

# Linear Algebra Done Right

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# 1 Vector Spaces

## 1.1 $\mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbb{C}^n$

**Definition 1.1.1 (Complex Number).** A *complex number* is an ordered pair  $(a, b)$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , but we write it as  $a + bi$ .

**Notation 1.1.2.**  $\mathbb{C} := \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$

**Definition 1.1.3 (Addition & Multiplication).**

$$(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i$$

$$(a + bi)(c + di) = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$$

### Theorem 1.1.4 Properties of Complex Arithmetic

1. commutativity:  $\alpha + \beta = \beta + \alpha$ ;  $\alpha\beta = \beta\alpha$ ,  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ .
2. associativity:  $(\alpha + \beta) + \lambda = \alpha + (\beta + \lambda)$ ;  $(\alpha\beta)\lambda = \alpha(\beta\lambda)$ ,  $\forall \alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .
3. identities:  $\lambda + 0 = \lambda$ ;  $\lambda \cdot 1 = \lambda$ ,  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .
4. additive inverse:  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \exists$  unique  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$  s.t.  $\alpha + \beta = 0$ .
5. multiplicative inverse:  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \alpha \neq 0, \exists$  unique  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$  s.t.  $\alpha\beta = 1$ .
6. distributivity:  $\lambda(\alpha + \beta) = \lambda\alpha + \lambda\beta$ ,  $\forall \lambda, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Definition 1.1.5 (Subtraction).** If  $-\alpha$  is the additive inverse of  $\alpha$ , *subtraction* on  $\mathbb{C}$  is defined by

$$\beta - \alpha = \beta + (-\alpha).$$

**Definition 1.1.6 (Division).** For  $\alpha \neq 0$ , let  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  denote the multiplicative inverse of  $\alpha$ . Then, *division* on  $\mathbb{C}$  is defined by

$$\frac{\beta}{\alpha} = \beta \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)$$

**Notation 1.1.7.**  $\mathbb{F}$  is either  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Definition 1.1.8 (List/Tuple).** Suppose  $n$  is a non-negative integer. A list of length  $n$  is an ordered collection of  $n$  elements separated by commas and surrounded by parentheses:  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$ . Two lists are equal if and only if they have the same length and the same elements in the same order.

**Remark.** Lists must have a FINITE length.

**Definition 1.1.9 ( $\mathbb{F}^n$  and Coordinate).**  $\mathbb{F}^n$  is the set of all lists of length  $n$  of elements of  $\mathbb{F}$ :

$$\mathbb{F}^n := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{F} \forall i = 1, \dots, n\},$$

where  $x_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  coordinate of  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

**Example 1.1.10**  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

**Definition 1.1.11 (Addition on  $\mathbb{F}^n$ ).** Addition on  $\mathbb{F}^n$  is defined by adding corresponding coordinates:

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) + (y_1, \dots, y_n) = (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n).$$

**Theorem 1.1.12 Commutativity of Addition on  $\mathbb{F}^n$**

If  $x, y \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , then  $x + y = y + x$ .

**Proof 1.** Suppose  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n) \\ &= (y_1 + x_1, \dots, y_n + x_n) = y + x. \end{aligned}$$

■

**Definition 1.1.13 (Zero).** Let  $0$  denote the list of length  $n$  whose coordinates are all 0:  $0 := (0, \dots, 0)$ .

**Definition 1.1.14 (Additive Inverse on  $\mathbb{F}^n$ ).** For  $x \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , the additive inverse of  $x$ , denoted  $-x$ , is the vector  $-x \in \mathbb{F}^n$  s.t.  $x + (-x) = 0$ .

**Definition 1.1.15 (Scalar Multiplication in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ ).** The product of a number  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  and a vector  $x \in \mathbb{F}^n$  is computed by multiplying each coordinate of the vector by  $\lambda$ :

$$\lambda x = \lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n),$$

where  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$ .

**Theorem 1.1.16 Properties of Arithmetic Operations on  $\mathbb{F}^n$**

1.  $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{F}^n$
2.  $(ab)x = a(bx) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{F}^n \text{ and } \forall a, b \in \mathbb{F}.$
3.  $1 \cdot x = x \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{F}^n \text{ and } 1 \in \mathbb{F}.$
4.  $\lambda(x + y) = \lambda x + \lambda y \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \forall x, y \in \mathbb{F}^n.$
5.  $(a + b)x = ax + bx \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{F} \text{ and } \forall x \in \mathbb{F}^n.$

## 1.2 Definition of Vector Space

**Definition 1.2.1 (Addition on  $V$ ).** An *addition* on  $V$  is a function  $(u, v) \mapsto u + v$  for all  $u, v \in V$ .

**Definition 1.2.2 (Scalar Multiplication on  $V$ ).** A *scalar multiplication* on  $V$  is a function  $(\lambda, v) \mapsto \lambda v$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $v \in V$ .

**Definition 1.2.3 (Vector Space).** A *vector space* is a set  $V$  along with an addition on  $V$  and a scalar multiplication s.t. the following properties hold:

1. commutativity:  $u + v = v + u \quad \forall u, v \in V$
2. associativity:  $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$  and  $(ab)v = a(bv) \quad \forall u, v, w \in V$  and  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ .
3. additive identity:  $\exists 0 \in V$  s.t.  $v + 0 = v \quad \forall v \in V$ .
4. additive inverse:  $\exists w \in V$  s.t.  $v + w = 0 \quad \forall v \in V$ .
5. multiplicative identity:  $\exists 1 \in V$  s.t.  $1 \cdot v = v \quad \forall v \in V$ .
6. distributive properties:  $a(u + v) = au + av$  and  $(a + b)v = av + bv \quad \forall u, v \in V$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ .

**Definition 1.2.4 (Vector).** Elements of a vector space are called *vectors* or *points*.

**Notation 1.2.5.**  $V$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

**Definition 1.2.6 (Real and Complex Vector Space).** A vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  is called a *real vector space*, and a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  is called a *complex vector space*.

### Theorem 1.2.7 Unique Additive Identity of Vector Spaces

A vector space has a unique additive identity.

**Proof 1.** Suppose  $0$  and  $0'$  are both additive identities for some vector space  $V$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} 0' &= 0' + 0 && \text{Since } 0 \text{ is an additive identity} \\ &= 0 + 0' && \text{commutativity} \\ &= 0. && \text{Since } 0' \text{ is an additive identity} \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $0' = 0$ . ■

### Theorem 1.2.8 Unique Additive Inverse of Vector Spaces

A vector in a vector space has a unique additive inverse.

**Proof 2.** Let  $V$  be a vector space. Suppose  $w$  and  $w'$  are additive inverses of  $v$  for some  $v \in V$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} w &= w + 0 \\ &= w + (v + w') \\ &= (w + v) + w' \\ &= 0 + w' = w'. \end{aligned}$$
■

**Notation 1.2.9.** Let  $v, w \in V$ . Then,  $-v$  denotes the additive inverse of  $v$ .

**Definition 1.2.10 (Subtraction).**  $w - v$  is defined to be  $w + (-v)$ .

**Theorem 1.2.11**

$$0 \cdot v = 0 \quad \forall v \in V.$$

**Proof3.** Since  $v \in V$ , we know

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \cdot v &= (0 + 0)v = 0 \cdot v + 0 \cdot v \\ 0 \cdot v + (-0 \cdot v) &= 0 \cdot v + 0 \cdot v + (-0 \cdot v) \\ 0 &= 0 \cdot v \end{aligned}$$

■

**Theorem 1.2.12**

$$a \cdot 0 = 0 \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{F}.$$

**Proof4.** For  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot 0 &= a \cdot (0 + 0) = a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 \\ a \cdot 0 + (-a \cdot 0) &= a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 + (-a \cdot 0) \\ 0 &= a \cdot 0. \end{aligned}$$

■

**Theorem 1.2.13**

$$(-1)v = -v \quad \forall v \in V.$$

**Proof5.** For  $v \in V$ , we have

$$v + (-1)v = 1 \cdot v + (-1) \cdot v = (1 + (-1)) \cdot v = 0 \cdot v = 0.$$

Therefore, by definition,  $(-1)v = -v$ .

■

**Notation 1.2.14.**  $\mathbb{F}^S$ 

1. If  $S$  is a set, then  $\mathbb{F}^S$  denotes the set of functions from  $S$  to  $\mathbb{F}$ .
2. For  $f, g \in \mathbb{F}^S$ , the sum  $f + g \in \mathbb{F}^S$  is the function defined by  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \quad \forall x \in S$ .
3. For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $f \in \mathbb{F}^S$ , the product  $\lambda f \in \mathbb{F}^S$  is the function defined by  $(\lambda f)(x) = \lambda f(x) \quad \forall x \in S$ .

**Theorem 1.2.15**

$\mathbb{F}^S$  is a vector space.

### 1.3 Subspace

**Definition 1.3.1 (Subspace).** A subset  $U$  of  $V$  is called a *subspace* of  $V$  if  $U$  is also a vector space using the same addition and scalar multiplication as on  $V$ .

**Theorem 1.3.2 Conditions for a Subspace**

A subset  $U$  of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if  $U$  satisfies the following conditions:

1. additive identity:  $0 \in U$ ;
2. closed under addition:  $u, w \in U \implies u + w \in U$ ;
3. closed under scalar multiplication:  $a \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $u \in U \implies au \in U$ .

**Proof 1.**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . By definition,  $U$  is then a vector space, and so those conditions are automatically satisfied.  $\square$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $U$  satisfies the three conditions. Since  $U$  is a subset of  $V$ ,  $U$  automatically has *associativity*, *commutativity*, *multiplicative identity*, and *distributivity*. So, we want to check  $U$  has additive inverse and additive identities.

For additive identity, we know  $0 \in U$ , by assumption.

For additive inverse, by condition #3, we know  $-u = (-1)u \in U$ .

Then,  $U$  is a vector space. ■

**Example 1.3.3** If  $b \in \mathbb{F}$ , then  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{F}^4 \mid x_3 = 5x_4 + b\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^4$  if and only if  $b = 0$ .

**Proof 2.**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $U = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{F}^4 \mid x_3 = 5x_4 + b\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^4$ . Then,  $0 = (0, 0, 0, 0) \in U$ . So,  $0 = 5 \cdot 0 + b$ , or  $b = 0$ .  $\square$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $b = 0$ . Then,  $x_3 = 5x_4$ . So,  $U = \{(x_1, x_2, 5x_4, x_4) \in \mathbb{F}^4\}$

1.  $0 = (0, 0, 0, 0) \in U$

2. Note that

$$(x_1, x_2, 5x_4, x_4) + (y_1, y_2, 5y_4, y_4) = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, 5(x_4 + y_4), x_4 + y_4) \in U$$

So, addition is closed under  $U$ .

3.  $\forall a \in \mathbb{F}$ , we have

$$a(x_1, x_2, 5x_4, x_4) = (ax_1, ax_2, 5(ax_4), ax_4) \in U$$

Then,  $U$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^4$ . ■

**Example 1.3.4** The set of continuous real-valued functions on interval  $[0, 1]$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{[0,1]}$ .

**Proof 3.**

1.  $0$  (zero mapping)  $\in U$
2. Set  $f$  and  $g \in \mathcal{C}[0, 1]$ , the set of continuous functions on interval  $[0, 1]$ . Then,  $f + g \in \mathcal{C}[0, 1]$ .
3. From Calculus, we know that  $\forall a \in \mathbb{F}, \quad af \in \mathcal{C}[0, 1]$ .

■

**Definition 1.3.5 (Sum of Subspaces).** Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $V$ . The *sum* of  $U_1, \dots, U_m$ , denoted as  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ , is the set of all possible sums of elements of  $U_1, \dots, U_m$ :

$$U_1 + \dots + U_m = \{u_1 + \dots + u_m \mid u_i \in U_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m\}.$$

**Example 1.3.6** Suppose  $U = \{(x, 0, 0) \in \mathbb{F}^3 \mid x \in \mathbb{F}\}$  and  $W = \{(0, y, 0) \in \mathbb{F}^3 \mid y \in \mathbb{F}\}$ , then

$$U + W = \{(x, y, 0) \in \mathbb{F}^3 \mid x, y \in \mathbb{F}\}.$$

**Theorem 1.3.7**

Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Then,  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is the *smallest subspace* of  $V$  containing  $U_1, \dots, U_m$ .

**Proof 4.** Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $U$ . Let  $U_1 + \dots + U_m = \{u_1 + \dots + u_m \mid u_j \in U_j, j = 1, \dots, m\}$ . Suppose  $w_j \in U_j$ , then  $w_1 + \dots + w_m \in U_1 + \dots + U_m$ .

1.  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

(a) Note that

$$(u_1 + \dots + u_m) + (w_1 + \dots + w_m) = (u_1 + w_1) + \dots + (u_m + w_m) \in U_1 + \dots + U_m,$$

so  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is closed under addition.

(b) Similarly,  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is closed under scalar multiplication.

(c) Note that  $U_j$  is a subspace, so  $0 \in U_j$ . Hence,  $(0, \dots, 0) = 0 \in U_1 + \dots + U_m$ . □

2. Now, we want to show this subspace is the smallest subspace containing  $U_1, \dots, U_m$ . That is, we want to show  $\forall W \supseteq U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_m$ , we have  $W \supseteq U_1 + \dots + U_m$ .

