

Question 1. In $V_3(\mathbb{R})$ find $\dim(A + B)$ and $\dim(A \cap B)$ where A is the subspace spanned by $(1, 1, 1)$ and B is the subspace spanned by $(-1, -1, -1)$.

Solution. Note that the vectors $(1, 1, 1)$ and $(-1, -1, -1)$ are linearly dependent, namely, $(-1, -1, -1) = -(1, 1, 1)$. Therefore, the 1-dimensional subspaces spanned by these vectors coincide. More precisely, each vector of A has the form $\alpha(1, 1, 1)$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and this vector also belongs to B , because $\alpha(1, 1, 1) = -\alpha(-1, -1, -1)$. And conversely, each vector of B lies in A by the similar reason. Thus, $A = B$ and so

$$\begin{aligned}A + B &= A + A = A, \\A \cap B &= A \cap A = A.\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\dim(A + B) = \dim(A \cap B) = \dim A = 1$.

Answer: $\dim(A + B) = \dim(A \cap B) = 1$. □