

# MATB24 TUTORIAL PROBLEMS 3

**KEY WORDS:** basis, dimension, linear transformation, image, kernel, onto, one-to-one  
**RELEVANT SECTIONS IN THE TEXTBOOK:** Sec 3.2, 3.4 FB or Sec 3.A, 3.B, 3.D SA

**WARM-UP:** Write down a complete definition or a complete mathematical characterization for the following terms.

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be a real vector spaces

- A basis for a subspace  $W$  of  $V$
- Dimension of  $V$
- A linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$
- Image of a subset of  $V$  under a linear transformation  $T$
- Inverse image (preimage) of an element under a linear transformation  $T$
- Inverse image (preimage) of a set under a linear transformation  $T$
- Kernel and image of a linear transformation  $T$ .

$$\text{img}(T) = \{T(v) \mid v \in V\}, \quad \ker(T) = \{v \in V \mid T(v) = 0_W\}.$$

- An onto or surjective linear transformation
- A 1-1 or injective linear transformation

**A:** Let  $V$  be a vector space with basis  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ .

- (1) Show that  $\text{Span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3) = V$
- (2) Show that  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3\}$  is linearly independent. Deduce that it is a basis for  $V$ .
- (3) Show that  $\text{Span}(\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_3) \subsetneq V$
- (4) Prove or disprove:  $\{x, x + x^2, 1 + x + x^2\}$  is a basis for  $P_2$ .
- (5) Prove or disprove:  $\{e_1 + e_2, e_2 + e_3, e_1 - e_3\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**B:** For each of the functions between vector spaces given below, determine whether or not the function is linear. For each function write down the definition of the kernel and image. When possible, give more explicit descriptions of the image and the kernel.

- (1)  $F : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_2$  defined by  $F(p)(x) = x + p(x)$ .
- (2)  $F : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_3$  defined by  $F(p)(x) = xp(x)$ .
- (3)  $F : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_4$  defined by  $F(p)(x) = p(x)^2$ .
- (4)  $F : C^\infty([0, 1]) \rightarrow C^\infty([0, 1])$  defined by  $F(g) = \frac{d}{dx}(g)$ .
- (5)  $F : C^\infty([0, 1]) \rightarrow C^\infty([0, 1])$  defined by  $F(g)(x) = \int_0^x g(t) dt$ .<sup>1</sup>
- (6)  $F : C^\infty([0, 1]) \rightarrow C^\infty([0, 1])$  defined by  $F(g)(x) = |g(x)|$ .
- (7)  $F : C^\infty([0, 1]) \rightarrow C^\infty([0, 1])$  defined by  $F(g)(x) = g(1 - x)$ .

<sup>1</sup> $C^\infty(D)$  or  $C_D^\infty$  is the set of smooth functions (having derivatives of all orders) with the domain  $D$ .

- (8)  $F : C^\infty([0, 1]) \rightarrow C^\infty([0, 1])$  defined by  $F(g)(x) = e^{g(x)}$ .
- (9)  $\det : M_{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc$ .
- (10)  $\text{tr} : M_{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $\text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = a + d$ .
- (11)  $F : C^\infty([0, 1]) \rightarrow C^\infty([0, 1])$  defined by  $F(g)(x) = \int_0^x g(t) \cos(x - t) dt$ .
- (12)  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = x + 1$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (13)  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is *dilation by 2*, defined by  $f(\vec{v}) = 2\vec{v}$  for all  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .
- (14)  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is *reflection over the line  $y = x$* , defined by  $f([x, y]) = [y, x]$  for all  $[x, y] \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .
- (15)  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  assigns to every point in the plane its distance from the origin, so that  $f([x, y]) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  for all  $[x, y] \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .
- (16)  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is the *zero transformation* defined by  $f(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}_W$  for all  $\vec{v} \in V$  ( $V$  and  $W$  are vector spaces).
- (17)  $f : V \rightarrow V$  is the *identity transformation* defined by  $f(\vec{v}) = \vec{v}$  for all  $\vec{v} \in V$  ( $V$  is a vector space).

C: Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be sets. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  are functions (so that the domain of  $g$  contains the image of  $f$ ), then the *composition* of  $f$  with  $g$  is the function

$$g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$$

defined by  $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$ .<sup>2</sup>

- (1) Prove that if  $U, V$ , and  $W$  are vector spaces and if  $T : U \rightarrow V$  and  $S : V \rightarrow W$  are linear transformations, then the composite function  $S \circ T$  is also a linear transformation from  $U$  to  $W$ .
- (2) Consider the following linear transformations.

$$T_1 : P_3 \rightarrow P_2, \text{ and } T_2 : P_2 \rightarrow P_3 :$$

We have the following information about  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

$$T_1(1) = 0, \quad T_1(1 + x) = 1, \quad T_1(1 + x + x^2) = 1 + 2x, \quad T_1(1 + x + x^2 + x^3) = 2 + 2x$$

$$T_2(x^2) = x^3, \quad T_2(x^2 + x) = x^3 + x^2, \quad T_2(x^2 + x + 1) = x^3 + x^2$$

- (a) Explicitly calculate the value of  $T_1$  on an arbitrary element of  $P_3$ .
- (b) Explicitly calculate the value of  $T_2$  on an arbitrary element of  $P_2$ .
- (c) Choose two different bases  $B$  and  $B'$  for  $P_3$  that contains the vector  $x^3 + x^2$ , and do the following exercise with each basis. Split the responsibilities in your group and compare your answer at the end.
- Write the vectors in your basis in terms of the vectors whose  $T_1$  is known.
  - Find the value of  $T_1$  on your basis.
  - Write the image of your basis vectors under  $T_1$  in terms of vectors whose  $T_2$  is known.
  - Find the value of  $T_2 \circ T_1$  at every vector in your basis.

<sup>2</sup>Notice that we write composition of functions “backwards”:  $g \circ f$  means first apply  $f$ , then apply  $g$ . Sometimes, if it is obvious that  $f$  and  $g$  are functions and that we want to compose them, we can just write “ $gf$ ” instead of  $g \circ f$ .

- Give an explicit formula for  $T_2 \circ T_1$  for an arbitrary element of  $P_3$ .

COOL-OFF: Give an example of the described object or explain why such an example does not exist.

- (1) Two different basis for  $P_n$
- (2) A 3-dimensional subspace of  $\mathcal{F}$ .
- (3) A linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with non-trivial kernel
- (4) A surjective linear transformation from a 3 dimensional vector space other than  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to a 2 dimensional vector space.
- (5) A linear transformation  $T : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  such that  $T(F_5) = 2 \cdot F_1$ , where  $F_c$  is the constant function  $c$ .
- (6) A linear map  $T : P_3 \rightarrow P_2$  such that send every linearly independent set in  $P_3$  to a linearly independent set in  $P_2$ .
- (7) An invertible linear transformation  $T : P_3 \rightarrow P_4$ .