

# Lecture 19

Def - A basis for a subspace  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a set

$B = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\} \subset W$  such that:

- $B$  is linearly independent
- $B$  spans  $W$

Fund Thm of Lin Alg - Every non-trivial subspace  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  has a basis, and any two bases for  $W$  have the same # of vectors.

e.g.

$E = \{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Def: The dimension of a subspace  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is:

- 0 if  $W = \{\vec{0}\}$  is trivial.
- the # of vectors in a basis for  $W$ , if  $W$  is non-trivial.

Example

$$W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim W = 2$$

$$W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim W = 1$$

Ex

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 & -1 & -3 \\ -1 & -1 & -3 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -7 & -11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\dim \text{image } A = 2 = \# \text{ of pivot columns}$

$\dim \ker A = 3 = \# \text{ of free variables } (\# \text{ of non-pivot columns})$

Def : Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation, then :

- the rank of  $T$  is the dimension of the image of  $T$ .
- The nullity of  $T$  is the dimension of the kernel of  $T$ .

Rmk - If  $A$  is the matrix for  $T$ , then we set :

- $\text{rank } A = \text{rank } T$
- $\text{nullity } A = \text{nullity } T$

Rank Theorem : If  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is linear then :

$$(\text{rank } T) + (\text{nullity } T) = \text{dimension of the domain of } T = n .$$

Ex

Let  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a non-zero vector. Let  $L = \text{span} \{ \vec{v} \}$

What are the rank and nullity of  $\text{proj}_L$ ?

Rank: 1 because image of  $\text{proj}_L$  = Line

Nullity:  $n - 1$

Ex

$W = \text{span}(\beta)$  where  $\beta = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Is  $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \in W$ ?

$$\vec{w} = 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in W$$

The systematic way to solve this:

$$\vec{w} = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 ?$$

$$\text{solve } \left[ \vec{v}_1 \vec{v}_2 \mid \vec{w} \right]$$

(all  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  the coordinates of  $\vec{w}$  relative to basis  $\beta$ .)

Suppose  $\vec{v} \in W$  has  $\beta$  coordinates:

$$[\vec{v}]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \text{. What's } \vec{v}?$$

$$\text{Ans } \vec{v} = 7 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 10 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Prop : If  $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is a basis for a subspace  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\vec{v} \in W$   
is some other vec, then  $\exists$  unique scalers  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\vec{v} = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_k \vec{v}_k$$

i.e  $[\vec{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_k \end{bmatrix}$