

Lecture Notes on Linear Algebra

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1. Linear Transformation

1.1. Linear Operator.

Definition (Linear Transformation). *Let V and W be vector spaces (over F). We call a function $T : V \rightarrow W$ a linear transformation from V to W if, for all $x, y \in V$ and $c \in F$, we have*

$$(a) \quad T(x + y) = T(x) + T(y)$$

$$(b) \quad T(cx) = cT(x)$$

Definition. *Let $T, U : V \rightarrow W$ be arbitrary functions, where V and W are vector spaces over F , and let $a \in F$. We define $T + U : V \rightarrow W$ by $(T + U)(x) = T(x) + U(x)$ for all $x \in V$, and $aT : V \rightarrow W$ by $(aT)(x) = aT(x)$ for all $x \in V$.*

Remark. *If $F = Q$ then $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$.*

Remark. *If $T : C \rightarrow C$ be function defined by $T(\delta) = \delta$. T is additive but not linear.*

Propersition 1.1.

1. *If T is linear, then $T(0) = 0$.*
2. *T is linear if and only if $T(cx + y) = cT(x) + T(y)$ for all $x, y \in V$ and $c \in F$.*
3. *If T is linear, then $T(x - y) = T(x) - T(y)$ for all $x, y \in V$*

4. T is linear if and only if, for $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in V$ and $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in F$, we have

$$T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i T(x_i).$$

5. For all $a \in F$, $aT + U$ is linear.
6. Using the operations of addition and scalar multiplication in the preceding definition, the collection of all linear transformations from V to W is a vector space over F .

Definition (Null Space, Range). Let V and W be vector spaces and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be linear. We define the null space (or kernel) $N(T)$ of T to be the set of all vectors x in V such that $T(x) = 0$; that is, $N(T) = \{x \in V : T(x) = 0\}$.

We define the range (or image) $R(T)$ of T to be the subset of W consisting of all images (under T) of vectors in V ; that is, $R(T) = \{T(x) : x \in V\}$

Remark. Let V and W be vector spaces, and let $I : V \rightarrow V$ and $T_0 : V \rightarrow W$ be the identity and zero transformations, respectively. Then $N(I) = \{0\}$, $R(I) = V$, $N(T_0) = V$, and $R(T_0) = \{0\}$.

Theorem 1.2. Let V and W be vector spaces and $T : V \rightarrow W$ be linear. Then $N(T)$ and $R(T)$ are subspaces of V and W , respectively.

Remark. Give an example of distinct linear transformations T and U such that $N(T) = N(U)$ and $R(T) = R(U)$

Theorem 1.3. Let V and W be vector spaces, and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be linear. If $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for V , then

$$R(T) = \text{span}(T(\beta)) = \text{span}(\{T(v_1), T(v_2), \dots, T(v_n)\})$$

Example. Prove Theorem 2.2 for the case that β is infinite, that is, $R(T) = \text{span}(\{T(v) : v \in \beta\})$.

Definition (Nullity and Rank). Let V and W be vector spaces and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be linear. If $N(T)$ and $R(T)$ are finite-dimensional, then we define the nullity of T , denoted $\text{nullity}(T)$, and the rank of T , denoted $\text{rank}(T)$, to be the dimensions of $N(T)$ and $R(T)$, respectively.

Theorem 1.4 (Dimension Theorem). *Let V and W be vector spaces, and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be linear. If V is finite-dimensional, then*

$$\text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T) = \dim(V).$$

Theorem 1.5. *Let V and W be vector spaces, and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be linear. Then T is one-to-one if and only if $N(T) = \{0\}$.*

Propersition 1.6. *Let V and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces and $T : V \rightarrow W$ be linear.*

- (a) *Prove that if $\dim(V) < \dim(W)$, then T cannot be onto.*
- (b) *Prove that if $\dim(V) > \dim(W)$, then T cannot be one-to-one.*

Definition (Invertible). *Let V and W be vector spaces, and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be linear. A function $U : W \rightarrow V$ is said to be an inverse of T if $TU = I_W$ and $UT = I_V$. If T has an inverse, then T is said to be invertible. As noted in Appendix B, if T is invertible, then the inverse of T is unique and is denoted by T^{-1} .*

Propersition 1.7.

