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Chapter 28, Problem 7EE

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## Problem

Let  $N$  be the null space of  $h$ , and  $R$  the range space of  $h$ . Let  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_r\}$  be a basis of  $N$ .

Extend it to a basis  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_r, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$  of  $U$ .

Prove part:

Conclude as follows: for any linear transformation  $h$ ,  $\dim(\text{domain } h) = \dim(\text{null space of } h) + \dim(\text{range space of } h)$ .

## Step-by-step solution

### Step 1 of 5

It is already known that  $U$  and  $V$  are vector spaces and so they satisfies all conditions for vector space. It is known that basis of  $U$  contains  $n$  elements. Thus, dimension of  $U$  is  $n$ .

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Range space of  $h$  is subspace of  $V$  is set of all elements of  $V$  which are map of vectors of  $U$ .

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Or given subspace is

$$\{\mathbf{r} \in V \mid h(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{r} \text{ for } \mathbf{u} \in U\}$$

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Thus any element in range is a map of some vector in  $U$

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### Step 5 of 5

For any element  $\mathbf{r}$  in range of  $h$ , we can find a element  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $U$  such that

$$h(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{r}$$

Since  $U$  is a vector space, every element in  $U$  can be expressed as linear combination of basis of  $U$ . So,

$$\mathbf{u} = t_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + t_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \dots + t_r \mathbf{a}_r + \dots + t_n \mathbf{a}_n$$

Taking linear transformation

$$\begin{aligned} h(\mathbf{u}) &= h(t_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + t_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \dots + t_r \mathbf{a}_r + \dots + t_n \mathbf{a}_n) \\ \Rightarrow h(\mathbf{u}) &= t_1 h(\mathbf{a}_1) + t_2 h(\mathbf{a}_2) + \dots + t_r h(\mathbf{a}_r) + \dots + t_n h(\mathbf{a}_n) \quad \dots(1) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_r)$  is null basis of  $h$ ,

$$h(\mathbf{a}_r) = \mathbf{0} \forall r \in (0, 1, \dots, r)$$

Also number of elements in basis of  $h$  is  $r$ . Thus, dimension of null-space is  $r$ .

Therefore (1) can be rewritten as,

$$h(\mathbf{u}) = t_{r+1}h(\mathbf{a}_{r+1}) + \dots + t_n h(\mathbf{a}_n)$$

$h(\mathbf{u})$  represents a subspace, all element of which can be expressed as linear combinations of  $h(\mathbf{a}_{r+1}), \dots, h(\mathbf{a}_n)$ . In other words  $h(\mathbf{a}_{r+1}), \dots, h(\mathbf{a}_n)$  forms basis of range of  $h$ . Dimension of subspace is number of elements is basis of a subspace. Here range subspace have  $n - r$  elements in its basis. In other words dimension of range space is  $(n - r)$

Hence $\dim(\text{domain of } h) = n = r + n - r = \dim(\text{nullspace of } h) + \dim(\text{range space of } h)$
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