

You may work with others to figure out how to do questions, and you are welcome to look for answers in the book, online, by talking to someone who had the course before, etc. However, you must write the answers on your own. You must also show your work (you may, of course, quote any result from the book).

1. Verify that each map is a homomorphism.

(a) $h: \mathcal{P}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ given by

$$ax^2 + bx + c \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a + b \\ a + c \end{pmatrix}$$

This verifies that it preserves linear combinations.

$$\begin{aligned} h(d_1(a_1x^2 + b_1x + c_1) + d_2(a_2x^2 + b_2x + c_2)) &= h((d_1a_1 + d_2a_2)x^2 + (d_1b_1 + d_2b_2)x + (d_1c_1 + d_2c_2)) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (d_1a_1 + d_2a_2) + (d_1b_1 + d_2b_2) \\ (d_1a_1 + d_2a_2) + (d_1c_1 + d_2c_2) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} d_1a_1 + d_1b_1 \\ d_1a_1 + d_1c_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} d_2a_2 + d_2b_2 \\ d_2a_2 + d_2c_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= d_1 \begin{pmatrix} a_1 + b_1 \\ a_1 + c_1 \end{pmatrix} + d_2 \begin{pmatrix} a_2 + b_2 \\ a_2 + c_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= d_1 \cdot h(a_1x^2 + b_1x + c_1) + d_2 \cdot h(a_2x^2 + b_2x + c_2) \end{aligned}$$

(b) $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x - y \\ 3y \end{pmatrix}$$

This verifies that the map preserves linear combinations.

$$\begin{aligned} f(a_1 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}) &= f\left(\begin{pmatrix} a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 \\ a_1y_1 + a_2y_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ (a_1x_1 + a_2x_2) - (a_1y_1 + a_2y_2) \\ 3(a_1y_1 + a_2y_2) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_1 - y_1 \\ 3y_1 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 - y_2 \\ 3y_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= a_1 f\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) + a_2 f\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) \end{aligned}$$

2. For each map in the prior question, describe the range space and find the rank of the map.

(a) The range of h is all of the codomain \mathbb{R}^2 because given

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

it is the image under h of the domain vector $0x^2 + bx + c$. So the rank of h is 2.

(b) The range is the yz plane. Any

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

is the image under f of this domain vector.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a + b/3 \\ b/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

So the rank of the map is 2.

3. Verify that this map is an isomorphism: $h: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2}$ given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} c & a + d \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}$$

We first verify that h is one-to-one. To do this we will show that $h(\vec{v}_1) = h(\vec{v}_2)$ implies that $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_2$. So assume that

$$h(\vec{v}_1) = h\left(\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \\ c_1 \\ d_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = h\left(\begin{pmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \\ c_2 \\ d_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = h(\vec{v}_2)$$

which gives

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 & a_1 + d_1 \\ b_1 & d_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_2 & a_2 + d_2 \\ b_2 & d_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

from which we conclude that $c_1 = c_2$ (by the upper-left entries), $b_1 = b_2$ (by the lower-left entries), $d_1 = d_2$ (by the lower-right entries), and with this last we get $a_1 = a_2$ (by the upper right). Therefore $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_2$.

Next we will show that the map is onto, that every member of the codomain $\mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2}$ is the image of some four-tall member of the domain. So, given

$$\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} m & n \\ p & q \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2}$$

observe that it is the image of this domain vector.

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} n - q \\ p \\ m \\ q \end{pmatrix}$$

To finish we verify that the map preserves linear combinations.

$$\begin{aligned} h\left(r_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \\ c_1 \\ d_1 \end{pmatrix} + r_2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \\ c_2 \\ d_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) &= h\left(\begin{pmatrix} r_1 a_1 + r_2 a_2 \\ r_1 b_1 + r_2 b_2 \\ r_1 c_1 + r_2 c_2 \\ r_1 d_1 + r_2 d_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} r_1 c_1 + r_2 c_2 & (r_1 a_1 + r_2 a_2) + (r_1 d_1 + r_2 d_2) \\ r_1 b_1 + r_2 b_2 & r_1 d_1 + r_2 d_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= r_1 \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & a_1 + d_1 \\ b_1 & d_1 \end{pmatrix} + r_2 \begin{pmatrix} c_2 & a_2 + d_2 \\ b_2 & d_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= r_1 \cdot h\left(\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \\ c_1 \\ d_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) + r_2 \cdot h\left(\begin{pmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \\ c_2 \\ d_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) \end{aligned}$$