Note that  $U_j \subseteq U_1 + \dots + U_m$ , so we have  $(U_1 \cup U_2 \cup \dots \cup U_m) \subseteq U_1 + \dots + U_m$ . This means  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  must contain  $U_1, \dots, U_m$ . Let  $W$  be some subspace containing  $U_1, \dots, U_m$ . Then, for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , we have  $u_j \in U_j$ , which indicates  $u_j \in W$ . Therefore,  $u_1 + \dots + u_m \in W$  and thus  $U_1 + \dots + U_m \subseteq W$ .

Since  $W$  was arbitrary, we've shown  $\forall W$  that contains  $U_1, \dots, U_m$ ,  $U_1 + \dots + U_m \subseteq W$ . Therefore,  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is the smallest.

■



**Definition 1.3.8 (Direct Sum).** Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $V$ .  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is called a *direct sum* if each element of  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  can be written in only one way as a sum  $u_1 + \dots + u_m$ , where  $u_j \in U_j$ .

**Notation 1.3.9.** If  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is a direct sum, then we use  $U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_m$  to denote it.

**Example 1.3.10** Let  $U = \{(x, y, 0) \in \mathbb{F}^3 \mid x, y \in \mathbb{F}\}$  and  $W = \{(0, 0, z) \in \mathbb{F}^3 \mid z \in \mathbb{F}\}$ . Then,  $\mathbb{F}^3 = U \oplus W$ .

**Proof 5.** Note that  $U + W = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{F}\} = \mathbb{F}^3$ . Suppose

$$(x, y, z) = (x, y, 0) + (0, 0, z), \quad (1)$$

for some  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{F}$  and

$$(x, y, z) = (x', y', 0) + (0, 0, z') \quad (2)$$

for some  $x', y', z' \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then, (1)–(2):

$$(0, 0, 0) = (x - x', y - y', 0) + (0, 0, z - z') = (x - x', y - y', z - z').$$

Then,  $x - x' = y - y' = z - z' = 0$ , which indicates  $x = x'$ ,  $y = y'$ ,  $z = z'$ . So, by definition  $U + W$  is a direct sum, or  $\mathbb{F}^3 = U \oplus W$ . ■

**Example 1.3.11** Suppose  $U_j$  is the subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^n$  s.t.

$$U_1 = \{x, 0, 0, \dots, 0 \mid x \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

$$U_2 = \{0, x, 0, \dots, 0 \mid x \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$U_n = \{0, 0, 0, \dots, x \mid x \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

Then,  $\mathbb{F}^n = U_1 \oplus U_2 \oplus \dots \oplus U_n$ .

**Proof 6.** Note that  $\mathbb{F}^n = U_1 + U_2 + \dots + U_n$  is evident. Now, we'll prove that  $U_1 + U_2 + \dots + U_n$  is a direct sum. Consider  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$ . Assume that

$$x = (x_1, 0, \dots, 0) + \dots + (0, \dots, 0, x_n) \quad (3)$$

and

$$x = (x'_1, 0, \dots, 0) + \dots + (0, \dots, 0, x'_n) \quad (4)$$

Then, from (3)–(4), we know that

$$0 = (x_1 - x'_1, \dots, x_n - x'_n) = (0, 0, \dots, 0).$$

Then,  $\forall i = 1, \dots, n$  we have  $x_i - x'_i = 0$ , or  $x_i = x'_i$ . Therefore, by definition, we know  $U_1 + \dots + U_n$  is a direct sum. ■

**Example 1.3.12** Let

$$U_1 = \{(x, y, 0) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

$$U_2 = \{(0, 0, z) \mid z \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

$$U_3 = \{(0, y, y) \mid y \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

Show that  $U_1 + U_2 + U_3$  is not a direct sum.

**Proof 7.** Consider  $(0, 0, 0) \in \mathbb{F}^3$ . Note that

$$(0, 0, 0) = (0, 0, 0) + (0, 0, 0) + (0, 0, 0)$$

and

$$(0, 0, 0) = (0, 1, 0) + (0, 0, 1) + (0, -1, -1).$$

Then,  $U_1 + U_2 + U_3$  is not a direct sum by definition. ■

**Theorem 1.3.13**

Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Then,  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is a direct sum if and only if the only way to write 0 as a sum  $u_1 + \dots + u_m$  is by taking each  $u_j = 0$ .

**Proof 8.**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Since  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is a direct sum, by definition, the only way to write  $0 \in \mathbb{F}^n$  is to write it as

$$0 = 0 + \dots + 0 \quad \text{where } 0 \in U_i \forall i = 1, \dots, m. \quad \square$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose the only way to write 0 as a sum  $u_1 + \dots + u_m$  is by taking each  $u_j = 0$ . Assume that for some  $v \in V$ , we have

$$v = u_1 + \dots + u_m, \quad u_j \in U_j \tag{5}$$

and

$$v = u'_1 + \dots + u'_m, \quad u'_j \in U_j. \tag{6}$$

Then, by (5)-(6), and according to the conclusion from Example 1.3.11, we have

$$0 = (u_1 - u'_1) + \dots + (u_m - u'_m) = 0 + \dots + 0.$$

So,  $\forall i \in 1, \dots, m$ , we have  $u_i - u'_i = 0$ . that is,  $u_i = u'_i$ . So,  $\forall v \in V$ , there is only one way to write  $v$  as a sum of  $u_1 + \dots + u_m$ . Therefore, by definition,  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is a direct sum. ■

**Theorem 1.3.14**

Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Then,  $U + W$  is a direct sum if and only if  $U \cap W = \{0\}$ .

**Proof 9.**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $U + W$  is a direct sum. Assume  $v \in U \cap W$ . Then,  $v \in U$  and  $v \in W$ . By definition of subspace, we know  $-v \in W$  as well. Note that

$$0 = v + (-v) \in U \cap W.$$

Then, by Theorem 1.3.13, we know that the only representation of  $0 \in U \cap W$  is  $0 = 0 + 0$  since  $U \cap W$

is a direct sum. Hence, it must be that  $v = -v = 0$ , and thus  $U \cap W = \{0\}$ .  $\square$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $U \cap W = \{0\}$ . Let  $u \in U$  and  $w \in W$  s.t.  $u + w = 0$ . Then, we have  $u = -w$ . Since  $-w \in W$ , we know  $u = -w \in W$ . By  $u \in U$  and  $u \in W$ , we know that  $u \in U \cap W = \{0\}$ . Therefore,  $0 = 0 + 0$  is the only to represent  $0 \in U + W$ . By Theorem 1.3.13, we know  $U + W$  is a direct sum.  $\blacksquare$

**Remark.** When extending Theorem 1.3.14 to 3 subspaces  $U_1, U_2, U_3$ , we cannot conclude  $U_1 \oplus U_2 \oplus U_3$  if we have  $U_1 \cap U_2 = U_1 \cap U_3 = U_2 \cap U_3 = \{0\}$ . See Example 1.3.12 as a counterexample.

## 2 Finite-Dimensional Vector Spaces

### 2.1 Span and Linear Independence

**Notation 2.1.1.** We usually write list of vectors without using parentheses.

**Example 2.1.2**  $(4, 1, 6), (9, 5, 7)$  is a list of vectors of length 2 in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Definition 2.1.3 (Linear Combination).** A *linear combination* of a list  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  of vectors in  $V$  is a vector of the form

$$a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m,$$

where  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$ .

**Example 2.1.4** Since  $(17, -4, 2) = 6(2, 1, -3) + 5(1, -2, 4)$ , we say  $(17, -4, 2)$  is a linear combination of  $(2, 1, -3), (1, -2, 4)$ .

**Definition 2.1.5 (Span).**

$$\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) = \{a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m \mid a_1 \dots a_m \in \mathbb{F}\}.$$

**Example 2.1.6** Consider  $\text{span}(e_1, e_2, e_3)$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{span}(e_1, e_2, e_3) &= \{a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 + a_3e_3 \mid a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{F}\} \\ &= \{(a_1, a_2, a_3) \mid a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{F}\} = \mathbb{R}^3. \end{aligned}$$

#### Theorem 2.1.7

The span of a list of vectors in  $V$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing all the vectors in the list.

**Proof 1.** To prove this theorem, we will prove two parts: span is a subspace and span is the smallest subspace.

1. Span is a subspace of  $V$ .

- (a) By definition of span, we know  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) = \{a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m \mid a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}\}$ . If we set  $a_1, \dots, a_m = 0$ , then we have  $0 = 0v_1 + \dots + 0v_m$ . So,  $0 \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ .
- (b) Let  $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$  and  $b_1v_1 + \dots + b_mv_m \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ . Then,

$$(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m) + (b_1v_1 + \dots + b_mv_m) = (a_1 + b_1)v_1 + \dots + (a_m + b_m)v_m.$$

Since  $(a_1 + b_1), \dots, (a_m + b_m) \in \mathbb{F}$ , we know  $(a_1 + b_1)v_1 + \dots + (a_m + b_m)v_m \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ .

- (c) Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ . Then,

$$\lambda(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m) = \lambda a_1v_1 + \dots + \lambda a_mv_m.$$

Since  $\lambda a_1, \dots, \lambda a_m \in \mathbb{F}$ , we know that  $\lambda(a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m) \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ .

Therefore, we have proven that span is a subspace of  $V$ .  $\square$

2. Now, we want to show that span is the smallest subspace.

Let  $U$  be a subspace of  $V$  containing  $v_1, \dots, v_m$ . If we can show that  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) \subseteq U$ , we then know span is the smallest subspace containing  $v_1, \dots, v_m$ . Since  $U$  is a subspace containing  $v_1, \dots, v_m$ , it is closed under addition and scalar multiplication. So,  $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ . Therefore,  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) \subseteq U$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Definition 2.1.8 (Span as a Verb).** If  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) = V$ , we say  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  *spans*  $V$ .

**Definition 2.1.9 (Finite-Dimensional Vector Space).** A vector space  $V$  is called *finite-dimensional* if  $\exists$  a list of vectors, say  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  s.t.  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) = V$ . In the following of this notes, we will use *f-d* as a shortcut for saying “finite-dimensional.”

**Definition 2.1.10 (Infinte-Dimensional Vector Space).** A vector space  $V$  is infinite-dimensional if it is not *f-d*. This is equivalent to say that  $\forall$  lists of vectors in  $V$ , they do not span  $V$ .

**Definition 2.1.11 (Polynomial Functions).** A function  $p : \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  is called a *polynomial* with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$  if  $\exists a_0, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$  s.t.  $p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_m z^m \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{F}$ .

**Notation 2.1.12.** We use  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  to denote the set of all polynomial with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$ .

**Theorem 2.1.13**

$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

**Proof2.** Recall the definition of  $\mathbb{F}^{\mathbb{F}}$ . We will show  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^{\mathbb{F}}$ .

1.  $0 = 0 + 0z + \dots + 0z^m \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$ .
2. Suppose  $p(z) = a_m z^m + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$  and  $q(z) = b_n z^n + \dots + b_1 z + b_0 \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$ . WLOG, suppose  $m > n$ , then we have  $p(z) + q(z) = a_m z^m + \dots + (a_n + b_n) z^n + \dots + (a_0 + b_0) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$ .
3. Suppose  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then,  $\lambda p(z) = \lambda(a_m z^m + \dots + a_1 z + a_0) = \lambda a_m z^m + \dots + \lambda a_0 \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$ .

Hence, we've shown  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  is a subspace over  $\mathbb{F}$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Definition 2.1.14 (Degree of a Polynomial).** A polynomial  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  is said to have *degree*  $m$  if  $\exists$  scalars  $a_0, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$  with  $a_m \neq 0$  s.t.  $p(z) = a_m z^m + \dots + a_1 z + a_0 \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{F}$ . We write  $\deg p = m$ . Specially,  $\deg 0 := -\infty$  and  $\deg a_0 := 0$  when  $a_0 \neq 0$ .

**Definition 2.1.15 ( $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$ ).** For  $m \in \mathbb{N}^+$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$  denotes the set of all polynomial with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$  and degree  $\leq m$ . i.e.,

$$\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{F}) := \{p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F}) \mid \deg p \leq m\}.$$

**Example 2.1.16** For each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$  is a *f-d* vector space.

**Proof3.** Note that  $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$  is a vector space because it is a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$ . Suppose  $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$ , then  $p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_m z^m \in \text{span}(1, z, \dots, z^m)$ . Then, by definition,  $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$  is *f-d*.  $\blacksquare$

**Remark.** In this proof, we are abusing notation by letting  $z^k$  to denote a function.

**Example 2.1.17**  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  is infinite-dimensional.

**Proof 4.** For any list of vectors in  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$ , by definition of list, the length of it is finite. Suppose the highest degree in this list is  $m$ . Consider a polynomial with degree of  $m + 1$ :  $z^{m+1}$ . Since  $z^{m+1}$  cannot be written as linear combinations of the list of polynomials, we know the list does not span  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$ . So,  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  is infinite-dimensional. ■

**Definition 2.1.18 (Linear Independence).** A list  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  of vectors in  $V$  is called *linearly independent* (L.I.) if the only choice of  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$  that makes  $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m = 0$  is  $a_1 = \dots = a_m = 0$ . Specially, the empty list  $()$  is declared to be L.I..

**Definition 2.1.19 (Linear Dependence).**  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is called *linearly dependent* if it is not L.I.. Or, equivalently,  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is *linearly dependent* if  $\exists a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$  not all 0 s.t.  $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i v_i = 0$ .

**Example 2.1.20** Let  $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ . If  $v_j$  is a linear combination of other  $v$ 's, then  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is linearly dependent.

