

Linear transformations

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Linear Transformation

Let V and W be vector spaces over the field F . A linear transformation from V into W is a function $T : V \longrightarrow W$ such that

$$T(c\alpha + \beta) = cT(\alpha) + T(\beta) \text{ for all } \alpha, \beta \in V, c \in F$$

Examples of Linear Transformation

- (1) Let V be a vector space over a field F . We define a function $I : V \longrightarrow V$ as $I(v) = v$ for all $v \in V$.

$$I(c\alpha + \beta) = c\alpha + \beta = cI(\alpha) + I(\beta) \quad \text{for all } \alpha, \beta \in V, c \in F$$

$\implies I$ is a L.T.

- (2) Let

$$V = \{f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots + c_nx^n : n \in \mathbb{N}, c_i \in F\}.$$

We define a function $D : V \longrightarrow V$ as

$$(Df)(x) = c_1 + 2c_2x + \dots + nc_nx^{n-1}. \text{ Prove that } D \text{ is a L.T.}$$

Examples

(3) Let $A \in F^{m \times n}$. Define a function $T : F^{n \times 1} \longrightarrow F^{m \times 1}$ as $T(X) = AX$.

$$T(cX + Y) = A(cX + Y) = cAX + AY = cT(X) + T(Y)$$

$\implies T$ is a L.T.

Prove that $T(0) = 0$

$$T(0) = T(0 + 0) = T(0) + T(0) \quad (T \text{ is a L.T.})$$

$$\implies T(0) = 0$$

$$T(c\alpha) = T(c\alpha + 0) = cT(\alpha) + T(0) = cT(\alpha) + 0 = cT(\alpha)$$

Note : Since T is a L.T.,

$$T(c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2) = c_1 T(\alpha_1) + T(c_2\alpha_2) = c_1 T(\alpha_1) + c_2 T(\alpha_2)$$

Prove that if T is a L.T., then

$$T(c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 + \dots + c_n\alpha_n) = c_1 T(\alpha_1) + c_2 T(\alpha_2) + \dots + c_n T(\alpha_n)$$

Problem 1

Verify which of the following functions $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ are linear transformations?

(1) $T(x_1, x_2) = (1 + x_1, x_2)$

$$T(0, 0) = (1, 0) \implies T(0) \neq 0 \text{ (Not a L.T.)}$$

(2) $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_2, x_1)$

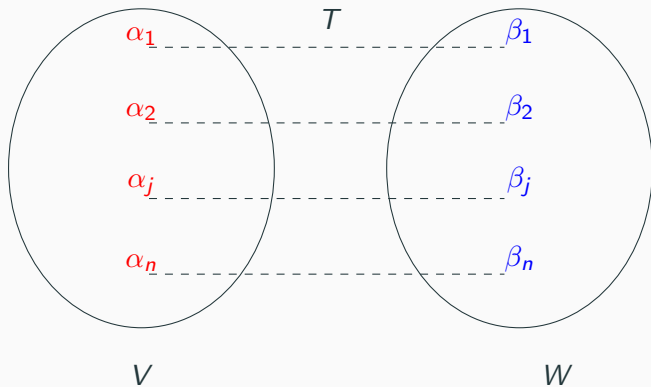
$$T(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \implies T(X) = AX \text{ (Its a L.T.)}$$

(3) $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1^2, x_2)$

$$\alpha = \beta = (1, 0), \alpha + \beta = (2, 0), T(\alpha + \beta) \neq T(\alpha) + T(\beta)$$

Not a L.T.

Linear transformations are special !!



Ordered basis, $B = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$

β_j 's need not be distinct

T is a unique L.T. with $T(\alpha_j) = \beta_j$

Theorem 1

Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field F and let $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ be an ordered basis for V . Let W be a vector space over the same field F and let $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$ be any vectors in W . Then there is precisely one linear transformation $T : V \longrightarrow W$ such that $T(\alpha_j) = \beta_j$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Proof: Since $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ is an ordered basis for V , for a given vector $\alpha \in V$, there is a unique n -tuple (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) such that

$$\alpha = x_1\alpha_1 + x_2\alpha_2 + \dots + x_n\alpha_n$$

Theorem 1 contd.

