

Constructing new linear transformations

Let V, W be two vector spaces. Suppose $\alpha = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$

be a basis of V . In order to construct a linear transformation from V to W , we proceed by the following steps.

1) choose n arbitrary elements $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ in W .

2) Define a map $T: V \rightarrow W$ such that $T(v_1) = w_1, T(v_2) = w_2, \dots, T(v_n) = w_n$

3) Using (2) find image of any arbitrary element x in V

4) Conclude that T in (2) is a linear transformation.

Pb:1 Construct a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^3 to $P_2(\mathbb{R})$

Ans:- We know $\alpha = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ forms a basis of \mathbb{R}^3

consider the arbitrary collection of vectors $\beta = \{1, t^2, 3t + 4t^2 - 1\}$

Define $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow P_2(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$T(e_1) = 1$$
$$T(e_2) = t^2$$
$$T(e_3) = 3t + 4t^2 - 1$$

we know, $(x, y, z) = x e_1 + y e_2 + z e_3$

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, y, z) &= x T(e_1) + y T(e_2) + z T(e_3) \\ &= x \cdot 1 + y \cdot t^2 + z (3t + 4t^2 - 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$T(x, y, z) = (x - z) \cdot 1 + 3z t + (y + 4z) t^2$$

This is a linear transformation.

Construct a linear transformation from $P_3(\mathbb{R})$ to $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$

Soln:- A basis of $P_3(\mathbb{R})$ is $\{1, t, t^2, t^3\}$

A basis of $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Define $T: P_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$T(1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad T(t^2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(t^3) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Since } T(a + bt + ct^2 + dt^3) = aT(1) + bT(t) + cT(t^2) + dT(t^3) \\ = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}.$$

Kernal and Image of a linear transformation

Let V and W be two vector spaces $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a

linear transformation

Kernal of T is the set defined as

$$\text{Ker}(T) = \{v \in V \mid T(v) = 0_W\}$$

Image of T is the set defined as

$$\text{Im}(T) = \{T(v) \in W \mid v \in V\}.$$

Pb:1 Find the image and kernel of

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \text{by} \quad T(x, y) = (3x, 3x)$$

Soln:- $\ker(T) = \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid T(x, y) = (0, 0) \}$

$$= \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid (3x, 3x) = (0, 0) \}$$

$$= \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x = 0 \} = y \text{ axis.}$$

$$\text{Im}(T) = \{ T(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \}$$

$$= \{ (3x, 3x) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \}$$

$$= \text{The line } y = x.$$

Prob: 2 Let $T: P_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_3(\mathbb{R})$ defined by $T(p(t)) = \frac{d}{dt}(p(t))$

Soln:- $\ker(T) = \{ p(t) \in P_3(\mathbb{R}) \mid T(p(t)) = 0 \}$

$$= \left\{ p(t) \in P_3(\mathbb{R}) \mid \frac{d}{dt} p(t) = 0 \right\}$$

= All constant polynomials.

$$\text{Im}(T) = \{ T(p(t)) \in P_3(\mathbb{R}) \mid p(t) \in P_3(\mathbb{R}) \}$$

= collection of all polynomials of degree at most 2.

Theorem:- Let V and W be two vector spaces $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation then $\ker(T)$ is a subspace of V

$\text{Im}(T)$ is a subspace of W .

Rank - Nullity Theorem:- Let V and W be two vector spaces. $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation then

$$\dim(\ker(T)) + \dim(\text{Im}(T)) = \dim V.$$

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by $T(x, y) = (x+y, x-y)$

Find the dimension of $\text{Ker}(T)$ and $\text{Im}(T)$.

Soln:- $\text{Ker}(T) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid T(x, y) = (0, 0)\}$
 $= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x+y=0, x-y=0\}$
 $= \{(0, 0)\} \quad \dim(\text{Ker}(T)) = 0.$

By Rank nullity Theorem

$$\dim \text{Ker}(T) + \dim \text{Im}(T) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim \text{Im}(T) = 2.$$

Let $T: P_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_3(\mathbb{R})$ by $T(p(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} p(t)$

Find the $\ker(T)$ and $\text{Im}(T)$.

Soln:- $\ker(T) = \{ p(t) \mid T(p(t)) = 0 \}$
 $= \text{all constant polynomials.}$

Thus $\dim \ker(T) = 1$. We know $\dim P_3(\mathbb{R}) = 4$.

By rank nullity theorem, $\dim \text{Im}(T) = 3$.