

## LECTURE 5 AND 6

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### 1. RANK NULLITY THEOREM

It is also called then fundamental theorem of Linear Maps because of its importance in linear transformation.

#### 1.1. Statement and Proof.

**Theorem 1. *Rank-Nullity Theorem:*** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L} : (V, W)$ . Then range  $T$  is finite-dimensional and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rank}(T) + \text{Nullity}(T) &= \dim(V), \text{ or} \\ \dim(\text{Range}(T)) + \dim(\text{Ker}(T)) &= \dim(V) \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_l$  be the minimum vectors will that span  $\text{Ker}(T)$ , where  $l$  is the  $\dim(\text{Ker}(T))$ .

And  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-l}$  be the vectors that will span the remaining vector space  $V$  where,  $n$  is the  $\dim(V)$ . Their linear transformation  $(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n-l})$  must be independent and should span the entire range of  $T$  in  $W$ , let  $\dim(\text{Range}(T))$  be  $k$ .

*We will prove this claim later.*

Then it becomes quite easy to see why the rank nullity theorem holds. Because,

$$n - l = k \text{ or } n = l + k$$

Hence, Proved. □

**Claim 1.**  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n-l}$  are linearly independent and span the entire  $\text{Range}(T)$ .

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*Proving Claim.*  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n-l}$  are linear transformation of basis  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-l}$ . So,

$$\alpha_1 w_1 + \alpha_2 w_2 + \dots + \alpha_{n-l} w_{n-l} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_{i=1}^{n-l} \alpha_i w_i = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_{i=1}^{n-l} \alpha_i T v_i = 0$$

$$\text{or, } T\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-l} \alpha_i v_i\right) = 0$$

So  $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_{n-l} v_{n-l} \in \dim(\text{null } T)$ .

Since,  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_l$  spans  $\text{null } T$ , we can write:

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_{n-l} v_{n-l} = \beta_1 \phi_1 + \beta_2 \phi_2 + \dots + \beta_l \phi_l$$

But we also know that  $\phi_1$  to  $\phi_l$  and  $v_1$  to  $v_{n-l}$  are linearly independent, which means the only way to satisfy above equation is to have  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_{n-l} = \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_l = 0$ .

Thus  $Tv_1, Tv_2, \dots, Tv_{n-l}$  are linearly independent and span the entire  $\text{Range}(T)$ . Hence  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n-l}$  will span the entire  $\text{Range}(T)$ .  $\square$

**1.2. Applications.** We can now prove that some of the mapping can not be surjective or injective.

**Theorem 2** (A map to a smaller dimensional space is not injective). *Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are finite-dimensional vector spaces such that  $\dim(V) > \dim(W)$ , then there is no injective linear mapping from  $V$  to  $W$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\text{null } T) &= \dim(V) - \dim(\text{Range}(T)) \\ &\geq \dim(V) - \dim(W) \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

The equality above comes from the fundamental theorem of Linear Maps and the strict inequality at the end shows the dimension of  $\text{null } T$  is greater than 0, means vector other than 0 are present in  $\text{null } T$ . Hence the mapping is not injective.  $\square$

**Theorem 3** (A map to a larger dimensional space is not surjective). *Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are finite-dimensional vector spaces such that  $\dim(V) < \dim(W)$ , then there is no surjective linear mapping from  $V$  to  $W$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then

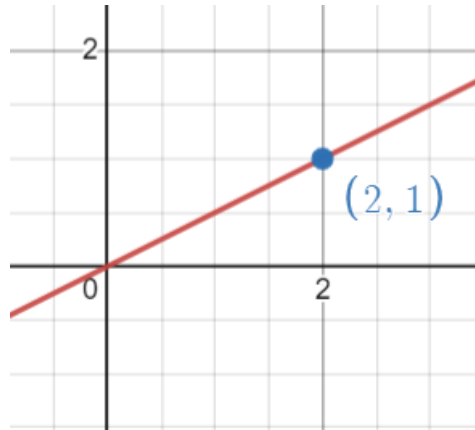
$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\text{range } T) &= \dim(V) - \dim(\text{null } T) \\ &\leq \dim(V) \\ &< \dim(W) \end{aligned}$$

Here again the equality comes from the Rank-Nullity Theorem, and the rest is just normal inference.