We define a function $T : V \longrightarrow W$ as

$$T(\alpha) = T(x_1\alpha_1 + x_2\alpha_2 + \dots + x_n\alpha_n) = x_1\beta_1 + x_2\beta_2 + \dots + x_n\beta_n.$$

Claim 1 : $T(\alpha_j) = \beta_j$

$$\begin{aligned} T(\alpha_j) &= T(0\alpha_1 + 0\alpha_2 + \dots + 1.\alpha_j + \dots + 0\alpha_n) \\ &= 0\beta_1 + 0\beta_2 + \dots + 1.\beta_j + \dots + 0\beta_n \\ &= \beta_j \end{aligned}$$

Claim 2 : T is a linear transformation.

Show that $T(c\alpha + \beta) = cT(\alpha) + T(\beta)$ for all $\alpha, \beta \in V$, $c \in F$.

Let $\beta = y_1\alpha_1 + y_2\alpha_2 + \dots + y_n\alpha_n$.

$$c\alpha + \beta = (cx_1 + y_1)\alpha_1 + (cx_2 + y_2)\alpha_2 + \dots + (cx_n + y_n)\alpha_n$$

Theorem 1 contd.

\implies (by the definition of T)

$$\begin{aligned}T(c\alpha + \beta) &= (cx_1 + y_1)\beta_1 + (cx_2 + y_2)\beta_2 + \dots + (cx_n + y_n)\beta_n \\ &= cT(\alpha) + T(\beta) \text{ (Prove it !)}\end{aligned}$$

Claim 3 : T is unique.

It is enough to prove that if $U : V \longrightarrow W$ is a L.T. with

$U(\alpha_j) = \beta_j$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then $T(\alpha) = U(\alpha)$ for all $\alpha \in V$.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}U(\alpha) &= U(x_1\alpha_1 + x_2\alpha_2 + \dots + x_n\alpha_n) \\ &= x_1U(\alpha_1) + x_2U(\alpha_2) + \dots + x_nU(\alpha_n) \quad (U \text{ is a L.T.}) \\ &= x_1\beta_1 + x_2\beta_2 + \dots + x_n\beta_n \quad (U(\alpha_j) = \beta_j) \\ &= T(\alpha)\end{aligned}$$

It completes the proof.

Problem 2

Let $B = \{\alpha_1 = (1, 2), \alpha_2 = (3, 4)\}$ be an ordered basis for R^2 . Let $\beta_1 = (3, 2, 1), \beta_2 = (6, 5, 4) \in R^3$. Find a unique L.T.

$T : R^2 \longrightarrow R^3$ such that $T(\alpha_j) = \beta_j$ for $j = 1, 2$.

Solution : $T(\alpha_1) = T(1, 2) = (3, 2, 1) = \beta_1$

$T(\alpha_2) = T(3, 4) = (6, 5, 4) = \beta_2$

Let $\alpha = (x, y) \in R^2$

$\alpha = a\alpha_1 + b\alpha_2 \implies (x, y) = a(1, 2) + b(3, 4)$

$(x, y) = (-2x + \frac{3}{2}y)\alpha_1 + (x - \frac{1}{2}y)\alpha_2$

$T(x, y) = (-2x + \frac{3}{2}y)\beta_1 + (x - \frac{1}{2}y)\beta_2$

$T(x, y) = (-2x + \frac{3}{2}y)(3, 2, 1) + (x - \frac{1}{2}y)(6, 5, 4)$

$T(x, y) = (\frac{3}{2}y, x + \frac{1}{2}y, 2x - \frac{1}{2}y)$

Problem 2 contd.

$$T(x, y) = \left(\frac{3}{2}y, x + \frac{1}{2}y, 2x - \frac{1}{2}y\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

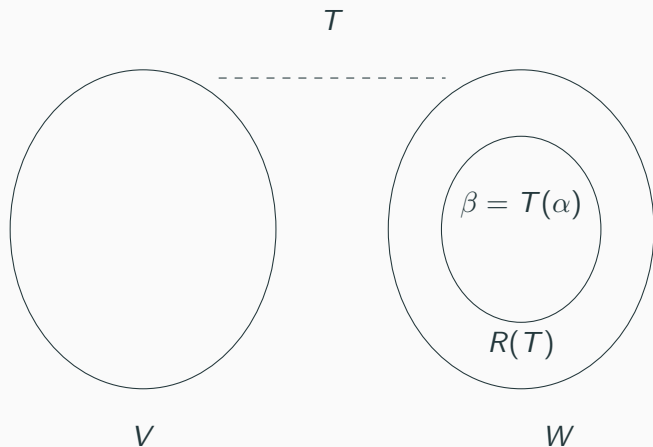
T is a unique L.T. thanks to Theorem 1.