- 1. $(TU)^{-1} = U^{-1}T^{-1}$.
- 2. $(T^{-1})^{-1} = T$; in particular, T^{-1} is invertible.

Definition. *Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. Then A is invertible if there exists an $n \times n$ matrix B such that $AB = BA = I$.*

If A is invertible, then the matrix B such that $AB = BA = I$ is unique. (If C were another such matrix, then $C = CI = C(AB) = (CA)B = IB = B$.) The matrix B is called the inverse of A and is denoted by A^{-1} .

Definition (Isomorphism). *Let V and W be vector spaces. We say that V is isomorphic to W if there exists a linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ that is invertible. Such a linear transformation is called an isomorphism from V onto W .*

Corollary 1.7.1. *Let \sim mean "is isomorphic to." Prove that \sim is an equivalence relation on the class of vector spaces over F .*

Theorem 1.8. *Let V and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces (over the same field). Then V is isomorphic to W if and only if $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$.*

Corollary 1.8.1. *Let V be a vector space over F . Then V is isomorphic to F^n if and only if $\dim(V) = n$.*

Remark. *The Linearity and Finite-dimensional is essential arguement.*

Example. *Recall the definition of $P(R)$ on page 10. Define*

$$T : P(R) \rightarrow P(R) \text{ by } T(f(x)) = \int_0^x f(t)dt.$$

Prove that T linear and one-to-one, but not onto.

Example. *Let $T : P(R) \rightarrow P(R)$ be defined by $T(f(x)) = f'(x)$. Recall that T is linear. Prove that T is onto, but not one-to-one.*

Example. *Let V be the vector space of sequences described in Example 5 of Section 1.2. Define the functions $T, U : V \rightarrow V$ by*

$$T(a_1, a_2, \dots) = (a_2, a_3, \dots) \text{ and } U(a_1, a_2, \dots) = (0, a_1, a_2, \dots).$$

T and U are called the left shift and right shift operators on V , respectively.

- (a) *Prove that T and U are linear.*
- (b) *Prove that T is onto, but not one-to-one.*
- (c) *Prove that U is one-to-one, but not onto.*

Theorem 1.9. *Let V and W be vector spaces, and suppose that V has a finite basis $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$. If $U, T : V \rightarrow W$ are linear and $U(v_i) = T(v_i)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ then $U = T$.*

Propersition 1.10. *Let V and W be vector spaces and $T : V \rightarrow W$ be linear.*

- (a) *Prove that T is one-to-one if and only if T carries linearly independent subsets of V onto linearly independent subsets of W .*
- (b) *Suppose that T is one-to-one and that S is a subset of V . Prove that S is linearly independent if and only if $T(S)$ is linearly independent.*
- (c) *Suppose $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for V and T is one-to-one and onto. Prove that $T(\beta) = \{T(v_1), T(v_2), \dots, T(v_n)\}$ is a basis for W .*

§ Matrix Representation

Definition. Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space. An ordered basis for V is a basis for V endowed with a specific order; that is, an ordered basis for V is a finite sequence of linearly independent vectors in V that generates V .

Definition. Let $\beta = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be an ordered basis for a finite-dimensional vector space V . For $x \in V$, let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n , be the unique scalars such that

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i u_i$$

We define the coordinate vector of x relative to β , denoted $[x]_\beta$, by

$$[x]_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Remark. Let V be an n -dimensional vector space with an ordered basis β . Define $T : V \rightarrow F^n$ by $T(x) = [x]_\beta$. Prove that T is linear.

