

More Math CH4 10/18/24

Recall: $\mathbb{P}^n = \{ \text{polynomials with } \mathbb{R} \text{ coeffs \& deg} \leq n \}$
is a vector space

Moreover, $\mathbb{P}_n \cong \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

$$\vec{p}(t) = p_0 + p_1 t + \dots + p_n t^n$$

$$\vec{p} = \begin{pmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \\ p_2 \\ \vdots \\ p_n \end{pmatrix}$$

ex: Let $C(\mathbb{R}) := \{ \text{continuous functions on } \mathbb{R} \}$
 $f(t) = t^2 + 2t$, $g(t) = \sin t$ etc
 $f(t) + g(t) = t^2 + 2t + \sin t \in C(\mathbb{R})$

Fact: $C(\mathbb{R})$ is a vector space (And it's infinite dimensional)

Note: $\mathbb{P}_n \subset C(\mathbb{R})$; " \mathbb{P}_n is a subset of $C(\mathbb{R})$ "

Def *: A subspace of a vector sp. V is a subset $H \subset V$ s.t. ① $\vec{0} \in H$

② if $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in H$, then $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in H$. ③ $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$, $c\vec{u} \in H$

ex: $\mathbb{P}_n \subset C(\mathbb{R})$ is a subspace $\forall n \geq 0$. Let $\mathbb{P} := \{ \text{all } \mathbb{R}\text{-coeff polys} \}$. $\mathbb{P}_n \subset \mathbb{P}$ is a subspace

AMK: \mathbb{R}^2 is not a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 in "naive" sense! $\mathbb{R}^2 = \{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \} \cong H := \{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \}$

then: $H \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is a subspace (must be 0 to remain subspace)

(must have 0 vector to be subspace)

Prop: For $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in V$, $\text{span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \} =: H$ is a subspace of V .

Proof: ① $\vec{0} = 0\vec{v}_1 + 0\vec{v}_2$, so $\vec{0} \in H$ ✓

② Let $\vec{u}, \vec{w} \in H$, thus there is a choice of coefficients s.t. $\vec{u} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2$ & $\vec{w} = a_1\vec{v}_1 + a_2\vec{v}_2$, Compute: $\vec{u} + \vec{w} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + a_1\vec{v}_1 + a_2\vec{v}_2 = (c_1+a_1)\vec{v}_1 + (c_2+a_2)\vec{v}_2 \in H$ ✓

③ $\alpha\vec{u} = \alpha(c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2) = (\alpha c_1)\vec{v}_1 + (\alpha c_2)\vec{v}_2 \in H$ ✓

Thm: IF $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p \in V$, then $\text{span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p \}$ is a subspace of V

ex: Let $H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a-3b \\ b-a \\ a \\ b \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4

$$\begin{pmatrix} a-3b \\ b-a \\ a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ -a \\ a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -3b \\ b \\ 0 \\ b \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Thus: } H = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \Rightarrow H \text{ is a subspace of } \mathbb{R}^4$$

4.2 Null spaces and Column spaces

Def: The null space of $A \in \text{Mat}(m, n)$ is

$$\text{Nul}(A) := \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \}$$

Thm: For such $A \in \text{Mat}(m, n)$, $\text{Nul}(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n

Proof 1: $A \begin{pmatrix} \vec{0} \\ \vec{0} \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ (2) Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \text{Nul}(A)$. Then: $A(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = A\vec{u} + A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$, so $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in \text{Nul}(A)$ ✓

(3) For $c \in \mathbb{R}$ & $\vec{u} \in \text{Nul}(A)$, $A(c\vec{u}) = cA\vec{u} = \vec{0}$,
so $c\vec{u} \in \text{Nul}(A)$ ✓