Range of T

Let V, W be vector spaces over a field F . Let $T : V \longrightarrow W$ be a linear transformation.

Range of T , $R(T) = \{\beta \in W : T(\alpha) = \beta \text{ for some } \alpha \in V\}$

Range of T



Show that $R(T)$ is a subspace of W .

Proof: Let $T : V \longrightarrow W$ is a L.T.

Note that $T(0) = 0. \implies 0 \in R(T) \neq \phi$.

Let $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in R(T), c \in F$. There exist $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in V$ such that $T(\alpha_1) = \beta_1, T(\alpha_2) = \beta_2$.

Clearly $c\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \in V. \implies T(c\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \in R(T)$.

$\implies cT(\alpha_1) + T(\alpha_2) \in R(T)$ (T is a L.T.)

$\implies c\beta_1 + \beta_2 \in R(T)$.

Hence $R(T)$ is a subspace of W .

Rank of $T = \dim R(T)$

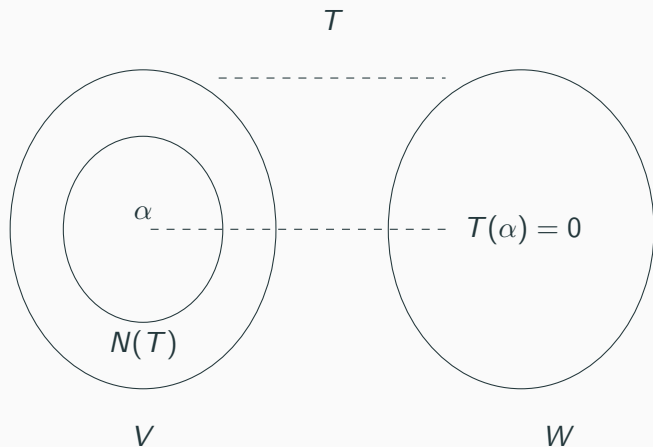
(provided V is a finite-dimensional vector space.)

The null space of T .

Let V, W be vector spaces over a field F . Let $T : V \longrightarrow W$ be a linear transformation.

$$\text{Null space of } T, \quad N(T) = \{\alpha \in V : T(\alpha) = 0\}$$

Null space of T .



Show that $N(T)$ is a subspace of V .

Proof: Let $T : V \longrightarrow W$ is a L.T.

Note that $T(0) = 0. \implies 0 \in N(T) \neq \phi$.

Let $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in N(T), c \in F$. Then $T(\alpha_1) = T(\alpha_2) = 0$. Since T is a L.T.,

$$T(c\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) = cT(\alpha_1) + T(\alpha_2) = c0 + 0 = 0$$

$$\implies c\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \in N(T).$$

Hence $N(T)$ is a subspace of V .

Nullity of $T = \dim N(T)$

(provided V is a finite-dimensional vector space.)

Examples:

Find the range and null space of the following linear transformations.

(1) Let $O : V \longrightarrow W$ be the zero linear transformation. That is

$$O(\alpha) = 0 \text{ for all } \alpha \in V.$$

$$R(O) = \{\beta \in W : \beta = O(\alpha) \text{ for some } \alpha \in V\}$$

$$R(O) = \{\beta \in W : \beta = O(\alpha) = 0 \text{ for some } \alpha \in V\} = \{0\}$$

$$N(O) = \{\alpha \in V : O(\alpha) = 0\} = V$$

$$\text{Rank } (O) = \dim R(O) = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\text{Nullity } (O) = \dim N(O) = \dim V.$$

Examples:

(2) Let $I : V \longrightarrow V$ be the identity linear transformation. That is $I(\alpha) = \alpha$ for all $\alpha \in V$.

$$R(I) = \{\beta \in V : \beta = I(\alpha) \text{ for some } \alpha \in V\}$$

$$R(I) = \{\beta \in V : \beta = I(\alpha) = \alpha \text{ for some } \alpha \in V\} = V$$

$$N(I) = \{\alpha \in V : I(\alpha) = 0\} = \{\alpha \in V : \alpha = 0\} = \{0\}$$

$$\text{Rank } (I) = \dim R(I) = \dim V \text{ and}$$

$$\text{Nullity } (I) = 0.$$

Problem 3

Find the rank and nullity of the linear transformation

$T : R^2 \longrightarrow R^3$ defined as $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, 0, 0)$.