**Proof 5.** By assumption,  $v_j = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_{j-1}v_{j-1} + a_{j+1}v_{j+1} + \dots + a_mv_m$  for some  $a_i$  not all 0. So,  $0 = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_{j-1}v_{j-1} + a_{j+1}v_{j+1} + \dots + a_mv_m - v_j$ , a linear combination of  $v_1, \dots, v_m$ . Since  $-v_j$  has a coefficient of  $-1 \neq 0$ , by definition,  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is not L.I.. ■

**Lemma 2.1.21 Linear Dependence Lemma** Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is a linearly dependent list in  $V$ . Then,  $\exists j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  s.t. the following hold:

1.  $v_j \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1})$
2. if the  $j^{\text{th}}$  term is removed from  $v_1, \dots, v_m$ , the span of the remaining list equals  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ .

**Proof 6.**

1. Since  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is linearly dependent,  $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m = 0$ , for some  $a_i \neq 0$ . Let  $j$  be the maximized index s.t.  $a_j \neq 0$ . Then,  $a_{j+1} = \dots = a_m = 0$ , by this assumption. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} a_j v_j &= -a_1 v_1 - \dots - a_{j-1} v_{j-1} - a_{j+1} v_{j+1} - \dots - a_m v_m \\ &= -a_1 v_1 - \dots - a_{j-1} v_{j-1} \\ v_j &= -\frac{a_1}{a_j} v_1 - \dots - \frac{a_{j-1}}{a_j} v_{j-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $-\frac{a_1}{a_j}, \dots, -\frac{a_{j-1}}{a_j} \in \mathbb{F}$ , we know  $v_j \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1})$ . □

2. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_m) &= \text{span}\left(v_1, \dots, -\frac{a_1}{a_j} v_1 - \dots - \frac{a_{j-1}}{a_j} v_{j-1}, \dots, v_m\right) \\ &= \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_m). \end{aligned}$$

■

**Remark.** By using this Lemma 2.1.21, we can do lots of proofs using the “step” strategy. Namely, we start to remove vectors from a list that are linearly dependent to obtain a L.I. list. However, this “step” strategy can only be used when dealing with FINITE-dimensional vector spaces.

**Theorem 2.1.22**

Let  $V$  be a  $f$ - $d$  vector space. Let  $\text{span}(w_1, \dots, w_n) = V$ . Let  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  be L.I.. Then,  $m \leq n$ .

**Proof 7.**

**Step 1** Note that  $u_1, w_1, \dots, w_n$  is linearly dependent because  $u_1 \in V = \text{span}(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ . Then, by Lemma 2.1.21, we can remove one of the  $w$ 's, say  $w_{j1}$ . Then, the list becomes

$$\{u_1, w_1, \dots, w_n\} \setminus \{w_{j1}\}.$$

**Step 2** Adjoin  $u_2$ . Apply the same reasoning, since  $\text{span}(\{u_1, w_1, \dots, w_n\} \setminus \{w_{j1}\}) = V$ , we know  $\{u_1, u_2, w_1, \dots, w_n\} \setminus \{w_{j1}\}$  is linearly dependent. Since  $u_2 \notin \text{span}(u_1)$ , Lemma 2.1.21 is not applicable to  $u_2$ . Now, we can remove another  $w$  from the list, say  $w_{j2}$ . The list becomes

$$\{u_1, u_2, w_1, \dots, w_n\} \setminus \{w_{j1}, w_{j2}\}.$$

$\vdots$

**Step  $m$**  After  $m$  steps, we list will become

$$\{u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_n\} \setminus \{w_{j1}, \dots, w_{jm}\}.$$

Since  $\text{span}(\{u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_n\} \setminus \{w_{j1}, \dots, w_{jm}\}) = V$ , this list is still linearly dependent, so by Lemma 2.1.21, we know  $\exists w$  to be removed. Therefore,  $n \geq m$ . ■

**Theorem 2.1.23**

Every subspace of a  $f$ - $d$  vector space is  $f$ - $d$ .

**Proof 8.** Suppose  $V$  to be a  $f$ - $d$  vector space and  $U$  to be a subspace of  $V$ .

**Step 1** If  $U = \{0\}$ , then  $U$  is  $f$ - $d$ . If  $U \neq \{0\}$ , then choose  $v_1 \in U$  s.t.  $v_1 \neq 0$ .

$\vdots$

**Step  $j$**  If  $U = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1})$ , then  $U$  is  $f$ - $d$ . If  $U \neq \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1})$ , then choose  $v_j \in U$  s.t.  $v_j \notin \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1})$ .

By Lemma 2.1.21 and Theorem 2.1.22, we know this process will eventually terminate because the vector list that spans  $U$  cannot be longer than any spanning list of  $V$ . Therefore,  $U$  is  $f$ - $d$ . ■

## 2.2 Bases

**Definition 2.2.1 (Basis).** A *basis* of  $V$  is a list of vectors in  $V$  that is L.I. and spans  $V$ .

### Example 2.2.2

1. The standard basis of  $\mathbb{F}^n$ :

$$(1, 0, \dots, 0), (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, (0, \dots, 0, 1).$$

2.  $(1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)$  is a basis of  $V$ , where  $V = \{(x, x, y) \in \mathbb{F}^3 \mid x, y \in \mathbb{F}\}$ .

**Proof 1.**

- (a) Suppose  $a_1(1, 1, 0) + a_2(0, 0, 1) = 0$ , we have  $(a_1, a_1, a_2) = 0$ . So, it must be  $a_1 = a_2 = 0$ . Therefore,  $(1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)$  is L.I.  $\square$
- (b) Suppose  $(x, x, y) \in V$ . Note that  $(x, x, y) = x(1, 1, 0) + y(0, 0, 1)$ , then,  $V = \text{span}((1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1))$ .

Therefore, we've proven  $(1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)$  is a basis of  $V$  according to the definition of basis.  $\blacksquare$

### Theorem 2.2.3 Criterion for Basis

A list  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  is a basis list of  $V$  if and only if every  $v \in V$  can be written uniquely in the form  $v = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n$ , where  $a_i \in \mathbb{F}$ .

**Proof 2.**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be a basis of  $V$ . Let  $v \in V$ . By definition of basis,  $V = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ . So,  $v \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ , and thus  $v = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n$  for some  $a_i \in \mathbb{F}$ . Assume for the sake of contradiction that  $v = b_1v_1 + \dots + b_nv_n$  for some  $b_i \neq a_i \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} v - v &= (a_1 - b_1)v_1 + \dots + (a_n - b_n)v_n \\ 0 &= (a_1 - b_1)v_1 + \dots + (a_n - b_n)v_n. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis, it is L.I.. So,  $0 = 0v_1 + \dots + 0v_n$ . Therefore, we know  $a_1 - b_1 = \dots = a_n - b_n = 0$ . That is,  $a_1 = b_1, \dots, a_n = b_n$ . \* This is a contradiction with the assumption that  $\exists a_i \neq b_i$ . Hence, it must be that  $v = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n$  is unique.  $\square$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $v = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n$  is the unique representation  $\forall v \in V$ . Then,  $v \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ . Since  $v \in V$ , then  $V \subseteq \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ . However,  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ , so  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n) \subseteq V$ . Therefore,  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n) = V$ . To show  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is L.I., further consider  $0 = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n$ . Since  $0 \in V$ , by assumption,  $\exists$  a unique way to write  $0$  as  $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n$ , and that unique way is to take every  $a_i = 0$ . Hence, by definition, we know  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is L.I.. Since  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is L.I. and  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n) = V$ , we know  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis list of  $V$ .  $\blacksquare$

### Theorem 2.2.4

Every spanning list can be reduced to a basis of the vector space.

**Proof 3.** Suppose  $V = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ . If  $v_i = 0$ , we just remove  $v_i$ . So, let's suppose  $v_i \neq 0$ .



**Step 1** If  $v_2 \in \text{span}(v_1)$ , delete it. If  $v_2 \notin \text{span}(v_1)$ , keep it.

$\vdots$

**Step  $j$**  If  $v_j \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1})$ , delete it. If  $v_j \notin \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1})$ , keep it.

$\vdots$

**Step  $n$**  After  $n$  steps, we will have a “sub-list” from the original list s.t. it spans  $V$  and is L.I.. Therefore, the basis list is contained in the spanning list. ■

**Corollary 2.2.5** Every  $f$ - $d$  vector space has a basis.

**Proof 4.** By definition,  $f$ - $d$  vector space always has a spanning list. By Theorem 2.2.4, a spanning list contain a basis. ■

**Theorem 2.2.6**

Every linearly independent list of vectors in a  $f$ - $d$  vector space can be extended to a basis of the vector space.

**Proof 5.** Suppose  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  is L.I. in a  $f$ - $d$  vector space of  $V$ . Let  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  be a basis of  $V$ . Then,  $u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_n$  spans  $V$ . According to Lemma 2.1.21 and Theorem 2.1.22, we can reduce  $u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_n$  to some list of  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  and some  $w$ 's. ■

**Theorem 2.2.7**

Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Then, there is a subspace  $W$  of  $V$  s.t.  $V = U \oplus W$ .

**Proof 6.** Since  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$ ,  $U$ , as  $V$ 's subspace, is also  $f$ - $d$ . So,  $\exists$  a basis of  $U$ , say  $u_1, \dots, u_m$ . Then,  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  is L.I. and  $\in V$ . By Theorem 2.2.6, this list can be extended to a basis

$$u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_n \text{ of } V.$$

Let  $W = \text{span}(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ . We'll show  $V = U \oplus W$ .

1. WTS:  $V = U + W$ . Suppose  $v \in V$ . Then,

$$v = \underbrace{a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m}_{\in U} + \underbrace{b_1 w_1 + \dots + b_n w_n}_{\in W}.$$

So,  $v \in U + W$ , or  $V = U + W$ . □

2. WTS:  $U \cap W = \{0\}$ . Suppose  $v \in U \cap W$ . Then,  $v \in U$  and  $v \in W$ . So,

$$v = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m = b_1 w_1 + \dots + b_n w_n.$$

Hence,

$$a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m - b_1 w_1 - \dots - b_n w_n = 0. \quad (7)$$

Since by assumption,  $u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_n$  is a basis of  $V$ , so  $u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_n$  is L.I.. Therefore, the only way for Equation (7) to hold is when  $a_1 = \dots = a_m = b_1 = \dots = b_n = 0$ . Hence,  $v = 0u_1 + \dots + 0u_m = 0$ . That is,  $U \cap W = \{0\}$ .

Therefore, we've shown that  $V = U \oplus W$ . ■

## 2.3 Dimension

### Theorem 2.3.1

Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be two bases of  $V$ , then  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  have the same length.

**Proof 1.** Since  $B_1$  is L.I. in  $V$  and  $B_2$  spans  $V$ , by Theorem 2.1.22, we know  $\text{len}(B_1) \leq \text{len}(B_2)$ . Interchanging the roles of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ , we have  $\text{len}(B_2) \leq \text{len}(B_1)$ . So, we have  $\text{len}(B_1) = \text{len}(B_2)$ . ■

**Definition 2.3.2 (Dimension).** The *dimension* of a  $f$ -d vector space  $V$  is the length of any basis of  $V$ .

**Notation 2.3.3.** We use  $\dim V$  to denote the dimension of a  $f$ -d vector space  $V$ .

**Example 2.3.4**  $\dim \mathbb{F}^n = n$  and  $\dim \mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{F}) = m + 1$  ( $1, z, z^2, \dots, z^m$ ).

### Theorem 2.3.5

If  $V$  is  $f$ -d and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then  $\dim U \leq \dim V$ .

**Proof 2.** Let  $B_1$  be a basis of  $U$  and  $B_2$  be a basis of  $V$ . Then,  $B_1$  is a L.I. list of  $V$  and  $B_2$  spans  $V$ . Then, By Theorem 2.1.22, we know that  $\text{len}(B_1) \leq \text{len}(B_2)$ . So, by definition of dimension, we know  $\dim U \leq \dim V$ . ■

**Extension.** If  $V$  is  $f$ -d and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ , given  $U \subsetneq V$ , then  $\dim U < \dim V$ .

**Proof 3.** Let  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  be a basis of  $U$ . Since  $U \subsetneq V$ , we know  $V - U \neq \emptyset$ . So, choose  $v \in V - U$ . Then,  $v \notin \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m)$ . Therefore,  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v$  is L.I. in  $V$ . That is

$$\begin{aligned} \dim V &\geq \dim(\text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m, v)) \\ &> \dim(\text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m)) \\ &= \dim U. \end{aligned}$$

■

### Theorem 2.3.6

Let  $V$  be  $f$ -d, then every L.I. list of vectors in  $V$  with length  $\dim V$  is a basis of  $V$ .

**Proof 4.** Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  be L.I.. Let  $n = \dim V$ . When extending the list to basis, we get

$$\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \cup \emptyset$$

as a basis of  $V$ . That is,  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  has already been a basis of  $V$ . ■

**Remark.** The proof given above is not that straight-forward, so we are giving an easier-understanding proof as follows.

**Proof 5.** Suppose for the sake of contradiction that  $\exists v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  not a basis of  $V$  for  $n = \dim V$ . Then,  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n) \neq V$ . That is,  $\exists v_{n+1}$  s.t.  $v_{n+1} \notin \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ . Adding  $v_{n+1}$  to the vector list, we have  $v_1, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1}$  is L.I.. By Theorem 2.3.5, we know  $\text{len}(v_1, \dots, v_{n+1}) = n + 1 \leq \dim V$ . \* This contradicts with the fact that  $\dim V = n < n + 1$ . So, our assumption is incorrect, and it must be that  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ . ■

**Theorem 2.3.7**

Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$ . Then, every spanning list of vectors in  $V$  with length  $\dim V$  is a basis of  $V$ .

