

一道高等代数习题的解答

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Problem: 设 W_1, W_2, \dots, W_s 是 n 维向量空间 V 的真子空间, 则存在 V 的一个基, 使得基中的每一个向量均不在 W_1, W_2, \dots, W_s 中.

Proof. 不妨设 $\dim(W_i) = n - 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, s$. (此时若 $\exists \alpha \in V \setminus W_i$, 则 $\alpha \notin W, \forall W$ 满足 $\dim(W) \leq \dim(W_i)$, 符合题意.)

构造线性同构 $\phi: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, 则 $\phi(W_i) \subset \mathbb{R}$. (设 $W_i = \text{Span}\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}\}$, 则 $\phi(W_i) = \text{Span}\{\phi(e_1), \phi(e_2), \dots, \phi(e_{n-1})\}$. 若 $\mathbb{R}^n = \text{Span}\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n\}$, $V_i \notin \phi(W_j)$, 则 $\phi^{-1}(V_i) \notin W_j, \text{Span}\{\phi^{-1}(V_1), \phi^{-1}(V_2), \dots, \phi^{-1}(V_n)\} \neq V$.)

Step1: 由于 $W_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \dim(W_1) = n - 1$, 则 $\exists \xi_1 \in \mathbb{R}$, 使得 $W_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle x, \xi \rangle = 0\}$. 上述引理的证明: $\dim(W_1) = n - 1, W_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, 则 $\exists y \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus W_1$.

设 $W_1 = \text{Span}\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}\}$, $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}\}$ 是单位正交基. 构造

$$\xi = y - \langle y, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \langle y, e_2 \rangle e_2 - \dots - \langle y, e_{n-1} \rangle e_{n-1},$$

则 $\langle \xi, e_i \rangle = 0, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \Rightarrow \xi_1 \perp W$, 即 $\forall \nu \in W \Rightarrow \xi \perp \nu$.

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$$W_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = 0\} (\text{令 } \xi = (a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1n})),$$

$$W_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = 0\},$$

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$$W_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = 0\}.$$

构造 $f_i(\lambda) = a_{i1}x_1 + a_{i2}x_2 + \dots + a_{in}x_n, 1 \leq i \leq s$, 该多项式共有 $s \cdot n = ns$ 个根. 在 \mathbb{R} 内把这个 ns 个根去掉, 再任取 \mathbb{R} 上的数 y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n , 构造 $\nu_1 = (1, y_1, y_1^2, \dots, y_1^{n-1}) \in \mathbb{R}$, 则 $\nu_1 \notin W_1 (a_{11} + a_{12}y_1 + \dots + a_{1n}y_1^{n-1} \neq 0)$. 同理构造 ν_2, \dots, ν_n , 则

$$\nu_i \notin W_j, \forall i, j,$$

$\Rightarrow \nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_n$ 是 \mathbb{R}^n 的一组基.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{验证: } \det(\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_n) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_n \\ y_1^2 & y_2^2 & \cdots & y_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ y_1^{n-1} & y_2^{n-1} & \cdots & y_n^{n-1} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (y_j - y_i) \neq 0, \end{aligned}$$

即该向量组线性无关.

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