Solution : $T(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\implies TX = AX, \quad \text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R(T) = \{ Y \in R^3 : Y = TX \text{ for some } X \in R^2 \}$$

$$R(T) = \{ Y \in R^3 : Y = AX \text{ for some } X \in R^2 \}$$

$$R(T) = \{ AX : X \in R^2 \}$$

$$R(T) = \{ \text{all linear combinations of columns of } A \}$$

Problem 3 contd.

$$\implies R(T) = \text{Column space of } A = \text{Row space of } A^t.$$

$$\implies R(T) = \{a(1, 0, 0) : a \in R\} = \text{Span of } \{(1, 0, 0)\}$$

$$\implies \text{Rank}(T) = 1$$

$$N(T) = \{X \in R^2 : TX = 0\} = \{X : AX = 0\}$$

$$AX = 0 \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies x_1 = 0, x_2 = a, a \in R$$

$$N(T) = \{(x_1, x_2) = (0, a) : a \in R\} = \{a(0, 1) : a \in R\}$$

$$N(T) = \text{Span } \{(0, 1)\}$$

$$\text{Nullity}(T) = 1$$

Problem 4

Show that

(i) $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3, 2x_1 + x_2, -x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3)$ is a linear transformation, and (ii) compute $\text{rank}(T)$, $\text{nullity}(T)$.

Solution :

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\implies T(X) = AX$$

Hence T is a linear transformation.

Range of T = Column space of A = Row space of A^t .

Problem 4 contd.

$$\begin{aligned} A^t &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Range of T = Row space of A^t = $\text{Span} \{(1, 0, 1), (0, 1, -1)\}$

Range of T = $\{a(1, 0, 1) + b(0, 1, -1) : a, b \in R\}$

Range of T = $\{(a, b, a - b) : a, b \in R\}$

$\text{rank}(T) = \dim R(T) = 2$

Problem 4 contd.

$$N(T) = \{X \in R^3 : TX = 0\} = \{X \in R^3 : AX = 0\}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{4}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{4}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AX = 0 \implies x_1 + \frac{2}{3}x_3 = 0, x_2 - \frac{4}{3}x_3 = 0$$

$$x_3 = a \implies x_1 = -\frac{2}{3}a, x_2 = \frac{4}{3}a$$

Problem 4 contd.

$$N(T) = \left\{ \left(-\frac{2}{3}a, \frac{4}{3}a, a \right) : a \in R \right\} = \left\{ a \left(-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, 1 \right) : a \in R \right\}$$

$$N(T) = \text{Span} \left\{ \left(-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, 1 \right) \right\}$$

Nullity (T) = 1.

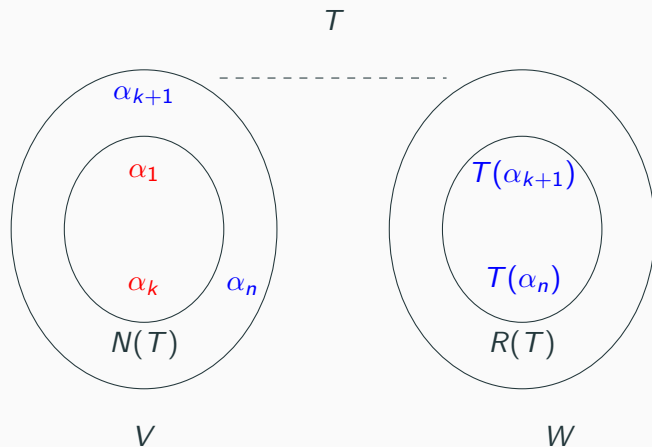
Theorem 2 (Rank-Nullity-Dimension Theorem)

Let V and W be vector spaces over the field F and let $T : V \longrightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. Suppose that V is finite-dimensional. Then

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

Proof: Let $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\}$ be a basis for $N(T)$ and let $\dim V = n$. Note that $\text{nullity}(T) = k$. Since $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\} \subseteq V$ and V is finite-dimensional, there exist vectors $\alpha_{k+1}, \dots, \alpha_n \in V$ such that $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ is a basis for V , thanks to Corollary 2 of Theorem 5. Next, we prove that $B = \{T(\alpha_{k+1}), \dots, T(\alpha_n)\}$ is a basis for $R(T)$.

Theorem 2 contd.



Theorem 2 contd.

