

# MATH 311 - Linear Transformations

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## Examples and Basic Properties

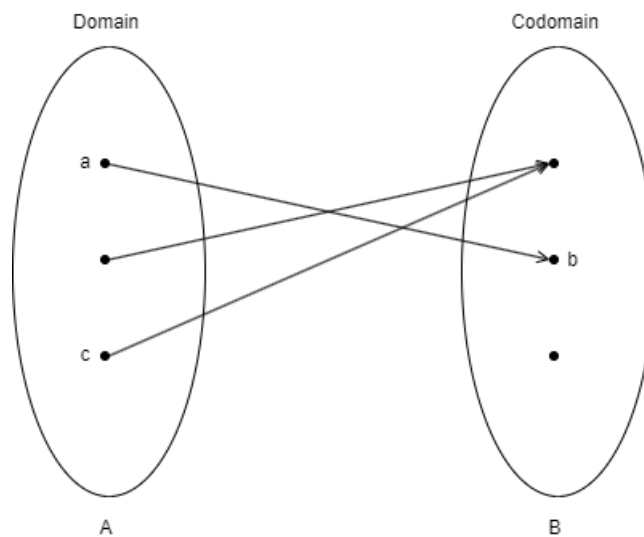
Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two sets.

### Definition (Function)

A function from  $A$  to  $B$  is a rule  $f : A \rightarrow B$  so that for every  $a \in A$ ,  $f$  assigns to  $a$  **exactly one** element  $b \in B$ . We write  $f(a) = b$ . Here,  $b$  is called the image of  $a$  under  $f$ .

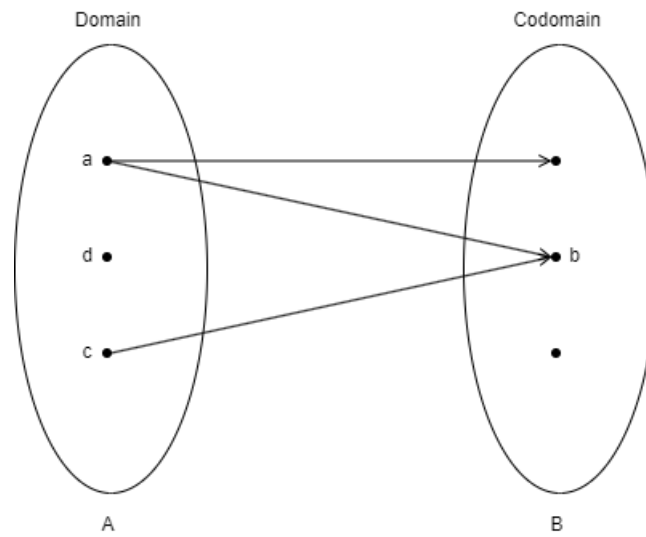
$A$  is the domain of  $f$ , and  $B$  is the codomain of  $f$ .

1. The following is a function:



Note that it is okay if two elements go the same place. What's important is that one element doesn't go to more than one place.

2. The following is NOT a function:



This is not a function because

1.  $a$  goes to more than one place.
2.  $d$  in the domain is not sent anywhere.

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces.

**Definition (Linear Transformation)**

A function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation if

- (1)  $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$  for all  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$ .
- (2)  $T(k\vec{v}) = kT(\vec{v})$  for all  $\vec{v} \in V$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

That is,  $T$  preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication.

1. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Prove that  $T$  is a linear transformation.

*Proof.* Let  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  (the domain) and let  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we prove the properties of a linear transformation hold for this particular transformation  $T$ . That is, we show that  $T$  preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication.

- (1) We show that  $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
 &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a + c \\ b + d \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} b + d \\ a + c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} b \\ a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d \\ c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) + T\left(\begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
 &= T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v}) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $T$  preserves vector addition.

(2) We show that  $T(k\vec{u}) = kT(\vec{u})$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} T(k\vec{u}) &= T\left(k \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} ka \\ kb \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} kb \\ ka \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= k \begin{bmatrix} b \\ a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= kT\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= kT(\vec{u}) . \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $T$  preserves scalar multiplication.

Thus,  $T$  is a linear transformation.

□

2. Which of the following maps are linear transformations?

(a)  $T : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $T : x \mapsto 3x + 4$ .

No,  $T$  is NOT a linear transformation.

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  (the domain) and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . To show that  $T$  is not a linear transformation, it suffices to show that one of the properties of linear transformations does not hold. That is, we check if  $T$  either fails to preserve vector addition or scalar multiplication. However, we'll check both properties!

(1) We check if  $T$  preserves vector addition. So,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x + y) &= 3(x + y) + 4 \\ &= 3x + 3y + 4 \\ &\neq 3x + 3y + 8 \\ &= (3x + 4) + (3y + 4) \\ &= T(x) + T(y) . \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $T$  does not preserve vector addition.

(2) We check if  $T$  preserves scalar multiplication. So,

$$\begin{aligned} T(kx) &= 3(kx) + 4 \\ &= 3kx + 4 \\ &\neq 3kx + 4k \\ &= k(3x + 4) \\ &= kT(x) . \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $T$  does not preserve scalar multiplication.

Here we see that  $T$  violates both properties required to be a linear transformation. Thus,  $T$  is not a linear transformation.  $\square$

(b)  $L : P_n \rightarrow P_{n-1}$ , where  $L : p(x) \mapsto p(1)$ .

*Proof.* To check if  $L$  is a linear transformation, we check if  $L$  preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication. Let  $f(x), g(x) \in P_n$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(1) We check if  $L(f + g) = L(f) + L(g)$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} L(f(x) + g(x)) &= L((f + g)(x)) \\ &= (f + g)(1) \\ &= f(1) + g(1) \\ &= L(f(x)) + L(g(x)) . \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $L$  preserves vector addition.

