

Lecture 11

Class Note

Definition The number of vectors in a basis of a vector space V is said to be the dimension of V and denoted by $\dim V$.

Example let $V = \mathbb{R}^n$

Since $S = \{ (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0), (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, (0, 0, 0, \dots, 1) \}$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

$$\therefore \dim(V) = \text{number of elements in } S \\ = n$$

Example let $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\therefore \dim V = 3$$

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Example let $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

then $S_1 = \{ (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1) \}$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^3

Also we can show that

$S_2 = \{ (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0) \}$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^3

$$\therefore \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = \text{no of elements in } S_1 = 3$$

$$\dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = \text{no of elements in } S_2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = \text{no of elements in } S_1 \\ = \text{no of elements in } S_2$$

\Rightarrow any two bases of a finite-dimensional vector space V have the same number of vectors.

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Results The vector space consisting only zero element i.e. if $V = \{0\}$, then dimension of that vector space is 0 i.e. $\dim(V) = 0$

Example Consider the following system of equations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 &= 0 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 &= 0 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow AX = 0$$

Determine the null space of the matrix $A_{3 \times 3}$ and its dimension.

Solⁿ $N(A) = \{X \mid AX = 0\}$

$$= \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mid AX = 0\}$$

$$\therefore \text{determinant of } A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 5 \neq 0$$

\Rightarrow Rank of A is 3

\Rightarrow The homogeneous system $AX = 0$ has unique solⁿ i.e. only zero solution

$$\therefore N(A) = \{(0, 0, 0)\}$$

Now from the above result,

$$\dim(N(A)) = 0$$

(\because null space of A contains only zero element, so that its dimension is zero)