

$$\Rightarrow c\vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2 = cT(\vec{u}_1) + T(\vec{u}_2) = T(c\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow c\vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2 \in \text{Range}(T)$$

$\Rightarrow \text{Range}(T) \subseteq W$  is a subspace. □

**Definition:** The dimension of  $\text{Ker}(T)$  is called the nullity of  $T$ .

The dimension of  $\text{Range}(T)$  is called the rank of  $T$ .

**Theorem:** (Rank-nullity Theorem or Dimension Theorem). Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space. Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Then

$$\dim V = \text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T).$$

**Proof:** Suppose dimension  $V=n$ , and  $\text{nullity}(T)=k$ . We need to prove that  $\text{rank}(T)=n-k$ .

Let  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\} \subseteq \text{Ker}(T)$  be a basis.

Extend  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  to a basis of  $V$ :  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k, \vec{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$   
(Note this extension can be carried out by Replacement Theorem.)

**Claim:**  $S = \{T(\vec{v}_{k+1}), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n)\} \subseteq \text{Range}(T)$  is a basis of  $\text{Range}(T)$ .

Followed by the claim:  $\text{rank}(T)=n-k$ . Therefore

Thus  $\dim V = n$ ,  $\text{nullity}(T)=k$ ,  $\text{rank}(T)=n-k$   
 $\Rightarrow \dim V = \text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T)$

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Proof of Claim: Prove  $S$  is linearly independent.

Suppose  $C_1, \dots, C_n$  satisfies  $C_{k+1}\vec{v}_{k+1} + \dots + C_n\vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$

$$\Rightarrow T(C_1\vec{v}_{k+1} + \dots + C_n\vec{v}_n) = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{k+1}\vec{v}_{k+1} + \dots + C_n\vec{v}_n \in \text{Ker}(T) = \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$$

$\exists C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k$  such that:

$$C_{k+1}\vec{v}_{k+1} + \dots + C_n\vec{v}_n = C_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + C_k\vec{v}_k$$

$$\Rightarrow -C_1\vec{v}_1 - C_2\vec{v}_2 - \dots - C_k\vec{v}_k + C_{k+1}\vec{v}_{k+1} + \dots + C_n\vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$$

Since  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k, \vec{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  is a basis of  $V$ , thus linearly independent

$$\Rightarrow -C_1 = -C_2 = \dots = -C_k = C_{k+1} = \dots = C_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{k+1}T(\vec{v}_{k+1}) + \dots + C_nT(\vec{v}_n) = \vec{0} \text{ implies } C_{k+1} = \dots = C_n = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \{T(\vec{v}_{k+1}), T(\vec{v}_{k+2}), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n)\}$  is linearly independent.

② Prove that  $\text{Span } S = \text{Range}(T)$ .

$\forall \vec{w} \in \text{Range}(T) \quad \exists \vec{v} \in V \text{ such that } T(\vec{v}) = \vec{w}$ .

Since  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  is a basis of  $V$ ,  $\exists a_1, \dots, a_k, a_{k+1}, \dots, a_n$

such that  $\vec{v} = a_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_k\vec{v}_k + a_{k+1}\vec{v}_{k+1} + \dots + a_n\vec{v}_n$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{w} = T(\vec{v}) = T(a_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_k\vec{v}_k + a_{k+1}\vec{v}_{k+1} + \dots + a_n\vec{v}_n)$$

$$= a_1T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + a_kT(\vec{v}_k) + a_{k+1}T(\vec{v}_{k+1}) + \dots + a_nT(\vec{v}_n)$$

$\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in \text{Ker}(T) \Rightarrow T(\vec{v}_1) = \dots = T(\vec{v}_k) = \vec{0}$

$$= a_{k+1}T(\vec{v}_{k+1}) + \dots + a_nT(\vec{v}_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{w} \in \text{Span}\{T(\vec{v}_{k+1}), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n)\} \Rightarrow \text{Range } T \subseteq \text{Span}\{T(\vec{v}_{k+1}), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n)\}$$

$$\text{As } \text{Span} \{ T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n) \} \subseteq \text{Range}(T).$$

$$\text{Span} \{ T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n) \} = \text{Range}(T)$$

By ① and ②,  $\{ T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n) \}$  is a basis of  $\text{Range}(T)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(T) = n-k. \quad \blacksquare$$

Definition: Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation.

1)  $T$  is called one-to-one if  $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V, \vec{x} \neq \vec{y}$  implies  $T(\vec{x}) \neq T(\vec{y})$   
or equivalently " $T(\vec{x}) = T(\vec{y})$  implies  $\vec{x} = \vec{y}$ "

2)  $T$  is called onto if  $\forall \vec{w} \in W: \exists \vec{v} \in V$  such that  $\vec{w} = T(\vec{v})$ .  
or equivalently  $W = \text{Range}(T)$ .

3).  $T$  is called an isomorphism if  $T$  is both one-to-one and onto.

Definition: Two vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$  are called isomorphic, if there exists an isomorphism  $T: V \rightarrow W$ .

Proposition: A linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is one-to-one if and only if  $\text{ker}(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$ .

Proof: " $\Rightarrow$ " Suppose  $T$  is one-to-one.

$$\text{Since } T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{0} \in \text{ker}(T)$$

$$\forall \vec{x} \in \text{ker}(T) \Rightarrow T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0} = T(\vec{0}) \Rightarrow \vec{x} = \vec{0} \text{ as } T \text{ is one-to-one}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ker}(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$$

" $\Leftarrow$ " Suppose  $\text{ker}(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$

$$\text{If } T(\vec{x}) = T(\vec{y}) \Leftrightarrow T(\vec{x}) - T(\vec{y}) = \vec{0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow T(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} - \vec{y} \in \text{ker}(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{x} - \vec{y} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = \vec{y}$$

$\Rightarrow T$  is one-to-one.

Notation: If  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $V$  to  $V$ , we may say

" $T$  is a linear transformation on  $V$ ".

Proposition. Let  $T$  be a linear transformation on a finite dimensional space  $V$ .

Then the following statements are equivalent.

1).  $T$  is one-to-one

2).  $T$  is onto

3).  $T$  is an isomorphism.

Proof : Homework. (Hint: use rank-nullity theorem).

Remarks : The above statements are not equivalent for infinite-dimensional vector spaces. See homework problems # in Homework 3

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