(2) We check if  $L(kf(x)) = kL(f(x))$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} L(kf(x)) &= L((kf)(x)) \\ &= (kf)(1) \\ &= kf(1) \\ &= kL(f(x)) . \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $L$  preserves scalar multiplication.

Thus,  $L$  is a linear transformation. □

(c)  $Q : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , where  $Q : \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

*Proof.* To determine if  $Q$  is a linear transformation, we check if  $Q$  preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication. Let  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(1) We check if  $Q(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = Q(\vec{u}) + Q(\vec{v})$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) &= Q\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= Q\left(\begin{bmatrix} a+c \\ b+d \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} (a+c)^2 \\ (b+d)^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\neq \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + c^2 \\ b^2 + d^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a^2 \\ b^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c^2 \\ d^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= Q\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) + Q\left(\begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= Q(\vec{u}) + Q(\vec{v}) . \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $Q$  does not preserve vector addition.

(2) We check if  $Q(k\vec{u}) = kQ(\vec{u})$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} Q(k\vec{u}) &= Q\left(k \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= Q\left(\begin{bmatrix} ka \\ kb \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} (ka)^2 \\ (kb)^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\neq \begin{bmatrix} ka^2 \\ kb^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= k \begin{bmatrix} a^2 \\ b^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= kQ\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= kQ(\vec{u}) . \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $Q$  does not preserve scalar multiplication.



Thus,  $Q$  is not a linear transformation.  $\square$

(d)  $\text{tr} : M_{22} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\text{tr} : A \mapsto \text{tr}(A)$ .

*Proof.* To check if  $\text{tr}$  is a linear transformation, we check if  $\text{tr}$  preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in$

$M_{22}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ w & z \end{bmatrix} \in M_{22}$ , and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(1) We check if  $\text{tr}(A + B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B)$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(A + B) &= \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ w & z \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a+x & b+y \\ c+w & d+z \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= (a+x) + (d+z) \\ &= a+x+d+z \\ &= (a+d) + (x+z) \\ &= \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) + \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ w & z \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B) . \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\text{tr}$  preserves vector addition.

(2) We check if  $\text{tr}(kA) = k \cdot \text{tr}(A)$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(kA) &= \text{tr} \left( k \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} ka & kb \\ kc & kd \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= ka + kd \\ &= k(a+d) \\ &= k \cdot \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= k \cdot \text{tr}(A) . \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\text{tr}$  preserves scalar multiplication.

Thus,  $\text{tr}$  is a linear transformation.  $\square$

(e)  $\det : M_{nn} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\det : A \mapsto \det(A)$  and  $n > 1$ .

*Proof.* To check if  $\det$  is a linear transformation, we check if  $\det$  preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication. Recall from the properties of determinants that  $\det(A + B) \neq \det(A) + \det(B)$  in general. With this, we can tell that  $\det$  is not a linear transformation. Furthermore, we can show that  $\det$  does not preserve scalar multiplication. Let  $A = I_n \in M_{nn}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\det(kA) &= \det(kI_n) \\ &= k^n \det(I_n) \\ &= k^n \cdot 1 \\ &= k^n \\ &\neq k \\ &= k \cdot 1 \\ &= k \det(I_n) \\ &= k \det(A) .\end{aligned}$$

Thus, since  $\det$  doesn't preserve scalar multiplication,  $\det$  is not a linear transformation.  $\square$

Recall: For any  $A \in M_{mn}$ , we can make  $T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $T_A(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$  for all  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Theorem 20:**

A map  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear transformation if and only if there exists an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  such that  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose there exists  $A \in M_{mn}$  such that we have a map  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  defined by  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ . We show that  $T$  is a linear transformation. To show that  $T$  is a linear transformation, we show that  $T$  preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication. So, let  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (the domain) and let  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{See next page.})$$

(1) We show that  $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned}
T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) &= T \left( \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= T \left( \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n + v_n \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= A \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n + v_n \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n + v_n \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}(u_1 + v_1) + a_{12}(u_2 + v_2) + \dots + a_{1n}(u_n + v_n) \\ a_{21}(u_1 + v_1) + a_{22}(u_2 + v_2) + \dots + a_{2n}(u_n + v_n) \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}(u_1 + v_1) + a_{n2}(u_2 + v_2) + \dots + a_{nn}(u_n + v_n) \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}u_1 + a_{12}u_2 + \dots + a_{1n}u_n \\ a_{11}u_1 + a_{12}u_2 + \dots + a_{1n}u_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{11}u_1 + a_{12}u_2 + \dots + a_{1n}u_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}v_1 + a_{12}v_2 + \dots + a_{1n}v_n \\ a_{11}v_1 + a_{12}v_2 + \dots + a_{1n}v_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{11}v_1 + a_{12}v_2 + \dots + a_{1n}v_n \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \\
&= A \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} + A \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \\
&= T \left( \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} \right) + T \left( \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$= T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v}) .$$

Hence,  $T$  preserves vector addition.

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(2) We show that  $T(k\vec{u}) = kT(\vec{u})$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned}
T(k\vec{u}) &= T \left( k \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= T \left( \begin{bmatrix} ku_1 \\ ku_2 \\ \vdots \\ ku_n \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= A \begin{bmatrix} ku_1 \\ ku_2 \\ \vdots \\ ku_n \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ku_1 \\ ku_2 \\ \vdots \\ ku_n \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}ku_1 + a_{12}ku_2 + \dots + a_{1n}ku_n \\ a_{21}ku_1 + a_{22}ku_2 + \dots + a_{2n}ku_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}ku_1 + a_{n2}ku_2 + \dots + a_{nn}ku_n \end{bmatrix} \\
&= k \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}u_1 + a_{12}u_2 + \dots + a_{1n}u_n \\ a_{21}u_1 + a_{22}u_2 + \dots + a_{2n}u_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}u_1 + a_{n2}u_2 + \dots + a_{nn}u_n \end{bmatrix} \\
&= k \left( \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= k \cdot A \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} \\
&= kT \left( \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$= kT(\vec{u}) .$$

Hence,  $T$  preserves scalar multiplication.

