

## Seminar 7

The dimension of a space is given by the number of vectors in its (canonical) basis.

If  $f : V \rightarrow V$ , then  $\dim(V) = \dim(\ker(f)) + \dim(\operatorname{Im}(f))$ .

If  $\ker(f) = \{0\}$ , then  $\dim(\ker(f)) = 0$ .

If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\dim(A) \leq \dim(B)$ .

We have:  $\dim(A) + \dim(B) = \dim(A + B) + \dim(A \cap B)$ .

$\bar{S}$  is a complement of  $S$ , where  $S \oplus \bar{S} = V$ , the whole space.

1.  $A = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z = 0\} = \{(x, y, 0) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{(x, 0, 0) + (0, y, 0) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{x(1, 0, 0) + y(0, 1, 0) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} = \langle (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0) \rangle$   
 which is a basis if the vectors are linearly independent  $\iff a(1, 0, 0) + b(0, 1, 0) = (0, 0, 0) \iff (a, b, 0) = (0, 0, 0) \Rightarrow a = b = 0$  (true)  
 $\Rightarrow \langle (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0) \rangle$  is a base of  $A$ . So,  $\dim(A) = 2$ .

$B = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + y + z = 0\} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z = -x - y\} = \{(x, y, -x - y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{(x, 0, -x) + (0, y, -y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} = \dots = \langle (1, 0, -1), (0, 1, -1) \rangle$  which is a basis if the vectors are linearly independent  $\iff a(1, 0, -1) + b(0, 1, -1) = (0, 0, 0) \Rightarrow a = b = 0 \Rightarrow$  is a base of  $B$ . So,  $\dim(B) = 2$ .

$C = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x = y = z\} = \{(x, x, x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\} = \dots = \langle (1, 1, 1) \rangle$  which is a basis, as we have one vector (so linearly independent). So,  $\dim(C) = 1$ .

2. (i)  $S$  is a subspace of  $K^n$  if  $S \neq \emptyset$  (which is true, as  $(0, 0, \dots, 0) \in S$ ) and  $\forall a, b \in K, \forall x, y \in S \Rightarrow ax + by \in S$ . So,  $ax + by = a(x_1, \dots, x_n) + b(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \dots = (ax_1 + by_1, \dots, ax_n + by_n)$ , which is in  $S$  if  $ax_1 + by_1 + \dots + ax_n + by_n = 0 \iff a(x_1 + \dots + x_n) + b(y_1 + \dots + y_n) = a \cdot 0 + b \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow S$  is a subspace of  $K^n$ .
- (ii) From  $x_1 + \dots + x_n = 0 \Rightarrow x_n = -x_1 - x_2 \dots - x_{n-1}$ .  
 So,  $S = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, -x_1 - \dots - x_{n-1}) \mid x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in K\} = \{(x_1, 0, \dots, 0, -x_1) + \dots + (0, 0, \dots, 0, x_{n-1}, -x_{n-1}) \mid x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in K\} = \dots = \langle (1, 0, \dots, 0, -1), \dots, (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, -1) \rangle$  which is a basis if the vectors are linearly independent (you can prove this yourselves). So,  $\dim(S) = n - 1$ .

3. We know that  $(\mathbb{C}, +)$  is an Abelian group. Now, for  $\mathbb{C}$  to be a vector space, we need to see if the 4 conditions hold:

- (a)  $(k_1 + k_2)z = k_1z + k_2z$  (true)
- (b)  $k(z_1 + z_2) = kz_1 + kz_2$  (true)
- (c)  $(k_1k_2)z = k_1(k_2z)$  (true)
- (d)  $1 \cdot z = z$  (true)

Now,  $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}, \exists a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $z = a \cdot 1 + b \cdot i \Rightarrow \mathbb{C} = \langle 1, i \rangle$  which is a basis, as 1 and  $i$  are linearly independent and  $\dim(\mathbb{C}) = 2$ .

4.  $f$  is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear map if  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^3 : f(ax + by) = af(x) + bf(y)$ .

So,  $f(a(x_1, x_2, x_3) + b(y_1, y_2, y_3)) = f(ax_1 + by_1, ax_2 + by_2, ax_3 + by_3) = \dots = a(x_2, -x_1) + b(y_2, -y_1) = af(x) + bf(y)$ .

$\ker(f) = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid f(x, y, z) = (0, 0)\} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid (y, -x) = (0, 0)\} = \{(0, 0, z) \mid z \in \mathbb{R}\} = \langle (0, 0, 1) \rangle$ .

So,  $\dim(\ker(f)) = 1$ .

$\text{Im}(f) = \{(y, -x) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid f(x, y, z) = (y, -x)\} = \{(y, 0) + (0, -x) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} = \langle (1, 0), (0, -1) \rangle$ . So,  $\dim(\text{Im}(f)) = 2$ .

5.  $\ker(f) = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid (-y + 5z, x, y - 5z) = (0, 0, 0)\} \Rightarrow -y + 5z = 0$  and  $x = 0$  and  $y - 5z = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$  and  $y = 5z \Rightarrow \ker(f) = \{(0, 5z, z) \mid z \in \mathbb{R}\} = \langle (0, 5, 1) \rangle$ , with  $\dim(\ker(f)) = 1$ .

