

Dimension of a subspace

Let $V \rightarrow$ finite dimensional vector space of dimension n .

Let $W \subset V$ be a subspace.

Thm. If W is a subspace of a vector space V of dimension n and if dimension of W is m , then $m \leq n$. i.e $\dim W \leq \dim V$. If $\dim W = \dim V$, then $W = V$.

Take $V = \mathbb{R}^3$. $\dim \mathbb{R}^3 = 3$.

$W \subset \mathbb{R}^3$.

$\dim W = 0$; $W = \{(0, 0, 0)\} \Rightarrow W$ is the origin.

$\dim W = 1$. W consists of all lines passing through origin.

$\dim W = 2$. W consists of all planes containing the origin.

$\dim W = 3$. $W = \mathbb{R}^3$.

Ex. Let $W = \{(x, y, z); ax + by + cz = 0\}$ where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$. $\subset \mathbb{R}^3$.

To find a basis & dimension of W .

Solution,

$$ax + by + cz = 0.$$

$$z = z_0, \quad y = y_0.$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{a}(by + cz)$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{b}{a}y_0 - \frac{c}{a}z_0.$$

No. of free variables
= No. of unknowns
- no. of equations
in reduced form.

$$(x, y, z) = \left(-\frac{b}{a}y_0 - \frac{c}{a}z_0, y_0, z_0 \right).$$

$$= y_0 \underbrace{\left(-\frac{b}{a}, 1, 0 \right)}_{\sim w_1} + z_0 \underbrace{\left(-\frac{c}{a}, 0, 1 \right)}_{\sim w_2}.$$

$$\therefore \{w_1, w_2\} \subset \left\{ \left(-\frac{b}{a}, 1, 0 \right), \left(-\frac{c}{a}, 0, 1 \right) \right\}.$$

span W \rightarrow (A)

\therefore every element of W can be expressed as a l.c. of w_1 & w_2 .

$$c_1 \underbrace{w_1}_{\sim} + c_2 \underbrace{w_2}_{\sim} = 0.$$

$$c_1 \left(-\frac{b}{a}, 1, 0 \right) + c_2 \left(-\frac{c}{a}, 0, 1 \right) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$-\frac{b}{a}c_1 - \frac{c}{a}c_2 = 0.$$

$$c_1 = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$c_2 = 0 \rightarrow$$

w_1, w_2 are l.i. \rightarrow (B)

From (A) & (B) we can say
 $\{w_1, w_2\}$ is basis of W ~~&~~ dim. of $W = 2$.

Note: The subspace W whose elements are solutions of the equation $ax+by+cz=0$ is called the solution space for eq. (1),
 (null space).

Dim. of solution space is called nullity. Note:

$$\text{nullity} = n - r.$$

n = no. of unknowns.

r = rank of the coeff. matrix.

(Note: nullity = no. of free variables).

Ex2. Find the solution space (null space).
 for the system.

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y - z &= 0. && \text{Hence find a basis \& dimension} \\ 2x + 5y + 2z &= 0. && \text{of the solution space.} \\ x + 4y + 7z &= 0. \\ x + 3y + 3z &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Sol. Coeff. matrix.

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_3 \\ R_4 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_4}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_3 \rightarrow -2R_2 + R_3 \\ R_4 \rightarrow -R_2 + R_4}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

The equivalent system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y - z &= 0 \\ y + 4z &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\det. z = c.$$

$$y = -4z = -4c.$$

$$x = z - 2y = c - 2(-4c) = 9c.$$

$$(x, y, z) = (9c, -4c, c) \\ = c(9, -4, 1).$$

\therefore every (x, y, z) which is a solution of the given system is a multiple of $(9, -4, 1)$ we can say, $(9, -4, 1)$ spans the solution space of W . $(9, -4, 1)$ being a single vector is l.i.

So, $(9, -4, 1)$ is a basis for \mathbb{R} .
the solution space. Hence nullity = 1.

Ex-3. Let W be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^5 generated by the vectors $(1, 3, -2, 5, 4)$, $(1, 4, 1, 3, 5)$, $(1, 4, 2, 4, 3)$, $(2, 7, -3, 6, 13)$.

Find a basis and dimension of W .

Extend the basis of W to a basis for the whole space \mathbb{R}^5 .

$$W_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, W_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, W_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, W_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 7 & -3 & 6 & 13 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Row Reduction}} \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 3 & -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

The vectors $\tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2, \tilde{w}_3, \tilde{w}_4$ are not l.i.

But the vectors,

$$\tilde{w}_1 = (1, 3, -2, 5, 4), \quad \tilde{w}_2' = (0, 1, 3, -2, 1),$$

$$\tilde{w}_3' = (0, 0, 1, 1, -2) \text{ are l.i.}$$

and, also span the subspace which is spanned by $\tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2, \tilde{w}_3, \tilde{w}_4$.

$\therefore \{\tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2', \tilde{w}_3'\}$ is a basis of W .

$$\{\tilde{v}_1, \tilde{v}_2, \tilde{v}_3\} \quad \therefore \dim W = 3.$$

$$L\{\tilde{v}_1, \tilde{v}_2, \tilde{v}_3\} = L\{\tilde{v}_1, \tilde{v}_2\} \\ = L\{\tilde{v}_1, \tilde{v}_3\}$$

$$(1, 3, -2, 5, 4), (0, 1, 3, -2, 1), (0, 0, 1, 1, -2)$$

cannot form a basis for \mathbb{R}^5 .

with

~~(1, 3, -2, 5, 4)~~, $\tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2', \tilde{w}_3'$ add.

$$(0, 0, 0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 0, 1)$$

Then, $(\tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2', \tilde{w}_3', \tilde{v}_4, \tilde{v}_5)$ is a basis of W .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

because, $\tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2', \tilde{w}_3', \tilde{v}_4, \tilde{v}_5$ being non-zero rows of an echelon matrix, are l.i.