Thus,  $T$  is a linear transformation.

(  $\implies$  ) Suppose  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is linear. Let  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $\vec{u} = u_1\vec{e}_1 + u_2\vec{e}_2 + \dots + u_n\vec{e}_n$ , where  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  is the standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then since  $T$  is linear,

$$\begin{aligned} T(\vec{u}) &= T(u_1\vec{e}_1 + u_2\vec{e}_2 + \dots + u_n\vec{e}_n) \\ &= T(u_1\vec{e}_1) + T(u_2\vec{e}_2) + \dots + T(u_n\vec{e}_n) \\ &= u_1T(\vec{e}_1) + u_2T(\vec{e}_2) + \dots + u_nT(\vec{e}_n) \\ &= T(\vec{e}_1)u_1 + T(\vec{e}_2)u_2 + \dots + T(\vec{e}_n)u_n \\ &= [T(\vec{e}_1) \quad T(\vec{e}_2) \quad \dots \quad T(\vec{e}_n)] \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= A\vec{u} . \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $T(\vec{u}) = A\vec{u}$  for all  $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $A$  is the matrix whose  $i$ th column is  $T(\vec{e}_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .  $\square$

**Note:** The linear transformation  $T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  given by  $T_A(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$  for all  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is called the linear transformation induced by  $A$ .

1. Find the matrix associated with the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x - z \\ z - y \\ x + y - 3z \end{bmatrix}, \quad \forall \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

**Solution:** First, we find  $T(\vec{e}_1)$ ,  $T(\vec{e}_2)$ , and  $T(\vec{e}_3)$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} T(\vec{e}_1) &= T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2(1) - 0 \\ 0 - 0 \\ 1 + 0 - 3(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ T(\vec{e}_2) &= T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2(0) - 0 \\ 0 - 1 \\ 0 + 1 - 3(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ T(\vec{e}_3) &= T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2(0) - 1 \\ 1 - 0 \\ 0 + 0 - 3(1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= [T(\vec{e}_1) \quad T(\vec{e}_2) \quad T(\vec{e}_3)] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $A$  is  $3 \times 3$  since  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  is  $3 \times 1$ .



**Proposition 21 (Properties of Linear Transformations)**

Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Then for all  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

- (1)  $T(\vec{0}_V) = \vec{0}_W$
- (2)  $T(-\vec{v}) = -T(\vec{v})$
- (3)  $T(\vec{u} - \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) - T(\vec{v})$
- (4)  $T$  is linear  $\iff T(\vec{u} + k\vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + kT(\vec{v})$
- (5) The composition of two linear maps is linear. (Recall that  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$ .)

*Proof.* Suppose  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation and suppose that  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . We show the five properties above hold. Since,  $T$  is a linear transformation, it holds that  $T$  preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication. That is,  $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$  and  $T(k\vec{u}) = kT(\vec{u})$ .

- (1) We show that  $T(\vec{0}_V) = \vec{0}_W$ . Let  $\vec{v} \in V$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(\vec{0}_V) &= T(\vec{v} - \vec{v}) \\
 &= T(\vec{v} + (-\vec{v})) \\
 &= T(\vec{v}) + T(-\vec{v}) \\
 &= T(\vec{v}) + T(-1\vec{v}) \\
 &= T(\vec{v}) + (-1)T(\vec{v}) \\
 &= T(\vec{v}) - T(\vec{v}) \\
 &= \vec{0}_W .
 \end{aligned}$$

- (2) We show that  $T(-\vec{v}) = -T(\vec{v})$ . So,

$$T(-\vec{v}) = T(-1\vec{v}) = (-1)T(\vec{v}) = -T(\vec{v}) .$$

- (3) We show that  $T(\vec{u} - \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) - T(\vec{v})$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(\vec{u} - \vec{v}) &= T(\vec{u} + (-\vec{v})) \\
 &= T(\vec{u}) + T(-\vec{v}) \\
 &= T(\vec{u}) + T(-1\vec{v}) \\
 &= T(\vec{u}) + (-1)T(\vec{v}) \\
 &= T(\vec{u}) - T(\vec{v}) .
 \end{aligned}$$

(4) We show that  $T$  is linear  $\iff T(\vec{u} + k\vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + kT(\vec{v})$ .

( $\implies$ ) Suppose  $T$  is linear. Then  $T$  preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication. So,

$$\begin{aligned} T(\vec{u} + k\vec{v}) &= T(\vec{u}) + T(k\vec{v}) \\ &= T(\vec{u}) + kT(\vec{v}) . \end{aligned}$$

(5) Let  $T : U \rightarrow V$  and  $S : V \rightarrow W$  be linear maps. We show that  $(S \circ T)$  is linear by showing that the composition preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication. Let  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2 \in U$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(i) We show that  $(S \circ T)(\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_2) = (S \circ T)(\vec{u}_1) + (S \circ T)(\vec{u}_2)$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} (S \circ T)(\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_2) &= S(T(\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_2)) \\ &= S(T(\vec{u}_1) + T(\vec{u}_2)) \\ &= S(T(\vec{u}_1)) + S(T(\vec{u}_2)) \\ &= (S \circ T)(\vec{u}_1) + (S \circ T)(\vec{u}_2) . \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(S \circ T)$  preserves vector addition.

(ii) We show that  $(S \circ T)(k\vec{u}_1) = k(S \circ T)(\vec{u}_1)$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} (S \circ T)(k\vec{u}_1) &= S(T(k\vec{u}_1)) \\ &= S(kT(\vec{u}_1)) \\ &= kS(T(\vec{u}_1)) \\ &= k(S \circ T)(\vec{u}_1) . \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(S \circ T)$  preserves scalar multiplication.