Definition. Using the notation above, we call the $m \times n$ matrix A defined by $A_{ij} = a_{ij}$ the matrix representation of T in the ordered bases β and γ and write $A = [T]_\beta^\gamma$. If $V = W$ and $\beta = \gamma$, then we write $A = [T]_\beta$. Notice that the j th column of A is simply $[T(v_j)]_\gamma$. Also observe that if $U : V \rightarrow W$ is a linear transformation such that $[U]_\beta^\gamma = [T]_\beta^\gamma$, then $U = T$ by the corollary to Theorem 2.6 (p. 73).

Theorem 1.11. Let V and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces with ordered bases β and γ , respectively, and let $T, U : V \rightarrow W$ be linear transformations. Then

- (a) $[T + U]_\beta^\gamma = [T]_\beta^\gamma + [U]_\beta^\gamma$ and
- (b) $[aT]_\beta^\gamma = a[T]_\beta^\gamma$ for all scalars a .

Proof. Proof. Let $\beta = \{v_j \mid 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $\gamma = \{w_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\} \implies \exists! a_{ij}, b_{ij} \in F$ for $1 \leq j \leq n, 1 \leq i \leq m$ s.t.

$$1. T(v_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij}w_i \text{ and } U(v_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m b_{ij}w_i, \text{ hence}$$

$$(T + U)(v_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m (a_{ij} + b_{ij})w_i$$

$$\text{Thus } ([T + U]_{\beta}^{\gamma})_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij} = ([T]_{\beta}^{\gamma})_{ij} + ([U]_{\beta}^{\gamma})_{ij} = ([T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} + [U]_{\beta}^{\gamma})_{ij} \\ \implies [T + U]_{\beta}^{\gamma} = [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} + [U]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$$

$$2. T(V_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij}w_i \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n \text{ and } a \in F \text{ then } aT(v_j) = a \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij}w_i = \\ \sum_{i=1}^m aa_{ij}w_i = T(av_j) \text{ thus } ([aT]_{\beta}^{\gamma})_{jj} = aa_{ij} = (a[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma})_{ij} \implies [aT]_{\beta}^{\gamma} = \\ a[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$$

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Theorem 1.12. Let V , W , and Z be vector spaces over the same field F , and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ and $U : W \rightarrow Z$ be linear. Then $UT : V \rightarrow Z$ is linear.

Proof. *Proof.* Let $x, y \in V$, $a \in F$ $UT(ax+y) = U(T(ax+y)) = U(aT(x) + T(y)) = aUT(x) + UT(y) \Rightarrow UT$ is linear. ■
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Theorem 1.13. Let V be a vector space. Let $T, U_1, U_2 \in L(V)$. Then

$$(a) T(U_1 + U_2) = TU_1 + TU_2 \text{ and } (U_1 + U_2)T = U_1T + U_2T$$

$$(b) T(U_1U_2) = (TU_1)U_2$$

$$(c) TI = IT = T$$

$$(d) a(U_1U_2) = (aU_1)U_2 = U_1(aU_2) \text{ for all scalars } a.$$

Proof. *Proof.* Let $x \in V$

$$1. T(U_1 + U_2)(x) = T(U_1(x) + U_2(x)) = TU_2(x) + TU_1(x) \Rightarrow T(U_1 + U_2) = \\ TU_1 + TU_2 \quad (U_1 + U_2)T(x) = U_1T(x) + U_2T(x) \Rightarrow (U_1 + U_2)T = U_1T + \\ U_2T$$

2. $T(U_1 U_2)(x) = T(U_1(U_2(x))) = (TU_1)(U_2(x)) \Rightarrow T(U_1 U_2) = (TU_1) U_2$
3. $TI(x) = T(x) = IT(x) \Rightarrow TI = T = IT$
4. $a(U_1 U_2)(x) = a(U_1(U_2(x))) = (aU_3)(U_2(x)) = U_1(aU_2(x)) \Rightarrow a(U_1 U_2) = (aU_1) U_2 = U_1(aU_2)$

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Definition (The Product Of Two Matrices). *Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix and B be an $n \times p$ matrix. We define the product of A and B , denoted AB , to be the $m \times p$ matrix such that*

$$(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} B_{kj} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m, \quad 1 \leq j \leq p.$$