**Example 2.3.8** Show that  $1, (x-5)^2, (x-5)^3$  is a basis of the subspace  $U$  of  $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$  defined by

$$U = \{p \in \mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R}) \mid p'(5) = 0\}.$$

**Proof 6.** Consider  $a_1 + a_2(x-5)^2 + a_3(x-5)^3 = 0$ , we will get  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0$  easily from the equation. Then,  $1, (x-5)^2, (x-5)^3$  is L.I.. So, by Theorem 2.3.5, we know  $\dim U \geq 3$ . Since  $U \subsetneq \mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$ , we have  $\dim U < \dim \mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R}) = 4$ . Therefore,  $\dim U = 3 = \text{len}(1, (x-5)^2, (x-5)^3)$ . By Theorem 2.3.6, we know  $1, (x-5)^2, (x-5)^3$  is a basis of  $U$ . ■

**Theorem 2.3.9**

If  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are subspaces of a  $f$ - $d$  vector space, then

$$\dim(U_1 + U_2) = \dim(U_1) + \dim(U_2) - \dim(U_1 \cap U_2).$$

**Proof 7.** Let  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  be a basis of  $U_1 \cap U_2$ , then  $\dim(U_1 \cap U_2) = m$ . Also,  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  is L.I. in  $U_1$ , so we can extend it to a basis of  $U_1$  as  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j$ . Then,  $\dim(U_1) = m + j$ . Similarly, extending  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  to a basis of  $U_2$ , we will get  $u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_k$ . So,  $\dim(U_2) = m + k$ . Now, we want to show  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k$  is a basis of  $U_1 + U_2$ .

1. Since  $U_1, U_2 \subseteq \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k)$ , we know that

$$\text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k) = U_1 + U_2. \quad \square$$

2. Suppose  $a_1u_1 + \dots + a_mu_m + b_1v_1 + \dots + b_jv_j + c_1w_1 + \dots + c_kw_k = 0$ . Then we know that

$$c_1w_1 + \dots + c_kw_k = -a_1u_1 - \dots - a_mu_m - b_1v_1 - \dots - b_jv_j.$$

Since  $c_1w_1 + \dots + c_kw_k \in U_2$ , and  $-a_1u_1 - \dots - a_mu_m - b_1v_1 - \dots - b_jv_j \in U_1$ , we know that  $c_1w_1 + \dots + c_kw_k \in U_1 \cap U_2$ . Therefore,  $c_1w_1 + \dots + c_kw_k = d_1u_1 + \dots + d_mu_m$ . Since  $u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_k$  is L.I., we know  $c_1 = \dots = c_k = 0$ . So,  $-a_1u_1 - \dots - a_mu_m - b_1v_1 - \dots - b_jv_j = 0$ . Since  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j$  is L.I., we have  $a_1 = \dots = a_m = b_1 = \dots = b_j = 0$ . Therefore, we've proven  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k$  is L.I. and thus is a basis of  $U_1 + U_2$ . ■

Since  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k$  is a basis of  $U_1 + U_2$ , we know  $\dim(U_1 + U_2) = m + j + k$ . Further note that

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(U_1) + \dim(U_2) - \dim(U_1 \cap U_2) &= (m + j) + (m + k) - m \\ &= m + j + k \\ &= \dim(U_1 + U_2). \end{aligned}$$

■

### 3 Linear Maps

**Notation 3.0.1.** In this section, we use  $V$  and  $W$  to denote vector spaces over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

#### 3.1 The Vector Space of Linear Maps

**Definition 3.1.1 (Linear Map).** A *linear map* from  $V$  to  $W$  is a function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  with the following properties:

- additivity:  $T(u + v) = Tu + Tv \quad \forall u, v \in V$ .
- homogeneity:  $T(\lambda v) = \lambda(Tv) \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{F} \text{ and } \forall v \in V$ .

**Notation 3.1.2.** The set of all linear maps from  $V$  to  $W$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .

##### Example 3.1.3

1. Zero-mapping:  $0 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is defined by  $0v = 0$ .
2. Identity-mapping:  $I \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$  is defined by  $Iv = v$ .
3. Differentiation:  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$  is defined by  $Dp = p'$ .

**Proof 1.** Note that  $(f + g)' = f' + g'$  and  $(\lambda f)' = \lambda f'$ . ■

4. Integration:  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{R})$  is defined by  $Tp = \int_0^1 p(x) dx$

**Proof 2.** Note that  $\int_0^1 (f + g) = \int_0^1 f + \int_0^1 g$  and  $\int_0^1 \lambda f = \lambda \int_0^1 f$ . ■

5. Backward shift:  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^\infty, \mathbb{F}^\infty)$  as  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) = (x_2, x_3, \dots)$ .

**Proof 3.** Note that

$$\begin{aligned} T(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) + T(y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots) &= (x_2, x_3, \dots) + (y_2, y_3, \dots) \\ &= (x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3, \dots) \\ &= T(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3, \dots). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $T$  is additive. Homogeneity of  $T$  is trivial and thus omitted here. ■

6. From  $\mathbb{F}^n$  to  $\mathbb{F}^m$ , we define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^n, \mathbb{F}^m)$  as

$$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (A_{1,1}x_1 + \dots + A_{1,n}x_n, \dots, A_{m,1}x_1 + \dots + A_{m,n}x_n),$$

where  $A_{j,k} \in \mathbb{F} \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, m \text{ and } k = 1, \dots, n$ .

##### Theorem 3.1.4

Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in W$ . Then,  $\exists$  a unique linear map  $T : V \rightarrow W$  s.t.  $Tv_j = w_j \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Remark.** If  $T$  in Theorem 3.1.1 is a linear mapping, we should have

1.  $T(v_1 + \cdots + v_n) = Tv_1 + \cdots + Tv_n = w_1 + \cdots + w_n$ , by additivity of  $T$ , and
2.  $T(\lambda_j v_j) = \lambda_j Tv_j$ , by homogeneity of  $T$ .

Combine the two properties, we should have

$$T(\lambda_1 v_1 + \cdots + \lambda_n v_n) = \lambda_1 Tv_1 + \cdots = \lambda_n Tv_n = \lambda_1 w_1 + \cdots + \lambda_n w_n.$$

This remark will be very helpful in our following proof of the theorem.

**Proof 4.** Let's define  $T : V \rightarrow W$  by  $T(c_1 v_1 + \cdots + c_n v_n) = c_1 w_1 + \cdots + c_n w_n$ , where  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are arbitrary elements of  $\mathbb{F}$ . Now, we want to show that  $T$  is a linear mapping.

Suppose  $u, v \in V$ ,  $u = a_1 v_1 + \cdots + a_n v_n$ , and  $v = c_1 v_1 + \cdots + c_n v_n$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(u + v) &= T((a_1 + c_1)v_1 + \cdots + (a_n + c_n)v_n) \\ &= (a_1 + c_1)w_1 + \cdots + (a_n + c_n)w_n \\ &= (a_1 w_1 + \cdots + a_n w_n) + (c_1 w_1 + \cdots + c_n w_n) \\ &= Tu + Tv. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Now, we want to show  $T$  has homogeneity. Suppose  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then, we know

$$\begin{aligned} T(\lambda v) &= T(\lambda c_1 v_1 + \cdots + \lambda c_n v_n) \\ &= \lambda c_1 w_1 + \cdots + \lambda c_n w_n \\ &= \lambda(c_1 w_1 + \cdots + c_n w_n) \\ &= \lambda Tv. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Also, we want to show that this  $T$  satisfy the condition the theorem is asking (i.e.,  $Tv_j = w_j$ ). Note that when  $c_j = 0$  and other  $c$ 's equal 0, we will get  $Tv_j = w_j$ .  $\square$

Finally, we will prove the uniqueness of this  $T$ . Suppose that  $T' \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $T'v_j = w_j$ . Let  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then,  $T'(c_j v_j) = c_j w_j$ . So, we know that  $T'(c_1 v_1 + \cdots + c_n v_n) = c_1 w_1 + \cdots + c_n w_n$ . However, by definition, we know  $c_1 w_1 + \cdots + c_n w_n = T(c_1 v_1 + \cdots + c_n v_n)$ . So, we can conclude that  $T'(c_1 v_1 + \cdots + c_n v_n) = T(c_1 v_1 + \cdots + c_n v_n)$ . Thus,  $T' = T$ , and thus the  $T$  we defined above is unique in  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Definition 3.1.5 (Addition and Scalar Multiplication on  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ ).** Suppose  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then, the *addition* is defined as  $(S + T)(v) := Sv + Tv$ , and the *scalar multiplication* is defined as  $(\lambda T)(v) := \lambda(Tv) \quad \forall v \in V$ .

#### Theorem 3.1.6

$\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is a vector space.

**Proof 5.**

1. additive identity: Note that the zero-mapping  $0 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  satisfies the following equation:

$$(0 + T)(v) = 0v + Tv = 0 + Tv = Tv. \quad \square$$

2. commutativity: Note that

$$(S + T)(v) = Sv + Tv = Tv + Sv = (T + S)(v). \quad \square$$

3. associativity: Let  $S, T, R \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} ((S + T) + R)(v) &= (S + T)(v) + Rv = Sv + Tv + Rv \\ &= Sv + (Tv + Rv) \\ &= Sv + (T + R)(v) \\ &= (S + (T + R))(v). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then,

$$((ab)T)(v) = T(abv) = T(a(bv)) = aT(bv) = (a(bT))(v). \quad \square$$

4. multiplicative identity: Note we have  $1 \in \mathbb{F}$  s.t.

$$(1 \cdot T)(v) = T(1 \cdot v) = Tv. \quad \square$$

5. additive inverse: Note that

$$(T + (-T))(v) = Tv + (-T)(v) = Tv + T(-v) = T(v - v) = T0 = 0. \quad \square$$

6. distributivity: Note that

$$a(T + S)(v) = a(Tv + Sv) = aTv + aSv,$$

and

$$(a + b)Tv = T((a + b)v) = T(av + bv) = T(av) + T(bv) = aTv + bTv.$$

■

**Definition 3.1.7 (Product of Linear Maps).** If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then the *product*  $ST \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$  is defined by  $(ST)(u) = S(Tu) \quad \forall u \in U$ .

**Remark.** Compare this definition with composite functions.  $ST$  is only defined when  $T$  maps into the domain of  $S$ .

#### Theorem 3.1.8 Algebraic Properties of Products of Linear Maps

1. associativity:  $(T_1 T_2) T_3 = T_1 (T_2 T_3)$ .
2. identity:  $TI = IT = T$ , where  $I$  is the identity mapping
3. distributive properties:  $(S_1 + S_2)T = S_1 T + S_2 T$  and  $S(T_1 + T_2) = ST_1 + ST_2$ .

**Proof 6.** First, we want to show the associativity. Note that

$$[(T_1 T_2) T_3](v) = (T_1 T_2)(T_3 v) = (T_1)(T_2(T_3 v)) = (T_1)[(T_2 T_3)(v)]. \quad \square$$

Then, we want to show the identity. This proof can be done using the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 V & \xrightarrow{T} & W \\
 I_V \uparrow & & \downarrow I_W \\
 V & & W
 \end{array}
 \quad \square$$

Finally, we will show the distributive properties. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 [(S_1 + S_2)T](v) &= (S_1 + S_2)(Tv) = S_1(Tv) + S_2(Tv) \\
 &= (S_1T)(v) + (S_2T)(v) \\
 &= (S_1T + S_2T)(v).
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can show

$$\begin{aligned}
 [S(T_1 + T_2)](v) &= S[(T_1 + T_2)(v)] = S(T_1v + T_2v) \\
 &= S(T_1v) + S(T_2v) \\
 &= (ST_1)(v) + (ST_2)(v) \\
 &= (ST_1 + ST_2)(v).
 \end{aligned}$$

■

**Example 3.1.9** Suppose  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$  is the differentiation map, and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$  be defined by  $(Tp)(x) = x^2p(x)$ . Show that  $DT \neq TD$ .

**Proof 7.** Note that  $(DT)p = D(Tp) = D(x^2p(x)) = 2xp(x) + x^2p'(x)$ . Similarly, we can compute a general formula for  $TD$ :  $(TD)p = T(Dp) = T(p') = x^2p'(x)$ . Since  $2xp(x) + x^2p'(x) \neq x^2p'(x)$ , we know  $DT \neq TD$ . ■

### Theorem 3.1.10

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then  $T(0) = 0$ .

**Proof 8.** Since  $T(0) = T(0 + 0) = T(0) + T(0)$ , we know  $0 = T(0)$ , or  $T(0) = 0$ . ■

**Corollary 3.1.11** If  $T(0) \neq 0$ , then  $T \notin \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .

### 3.2 Null Spaces and Ranges

**Definition 3.2.1 (Null Space/Kernel).** For  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , the *null space* of  $T$ , denoted  $\text{null } T$ , is the subset of  $V$  consisting of those vectors that  $T$  maps to 0:  $\text{null } T = \{v \in V \mid Tv = 0\}$ .

**Remark.** Sometimes, null space of  $T$  is also called the kernal of  $T$ , denoted as  $\ker T$ .

#### Example 3.2.2

1. Null space of zero-mapping: Let  $T$  be the zero mapping from  $V$  to  $W$ . Since  $Tv = 0 \quad \forall v \in V$ , we know  $\text{null } T = V$ .
2.  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$  as  $Dp = p'$ :  $\text{null } D = \{a \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
3.  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^\infty, \mathbb{F}^\infty)$  as  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) = (x_2, x_3, \dots)$ :  $\text{null } T = \{(a, 0, 0, \dots) \mid a \in \mathbb{F}\}$ .