So, the composition of linear maps is linear.

Thus, all five properties of Proposition 21 hold. □

**Theorem 22**

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be two vector spaces and let  $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$ . Given a collection of vectors  $\{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_n\} \subseteq W$  (they need not be distinct), there exists a unique linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$  such that  $T(\vec{v}_i) = \vec{w}_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Moreover, if  $\vec{v} = a_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_n\vec{v}_n$ , then  $T(\vec{v}) = a_1\vec{w}_1 + \dots + a_n\vec{w}_n$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are vector spaces and suppose  $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ . Let  $\{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_n\} \subseteq W$ .  $\square$

**Observation:** A linear map is completely determined by what it does to the elements in a basis for its domain.

1. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation, where  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ .

Observe that  $\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . (This can be shown by showing this set is linearly independent and spans  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .) So, we first find  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

by solving the augmented matrix corresponding to this equation. Then we'll find that  $a = 3$  and  $b = -1$ . Now, taking the transformation of both sides, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}\right) &= T\left(a \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= T\left(a \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) + T\left(b \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= aT\left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) + bT\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + (-1) \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) If  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  (the domain), find  $T(\vec{v})$ .

Similarly, find  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} .$$

So, we get that

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 1 & x \\ 2 & -1 & y \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R1 \leftrightarrow R2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & y \\ 4 & 1 & x \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{y}{2} \\ 4 & 1 & x \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-4R1+R2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{y}{2} \\ 0 & 3 & x-2y \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{y}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{x-2y}{3} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R2+R1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{x+y}{6} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{x-2y}{3} \end{array} \right] .$$

Here we get that  $a = \frac{x+y}{6}$  and  $b = \frac{x-2y}{3}$ . So, we have that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \frac{x+y}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{x-2y}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} .$$

Then taking the transformation on both sides gives us (see next page)

$$\begin{aligned}
T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) &= T\left(\frac{x+y}{6}\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{x-2y}{3}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
&= T\left(\frac{x+y}{6}\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) + T\left(\frac{x-2y}{3}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
&= \frac{x+y}{6} \cdot T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) + \frac{x-2y}{3} \cdot T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
&= \frac{x+y}{6} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{x-2y}{3} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} .
\end{aligned}$$

(c) Find the matrix associated with  $T$ .

Here we find the matrix  $A$  such that  $T(\vec{v}) = A\vec{v}$ . The matrix is

$$A = [T(\vec{e}_1) \quad T(\vec{e}_2)] .$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
T(\vec{e}_1) &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{6}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{6}\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1/6 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 5/6 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
T(\vec{e}_2) &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{6}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1/6 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4/3 \\ -2/3 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ -1/6 \end{bmatrix} .
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } A = [T(\vec{e}_1) \quad T(\vec{e}_2)] = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 3/2 \\ 5/6 & -1/6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. Let  $D : P_n \rightarrow P_{n-1}$  given by  $D(p(x)) = p'(x)$  for all  $p(x) \in P_n$ .

(a) Show that  $D$  is linear.

*Proof.* To show that  $D$  is a linear transformation, we need to show that  $D$  preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication. Let  $f, g \in P_n$  (the domain) and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$  and

$g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_nx^n$ . We can write these as  $f = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

(1) We show that  $T(f + g) = T(f) + T(g)$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} T(f + g) &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a_0 + b_0 \\ a_1 + b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n + b_n \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= T((a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + \dots + (a_n + b_n)x^n) \\ &= (a_1 + b_1) + \dots + n(a_n + b_n)x^{n-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n + b_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (a_1 + b_1) + \dots + n(a_n + b_n)x^{n-1} \\ &= (a_1 + \dots + n(a_n)x^{n-1}) + (b_1 + \dots + n(b_n)x^{n-1}) \\ &= T(a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n) + T(b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_nx^n) \\ &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}\right) + T\left(\begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= T(f) + T(g). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $T$  preserves vector addition.

(2) We show that  $T(kf) = k(T(f))$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(kf) &= T\left(k \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
 &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} ka_0 \\ ka_1 \\ \vdots \\ ka_n \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
 &= T((ka_0) + (ka_1)x + \dots + (ka_n)x^n) \\
 &= (ka_0) + n(ka_1)x^{n-1} \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= k(a_0 + \dots n(a_1)x^{n-1}) \\
 &= kT(a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n) \\
 &= kT\left(\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
 &= kT(f) .
 \end{aligned}$$

□



## Kernel and Image

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation.

### Definition (Kernel and Image)

The kernel of  $T$  is

$$\ker(T) = \{\vec{v} \in V \mid T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}\} \subseteq V .$$

The image of  $T$  is

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

In other words,

- The kernel of a transformation is the set of all vectors from the domain that map to the zero vector in the codomain.
- The image of a transformation is the set of those vectors in the codomain that get mapped to by something from the domain. One could say this is the range.

**Note:**  $\text{Im}(T) = \{\vec{w} \in W \mid \exists \vec{v} \in V \text{ s.t. } T(\vec{v}) = \vec{w}\}$

Recall from Vector Spaces in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  the definitions of image space and null space.

### Image Space

The image space of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is defined as

$$\text{Im}(A) = \{A\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\} .$$

### Definition (Null Space)

The nullspace of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is defined by

$$\text{null}(A) = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{0}\} .$$

1. Let  $T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be given by  $\vec{x} \mapsto A\vec{x}$  for  $A \in M_{mn}$ . In other words,  $T_A(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ .

Let  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (the domain). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(T_A) &= \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid T_A(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}\} \\ &= \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{0}\} && \text{(since } T_A(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}\text{)} \\ &= \text{null}(A) . && \text{(by definition of null space)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im}(T_A) &= \{T_A(\vec{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\} \\ &= \{A\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\} && \text{(since } T_A(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}\text{)} \\ &= \text{Im}(A) \\ &= \text{Col}(A) . \end{aligned}$$

2. Let  $S : P_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by  $S(a + bx) = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a + b \end{bmatrix}$  for all  $a + bx \in P_1$  (the domain). Find  $\ker(S)$  and  $\text{Im}(S)$ .