Theorem 1.14. *Let V , W , and Z be finite-dimensional vector spaces with ordered bases α, β , and γ , respectively. Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ and $U : W \rightarrow Z$ be linear transformations. Then*

$$[UT]_{\alpha}^{\gamma} = [U]_{\beta}^{\gamma} [T]_{\alpha}^{\beta}$$

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Proof. Proof. Let $\alpha = \{v_i \mid i = 1 \cdots n\}$, $\beta = \{w_j \mid j = 1 \cdots m\}$, $\gamma = \{z_k \mid k = 1 \cdots p\}$
 $\Rightarrow \exists! a_{ij}, b_{ki} \in F$ for $j = 1, \dots, m$ $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $k = 1, \dots, p$ such
that

$$T(v_i) = \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} w_j \quad U(w_j) = \sum_{k=1}^p b_{kj} z_k$$

$$\begin{aligned} UT(v_i) &= U(T(v_i)) = U\left(\sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} w_j\right) = \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} U(w_j) = \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} \left(\sum_{k=1}^p b_{kj} z_k\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^m b_{kj} a_{ji} z_k \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n \\ &\Rightarrow ([UT]_{\alpha}^{\gamma})_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^m b_{kj} a_{ji} = ([U]_{\beta}^{\gamma} [T]_{\alpha}^{\beta})_{ij} \Rightarrow [UT]_{\alpha}^{\gamma} = [U]_{\beta}^{\gamma} [T]_{\alpha}^{\beta} \end{aligned}$$

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Corollary 1.14.1. Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space with an ordered basis β . Let $T, U \in L(V)$. Then $[UT]_\beta = [U]_\beta[T]_\beta$.

Proof. **not yet** ■

Definition. We define the Kronecker delta δ_{ij} by $\delta_{ij} = 1$ if $i = j$ and $\delta_{ij} = 0$ if $i \neq j$. The $n \times n$ identity matrix I_n is defined by $(I_n)_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$. Thus, for example,

$$I_1 = [1] \quad I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 1.15. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix, B and C be $n \times p$ matrices, and D and E be $q \times m$ matrices. Then

- (a) $A(B+C) = AB + AC$ and $(D+E)A = DA + EA$.
- (b) $a(AB) = (aA)B = A(aB)$ for any scalar a .
- (c) $I_m A = A = A I_n$.
- (d) If V is an n -dimensional vector space with an ordered basis β , then $[I_V]_\beta = I_n$.

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Corollary 1.15.1. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix, B_1, B_2, \dots, B_k be $n \times p$ matrices, C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k be $q \times m$ matrices, and a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k be scalars. Then

$$A\left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_i B_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i A B_i$$

and

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_i C_i\right)A = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i C_i A.$$

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With this notation, we see that if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

then $A^2 = O$ (the zero matrix) even though $A \neq O$. Thus the cancellation property for multiplication in fields is not valid for matrices. To see why, assume that the cancellation law is valid. Then, from $A \cdot A = A^2 = O = A \cdot O$, we would conclude that $A = O$, which is false.

Theorem 1.16. *Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix and B be an $n \times p$ matrix. For each j ($1 \leq j \leq p$) let u_j and v_j denote the j th columns of AB and B , respectively. Then*

$$(a) \ u_j = Av_j$$

$$(b) \ v_j = Be_j, \text{ where } e_j \text{ is the } j\text{th standard vector of } F^p.$$

Theorem 1.17. *Assume the notation in Theorem 2.13.*

- (a) *Suppose that z is a (column) vector in F^p . Use Theorem 2.13(b) to prove that Bz is a linear combination of the columns of B . In particular, if $z = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p)^t$, then show that*

$$Bz = \sum_{j=1}^p a_j v_j.$$

- (b) *Extend (a) to prove that column j of AB is a linear combination of the columns of A with the coefficients in the linear combination being the entries of column j of B .*
- (c) *For any row vector $w \in F^m$, prove that wA is a linear combination of the rows of A with the coefficients in the linear combination being the coordinates of w . Hint: Use properties of the transpose operation applied to (a).*
- (d) *Prove the analogous result to (b) about rows: Row i of AB is a linear combination of the rows of B with the coefficients in the linear combination being the entries of row i of A .*