At the end we have range of  $T$  is less than the dimension of  $W$ . Hence the mapping is not surjective.  $\square$

## 2. MATRIX REPRESENTATION OF LINEAR TRANSFORMATION

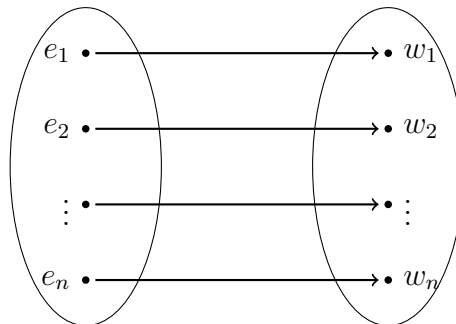
A vector is represented in different ways on the coordinate system depending on what its basis is. Suppose the vector  $(2,1)$  in  $R^2$  is represented with basis as  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



But when the basis is changed the vector is represented differently and on a different basis.

The vector  $V$  can be represented as  $a_1b_1 + a_2b_2$  and in matrix form can be represented as  $V \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Suppose there is a linear transformation  $T$  that maps a vector  $V$  from  $R^n$  to  $W$  in  $R^m$ . Let the basis be  $B = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  and  $B' = \{e'_1, \dots, e'_m\}$ . The map can be represented as



Suppose the basis for  $B$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$  and the upon applying the transformation the basis for  $B'$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_m \end{pmatrix}$

Now the question is how should we connect  $\alpha_i$  to the  $\beta_j$  such that we reach to our answer.

We know that  $Tv = w$

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i e_i$$

Applying linear transformation  $T$  on both sides we get

$$Tv = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i T(e_i)$$

Now what is  $Te_i$  ?

In this case  $e_i \rightarrow w_i$

$$\therefore Tv = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i w_i$$

But we want  $w_i$  to be represented in terms of Standard Basis.

$$w_i = \begin{pmatrix} w_{1i} \\ w_{2i} \\ \vdots \\ w_{mi} \end{pmatrix} \text{ (This is the representation of } w_i \text{ in standard basis)}$$

$$\therefore w_i = \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} e'_j$$

Hence now the  $Tv$  can be transformed as follows

$$\begin{aligned} Tv &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} e_j \\ Tv &= \sum_{j=1}^m \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} \alpha_i \right) e'_j \\ \therefore Tv &= \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j e'_j \end{aligned}$$

Call the quantity  $\left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} \alpha_i \right) = \beta_j$

This can now be represented in the matrix form as follows

$$Tv = \begin{pmatrix} w_{1,1} & w_{1,2} & \cdots & w_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ w_{m,1} & w_{m,2} & \cdots & w_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Here we can clearly see that  $Te_i = \begin{pmatrix} w_{1,i} \\ \vdots \\ w_{m,i} \end{pmatrix}$  That is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column in the matrix.

Hence to get the first column and eventually  $Te_1$  we must place the

$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$  equal to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Similarly to get the second column we must

place the  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$  equal to  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and so on.

**Example 1:**  $\mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{T} \mathbb{R}^2$ . Given

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{T} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{T} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the linear transformation  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{T} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

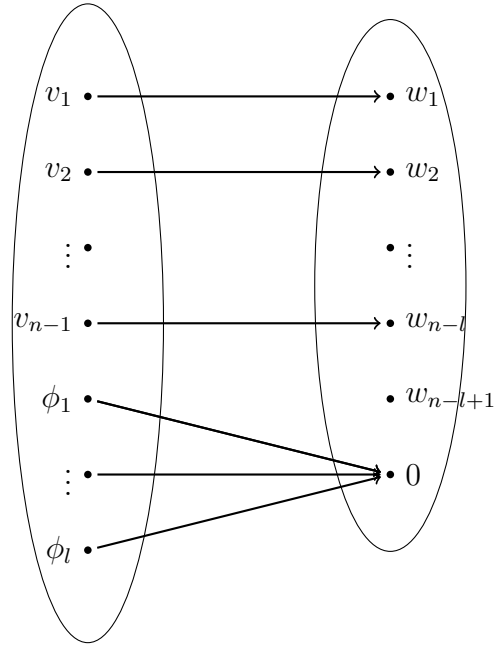
**Solution:** The first question that arises is where the standard basis goes. The vector on the LHS be in the standard basis  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{T} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ -2 \cdot & \left( \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{T} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{T} \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \implies & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{T} \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we find for the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and we get it to be  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{T} \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Now we know the linear transformation for both the standard basis vectors. Now we can push these values in the matrix and get the value for the corresponding  $\beta$  depending on the value of  $\alpha$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-5}{7} & \frac{-8}{7} \\ \frac{-3}{7} & \frac{5}{7} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}$$



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