#### Theorem 3.2.3

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,  $\text{null } T$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

##### Proof 1.

1. Note that  $T(0) = 0$ , so  $0 \in \text{null } T$ .  $\square$
2. Suppose  $u, v \in \text{null } T$ . Then,  $Tu = Tv = 0$ . So,  $T(u + v) = Tu + Tv = 0 + 0 = 0$ . Hence,  $u + v \in \text{null } T$ .  $\square$
3. Suppose  $u \in \text{null } T$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then,  $Tu = 0$ . So,  $T(\lambda u) = \lambda Tu = \lambda \cdot 0 = 0$ . Therefore,  $\lambda u \in \text{null } T$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Definition 3.2.4 (Injective/Injection).** A function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is called *injective* if  $Tu = Tv$  implies  $u = v$ .

**Remark.** Sometimes, the contrapositive will be much more helpful:  $T$  is injective if  $u \neq v$ , then  $Tu \neq Tv$ .

#### Theorem 3.2.5

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,  $T$  is injective if and only if  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ .

##### Proof 2.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $T$  is an injective. We've already known that  $\{0\} \subseteq \text{null } T$ . Then, we need to show  $\text{null } T \subseteq \{0\}$ . Suppose  $v \in \text{null } T$ , then  $Tv = 0$ . However, since  $T$  is an injection, and  $Tv = T0 = 0$ , then we have  $v = 0$ . So,  $\text{null } T \subseteq \{0\}$ . Therefore, it's sufficient to say  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ .  $\square$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ . Suppose  $u, v \in V$  and  $Tu = Tv$ . Then,  $Tu - Tv = T(u - v) = 0$ . Hence,  $u - v \in \text{null } T$ . By  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ , we know  $u - v = 0$ , so  $u = v$ . Then,  $T$  is an injection.  $\blacksquare$

**Definition 3.2.6 (Range/Image).** For  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , the range of  $T$  is the subset of  $W$  consisting of those vectors that are of the form  $Tv$  for some  $v \in V$ :  $\text{range } T = \{Tv \mid v \in V\}$ .

#### Theorem 3.2.7

If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then  $\text{range } T$  is a subspace of  $W$ .

##### Proof 3.



1. Since  $T(0) = 0$ , we know  $0 \in \text{range } T$ .  $\square$
2. Suppose  $w_1, w_2 \in \text{range } T$ . Then,  $\exists v_1, v_2 \in V$  s.t.  $Tv_1 = w_1$  and  $Tv_2 = w_2$ . Then,  $w_1 + w_2 = Tv_1 + Tv_2 = T(v_1 + v_2)$ . Since  $v_1 + v_2 \in V$ , we have  $w_1 + w_2 = T(v_1 + v_2) \in \text{range } T$ .  $\square$
3. Suppose  $w \in \text{range } T$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then,  $\exists v \in V$  s.t.  $w = Tv$ . So,  $\lambda w = \lambda(Tv) = T(\lambda v)$ . Since  $\lambda v \in V$ ,  $\lambda w = T(\lambda v) \in \text{range } T$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Definition 3.2.8 (Surjective/Surjection).** A function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is called *surjective* if  $\text{range } T = W$ .

**Remark.** A function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is called a *bijection*, or is *bijjective*, if it is both injective and surjective.

**Theorem 3.2.9 Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps**

Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,  $\text{range } T$  is  $f$ - $d$  and

$$\dim V = \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T.$$

**Proof 4.** Let  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  be a basis of  $\text{null } T$ . Then,  $\dim \text{null } T = m$ . By Theorem 3.2.3, we know  $\text{null } T$  is a basis of  $V$ , so we can extend the basis to a basis of  $V$ :  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n$ . Thus,  $\dim V = m + n$ . WTS:  $\dim \text{range } T = n$ . Further WTS:  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n$  is a basis of  $\text{range } T$ .

Suppose  $v \in V$ . Then

$$v = a_1u_1 + \dots + a_mu_m + b_1v_1 + \dots + b_nv_n.$$

Since  $u_1, \dots, u_m \in \text{null } T$ , we know  $Tu_1, \dots, Tu_m = 0$ . Therefore,

$$Tv = a_1Tu_1 + \dots + a_mTu_m + b_1Tv_1 + \dots + b_nTv_n = b_1Tv_1 + \dots + b_nTv_n.$$

Hence,  $\text{span}(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n) = \text{range } T$ , and thus  $\text{range } T$  is  $f$ - $d$ . Now, WTS:  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n$  is L.I..

Consider  $c_1Tv_1 + \dots + c_nTv_n = 0$ . Then,  $T(c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n) = 0$ . Hence,  $c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n \in \text{null } T$ . Since  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  is a basis of  $\text{null } T$ , we know

$$c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n = d_1u_1 + \dots + d_mu_m \quad f.s. d_i \in \mathbb{F}.$$

So,

$$c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n - d_1u_1 - \dots - d_mu_m = 0. \quad (8)$$

However, by assumption, we know  $v_1, \dots, v_n, u_1, \dots, u_m$  is a basis of  $V$ , and thus it is L.I.. So, the only way to make Equation (8) hold is by taking  $c_1 = \dots = c_n = -d_1 = \dots = -d_m = 0$ . Therefore, we've shown  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n$  is L.I., and thus is a basis of  $\text{range } T$ . Then,  $\dim \text{range } T = n$ .

So, we've shown that  $\dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T = m + n = \dim V$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Theorem 3.2.10**

Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are  $f$ - $d$  vector spaces s.t.  $\dim V > \dim W$ . Then, no linear map from  $V$  to  $W$  is injective.

**Proof 5.** Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . By the Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps, we have  $\dim V = \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T$ . Then, we know

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \text{null } T &= \dim V - \dim \text{range } T \\ &\geq \dim V - \dim W > 0 \quad [\dim \text{range } T \leq \dim W] \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\text{null } T \neq \{0\}$ . So,  $T$  is not injective by Theorem 3.2.5. ■

**Theorem 3.2.11**

Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are  $f$ - $d$  vector space s.t.  $\dim V < \dim W$ . Then, no linear map from  $V$  to  $W$  is surjective.

**Proof 6.** We know

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \text{range } T &= \dim V - \dim \text{null } T \\ &\leq \dim V < \dim W \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $T$  cannot be surjective by definition. ■

**Example 3.2.12** Solving Linear Systems Using Linear Maps I

For a homogenous system of linear equations,

$$\begin{cases} A_{1,1}x_1 + \cdots + A_{1,n}x_n = 0 \\ \vdots \\ A_{m,1}x_1 + \cdots + A_{m,n}x_n = 0 \end{cases},$$

where  $A_{j,k} \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , we can defined a linear map  $T : \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$  as

$$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left( \sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k}x_k, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k}x_k \right).$$

Apparently,  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$  is a solution to the system, but the question is “If there are any non-zero solutions for this linear system?”

**Theorem 3.2.13**

A homogeneous system of linear equations with more variables than equations has non-zero solutions.

**Proof 7.** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,  $\dim V = n$  and  $\dim W = m$ . Suppose  $n > m$ . So,  $\dim V > \dim W$ . By the Theorem 3.2.5, we know  $T$  is not injective. ■

**Example 3.2.14** Solving Linear Systems Using Linear Maps II

For an inhomogeneous system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k}x_k = c_1 \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k}x_k = c_m \end{cases},$$

where  $A_{j,k} \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $(c_1, \dots, c_m) \in \mathbb{F}^m$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , we can define  $T : \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$  by

$$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left( \sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k}x_k, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k}x_k \right).$$

However, in this case,  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$  may not be a solution to the system.

**Theorem 3.2.15**

An inhomogeneous system of linear equations with more equations than variables has no solution for some choice of the constant terms.

**Proof 8.** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . So,  $\dim V = n$  and  $\dim W = m$ . Suppose  $n < m$ . Then,  $\dim V < \dim W$ . By Theorem 3.2.11, we know  $T$  is not surjective. ■

### 3.3 Matrices

**Definition 3.3.1 (Matrix).** Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . An  $m$ -by- $n$  *matrix*  $A$  is a rectangular array of elements of  $\mathbb{F}$  with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The notation  $A_{j,k}$  denotes the entry in row  $j$ , column  $k$  of  $A$ .

**Definition 3.3.2 (Matrix of a Linear Map).** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  is a basis of  $W$ . The *matrix of  $T$*  with respect to these bases is the  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  whose  $A_{j,k}$  are defined by

$$Tv_k = A_{1,k}w_1 + \cdots + A_{m,k}w_m.$$

If the bases are not clear from the context, then the notation  $\mathcal{M}(T, (v_1, \dots, v_n), (w_1, \dots, w_m))$  is used.

**Example 3.3.3** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^2, \mathbb{F}^3)$  is defined by  $T(x, y) = (x + 3y, 2x + 5y, 7x + 9y)$ . Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the standard bases of  $\mathbb{F}^2$  and  $\mathbb{F}^3$ .

**Answer 1.**

Note that  $T(1, 0) = (1, 2, 7)$  and  $T(0, 1) = (3, 5, 9)$ . Then,

$$\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 7 & 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**Example 3.3.4** Suppose  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  is the differentiation map defined by  $Dp = p'$ . Find the matrix of  $D$  with respect to the standard bases of  $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Answer 2.**

Standard bases of  $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$  :  $1, x, x^2, x^3$ . Standard bases of  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  :  $1, x, x^2$ . Since  $(x^n)' = nx^{n-1}$ , so we have

$$D(1) = 0 = 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x^2$$

$$D(x) = 1 = 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x^2$$

$$D(x^2) = 2x = 0 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x^2$$

$$D(x^3) = 3x^2 = 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot x + 3 \cdot x^2$$

So, we have

$$\mathcal{M}(D) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**Definition 3.3.5 (Matrix Addition).** The *sum of two matrices of the same size* is the matrix obtained by

adding corresponding entries in the matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} C_{1,1} & \cdots & C_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ C_{m,1} & \cdots & C_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} + C_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} + C_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} + C_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} + C_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Theorem 3.3.6**

Suppose  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,  $\mathcal{M}(S + T) = \mathcal{M}(S) + \mathcal{M}(T)$ .

**Proof 3.** Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be a basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  be a basis of  $W$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{M}(S) = A$  and  $\mathcal{M}(T) = C$ . Then, if  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (S + T)v_k &= Sv_k + Tv_k \\ &= (A_{1,k}w_1 + \cdots + A_{m,k}w_m) + (C_{1,k}w_1 + \cdots + C_{m,k}w_m) \\ &= (A_{1,k} + C_{1,k})w_1 + \cdots + (A_{m,k} + C_{m,k})w_m. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have  $\mathcal{M}(S + T) = \mathcal{M}(S) + \mathcal{M}(T)$ . ■

**Definition 3.3.7 (Scalar Multiplication of a Matrix).** The *product of a scalar and a matrix* is the matrix obtained by multiplying each entry in the matrix by the scalar:

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda A_{1,1} & \cdots & \lambda A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \lambda A_{m,1} & \cdots & \lambda A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

In other words,  $(\lambda A)_{j,k} = \lambda A_{j,k}$ .

**Theorem 3.3.8**

Suppose  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,  $\mathcal{M}(\lambda T) = \lambda \mathcal{M}(T)$ .

**Proof 4.** Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be a basis of  $V$  and  $\mathcal{M}(T) = A$ . When  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , note that

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda T)v_k &= \lambda(Tv_k) \\ &= \lambda(A_{1,k}w_1 + \cdots + A_{m,k}w_m) \\ &= (\lambda A_{1,k})w_1 + \cdots + (\lambda A_{m,k})w_m. \end{aligned}$$

So,  $\mathcal{M}(\lambda T) = \lambda \mathcal{M}(T)$ . ■

**Notation 3.3.9.**  $\mathbb{F}^{m,n} :=$  the set of all  $m \times n$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{F}$ .

**Theorem 3.3.10**

Suppose  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . With addition and scalar multiplication defined above,  $\mathbb{F}^{m,n}$  is a vector space and  $\dim \mathbb{F}^{m,n} = mn$ .

**Proof 5.** It is trivial to prove  $\mathbb{F}^{m,n}$  is a vector space. □

Define  $A_{j,k}$  as the matrix with 1 on its  $j^{\text{th}}$  row,  $k^{\text{th}}$  column and 0 elsewhere. Then, we can see that  $A_{j,k}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$  and  $k = 1, \dots, n$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ . So,  $\dim \mathbb{F}^{m,n} = m \cdot n$ . ■

**Definition 3.3.11 (Matrix Multiplication).** Suppose  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $C$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix. Then,

$AC$  is defined to be the  $m \times p$  matrix whose entry in row  $j$ . column  $k$  is given by

$$(AC)_{j,k} = \sum_{r=1}^n A_{j,r} C_{r,k}.$$

**Remark.** Matrix multiplication is not commutative. i.e.,  $AC \neq CA$ . However, it is distributive and associative.

**Theorem 3.3.12**

If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then  $\mathcal{M}(ST) = \mathcal{M}(S)\mathcal{M}(T)$ .

**Notation 3.3.13.** Suppose  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix.

1. If  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , then  $A_{j,\cdot}$  denotes the  $1 \times n$  matrix consisting of row  $j$  of  $A$ .
2. If  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , then  $A_{\cdot,k}$  denotes the  $m \times 1$  matrix consisting of column  $k$  of  $A$ .