Theorem 1.18. *Let V and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces having ordered bases β and γ , respectively, and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be linear. Then, for each $u \in V$, we have*

$$[T(u)]_\gamma = [T]_\beta^\gamma [u]_\beta$$

Definition. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix with entries from a field F . We denote by L_A the mapping $L_A : F^n \rightarrow F^m$ defined by $L_A(x) = Ax$ (the matrix product of A and x) for each column vector $x \in F^n$. We call L_A a left-multiplication transformation.

Theorem 1.19. The characteristics of Left-Multiplication Transformation
Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix with entries from F . Then the left-multiplication transformation $L_A : F^n \rightarrow F^m$ is linear. Furthermore, if B is any other $m \times n$ matrix (with entries from F) and β and γ are the standard ordered bases for F^n and F^m , respectively, then we have the following properties.

- (a) $[L_A]_\beta^\gamma = A$.
- (b) $L_A = L_B$ if and only if $A = B$.
- (c) $L_{A+B} = L_A + L_B$ and $L_{aA} = aL_A$ for all $a \in F$.
- (d) If $T : F^n \rightarrow F^m$ is linear, then there exists a unique $m \times n$ matrix C such that $T = L_C$. In fact, $C = [T]_\beta^\gamma$.
- (e) If E is an $n \times p$ matrix, then $L_{AE} = L_AL_E$.
- (f) If $m = nL$, then $L_{I_n} = I_{F^n}$.

Corollary 1.19.1. Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space with an ordered basis β , and let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be linear. Then T is invertible if and only if $[T]_\beta$ is invertible. Furthermore, $[T^{-1}]_\beta = ([T]_\beta)^{-1}$.

Corollary 1.19.2. Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. Then A is invertible if and only if L_A is invertible. Furthermore, $(L_A)^{-1} = L_{A^{-1}}$.

Theorem 1.20. Let A, B , and C be matrices such that $A(BC)$ is defined. Then $(AB)C$ is also defined and $A(BC) = (AB)C$; that is, matrix multiplication is associative.

Lemma. Let T be an invertible linear transformation from V to W . Then V is finite-dimensional if and only if W is finite-dimensional. In this case, $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$.

Theorem 1.21. Let V and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces with ordered bases β and γ , respectively. Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be linear. Then T is invertible if and only if $[T]_\beta^\gamma$ is invertible. Furthermore, $[T^{-1}]_\gamma^\beta = ([T]_\beta^\gamma)^{-1}$.

Theorem 1.22. Let β and β' be two ordered bases for a finite-dimensional vector space V , and let $Q = [I_V]_{\beta'}^{\beta}$. Then

(a) Q is invertible.

(b) For any $v \in V$, $[v]_{\beta} = Q[v]_{\beta'}$.

Theorem 1.23. Let T be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional vector space V , and let β and β' be ordered bases for V . Suppose that Q is the change of coordinate matrix that changes β' -coordinates into β -coordinates. Then

$$[T]_{\beta'} = Q^{-1}[T]_{\beta}Q.$$

Corollary 1.23.1. Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$, and let γ be an ordered basis for F^n . Then $[L_A] = Q^{-1}AQ$, where Q is the $n \times n$ matrix whose j th column is the j th vector of γ .

Definition. Let A and B be matrices in $M_{n \times n}(F)$. We say that B is similar to A if there exists an invertible matrix Q such that $B = Q^{-1}AQ$.

Theorem 1.24. "is similar to" is an equivalence relation on $M_{n \times n}(F)$

Proposition 1.25. If A and B are similar $n \times n$ matrices, then $\text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(B)$.