Here we have the transformation given by  $S(a + bx) = S\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a + b \end{bmatrix}$ .

Now, let  $u \in P_1$ . Then  $u = a + bx = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(S) &= \{u \in P_1 : S(u) = \vec{0}\} \\ &= \{a + bx \in P_1 : S(a + bx) = \vec{0}\} \\ &= \left\{ a + bx \in P_1 : S\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ a + bx \in P_1 : \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a + b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

So, if we have some  $u = a + bx \in P_1$  and this same element  $u$  is in  $\ker(T)$ , this means that  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ a + b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , which implies that  $a = 0$  and  $a + b = 0$ . Hence,

$$\ker(S) = \{\vec{0}_{P_1}\} = \{0 + 0x\} .$$

Then for  $\text{Im}(S)$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Im}(S) &= \{S(u) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : u \in P_1\} \\ &= \{S(a + bx) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : a + bx \in P_1\} \\ &= \left\{ S \left( \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \right) \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a + b \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ &= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{R}^2 .\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 23**

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be linear. Then

- (i)  $\ker(T)$  is a subspace of  $V$
- (ii)  $\text{Im}(T)$  is a subspace of  $W$

*Proof.* Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are vector spaces. Suppose  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation. We show that  $\ker(T)$  is a subspace of  $V$  and  $\text{Im}(T)$  is a subspace of  $W$ . we use the subspace test.

First, we show that  $\ker(T)$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Note here that  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{v} \in V : T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}_W\}$ .

- (1) Is it true that the zero vector is in  $\ker(T)$ ? Yes,  $\vec{0}_V \in \ker(T)$ . This is because  $T(\vec{0}_V) = \vec{0}_W$  (by the first property from Proposition 21).
- (2) Is it true that if  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \ker(T)$ , then  $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in \ker(T)$ ? Suppose  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \ker(T)$ . Since  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \ker(T)$ , this means that  $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}_W$  and  $T(\vec{y}) = \vec{0}_W$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} T(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) &= T(\vec{x}) + T(\vec{y}) \\ &= \vec{0}_W + \vec{0}_W \\ &= \vec{0}_W . \end{aligned}$$

So, because  $T(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = \vec{0}_W$ , this means that  $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in \ker(T)$ . Hence,  $\ker(T)$  is closed under vector addition.

- (3) Is it true that if  $\vec{x} \in \ker(T)$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $k\vec{x} \in \ker(T)$ ? Suppose  $\vec{x} \in \ker(T)$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\vec{x} \in \ker(T)$ , this means that  $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}_W$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} T(k\vec{x}) &= k(T\vec{x}) \\ &= k \cdot \vec{0}_W \\ &= \vec{0}_W . \end{aligned}$$

So, because  $T(k\vec{x}) \in \ker(T)$ , this means that  $k\vec{x} \in \ker(T)$ . Hence,  $\ker(T)$  is closed under scalar multiplication.

Thus, by the subspace test,  $\ker(T)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Now, we show that  $\text{Im}(T)$  is a subspace of  $W$ . Note that  $\text{Im}(T) = \{T(\vec{v}) \in W : \vec{v} \in V\}$ .

(1) It is true that  $\text{Im}(T)$  contains the zero vector. Yes! Indeed,

□

## Injective and Surjective

Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be linear.

### Definition (Surjective & Injective)

$T$  is surjective (onto) iff  $\forall \vec{w} \in W, \exists \vec{v} \in V$  such that  $T(\vec{v}) = \vec{w}$ .

$T$  is injective (one-to-one) iff  $\forall \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$ , if  $T(\vec{u}) = T(\vec{v})$  then  $\vec{u} = \vec{v}$ .

**Note:** The contrapositive of injective is:  $\forall \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$ , if  $\vec{u} \neq \vec{v}$  then  $T(\vec{u}) \neq T(\vec{v})$ .

### Theorem 24

A linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is one-to-one if and only if  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}_V\}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are vector spaces and suppose  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is linear.

( $\implies$ ) Suppose  $T$  is one-to-one. We show that  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}_V\}$ . (Note that  $\vec{0}_V$  is the zero vector of the domain  $V$ .) Suppose  $\vec{v} \in \ker(T) = \{\vec{v} \in V : T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}_W\}$ . Then this means that  $T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}_W$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} T(\vec{v}) &= \vec{0}_W \\ &= T(\vec{0}_V) . \end{aligned} \quad (\text{by Proposition 21})$$

Now, since  $T$  is one-to-one (injective), this means that it must be the case that  $\vec{v} = \vec{0}_V$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(T) &= \{\vec{v} \in V : T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}_W\} \\ &= \{\vec{0}_V\} . \end{aligned}$$

( $\impliedby$ ) Suppose  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}_V\}$ . More specifically,

$$\ker(T) = \{\vec{v} \in V : T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}_W\} = \{\vec{0}_V\} .$$

We show that  $T$  is one-to-one. By the definition of one-to-one, suppose  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$  and suppose  $T(\vec{u}) = T(\vec{v})$ . We show that  $\vec{u} = \vec{v}$ . Now, since  $T(\vec{u}) = T(\vec{v})$ , we get that  $T(\vec{u}) - T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}_W$ . Then by Proposition 21,  $T(\vec{u} - \vec{v}) = \vec{0}_W$ . From this we get that  $\vec{u} - \vec{v} \in \ker(T)$  because  $T(\vec{u} - \vec{v}) = \vec{0}_W$ . So, we get that  $\vec{u} - \vec{v} = \vec{0}_V$ . Hence,  $\vec{u} = \vec{v}$ . Thus,  $T$  is one-to-one.  $\square$

**Theorem**

A linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is onto if and only if  $\text{Im}(T) = W$ .