Thm. Let V be a $V.$ sp. of dim. n and $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ be a subset of V . If S is l.i., then either S is a basis of V or it can be extended to a basis of V .

~~Ex.~~ $\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ 1, 2, 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} v_2 \\ 0, 1, 3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and are l.i., but do not form a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .

But if you add $\begin{pmatrix} v_3 \\ 0, 0, 50 \end{pmatrix}$, then.

$\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

Note: If $v'_3 = (0, 2, 6)$, then,

$\{v_1, v_2, v'_3\}$ is not a basis

Thm. If V be an n dimensional vector space. Then any set of N vectors where $N > n$ is l.d.

$$c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_1 - c_2 + c_4 + 3c_5 = 0$$

$$2c_1 + 3c_3 + c_4 + 2c_5 = 0$$

$$3c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3 + 2c_4 - c_5 = 0$$

$$4c_1 + c_2 + 2c_3 + 3c_4 = 0$$

$$+ c_5 \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thm 1. If A subset of a l.i set is l.i.

Thm 2. A superset of a l.d. set is l.d.

(You can verify from the idea of echelon form of a matrix)

$$\begin{matrix} \tilde{v}_1 \rightarrow & 1 & 1 \\ \tilde{v}_2 \rightarrow & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \tilde{v}_3 \rightarrow & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a SQUARE matrix -

Suppose A is an $n \times n$ matrix. A number λ (real/complex) is said to be an eigen-value of A, and \tilde{v} the corresponding eigenvector, if $A\tilde{v} = \lambda\tilde{v}$ holds.

Note: $A\tilde{v} = \lambda\tilde{v}$.

$$\text{or. } A\tilde{v} - \lambda\tilde{v} = \underline{0}.$$

$$\text{or. } (A - \lambda I_n)\tilde{v} = \underline{0}$$

$\therefore \tilde{v}$ is non-zero, $\therefore |A - \lambda I_n| = 0 \rightarrow (\star)$.

This is called ~~of~~ characteristic equation for the matrix A. Its roots are the eigenvalues. L.H.S. of (\star) is a polynomial of degree n , called ch. polynomial.

Note 1. No. of eigenvalues of a matrix.

= order of the square matrix.

(You have to take multiplicity of the eigenvalue into account).

Note 2. Corresponding to any e-value there may be many e-vectors.

Note 3. Collection of e-values, ^{of A} is called spectrum of A. Magnitude of the largest e-value is called the spectral radius of A. Suppose -1, 2, -5 are the e-values of a matrix A. Then spectral radius of A is, $|-5| = 5$.

Ex. Find the e-value of a matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.
Solve $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ or, $|\lambda I - A| = 0$.

$$|\lambda I_2 - A| = 0 \Rightarrow \left| \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right| = 0$$

$$0, \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0. \lambda^2 = 0, \lambda = 0, 0.$$

$\therefore 0$ is the e-value of A.

To find e-vector: $(\lambda I - A) \underline{x} = \underline{0}$.

$$(xI - A) \vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-x_2 = 0, x_1 \rightarrow \text{arbitrary.}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = 0.$$

\therefore eigenvectors corr. to $\lambda = 0$ are of the form $(a, 0)$.

\therefore eigenvectors of a matrix together with the zero-vector forms a vector space.

That is known as λ -space corresponding to the eigenvalue λ .

E-space corresponding to $\lambda = 0$.

$$= \{(a, 0) : a \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

$$\text{Note. } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

Thm. 0 is an λ -value of a matrix if and only if $\det A = 0$.

Thm. A matrix is non-invertible if and only if 0 is an λ -value of A .

Ex 2. Find the λ -values & corresp. λ -~~vectors~~
vectors

of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Sol: $|xI - A| = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & x-2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & x-3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x-2)(x-3) + 2(x-2) = 0$$

$$(x-2)(x^2 - 3x + 2) = 0$$

$$\text{or}, (x-2)(x-2)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\text{or}, (x-2)^2(x-1) = 0 \Rightarrow x=2, 2, 1$$

e-vectors corresponding to $x=2$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_3 = 0$$

$$\therefore 2x_1 + 2x_3 = 0$$

$$\text{or}, x_1 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_3 = c, x_2 = b, x_1 = -c$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

\therefore λ -vectors corr. to $\lambda = 2$ are of
the form $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (-c, b, c)$.

λ -space corr. to $\lambda = 2$.

$$= \left\{ (-c, b, c) : b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (-c, b, c).$$

$$= c \underbrace{(-1, 0, 1)}_{\sim w_1} + \lambda \underbrace{(0, 1, 0)}_{\sim w_2}.$$

$$\cancel{\lambda} \sim w_1 + \cancel{\lambda} \sim w_2 = \underline{0}.$$

$$\therefore \cancel{\lambda} (-1, 0, 1) + \cancel{\lambda} (0, 1, 0) = (0, 0, 0).$$

$$\therefore -\lambda = 0, \lambda = 0, \lambda = 0.$$

$\therefore \sim w_1, \sim w_2$ are l.i.

\forall each $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (-c, b, c)$

can be expressed as a l.e. of $\sim w_1, \sim w_2$.

$\therefore \sim w_1, \sim w_2$ form a basis for λ -space
corr. to $\lambda = 2$.

\therefore dim. of λ -space = 2 $E_{\lambda=2}$

Exercise: Find the dimension of $E_{\lambda=1}$.

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