Definition. Let V and W be vector space over F . We denote the vector space of all linear transformations from V into W by $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$. In the case that $V = W$, we write $\mathcal{L}(V)$ instead of $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$

Theorem 1.26. Let V and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces over F of dimensions n and m , respectively, and let β and γ be ordered bases for V and W , respectively. Then function $\Phi : \mathcal{L}(V, W) \rightarrow M_{m \times n}(F)$, defined by $\Phi(T) = [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$ for $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$, is an isomorphism.

Corollary 1.26.1. Let V and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces of dimensions n and m , respectively. Then $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ is finite-dimensional of dimension mn .

Lemma 1.27. Let V and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces, and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. Suppose that β is a basis for V . Then T is an isomorphism if and only if $T(\beta)$ is a basis for W .

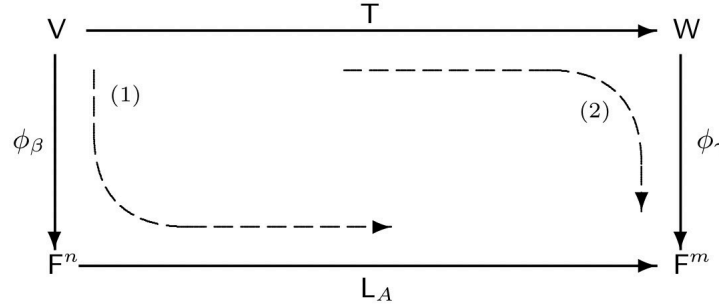
Theorem 1.28. Let V and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces with ordered bases $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and $\gamma = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}$, respectively. By Thm 2.6, there exist linear transformations $T_{ij} : V \rightarrow W$ such that

$$T_{ij}(v_k) = \begin{cases} w_i & \text{if } k = j \\ 0 & \text{if } k \neq j \end{cases}$$

First prove that $\{T_{ij} \mid 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ is a basis for $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then let M^{ij} be the $m \times n$ matrix with 1 in the i th row and j th column and 0 elsewhere, and prove that $[T_{ij}]_\beta^\gamma = M^{ij}$. Again by Thm 2.6, there exists a linear transformation $\Phi : \mathcal{L}(V, W) \rightarrow M_{m \times n}(F)$ such that $\Phi(T_{ij}) = M^{ij}$. Prove that Φ is an isomorphism.

Definition. Let β be an ordered basis for an n -dimensional vector space V over the field F . The standard representation of V with respect to β is the function $\phi_\beta : V \rightarrow F^n$ defined by $\phi_\beta(x) = [x]_\beta$ for each $x \in V$.

Theorem 1.29. Let V and W be vector spaces and $T : V \rightarrow W$ be linear. Then $N(T)$ and $R(T)$ are subspace of V and W , respectively.



Let V and W be vector spaces of dimension n and m , respectively, and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. Define $A = [T]_\beta^\gamma$, where β and γ are arbitrary ordered bases of V and W , respectively. We are now able to use ϕ_β and ϕ_γ to study the relationship between the linear transformations T and $L_A : F^n \rightarrow F^m$. Let us first consider figure above. Notice that there are two composites of linear transformations that map V into F^m :

1. Map V into F^n with ϕ_β and follow this transformation with L_A ; this yields the composite $L_A \phi_\beta$.

2. Map V into W with T and follow it by ϕ_γ to obtain the composite $\phi_\gamma T$.

These two composites are depicted by the dashed arrows in the diagram. By a simple reformulation of Theorem 2.14 (p. 91), we may conclude that

$$L_A \phi_\beta = \phi_\gamma T$$

that is, the diagram "commutes." Heuristically, this relationship indicates that after V and W are identified with F^n and F^m via ϕ_β and ϕ_γ , respectively, we may "identify" T with L_A . This diagram allows us to transfer operations on abstract vector spaces to ones on F^n and F^m .

Theorem 1.30. *Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation from an n -dimensional vector space V to an m -dimensional vector space W . Let β and γ be ordered bases for V and W , respectively. Prove that $\text{rank}(T) = \text{rank}(L_A)$ and that $\text{nullity}(T) = \text{nullity}(L_A)$, where $A = [T]_\beta^\gamma$.*