

Lecture 19

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

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

- 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.

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

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 .

Rank - 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 proj_L ?

Rank: 1 because image of proj_L = Line

Nullity: $n-1$

Ex

$W = \text{span}(\beta)$ where $\beta = \left\{ \underset{\vec{v}_1}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}, \underset{\vec{v}_2}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} \right\}$

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

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

The systematic way to solve this:

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

$$\text{Solve } [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \mid \vec{w}]$$

Call $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ the coordinates of \vec{w} relative to basis β .

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

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

$$\text{Ans } \vec{v} = 7 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 10 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 17 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

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 scalars $x_1, \dots, x_k \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

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

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