

Step-1

Suppose that S and T are subspaces of R^{13} .

Consider the dimensions of subspaces:

$$\dim S = 7 \text{ and } \dim T = 8.$$

Hence, S is subset of T .

$$S \subset T.$$

Step-2

(a)

Objective is to find the largest possible dimension of $S \cap T$.

$$\dim S = 7$$

$$< 8$$

$$= \dim T$$

Hence, $\dim S < \dim T$.

The largest possible dimension of $S \cap T$ is shown below:

$$\dim(S \cap T) = \dim S \text{ Since } S \subset T.$$

$$= \boxed{7}.$$

Step-3

(b)

Objective is to find the smallest possible dimension of $S \cap T$.

Here S and T are subspaces of R^{13} .

$$\text{Hence, } \dim(S + T) = 13$$

To find the $\dim(S \cap T)$, use the dimension formula:

$$\dim(S + T) + \dim(S \cap T) = \dim(S) + \dim(T)$$

Substitute the values of $\dim(S+T)=13$, $\dim(S)=7$ and $\dim(T)=8$ in the above formula.

$$13 + \dim(S \cap T) = 7 + 8$$

$$13 + \dim(S \cap T) = 15$$

$$\dim(S \cap T) = 2$$

Hence, the smallest dimension of $S \cap T$ is $\dim(S \cap T) = \boxed{2}$.

Step-4

(c)

Objective is to find the smallest possible dimension of $(S+T)$.

The smallest possible dimension of $(S+T)$ is shown below:

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{T}) &= \text{Maximum of } \{\dim \mathbf{S}, \dim \mathbf{T}\} \\ &= \boxed{8}. \quad \text{Since } S \subset T. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the smallest dimension of $(S+T)$ is $\boxed{8}$.

Step-5

(d)

Objective is to find the largest possible dimension of $(S+T)$.

The largest possible dimension of $(S+T)$ is shown below:

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{T}) &= \dim \mathbf{R} \\ &= \boxed{13}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the largest possible dimension of $(S+T)$ is $\boxed{13}$.

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