1. Let  $T : P_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be defined by  $a + bx + cx^2 \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ a \end{bmatrix}$ . Is  $T$  onto? Is  $T$

one-to-one?

$T$  is one-to-one. To show this, we prove that  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}_{P_2}\}$ . Suppose  $\vec{v} = a + bx + cx^2 \in \ker(T) = \{\vec{v} \in P_2 : T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}_{\mathbb{R}^4}\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(\vec{v}) &= T(a + bx + cx^2) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ a \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \vec{0}_{\mathbb{R}^4} . \end{aligned}$$

From this we get that  $a = b = c = 0$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(T) &= \{\vec{v} \in P_2 : T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}_{\mathbb{R}^4}\} \\ &= \{a + bx + cx^2 : T(a + bx + cx^2) = \vec{0}_{\mathbb{R}^4}\} \\ &= \{\vec{0}_{P_2}\} . \end{aligned}$$

## Rank and Nullity

### Definition

Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be linear.

$$(1) \text{ nullity}(T) = \dim(\ker(T)).$$

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

### Observe:

- $T$  is one-to-one iff  $\text{nullity}(T) = 0$ .
- $T$  is onto iff  $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(W)$ .

### Theorem (Rank-Nullity or Dimension Theorem)

Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be linear and  $\dim(V) = n$ . Then

$$n = \text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim(\text{Im}(T)) + \dim(\ker(T)) .$$

1. If  $T : P_3 \rightarrow M_{23}$  is one-to-one, then what is  $\text{rank}(T)$ .

Since  $T$  is one-to-one, this means that  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}_{P_2}\}$ . Then this implies that  $\text{nullity}(T) = \dim(\ker(T)) = 0$ . We also know that  $n = \dim(P_3) = 4$ . So, by the Rank-Nullity Theorem,

$$n = 4 = 0 + \text{rank}(T) = \text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T) .$$

Hence, because  $4 = 0 + \text{rank}(T)$ , this means that  $\text{rank}(T) = 4$ .

2. If  $S : M_{23} \rightarrow P_2$  is onto, what is  $\text{nullity}(A)$ ?

Since  $S$  is onto, this means that  $\text{Im}(S) = P_2$ . Then this implies that  $\text{rank}(S) = \dim(\text{Im}(S)) = \dim(P_2) = 3$ . We also know that  $n = \dim(M_{23}) = 2 \cdot 3 = 6$ . So, by the Rank-Nullity Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{nullity}(S) &= n - \text{rank}(S) \\ &= 6 - 3 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$



## Isomorphisms

**Review of Inverse:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets.

### Definition (Inverse)

If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is both injective and surjective, also called bijective, then the inverse of  $f$  is the function  $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$  such that

$$(f^{-1} \circ f)(a) = a$$

for all  $a \in A$  and

$$(f \circ f^{-1})(b) = b$$

for all  $b \in B$ .

### Definition (Isomorphism)

A linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is called an isomorphism if and only if it is bijective (both injective and surjective).

### Definition (Isomorphic)

Two vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$  are called isomorphic if and only if there exists an isomorphism  $T : V \rightarrow W$ . In this case, we write  $V \cong W$ .

**WARNING:** Being isomorphic doesn't mean "same". It means "same structure".

1. The map  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow P_2$ , defined by  $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \right) = a + bx + cx^2$  is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* First, we check that  $T$  is linear. To check if  $T$  is linear, we check if  $T$  preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication.

- (1) Suppose  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . We show that  $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) &= T \left( \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= T \left( \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ u_3 + v_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= (u_1 + v_1) + (u_2 + v_2)x + (u_3 + v_3)x^2 \\
 &= u_1 + v_1 + u_2x + v_2x + u_3x^2 + v_3x^2 \\
 &= (u_1 + u_2x + u_3x^2) + (v_1 + v_2x + v_3x^2) \\
 &= T \left( \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) + T \left( \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v}) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $T$  preserves vector addition.

- (2) Suppose  $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . We show that  $T(k\vec{u}) = kT(\vec{u})$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(k\vec{u}) &= T \left( k \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= T \left( \begin{bmatrix} ku_1 \\ ku_2 \\ ku_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= (ku_1) + (ku_2)x + (ku_3)x^2 \\
 &= k(u_1 + u_2x + u_3x^2) \\
 &= kT \left( \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= kT(\vec{u}) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $T$  preserves scalar multiplication.

Thus,  $T$  is a linear transformation.

Second, we check that  $T$  is injective (one-to-one). We can use Theorem 24, by showing that  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}_{\mathbb{R}^3}\}$ . We know that  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}_{P_2}\}$ . Suppose  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \ker(T)$ . Then this means that  $T(\vec{u}) = \vec{0}_{P_2}$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(T) &= \{\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : T(\vec{u}) = \vec{0}_{P_2}\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : T \left( \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \vec{0}_{P_2} \right\} . \end{aligned}$$

So we have that  $\vec{0}_{P_2} = T \left( \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = u_1 + u_2x + u_3x^2$ . From this we get that  $u_1 + u_2x + u_3x^2 = \vec{0}_{P_2} = 0 + 0x + 0x^2$ .

Finally, we show that  $T$  is surjective. Since  $T$  is one-to-one,  $\text{nullity}(T) = \dim(\ker(T)) = 0$  (since  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}_{P_2}\}$ ). We also know that  $\dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3$ . Then by Rank-Nullity, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank}(T) &= n - \text{nullity}(T) \\ &= \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) - \text{nullity}(T) \\ &= 3 - 0 \\ &= 3 . \end{aligned}$$

Now, since  $\dim(P_2) = 3 = \dim(\text{Im}(T)) = \text{rank}(T)$ , this means that  $\text{Im}(T) = P_2$ . Hence,  $T$  is surjective.  $\square$

**Theorem 25**

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces. Let  $V \rightarrow W$  be linear. The following are equivalent:

- (1)  $T$  is an isomorphism
- (2) If  $\alpha = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ , then  $\beta = \{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n)\}$  is a basis for  $W$ .