In other words,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}; \quad A_{j,\cdot} = (A_{j,1} \quad \cdots \quad A_{j,n}) \in \mathbb{F}^{1,n}; \quad A_{\cdot,k} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,k} \\ \vdots \\ A_{m,k} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{F}^{m,1}.$$

**Theorem 3.3.14 Practical Interpretations of Matrix Multiplication**

1. Suppose  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $C$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix. Then,  $(AC)_{j,k} = A_{j,\cdot} C_{\cdot,k}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq m$  and  $1 \leq k \leq p$ .
2. Suppose  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $C$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix. Then,  $(AC)_{\cdot,k} = AC_{\cdot,k}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq p$ .

3. Suppose  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $C = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$  is an  $n \times 1$  matrix. Then,

$$AC = c_1 A_{\cdot,1} + \cdots + c_n A_{\cdot,n}.$$

In other words,  $AC$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ , with the scalars that multiply the columns coming from  $C$ .

**Example 3.3.15**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 5 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 19 \\ 31 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### 3.4 Invertibility and Isomorphic Vector Spaces

**Definition 3.4.1 (Invertible).** A linear map  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is called *invertible* if  $\exists$  a linear map  $S \in \mathcal{L}(W, V)$  s.t.  $ST$  equals the identity map on  $V$  and  $TS$  equals the identity map on  $W$ .

**Definition 3.4.2 (Inverse).** A linear map  $S \in \mathcal{L}(W, V)$  satisfying  $ST = I$  and  $TS = I$  is called an *inverse* of  $T$ .

**Theorem 3.4.3**

An invertible linear map has a unique inverse.

**Proof 1.** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is invertible. Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be inverses of  $T$ . Then,

$$S_1 = S_1 I = S_1 (TS_2) = (S_1 T) S_2 = I S_2 = S_2.$$

Thus,  $S_1 = S_2$ , and so inverse is unique. ■

**Notation 3.4.4.** If  $T$  is invertible, then its inverse is denoted by  $T^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 3.4.5**

A linear map is invertible if and only if it is injective and surjective.

**Proof 2.**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  be invertible. Then,  $TT^{-1} = I_W$  and  $T^{-1}T = I_V$ . Let  $Tv = 0$ . Note that  $(T^{-1}T)v = 0$ , so  $Iv = 0$  and thus  $v = 0$ . Therefore,  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ , and so  $T$  is an injection.

To show  $T$  is surjective, suppose  $w \in W$ . Note that since  $T^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(W, V)$ ,  $T^{-1}w \in V$ . So,

$$T(T^{-1}w) = (TT^{-1})w = I_W w = w \in W.$$

Therefore,  $T^{-1}w$  is the  $v \in V$  we intend to find. Hence,  $T$  is also a surjection. □

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $T$  be surjective and injective. For  $w \in W$ , define  $Sw \in V$  s.t.  $T(Sw) = w$ . So, we know  $Sw$  is unique. Since  $(T \circ S)w = w$ , we know  $(T \circ S) = I_W$ . Consider  $(S \circ T)v = S(Tv)$ , we have  $T(S(Tv)) = Tv$ , by definition of  $S$ . Since  $T$  is injective, we know  $S(Tv) = v$ . So,  $(S \circ T)v = v$ , and thus  $ST = I_V$ . Therefore  $T$  is invertible.

Now, we want to show  $S$  is a linear map. Let  $w_1, w_2 \in W$ , then

$$T(S(w_1 + w_2)) = (TS)(w_1 + w_2) = I_W(w_1 + w_2) = w_1 + w_2.$$

By definition,  $w_1 + w_2 = T(Sw_1) + T(Sw_2) = T(Sw_1 + Sw_2)$ . So,  $T(S(w_1 + w_2)) = T(Sw_1 + Sw_2)$ . By  $T$  is an injection, we have  $S(w_1 + w_2) = Sw_1 + Sw_2$ . So,  $S$  is additive. Further consider

$$T(S(\lambda w)) = \lambda w = \lambda(T(Sw)) = T(\lambda Sw)$$

for some  $w \in W$ . Again, since  $T$  is injective,  $S(\lambda w) = \lambda Sw$ . So,  $S$  has homogeneity. Then,  $S$  is a linear map. ■

**Definition 3.4.6 (Isomorphism).** An *isomorphism* is an invertible linear map.

**Definition 3.4.7 (Isomorphic).** Two vector spaces are called *isomorphic* if there is an isomorphism from one vector space onto the other one.

**Notation 3.4.8.** If two vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$  are isomorphic, we denote them as  $V \cong W$ .

**Theorem 3.4.9**

Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are  $f$ -d vector spaces, then  $V \cong W$  if and only if  $\dim V = \dim W$ .

**Proof 3.**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $V \cong W$ . By Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps, we know

$$\dim V = \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T.$$

Since  $V \cong W$ ,  $T$  is invertible and thus is injective and surjective. So,  $\dim \text{null } T = 0$  and  $\dim \text{range } T = \dim W$ . Therefore,  $\dim V = 0 + \dim W = \dim W$ .  $\square$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $\dim V = \dim W$ . Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  are bases of  $V$  and  $W$ , respectively. Then,  $\dim V = \dim W = n$ . Here, we want to define a bijection between  $V$  and  $W$ . Let  $T$  be defined as  $Tv_i = w_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ).

Let  $Tv = 0$ . Then,  $T(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n) = 0$ . So, by definition,  $a_1w_1 + \dots + a_nw_n = 0$ . Since  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  is a basis, we have  $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$ . So,  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ , and thus  $T$  is an injection.

Let  $w \in W$  be any vector. Then, we know  $w = c_1w_1 + \dots + c_nw_n$ . Note that, by definition of  $T$ , we have  $T(c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n) = c_1w_1 + \dots + c_nw_n$ . Hence,  $\forall w \in W, \exists v = c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n \in V$  s.t.  $Tv = w$ . Therefore,  $T$  is a surjection.

Finally, it is trivial to show that  $T$  is indeed a linear map, and so the proof is complete.  $\blacksquare$

**Theorem 3.4.10**

Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  is a basis of  $W$ . then,  $\mathcal{M}$  is an isomorphism between  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $\mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ .

**Proof 4.** We already know  $\mathcal{M}$  is linear, so we just need to show  $\mathcal{M}$  is a bijection.

To prove  $\mathcal{M}$  is injective, consider  $\mathcal{M}(T) = 0$  for some  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . So, we get  $Tv_k = 0$ . Since  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ , we know  $Tv = 0 \quad \forall v \in V$ . Then,  $T$  is the zero-mapping, or  $T = 0$ . Therefore,  $\text{null } \mathcal{M} = \{0\}$ .

To show  $\mathcal{M}$  is surjective, suppose  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ . Let  $T$  be a linear map from  $V$  to  $W$  s.t.

$$Tv_k = \sum_{j=1}^m A_{j,k} w_j, \quad k = 1, \dots, n.$$

Obviously,  $\mathcal{M}(T) = A$ , and thus  $\text{range } \mathcal{M} = \mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ . So,  $\mathcal{M}$  is also a surjection.  $\blacksquare$

**Theorem 3.4.11**

Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are  $f$ -d. Then,  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is  $f$ -d and  $\dim \mathcal{L}(V, W) = (\dim V)(\dim W)$ .

**Proof 5.** By Theorem 3.4.10 and Theorem 3.4.9, we know  $\dim \mathcal{L}(V, W) = \dim \mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ . Further by Theorem 3.3.10, we know  $\dim \mathbb{F}^{m,n} = (m)(n)$ . As  $\dim V = n$  and  $\dim W = m$ , so we have

$$\dim \mathcal{L}(V, W) = (\dim V)(\dim W).$$

**Definition 3.4.12 (Matrix of a Vector,  $\mathcal{M}(v)$ ).** Suppose  $v \in V$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ . The *matrix*



of  $v$  with respect to this basis is the  $n \times 1$  matrix

$$\mathcal{M}(v) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are scalars s.t.  $v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$ .

**Theorem 3.4.13**  $\mathcal{M}(T)_{\cdot, k} = \mathcal{M}(v_k)$

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  is a basis of  $W$ . Let  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Then, the  $k^{\text{th}}$  column of  $\mathcal{M}(T)$ , which is denoted by  $\mathcal{M}(T)_{\cdot, k}$ , equals  $\mathcal{M}(v_k)$ .

**Proof 6.** This theorem is an immediate result by definitions of matrix of a linear mapping and a vector. ■

**Theorem 3.4.14**

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $v \in V$ . Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  is a basis of  $W$ . Then,  $\mathcal{M}(Tv) = \mathcal{M}(T)\mathcal{M}(v)$ .

**Proof 7.** Note that  $v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$ , so we have  $Tv = c_1 Tv_1 + \dots + c_n Tv_n$ . So, by Theorem 3.4.13, we know

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(Tv) &= c_1 \mathcal{M}(Tv_1) + \dots + c_n \mathcal{M}(Tv_n) \\ &= c_1 \mathcal{M}(T)_{\cdot, 1} + \dots + c_n \mathcal{M}(T)_{\cdot, n} \\ &= \mathcal{M}(T)\mathcal{M}(v). \end{aligned}$$

The final equality holds due to our interpretation of matrix multiplication as column linear combinations (Theorem 3.3.14(3)) ■

**Remark.**  $\mathcal{M} : \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^{n,1}$  is an isomorphism:

$$v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Proof 8.** Suppose  $\mathcal{M}(v) = 0$  :  $\mathcal{M}(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n) = 0$ . So, we have  $c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_n w_n = 0$ . Since  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  is a basis,  $c_1 = \dots = c_n = 0$ . So,  $v = 0$ . Therefore,  $\text{null } \mathcal{M} = \{0\}$ , and so  $\mathcal{M}$  is injective. □

Now, prove  $\mathcal{M}$  is surjective. Note that  $\forall \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$ , we have  $\mathcal{M}(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$ . So,  $\mathcal{M}$  is a surjection. □

Finally, it's trivial to prove  $\mathcal{M}$  is a linear map. □

Since  $\mathcal{M}$  is both surjective and injective,  $\mathcal{M}$  is an isomorphism. ■

**Definition 3.4.15 (Operator).** A linear map from a vector space to itself is called an *operator*.

**Notation 3.4.16.** The notation  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  denotes the set of all operators on  $V$ . So,  $\mathcal{L}(v) = \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ .

**Theorem 3.4.17**

Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Then, the following are equivalent: (a)  $T$  is invertible; (b)  $T$  is injective; and (c)  $T$  is surjective.

**Proof 9.**

1. Clearly (a) implies (b).  $\square$

2. Suppose (b):  $T$  is injective. So,  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ . Then, by Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps, we know

$$\dim V = \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T = 0 + \dim \text{range } T.$$

Since  $\dim \text{range } T = \dim V$ , we know  $T$  is surjective.  $\square$

3. Suppose (c):  $T$  is surjective. So,  $\text{range } T = V$ . Then, by Fundamental Theorem of Linear maps, we have

$$\dim \text{null } T = \dim V - \dim \text{range } T = 0.$$

So,  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ , and thus  $T$  is injective. Since  $T$  is surjective and injective,  $T$  is invertible. ■

**Example 3.4.18** Show that for each polynomial  $q \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ , there exists a polynomial  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  such that  $((x^2 + 5x + 7)p)'' = q$ .

**Proof 10.** We know that every non-zero polynomial must have a degree of  $m$ . So, we can think of this problem under  $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{R})$ . Note that

$$((x^2 + 5x + 7)p)'' = 2p + (4x + 10)p' + (x^2 + 5x + 7)p'' = q.$$

Therefore, the degree of  $p$  and  $q$  should be the same. Define  $T : \mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{R})$  as

$$Tp = ((x^2 + 5x + 7)p)'.$$

Then,  $T$  is an operator on  $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{R})$ . Consider  $Tp = 0$ . We have  $ax + b = (x^2 + 5x + 7)p$ . Note that only when  $p = 0$ , the equation above holds. So, it must be that  $p = 0$  when  $Tp = 0$ . That is,  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ , and so  $T$  is injective. By Theorem 3.4.18, we know  $T$  is also surjective, and so our proof is complete. ■

### 3.5 Duality

**Definition 3.5.1 (Linear Functional).** A *linear functional* on  $V$  is a linear map from  $V$  to  $\mathbb{F}$ . That is, a linear functional is an element of  $\mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F})$ .

**Example 3.5.2**

1. Fix  $(c_1, \dots, c_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$ . Define  $\varphi : \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  by  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) = c_1x_1 + \dots + c_nx_n$ . Then,  $\varphi$  is a linear functional on  $\mathbb{F}^n$ .
2. Define  $\varphi : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $\varphi(p) = 3p''(5) + 7p(4)$ .
3. Define  $\varphi : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $\varphi(p) = \int_0^1 p(x)dx$ .

**Definition 3.5.3 (Dual Space/ $V'/V^*$ ).** The *dual space* of  $V$ , denoted as  $V'$ , is the vector space of all linear functionals on  $V$ . In other words,  $V' = \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F})$ .

**Theorem 3.5.4**

Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$ . Then,  $V'$  is also  $f$ - $d$  and  $\dim V' = \dim V$ .