Claim 1: $R(T) = \text{Span } B = \text{Span } \{T(\alpha_{k+1}), \dots, T(\alpha_n)\}$

Let $\beta \in R(T)$. Then there exists $\alpha \in V$ such that $\beta = T(\alpha)$. Since $\alpha \in V = \text{Span } \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$, there exist scalars c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n such that

$$\alpha = c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_k\alpha_k + c_{k+1}\alpha_{k+1} + \dots + c_n\alpha_n$$

$$\beta = T(\alpha) = T(c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_k\alpha_k + c_{k+1}\alpha_{k+1} + \dots + c_n\alpha_n)$$

$$\beta = c_1T(\alpha_1) + \dots + c_kT(\alpha_k) + c_{k+1}T(\alpha_{k+1}) + \dots + c_nT(\alpha_n)$$

$$\beta = c_10 + \dots + c_k0 + c_{k+1}T(\alpha_{k+1}) + \dots + c_nT(\alpha_n)$$

$$\beta = c_{k+1}T(\alpha_{k+1}) + \dots + c_nT(\alpha_n) \in \text{Span } B$$

$$\implies R(T) \subseteq \text{Span } B. \text{ Since } B \subseteq R(T), \text{ Span } B \subseteq R(T).$$

$$\implies R(T) = \text{Span } B.$$

Claim 2 : $B = \{T(\alpha_{k+1}), \dots, T(\alpha_n)\}$ is a L.I. set. Consider

$$c_{k+1}T(\alpha_{k+1}) + \dots + c_nT(\alpha_n) = 0$$

$$\implies T(c_{k+1}\alpha_{k+1} + \dots + c_n\alpha_n) = 0$$

$$\implies c_{k+1}\alpha_{k+1} + \dots + c_n\alpha_n \in N(T) = \text{Span } \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$$

There exist scalars $b_1, \dots, b_k \in F$ such that

$$c_{k+1}\alpha_{k+1} + \dots + c_n\alpha_n = b_1\alpha_1 + \dots + b_k\alpha_k$$

$$b_1\alpha_1 + \dots + b_k\alpha_k - c_{k+1}\alpha_{k+1} - \dots - c_n\alpha_n = 0$$

Since $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ is a L.I. set,

$$b_1 = \dots = b_k = -c_{k+1} = \dots = -c_n = 0.$$

$$c_{k+1}T(\alpha_{k+1}) + \dots + c_nT(\alpha_n) = 0 \implies c_{k+1} = \dots = c_n = 0$$

This proves Claim 2. By Claims 1 and 2, B is a basis of $R(T)$ and $\dim R(T) = |B| = n - k. \implies \dim R(T) = \dim V - \dim N(T).$

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

Theorem 3

If $A \in F^{m \times n}$, then **row rank** (A) = **column rank** (A).

Proof: We construct a linear transformation $T : F^{n \times 1} \longrightarrow F^{m \times 1}$ defined as $T(X) = AX$. By Rank-Nullity-Dimension Theorem, $\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim V = \dim F^{n \times 1} = n - - - - (1)$.

$$\begin{aligned} R(T) &= \{Y \in F^{m \times 1} : T(X) = Y \text{ for some } X \in F^{n \times 1}\} \\ &= \{Y \in F^{m \times 1} : AX = Y \text{ for some } X \in F^{n \times 1}\} \\ &= \{AX : X \in F^{n \times 1}\} \\ &= \{x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_n A_n : A_i, i^{\text{th}} \text{ column of } A, x_i \in F\} \\ &= \text{Column space } (A) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{rank}(T) = \dim R(T) = \dim \text{column space}(A) = \text{column rank}(A) - (2)$$

Theorem 3 contd.

$$\begin{aligned} N(T) &= \{X \in F^{n \times 1} : T(X) = 0\} \\ &= \{X \in F^{n \times 1} : AX = 0\} = S \end{aligned}$$

Let R be the row-reduced echelon matrix row-equivalent to A . Let r be the number of non-zero rows of R .

$$r = \text{row rank}(R) = \text{row rank}(A) \text{ --- (3)}$$

$$RX = 0 \implies x_{k_i} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-r} c_{ij} u_j = 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq r$$

The above system has $n - r$ free variables and it implies that

$$\dim S = n - r = \dim N(T) = \text{nullity}(T) \text{ --- (4)}$$

Theorem 3 contd.

From (1), (2) and (4),

$$\text{column rank } (A) + n - r = n$$

$$\implies \text{column rank } (A) = r = \text{row rank } (A), \text{ by (3)}$$

It completes the proof.