$\text{Im}(f) = \{(-y + 5z, x, y - 5z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid f(x, y, z) = (-y, 0, y) + (5z, 0, -5z) + (0, x, 0)\} = \langle (-1, 0, 1), (5, 0, -5), (0, 1, 0) \rangle$ , but  $(5, 0, -5) = -5(-1, 0, 1)$  (i.e. they are not linearly independent) so a basis for  $\text{Im}(f) = \langle (-1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0) \rangle$ , with  $\dim(\text{Im}(f)) = 2$ .

6. For  $A$  we need to find a third vector in the basis, which is linearly independent with the other two. So,  $a(1, 0, 0) + b(0, 1, 0) + c(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0) \iff a = b = c = 0 \Rightarrow a + cx = 0$  and  $b + cy = 0$  and  $cz = 0 \Rightarrow x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  (not all zero)  $\Rightarrow (x, y, z) = (0, 0, 1)$ .

For  $B$  the same as above  $\Rightarrow a(1, 0, -1) + b(0, 1, -1) + c(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0) \iff a = b = c = 0 \Rightarrow a + cx = 0$  and  $b + cy = 0$  and  $-a - b + cz = 0 \Rightarrow c(x + y + z) = 0 \Rightarrow x + y + z \neq 0 \Rightarrow (x, y, z) = (1, 1, 0)$ .

For  $C$  we need to find two vectors in the basis, which are linearly independent with the third one. So, we can add the vectors  $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$  and  $(x, y, z) = (1, 0, 1)$ .

7. (i) We can easily see that  $A = \langle (-2, 1, 0), (-3, 0, 1) \rangle$ . So, we need to complete this generator to a basis in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Let  $(a, b, c)$  be the vector we need to put there:

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \Rightarrow a + 2b + 3c \neq 0.$$

So, we can take  $a = 0, b = 0, c = 1 \Rightarrow (0, 0, 1)$  generates the complement of  $A$ .

$$\bar{A} = \langle (0, 0, 1) \rangle = \{(0, 0, z) \mid z \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

- (ii)  $B = \langle (1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1) \rangle$  so, to complete it to  $\mathbb{R}_3[X]$  we need to add another vector. It is easy to see that we can take a vector from the canonical basis  $(0, 1, 0)$ . So,  $\bar{B} = \langle (0, 1, 0) \rangle = \{cX^2 \mid c \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
8.  $\dim(S) + \dim(U) = \dim(S \cap U) + \dim(S + U) = \dim(T \cap U) + \dim(T + U) = \dim(T) + \dim(U) \Rightarrow \dim(S) = \dim(T)$ . As  $S \subseteq T$ , we know  $\dim(S) \leq \dim(T)$ . So, if their dimensions are equal  $\Rightarrow S = T$ .

9. First, rewrite  $S$  as a generated subset and  $T$  as a set.

$S = \langle (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1) \rangle$  and  $T = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x - y + z = 0\}$  (you can simply find those).

Now,  $S \cap T = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x = 0 \text{ and } x - y + z = 0\} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x = 0 \text{ and } y = z\} = \langle (0, 1, 1) \rangle$ , with  $\dim(S \cap T) = 1$ .

As,  $S, T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \Rightarrow S + T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \Rightarrow \dim(S + T) \leq \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3$ .

From  $\dim(S) + \dim(T) = \dim(S \cap T) + \dim(S + T)$  and  $\dim(S) = \dim(T) = 2 \Rightarrow 2 + 2 = 1 + \dim(S + T) \Rightarrow \dim(S + T) = 4 - 1 = 3 = \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) \Rightarrow S + T = \mathbb{R}^3$ .

10. For  $S$  we need to see if the vectors are linearly independent.

$$a \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{We obtain the system: } \begin{cases} a + b = 0 \\ a = 0 \\ b = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{they are linearly independent,}$$

so  $\dim(S) = 2$ .

$$\text{The same goes for } T \Rightarrow a \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We obtain the system: 
$$\begin{cases} a = 0 \\ a + b = 0 \\ b = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{they are linearly independent,}$$

so  $\dim(T) = 2$ .

We know that  $\dim(S + T) = \dim(S \cup T)$ , so we need to see how many vectors (from both generators) are linearly independent.

$$a \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + c \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + d \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We obtain the system: 
$$\begin{cases} a + b = 0 \Rightarrow a = -b \\ a + c = 0 \Rightarrow c = -a \Rightarrow c = b \\ b + c + d = 0 \Rightarrow b + b - b = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0 \\ b + d = 0 \Rightarrow d = -b \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow a = b = c = d = 0 \Rightarrow$  they are all linearly independent. So,  $\dim(S + T) = 4$ .

Since  $\dim(S) + \dim(T) = \dim(S + T) + \dim(S \cap T) \Rightarrow \dim(S \cap T) = 0$ .