**Proof 1.** Note that for a general linear map,  $\mathcal{L}(V, W) \cong \mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ . So,  $\mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F}) = V' \cong \mathbb{F}^{1,n}$ . Hence,

$$\dim V' = \dim \mathbb{F}^{1,n} = 1 \cdot n = n = \dim V.$$

■

**Definition 3.5.5 (Dual Basis).** If  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ , then the *dual basis* of  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is the list  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  of elements of  $V'$ , where each  $\varphi_j$  is the linear functional on  $V$  s.t.

$$\varphi_j(v_k) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = j \\ 0 & \text{if } k \neq j \end{cases}.$$

**Example 3.5.6** Find the dual basis of  $e_1, \dots, e_n \in \mathbb{F}^n$

**Answer 2.**

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \varphi_1(e_1) = 1 & \varphi_2(e_1) = 0 & \cdots & \varphi_n(e_1) = 0 \\ \varphi_1(e_2) = 0 & \varphi_2(e_2) = 1 & \cdots & \varphi_n(e_2) = 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \varphi_1(e_n) = 0 & \varphi_2(e_n) = 0 & \cdots & \varphi_n(e_n) = 1 \end{array}$$

Define  $\varphi_j$  as

$$\varphi_j(x) = \varphi_j(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1\varphi_j(e_1) + \dots + x_j\varphi_j(e_j) + \dots + x_n\varphi_j(e_n) = x_j.$$

□

**Theorem 3.5.7**

Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ -d. Then, the dual basis of a basis of  $V$  is a basis of  $V'$ .

**Proof 3.** Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  denotes the dual basis. Since we've shown  $\dim V = \dim V'$  in Theorem 3.5.4, we only need to show  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  is L.I.. Select  $c_1\varphi_1 + \dots + c_n\varphi_n = 0$ . Then,

$$(c_1\varphi_1 + \dots + c_n\varphi_n)(v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V.$$

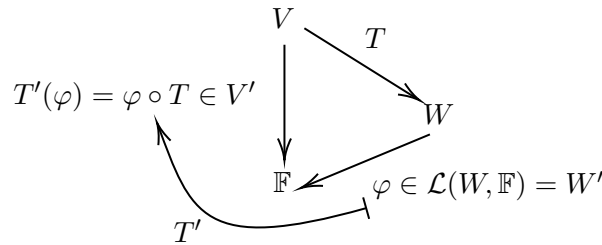
Suppose  $v = v_1 + \dots + v_n$ , then

$$(c_1\varphi_1 + \dots + c_n\varphi_n)(v_j) = c_j \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n.$$

So,  $(c_1\varphi_1 + \dots + c_n\varphi_n)(v) = c_1 + \dots + c_n = 0$ . So, it must be that  $c_1 = \dots = c_n = 0$ . Therefore,  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  is L.I. and our proof is complete. ■

**Definition 3.5.8 (Dual Map).** If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then the *dual map* of  $T$  is the linear map  $T' \in \mathcal{L}(W', V')$  defined by  $T'(\varphi) = \varphi \circ T$  for  $\varphi \in W'$ .

**Remark.** The following diagram represents dual map (but not an exact representation).



Also, dual map is a linear map, so it is additive and homogeneous.

1.  $T'(\varphi + \psi) = (\varphi + \psi) \circ T = \varphi \circ T + \psi \circ T = T'(\varphi) + T'(\psi)$ .
2.  $T'(\lambda\varphi) = (\lambda\varphi) \circ T = \lambda(\varphi \circ T) = \lambda T'(\varphi)$ .

**Example 3.5.9** Suppose  $D : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  as  $Dp = p'$ .

1. Define a linear functional  $\varphi : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $\varphi(p) = p(3)$ . Find  $D'(\varphi)$ .

**Answer 4.**

$$(D'(\varphi))(p) = (\varphi \circ D)(p) = \varphi(Dp) = \varphi(p') = p'(3).$$

□

2. Define  $\varphi : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , a linear functional, as  $\varphi(p) = \int_0^1 p(x) dx$ . Find  $D'(\varphi)$ .

**Answer 5.**

$$(D'(\varphi))(p) = (\varphi \circ D)(p) = \varphi(Dp) = \varphi(p') = \int_0^1 p'(x) dx = p(1) - p(0).$$

□

**Theorem 3.5.10 Algebraic Properties of Dual Maps**

1.  $(S + T)' = S' + T' \quad \forall S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$
2.  $(\lambda T)' = \lambda T' \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$
3.  $(ST)' = T'S' \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V) \text{ and } S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$

**Proof 6.**

1.  $(S + T)' \in \mathcal{L}(W', V')$ . Let  $\varphi \in W'$ . Then,

$$(S + T)'(\varphi) = \varphi \circ (S + T) = \varphi \circ S + \varphi \circ T = S'(\varphi) + T'(\varphi) = (S' + T')(\varphi). \quad \square$$

2.  $(\lambda T)' \in \mathcal{L}(W', V')$ . Let  $\varphi \in W'$ . Then,

$$(\lambda T)'(\varphi) = \varphi \circ (\lambda T) = \lambda(\varphi \circ T) = \lambda T'(\varphi) = (\lambda T')(\varphi). \quad \square$$

3.  $(ST)' \in \mathcal{L}(W', U')$ . Let  $\varphi \in W'$ . Then,

$$(ST)'(\varphi) = \varphi \circ (ST) = \varphi \circ (S \circ T) = (\varphi \circ S) \circ T = (S'(\varphi)) \circ T = T'(S'(\varphi)) = (T'S')(\varphi).$$

■

**Definition 3.5.11 (Transpose/ $A^t$ ).** The transpose of a matrix  $A$ , denoted  $A^t$ , is the matrix obtained from  $A$  by interchanging the rows and columns. i.e.,  $(A^t)_{k,j} = A_{j,k}$ .

**Remark.** Transpose is additive and homogeneous. That is,  $(A + C)^t = A^t + C^t$  and  $(\lambda A)^t = \lambda A^t$ .

**Theorem 3.5.12**

If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $C$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix, then  $(AC)^t = C^t A^t$ .

**Proof 7.** Note that

$$(AC)^t_{k,j} = (AC)_{j,k} = \sum_{r=1}^n A_{j,r} C_{r,k} = \sum_{r=1}^n (C^t)_{k,r} (A^t)_{r,j} = (C^t A^t)_{k,j}$$

■

**Theorem 3.5.13**

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,  $\mathcal{M}(T') = (\mathcal{M}(T))^t$ .

**Proof 8.** Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ ,  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  is a basis of  $W$ ,  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  is a basis of  $V'$ , and  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_m$  is a basis of  $W'$ . Let  $A = \mathcal{M}(T)$  and  $C = \mathcal{M}(T')$ . Since  $T'(\psi_j) = C_{1,j}\varphi_1 + \dots + C_{n,j}\varphi_n$  and  $T'(\psi_j) = \psi_j \circ T$ , we have  $\psi_j \circ T = C_{1,j}\varphi_1 + \dots + C_{n,j}\varphi_n$ . Consider

$$(\psi_j \circ T)(v_k) = (C_{1,j}\varphi_1 + \dots + C_{n,j}\varphi_n)(v_k) = C_{k,j}\varphi_k(v_k) = C_{k,j}.$$

Also, we have

$$(\psi_j \circ T)(v_k) = \psi_j(Tv_k) = \psi_j(A_{1,k}w_1 + \cdots + A_{m,k}w_m) = \psi_j(A_{j,k}w_j) = A_{j,k}(\varphi_j(w_j)) = A_{j,k}.$$

Therefore, we have  $A_{j,k} = C_{k,j}$ , and thus  $A = C^t$ . So,  $\mathcal{M}(T) = (\mathcal{M}(T'))^t$ . ■

**Definition 3.5.14 (Annihilator/ $U^0$ ).** For  $U \subseteq V$ , the *annihilator* of  $U$ , denoted as  $U^0$ , is defined by

$$U^0 = \{\varphi \in V' \mid \varphi(u) = 0 \quad \forall u \in U\}.$$

**Theorem 3.5.15**

Suppose  $U \subseteq V$ . Then  $U^0$  is a subspace of  $V'$ .

**Proof 9.**

1.  $0 \in U^0$ : Since  $0(u) = 0 \quad \forall u \in U$ , then  $0 \in U^0$ . □

2. Let  $\varphi, \psi \in U^0$ . Then,

$$(\varphi + \psi)(u) = \varphi(u) + \psi(u) = 0.$$

So,  $\varphi + \psi \in U^0$ . □

3. Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $\varphi \in U^0$ . Then

$$(\lambda\varphi)(u) = \lambda\varphi(u) = \lambda \cdot 0 = 0.$$

So,  $\lambda\varphi \in U^0$ . ■

**Lemma 3.5.16** Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  vector space. If  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$ , then there exists  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  s.t.  $Tu = Su \quad \forall u \in U$ .

**Proof 10.** Suppose  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  is a basis of  $U$ . Then, we can extend it to a basis of  $V$  as  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_{m+1}, \dots, v_n$ . Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  as  $Tu_i = Su_i, Tv_j = 0$ , where  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $j = m+1, \dots, n$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} Tu &= T(a_1u_1 + \cdots + a_mu_m) \\ &= a_1Tu_1 + \cdots + a_mTu_m \\ &= a_1Su_1 + \cdots + a_mSu_m \\ &= S(a_1u_1 + \cdots + a_mu_m) = Su. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we've found such a  $T$ . ■

**Theorem 3.5.17**

Let  $V$  be  $f$ - $d$  and  $U$  be a subspace of  $V$ , then  $\dim U + \dim U^0 = \dim V$ .

**Proof 11.** Let  $i \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$  as  $i(u) = u \quad \forall u \in U$ . Then,  $i' \in \mathcal{L}(V', U')$ . So, by Fundamental Theorem of Linear Map, we know

$$\dim V' = \dim \text{null } i' + \dim \text{range } i'. \quad (9)$$

By Theorem 3.5.4, we know  $\dim V = \dim V'$ . Note that  $U^0 = \{\varphi \in V' \mid \varphi(u) = 0 \quad \forall u \in U\}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{null } i' &= \{\varphi \in V' \mid i'(\varphi) = 0\} \\ &= \{\varphi \in V' \mid \varphi \circ i = 0\} \\ &= \{\varphi \in V' \mid (\varphi \circ i)(u) = 0 \quad \forall u \in U\} \\ &= \{\varphi \in V' \mid \varphi(u) = 0 \quad \forall u \in U\} \end{aligned}$$

So,  $U^0 = \text{null } i'$ , and thus  $\dim \text{null } i' = \dim U^0$ .

Further, if  $\varphi \in U'$ , then  $\varphi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ . By Lemma 3.5.16,  $\varphi$  can be extended to  $\psi \in V'$  with  $\psi(u) = \varphi(u) \quad \forall u \in U$ . Note that  $i'(\psi) = \psi \circ i$ , so  $(\psi \circ i)(u) = \psi(u) = \varphi(u) \quad \forall u \in U$ . Then,  $\exists \psi \in V'$  s.t.  $i'(\psi) = \varphi$ . So,  $\varphi \in \text{range } i'$ . So,  $\dim \text{range } i' = \dim U' = \dim U$ .

Substitute  $\dim V' = \dim V$ ,  $\dim \text{null } i' = \dim U^0$ , and  $\dim \text{range } i' = \dim U$  to Equation (9), we get

$$\dim V = \dim U^0 + \dim U.$$

### Theorem 3.5.18 The Null Space of $T'$

Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are  $f$ -d and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,

1.  $\text{null } T' = (\text{range } T)^0$
2.  $\dim \text{null } T' = \dim \text{null } T + \dim W - \dim V$

#### Proof 12.

1. ( $\subseteq$ ) Suppose  $\varphi \in \text{null } T' \subseteq W'$ . Then,  $T'(\varphi) = \varphi \circ T = 0 \in V'$ . So, we know

$$(\varphi \circ T)(v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V. \quad \text{i.e., } \varphi(Tv) = 0.$$

Note that  $Tv \in \text{range } T$ . By definition, we have  $\varphi \in (\text{range } T)^0$   $\square$

( $\supseteq$ ) Suppose  $\varphi \in (\text{range } T)^0$ . Then,  $\varphi(w) = 0 \quad \forall w \in \text{range } T$ . That is,  $\varphi(Tv) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V$ . So,  $(\varphi \circ T)(v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V$ . Hence, we know  $\varphi \circ T = T'(\varphi) = 0 \in V'$ . Thus,  $\varphi \in \text{null } T'$   $\blacksquare$

- 2.

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \text{null } T' &= \dim(\text{range } T)^0 \\ &= \dim W - \dim \text{range } T \\ &= \dim W - (\dim V - \dim \text{null } T) \\ &= \dim W - \dim V + \dim \text{null } T. \end{aligned}$$

### Theorem 3.5.19

Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are  $f$ -d and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,  $T$  is surjective if and only if  $T'$  is injective.

#### Proof 13.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $T$  is surjective. Then,  $\dim \text{range } T = W$ . So,  $(\text{range } T)^0 = \{0\}$ . Hence,

$$\dim \text{null } T' = \dim(\text{range } T)^0 = 0.$$

Thus,  $T'$  is injective.  $\square$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $T'$  is injective. Then,

$$\dim \text{null } T' = 0.$$

So,  $\dim(\text{range } T)^0 = \dim \text{null } T' = 0$ . Then,  $(\text{range } T)^0 = \{0\}$ . So,  $\dim \text{range } T = W$ , and thus  $T$  is surjective.  $\blacksquare$

**Theorem 3.5.20 The Range of  $T'$**

Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are  $f$ -d and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,

1.  $\dim \text{range } T' = \dim \text{range } T$
2.  $\text{range } T' = (\text{null } T)^0$

**Proof 14.**

1. By Fundamental Theorem of Linear Map, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \text{range } T' &= \dim W' - \dim \text{null } T' \\ &= \dim W' - \dim(\text{range } T)^0 \\ &= \dim W' - \dim W' + \dim \text{range } T \\ &= \dim \text{range } T. \end{aligned}$$

2. Suppose  $\varphi \in \text{range } T' \subseteq V'$ . Then,  $\exists \psi \in W'$  s.t.  $T'(\psi) = \psi \circ T = \varphi$ . Let  $v \in \text{null } T$ . Then,

$$\varphi(v) = (\psi \circ T)(v) = \psi(Tv) = \psi(0) = 0.$$

Then,  $\varphi \in (\text{null } T)^0$ . So,  $\text{range } T' \subseteq (\text{null } T)^0$ .  $\square$

Note that

$$\dim \text{range } T' = \dim \text{range } T = \dim V - \dim \text{null } T = \dim(\text{null } T)^0.$$

Then,  $\text{range } T' \subseteq (\text{null } T)^0$  and  $\dim \text{range } T' = \dim(\text{null } T)^0$ , so it must be that  $\text{range } T' = (\text{null } T)^0$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Theorem 3.5.21**

Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are  $f$ -d and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,  $T$  is injective if and only if  $T'$  is surjective.