*Proof.* ( $\implies$ ) Suppose  $V \cong W$ . Then there exists an isomorphism  $T : V \rightarrow W$ . Let  $\alpha = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$ . By  $\square$

1. Let  $T : P_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation defined by  $T(a + bx + cx^2) = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$ . Let's note some things about this linear transformation.

- The matrix  $A$  associated with  $T$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= [T(\vec{e}_1) \quad T(\vec{e}_2) \quad T(\vec{e}_3)] \\
 &= [T(1) \quad T(x) \quad T(x^2)] \\
 &= [T(1 + 0x + 0x^2) \quad T(0 + x + 0x^2) \quad T(0 + 0x + x^2)] \\
 &= \left[ T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \right] \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Note that since  $T(\vec{v}) = A\vec{v}$ , Then solving  $A\vec{v} = \vec{0}_{\mathbb{R}^3}$ , we get that

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

has the solution  $a = 0, b = 0, c = 0$ . So,

$$\vec{v} = a + bx + cx^2 = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0 + 0x + 0x^2 = \vec{0}_{P_2} .$$

- $T$  is injective (one-to-one). This is because

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ker(T) &= \{\vec{v} \in P_2 : T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}_{\mathbb{R}^3}\} \\
 &= \{\vec{v} \in P_2 : A\vec{v} = \vec{0}_{\mathbb{R}^3}\} \\
 &= \{\vec{0}_{P_2}\} .
 \end{aligned}$$

Then by Theorem 24, since  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}_{P_2}\}$ , this means that  $T$  is one-to-one. Also note that  $\text{nullity}(T) = \dim(\ker(T)) = 0$ .

- Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
T(\vec{v}) &= A(\vec{v}) \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ c \end{bmatrix} \\
&= a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

- $T$  is surjective (onto). This is because

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Im}(T) &= \{T(\vec{v}) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \vec{v} \in P_2\} \\
&= \{A\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \vec{v} \in P_2\} \\
&= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \in P_2 \right\} \\
&= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\
&= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ c \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\
&= \left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\
&= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Im}(T)$ , and so  $\dim(\text{Im}(T)) =$

3. So,  $\text{Im}(T) = \mathbb{R}^3$  (the codomain). Indeed,  $\dim(\text{Im}(T)) = \text{rank}(T) = 3 = \dim(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . Then by Theorem 25, since  $\text{Im}(T) = \mathbb{R}^3$  (the codomain),  $T$  is surjective (onto).

- So, because  $T$  is injective AND surjective, this means that  $T$  is bijective. Since  $T$  is bijective, this means that  $T$  is an isomorphism.
- We have that  $\alpha = \{1, x, x^2\} = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  is a basis for  $P_2$  (the domain). Then it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta &= \{T(\vec{v}_1), T(\vec{v}_2), T(\vec{v}_3)\} \\
&= \{T(1), T(x), T(x^2)\} \\
&= \{T(1 + 0x + 0x^2), T(0 + x + 0x^2), T(0 + 0x + x^2)\} \\
&= \left\{ T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right), T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right), T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right\} \\
&= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

is indeed a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (the codomain). In fact, this holds for **any** basis of  $P_2$ .

**Corollary 26**

If  $V$  and  $W$  are finite dimensional vector spaces, then  $V \cong W$  if and only if  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ .

For example,  $P_1 \cong \mathbb{R}^2$  because  $\dim(P_1) = 2 = \dim(\mathbb{R}^2)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are finite dimensional vector spaces.

(  $\implies$  ) Suppose  $V \cong W$ . Then this means that there exists an isomorphism  $T : V \rightarrow W$ , where  $T$  is some linear transformation; that is,  $T$  is bijective (both injective and surjective). Let  $\alpha = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$ . Then  $\beta = \{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n)\}$  is a basis for  $W$ . Hence, since both basis vectors have  $n$  elements,  $\dim(V) = n = \dim(W)$ .

(  $\impliedby$  ) Suppose  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ . Let  $B_1 = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$  and  $B_2 = \{\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_n\}$  be a basis for  $W$ . We want to show that  $V \cong W$ ; that is, there exists some linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$ . So, let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map, where  $T(\vec{v}_i) = \vec{w}_i$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then by Theorem 25,  $T$  is an isomorphism, and hence  $V \cong W$ .  $\square$



**Corollary 27**

If  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ , then a linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is an isomorphism if it is either one-to-one or onto.

*Proof.* Suppose  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is linear and suppose  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ . Let  $B_1 = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$ .

- (1) We show that if  $T$  is one-to-one, then  $T$  is an isomorphism. Suppose  $T$  is one-to-one. Then by Theorem 24, this means that  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}_V\}$ . This implies that  $\dim(\ker(T)) = 0$ . So, by Rank Nullity,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank}(T) &= n - \text{nullity}(T) \\ &= \dim(W) - \dim(\ker(T)) \\ &= \dim(W) - 0 \\ &= \dim(W) . \end{aligned}$$

So, we get that  $\dim(\text{Im}(T)) = \text{rank}(T) = \dim(W)$ , which means that  $T$  is onto. Thus, since  $T$  is one-to-one and onto,  $T$  is bijective and hence  $T$  is an isomorphism.

- (2) We show that if  $T$  is onto, then  $T$  is an isomorphism. Suppose  $T$  is onto. Since  $T$  is onto, this means that  $\text{Im}(T) = W$ . Then  $\dim(\text{Im}(T)) = \dim(W)$ . Then by Rank-Nullity,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{nullity}(T) &= n - \text{rank}(T) \\ &= \dim(W) - \dim(\text{Im}(T)) \\ &= \dim(W) - \dim(W) \\ &= 0 . \end{aligned}$$

So, we get that  $\text{nullity}(T) = \dim(\ker(T)) = 0$ , which implies that  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}_V\}$ . Then by Theorem 24, since  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}_V\}$ , we can conclude that  $T$  is one-to-one. Thus, since  $T$  is both onto and one-to-one,  $T$  is bijective and hence  $T$  is an isomorphism.

