  columns in which leading non-zero entries of non-zero rows.

$j \rightarrow (n-r)$  indices which has no leading non-zero entries

$$x_{n_1} + \sum_j c_{1j} x_j = 0$$

$$x_{n_r} + \sum_j c_{rj} x_j = 0$$

$c_{ij} \rightarrow$  scalars

$E_j \rightarrow$  solution by setting  $x_j = 1$  if  $x_i = 0$  when  $i \in I$  & if  $j$

we got such  $n-r$   $E_j$  vectors and set of these vectors form basis for solution space.

$E_j$  has single 1 in row  $j$ .

The set of these vectors  $E_j \rightarrow$  linearly independent

$\hookrightarrow$  Because this forms a standard form of basis.

$S_A \rightarrow$  Solution space let  $T \in S_A$   $T$  has  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  can be written as  $T = \sum t_j E_j$

$\therefore S_A \rightarrow$  span of vectors  $E_j$

No. of linearly independent vectors is  $\boxed{S_A = n-r}$  ~~1/15~~



⑥ Let  $V$  be a vector space spanned by  $(\beta_i)_{i=1}^n$ . Then prove that any independent set of vectors in  $V$  is finite and contains no more than  $n$  elements.

We need to show that every subset  $S$  of  $V$  which contains more than the vectors is linearly dependent.

Let  $S$  contain distinct vectors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  such that  $n > m$ .

$$\alpha_j = \sum_{i=1}^m A_{ij} \beta_i \text{ because } \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m\} \text{ spans } V$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{for } n \text{ scalars } \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \alpha_j &= \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \sum_{i=1}^m A_{ij} \beta_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m (A_{ij} x_j) \beta_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \sum_{j=1}^n (A_{ij} x_j) \right) \beta_i \end{aligned}$$

Since  $n > m$ , By  $th^m$ , If  $A_{in} = 0$  and

$m < n$  then  $AX = 0$  will always have non trivial sol<sup>n</sup>.

$$\therefore \exists \text{ non-trivial solution s.t. } \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j = 0 \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$x_1 \alpha_1 + \dots + x_n \alpha_n = 0$$

$\therefore S$  is linearly dependent &  $\therefore$ , contrapositively, any independent set of vectors in  $V$  is finite and contains no more than  $n$  elements.