Note : $\text{rank } (A) = \text{column rank } (A) = \text{row rank } (A)$

Problem 5

Describe explicitly a linear transformation from R^3 into R^3 which has as its range the subspace spanned by $(1, 0, -1), (1, 2, 2)$.

Solution : From Theorem 3, if $T(X) = AX$, then $R(T) = \text{Column space } (A)$ (Note that $A \in R^{3 \times 3}$).

Since

$$R(T) = \mathbf{Span} \{ (1, 0, -1), (1, 2, 2) \} \implies A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 5 contd.

$$T(X) = AX = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_2 + x_3, 2x_2 + 2x_3, -x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3)$$

Problem 6

Find a L.T. (if exists) $T : R^3 \longrightarrow R^3$ such that $N(T) = \text{Span} \{(1, 1, 1)\}$ and $R(T) = \text{Span} \{(1, 0, -1), (1, 2, 2)\}$. Justify your answer.

Outline of the answer : Note that $\{\alpha_1 = (1, 1, 1)\}$ be a basis for $N(T)$. Using the basis of $N(T)$, we construct a basis for $V = R^3$, say $\{\alpha_1 = (1, 1, 1), \alpha_2 = (0, 1, 1), \alpha_3 = (0, 0, 1)\}$ (We have solved similar problems in the past!). Note that $\beta_1 = (0, 0, 0), \beta_2 = (1, 0, -1), \beta_3 = (1, 2, 2) \in R(T)$.

Let us construct T such that $T(\alpha_1) = T(1, 1, 1) = \beta_1 = (0, 0, 0)$, $T(\alpha_2) = T(0, 1, 1) = \beta_2 = (1, 0, -1)$, and $T(\alpha_3) = T(0, 0, 1) = \beta_3 = (1, 2, 2)$

Problem 6 contd.

$$(x, y, z) = a\alpha_1 + b\alpha_2 + c\alpha_3 = a(1, 1, 1) + b(0, 1, 1) + c(0, 0, 1)$$

$$\implies (x, y, z) = x\alpha_1 + (y - x)\alpha_2 + (z - y)\alpha_3$$

$$\implies T(x, y, z) = x\beta_1 + (y - x)\beta_2 + (z - y)\beta_3$$

$$\implies T(x, y, z) = (-x + z, -2y + 2z, x - 3y + 2z)$$

$$T(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 7

Let $T : V \longrightarrow V$ be a linear transformation. Prove that following statements are equivalent.

(a) $N(T) \cap R(T) = \{0\}$

(b) If $T(T(\alpha)) = 0$, then $T(\alpha) = 0$.

Solution : (a) \implies (b).

Suppose that $N(T) \cap R(T) = \{0\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} T(T(\alpha)) = 0 &\implies T(\alpha) \in N(T). \text{ Note that } T(\alpha) \in R(T). \\ \implies T(\alpha) &\in N(T) \cap R(T) = \{0\}. \implies T(\alpha) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 7 contd.

$(b) \implies (a)$

Suppose that if $T(T(\alpha)) = 0$, then $T(\alpha) = 0$. Clearly $\{0\} \subseteq N(T) \cap R(T) \text{ --- (1)}$.

Let $\beta \in N(T) \cap R(T)$. $\implies \beta \in N(T)$ and $\beta \in R(T)$.

$\implies T(\beta) = 0$ and there exists $\alpha \in V$ such that $\beta = T(\alpha)$.

$\implies T(\beta) = T(T(\alpha)) = 0$. $\implies T(\alpha) = 0$ (by hypothesis).

$\implies \beta = T(\alpha) = 0$. $\implies \beta \in \{0\}$.

$\implies N(T) \cap R(T) \subseteq \{0\} \text{ --- (2)}$.

From (1) and (2), $N(T) \cap R(T) = \{0\}$.

$L(V, W)$: set of all linear transformations from V into W .

Let V, W be vector spaces over the field F .

$$L(V, W) = \{ T : T : V \longrightarrow W \text{ is a L.T. } \}$$

Observation 1 : $L(V, W)$ is a vector space under the operations

$$(T + U)(\alpha) = T(\alpha) + U(\alpha), \quad (cT)(\alpha) = cT(\alpha)$$

for all $T, U \in L(V, W)$, $c \in F$.

Observation 2 : If V and W are finite dimensional vector spaces, then $\dim L(V, W) = \dim V \dim W$.

Linear Operator : If V is a vector space over the field F , then a **linear operator** T is a linear transformation $T : V \longrightarrow V$.