□

1. Which of the following are isomorphisms.

- (a)  $T : M_{mn} \rightarrow M_{mn}$ , where  $x \mapsto AXB$  where  $A \in M_{mm}$ ,  $B \in M_{nn}$  fixed invertible matrices.

First, we show that  $T$  is a linear transformation by showing that  $T$  preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication.

- (1) Suppose  $C, D \in M_{mn}$ . We show that  $T(C + D) = T(C) + T(D)$ .  
So,

$$\begin{aligned}
T(C + D) &= T \left( \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \dots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ c_{m1} & c_{m2} & \dots & c_{mn} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} & \dots & d_{1n} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} & \dots & d_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ d_{m1} & d_{m2} & \dots & d_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= T \left( \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} + d_{11} & c_{12} + d_{12} & \dots & c_{1n} + d_{1n} \\ c_{21} + d_{21} & c_{22} + d_{22} & \dots & c_{2n} + d_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ c_{m1} + d_{m1} & c_{m2} + d_{m2} & \dots & c_{mn} + d_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= A \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} + d_{11} & c_{12} + d_{12} & \dots & c_{1n} + d_{1n} \\ c_{21} + d_{21} & c_{22} + d_{22} & \dots & c_{2n} + d_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ c_{m1} + d_{m1} & c_{m2} + d_{m2} & \dots & c_{mn} + d_{mn} \end{bmatrix} B \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ a_{mm} & \dots & a_{mm} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} + d_{11} & \dots & c_{1n} + d_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ c_{m1} + d_{m1} & \dots & c_{mn} + d_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ b_{n1} & \dots & b_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \dots \\
&= [a_{11}b_{11}c_{11} + \dots a_{m1}b_{11}c_{m1} \quad a_{11}] \\
&= A \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ c_{m1} & \dots & c_{mn} \end{bmatrix} B + A \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & \dots & d_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ d_{m1} & \dots & d_{mn} \end{bmatrix} B \\
&= T \left( \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ c_{m1} & \dots & c_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \right) + T \left( \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & \dots & d_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ d_{m1} & \dots & d_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= T(C) + T(D) .
\end{aligned}$$

(2) Suppose  $X \in M_{mn}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . We show that  $T(kX) = kT(X)$ .

2.  $S : M_{mn} \rightarrow M_{mn}$ , where  $A \mapsto A^2$ .

$A^2$  is not even possible, since  $A \in M_{mn}$ ; that is, you can't multiply an  $m \times n$  matrix with an  $m \times n$  matrix. How about when  $m = n$ ? Is  $S : M_{nn} \rightarrow M_{nn}$  an isomorphism. Well,  $S$  here would not be linear. For, let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(A+B) &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
 &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &\neq \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^2 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^2 \\
 &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) + T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
 &= T(A) + T(B) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $S$  does not preserve vector addition, and so  $S$  is not linear. Since  $S$  is not even linear,  $S$  is definitely NOT an isomorphism.

$$3. \ R : P_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \text{ where } a + bx + cx^2 \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} b - c \\ a \\ 2a + b - c \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Observation:** Given  $A \in M_{nn}$ , consider  $T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  given by  $T_A(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ . Then  $T$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $A$  is invertible.

*Proof.* Suppose  $A \in M_{nn}$  and suppose  $T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a transformation given by  $T_A(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ .

( $\implies$ ) Suppose  $T$  is an isomorphism. Then this means that  $T$  is injective and surjective (bijective). Since  $T$  is injective, this means that  $\text{nullity}(T) = 0$   $\square$

**Definition (Invertible Map)**

Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation between finite dimensional vector spaces. A map  $T^{-1} : W \rightarrow V$  is called the inverse of  $T$  if  $T(T^{-1}(\vec{w})) = \vec{w}$  for all  $\vec{w} \in W$  and  $T^{-1}(T(\vec{v})) = \vec{v}$  for all  $\vec{v} \in V$ . If  $T$  has an inverse, then  $T$  is called invertible.

Prove that  $R : V \rightarrow W$  is invertible if and only if  $T$  is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* (  $\implies$  ) Suppose  $R : V \rightarrow W$  is invertible. We show that  $T$  is an isomorphism. Since  $R : V \rightarrow W$  is invertible, then we have a map  $R^{-1} : W \rightarrow V$ , where  $R(R^{-1}(\vec{w})) = \vec{w}$  for all  $\vec{w} \in W$  and  $R^{-1}(R(\vec{v})) = \vec{v}$  for all  $\vec{v} \in V$ .  $\square$

**Lemma**

If  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is linear and invertible, then  $T^{-1} : W \rightarrow V$  is linear. Moreover,  $T^{-1}$  is unique.

*Proof.* Suppose  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is linear and invertible. Since  $T$  is linear, this means that  $T$  preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication; that is,  $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$  and  $T(k\vec{v}) = kT(\vec{v})$  for all  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $T$  is invertible, this means that  $T$  has an inverse map  $T^{-1} : W \rightarrow V$ .  $\square$



1. Find **the** inverse of the map  $T : P_1 \rightarrow P_1$ , where  $a + bx \mapsto (a - b) + ax$ .

We want to solve  $T(a + bx) = c + dx$  for  $a$  and  $b$ . Solve for  $a$  and  $b$  in  $(a - b) + ax = c + dx$ . So,  $a - b = c$  and  $a = d$  which implies that  $b = d - c$ . So,

$$T^{-1}(c + dx) = d + (d - c)x$$

since  $T^{-1}(c + dx) = T^{-1}(T(a + bx)) = a + bx$ .