**Proof 15.**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $T$  is injective,  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ . So,

$$\dim \text{null } T = \dim V - \dim(\text{null } T)^0 = \dim V - \dim \text{range } T' = 0.$$

So,  $\dim \text{range } T' = \dim V = \dim V'$ . Then,  $T'$  is surjective.  $\square$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $T'$  is surjective,  $\dim \text{range } T' = \dim V' = \dim V$ . So,

$$\dim \text{null } T = \dim V - \dim(\text{null } T)^0 = \dim V - \dim \text{range } T' = 0.$$

Then,  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ , and so  $T$  is injective.  $\blacksquare$



**Definition 3.5.22 (Row Rank & Column Rank).** Suppose  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with entries in  $\mathbb{F}$ .

1. The *row rank* of  $A$  is the dimension of the span of the rows of  $A$  in  $\mathbb{F}^{1,n}$ .
2. The *column rank* of  $A$  is the dimension of the span of the columns of  $A$  in  $\mathbb{F}^{m,1}$ .

**Theorem 3.5.23**

Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are  $f$ -d and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,  $\dim \text{range } T$  equals the column rank of  $\mathcal{M}(T)$ .

**Proof 16.** Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  is a basis of  $W$ . Then,

$$Tv_k = A_{1,k}w_1 + \dots + A_{m,k}w_m$$

and thus

$$\mathcal{M}(Tv_k) = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,k} \\ \vdots \\ A_{m,k} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{F}^{m,1}$$

Therefore,  $\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}(Tv_1) & \dots & \mathcal{M}(Tv_n) \end{pmatrix}$ . Note that  $\text{range } T = \text{span}(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n)$ .

Define  $\mathcal{M} : \text{span}(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n) \rightarrow \text{span}(\mathcal{M}(Tv_1), \dots, \mathcal{M}(Tv_n))$  as  $w \mapsto \mathcal{M}(w)$ .

1.  $\mathcal{M}$  is surjective: Note that

$$c_1\mathcal{M}(Tv_1) + \dots + c_n\mathcal{M}(Tv_n) = \mathcal{M}(c_1Tv_1 + \dots + c_nTv_n).$$

Since  $c_1Tv_1 + \dots + c_nTv_n \in \text{range } T$ , we know  $\mathcal{M}$  is surjective.  $\square$

2.  $\mathcal{M}$  is injective: Let

$$\mathcal{M}(c_1Tv_1 + \dots + c_nTv_n) = 0. \tag{10}$$

We can reduce  $c_1Tv_1 + \dots + c_nTv_n$  to a basis  $Tv_{j_1}, \dots, Tv_{j_m}$ . Then, Equation (10) becomes

$$\mathcal{M}(a_1Tv_{j_1} + \dots + a_mTv_{j_m}) = 0. \text{ By definition of matrix, we know } \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{pmatrix} = 0. \text{ So, } a_1 = \dots = a_m = 0$$

and  $a_1Tv_{j_1} + \dots + a_mTv_{j_m} = 0$ . So,  $\mathcal{M}$  is injective.  $\square$

Since  $\mathcal{M}$  is both surjective and injective,  $\mathcal{M}$  is a bijection. Thus,  $\mathcal{M}$  is an isomorphism between  $\text{span}(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n)$  and  $\text{span}(\mathcal{M}(Tv_1), \dots, \mathcal{M}(Tv_n))$ . In other words,

$$\text{span}(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n) \cong \text{span}(\mathcal{M}(Tv_1), \dots, \mathcal{M}(Tv_n)).$$

Then,  $\dim \text{span}(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n) = \dim \text{span}(\mathcal{M}(Tv_1), \dots, \mathcal{M}(Tv_n))$ . That is,

$$\dim \text{range } T = \text{column rank of } T.$$

■

**Theorem 3.5.24 Row Rank Equals Column Rank**

Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ . Then, the row rank of  $A$  equals the column rank of  $A$ .

**Proof 17.** Define  $T : \mathbb{F}^{n,1} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^{m,1}$  by  $Tx = Ax$ . Then,  $\mathcal{M}(T) = A$ , where  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  is computed with respect to the standard basis of  $\mathbb{F}^{n,1}$  and  $\mathbb{F}^{m,1}$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{column rank of } A &= \text{column rank of } \mathcal{M}(T) \\
 &= \dim \text{range } T && \text{Theorem 3.5.23} \\
 &= \dim \text{range } T' && \text{Theorem 3.5.20(1)} \\
 &= \text{column rank of } \mathcal{M}(T') \\
 &= \text{column rank of } A^t && \text{Theorem 3.5.13} \\
 &= \text{row rank of } A
 \end{aligned}$$

■

**Definition 3.5.25 (Rank).** The *rank* of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m,n}$  is the column rank of  $A$ , denoted as  $\text{rank } A$ .

### 3.6 Quotients of Vector Spaces

**Definition 3.6.1 ( $v + U$ /Affine Subset).** Suppose  $v \in V$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Then

$$v + U := \{v + u \mid u \in U\}.$$

An *affine subset* of  $V$  is a subset of  $V$  of the form  $v + U$  for some  $v \in V$  and some subspace  $U$  of  $V$ . The affine subset is said to be *parallel* to  $U$ .

**Definition 3.6.2 (Quotient Space,  $V/U$ ).** Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Then the quotient space  $V/U$  is the set of all affine subsets of  $V$  parallel to  $U$ . In other words,

$$V/U := \{v + U \mid v \in V\}.$$

**Example 3.6.3** If  $U = \{(x, 2x) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , then  $\mathbb{R}^2/U$  is the set of all lines in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with slope of 2.

**Theorem 3.6.4**

Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  and  $v, w \in V$ . Then, the following are equivalent:

1.  $v - w \in U$
2.  $v + U = w + U$
3.  $(v + U) \cap (w + U) \neq \emptyset$

**Proof 1.**

1. We want to show (1)  $\implies$  (2). Suppose  $v - w \in U$ . Note that  $v + u = w + ((v - w) + u)$ . Since  $v - w$  and  $u \in U$ , we have  $(v - w) + u \in U$ . So,  $v + u \in w + U$ . Similarly, we can show that  $w + u \in v + U$ . Then, we have  $v + U = w + U$ .  $\square$
2. Now, we want to show (2)  $\implies$  (3): Suppose  $v + U = w + U$ . Then, we have  $(v + U) \cap (w + U) \neq \emptyset$ , which is evident from the assumption.  $\square$
3. Finally, we will show (3)  $\implies$  (1). Suppose  $(v + U) \cap (w + U) \neq \emptyset$ . Then,  $\exists u_1, u_2 \in U$  s.t.  $v + u_1 = w + u_2$ . So we have  $v - w = u_2 - u_1 \in U$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Definition 3.6.5 (Addition & Scalar Multiplication on  $V/U$ ).** Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Then, *addition* and *scalar multiplication* is defined on  $V/U$  by

$$(v + U) + (w + U) = (v + w) + U$$

and

$$\lambda(v + U) = (\lambda v) + U$$

for  $v, w \in U$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ .

**Theorem 3.6.6**

Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Then,  $V/U$ , with the operations of addition and scalar multiplication defined above, is a vector space.

**Proof 2.**

1. Addition on  $V/U$  makes sense.

Note the addition can be written in the language of mapping as  $+: V/U \times V/U \rightarrow V/U$ . So, we have  $(v + U, w + U) \mapsto (v + w) + U$ . Suppose  $\exists \hat{v}, \hat{w} \in V$  s.t.  $v + U = \hat{v} + U$  and  $w + U = \hat{w} + U$ . Note that  $v - \hat{v} \in U$  and  $w - \hat{w} \in U$  by Theorem 3.6.4. Then,  $(v - \hat{v}) + (w - \hat{w}) \in U$ . So, we have  $(v + w) - (\hat{v} + \hat{w}) \in U$ . Further, by Theorem 3.6.4, we have

$$(v + w) + U = (\hat{v} + \hat{w}) + U. \quad \square$$

2. Scalar multiplication on  $V/U$  makes sense.

We can write the scalar multiplication on  $V/U$  as a mapping:  $\cdot : \mathbb{F} \times V/U \rightarrow V/U$  defined as  $(\lambda, v + U) \mapsto \lambda v + U$ . Suppose  $\exists \hat{v} \in V$  s.t.  $v + U = \hat{v} + U$ . So we know  $v - \hat{v} \in U$ , and thus  $\lambda(v - \hat{v}) = \lambda v - \lambda \hat{v} \in U$ . By Theorem 3.6.4, we then have  $(\lambda v) + U = (\lambda \hat{v}) + U$ . Thus, the scalar multiplication makes sense.  $\square$

3. additive identity:  $0 + U = U$ .  $\square$

4. additive inverse:  $(-v) + U$ .  $\square$

5. commutativity:

$$\begin{aligned} (v + U) + (w + U) &= (v + w) + U = (w + v) + U \\ &= (w + U) + (v + U). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

6. associativity:

$$\begin{aligned} [(v + U) + (w + U)] + (x + U) &= [(v + w) + U] + (x + U) \\ &= [(v + w) + x] + U \\ &= [v + (w + x)] + U \\ &= (v + U) + [(w + x) + U] \\ &= (v + U) + [(x + U) + (w + U)]. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

7. multiplicative identity:  $1 \cdot (v + U) = (1 \cdot v) + U = v + U$ .  $\square$

8. distributivity:

$$\begin{aligned} a[(v + U) + (w + U)] &= a[(v + w) + U] \\ &= a(v + w) + U \\ &= (av + aw) + U \\ &= (av + U) + (aw + U) \\ &= a(v + U) + a(w + U). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(a+b)(v+U) &= (a+b)v + U \\
&= (av + bv) + U \\
&= (av + U) + (bv + U) \\
&= a(v+U) + b(v+U)
\end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3.6.7 (Quotient Map).** Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . The *quotient map*  $\pi$  is the linear map  $\pi : V \rightarrow V/U$  defined by  $\pi(v) := v + U \quad \forall v \in V$ . ■

**Remark.** Here are some properties of the quotient map:

1.  $\pi(v)$  is defined  $\forall v \in V$ . Thus,  $\pi$  is surjective.
2.  $\text{null } \pi = \{v \in V \mid \pi(v) = 0\}$ . If  $\pi(v) = 0$ , then  $v + U = U = 0 + U$ . So,  $v - 0 \in U$  by Theorem 3.6.4. Then,  $v \in U$ . So,  $\text{null } \pi \subseteq U$ . Further,  $\forall v \in U$ , if  $\pi(v) = 0$ , then  $v \in \text{null } \pi$ , then  $U \subseteq \text{null } \pi$ . So,  $U = \text{null } \pi$ .
3.  $\pi(v + w) = (v + w) + U = (v + U) + (w + U) = \pi(v) + \pi(w)$ .
4.  $\pi(\lambda v) = (\lambda v) + U = \lambda(v + U) = \lambda\pi(v)$ .

**Theorem 3.6.8**

Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Then

$$\dim V/U = \dim V - \dim U.$$

**Proof 3.** By Fundamental Theorem of Linear Map, we have

$$\dim V = \dim \text{null } \pi + \dim \text{range } \pi. \quad (11)$$

Since  $\text{null } \pi = U$  from the Remark, we have  $\dim \text{null } \pi = \dim U$ . Further, since  $\pi$  is surjective as mentioned in the Remark,  $\text{range } \pi = V/U$ . Hence,  $\dim \text{range } \pi = \dim V/U$ . Therefore, Equation (11) becomes

$$\dim V = \dim U + \dim V/U,$$

or we have

$$\dim V/U = \dim V - \dim U$$

**Definition 3.6.9 ( $\tilde{T}$ ).** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Define  $\tilde{T} : V/(\text{null } T) \rightarrow W$  by  $\tilde{T}(v + \text{null } T) = Tv$ . ■

**Proof 4.**

1. This definition makes sense

Suppose  $u, v \in V$  s.t.  $u + \text{null } T = v + \text{null } T$ . By Theorem 3.6.4, we know  $u - v \in \text{null } T$ . Then,  $T(u - v) = 0$ , or  $Tu = Tv$ . □

2.  $\tilde{T}$  is a linear map.

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{T}[(u + \text{null } T) + (v + \text{null } T)] &= \tilde{T}[(u + v) + \text{null } T] \\
&= T(u + v) \\
&= Tu + Tv = \tilde{T}(u + \text{null } T) + \tilde{T}(v + \text{null } T). \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{T}[\lambda(u + \text{null } T)] &= \tilde{T}(\lambda u + \text{null } T) \\
&= T(\lambda u) \\
&= \lambda T u \\
&= \lambda T(u + \text{null } T).
\end{aligned}$$

■

**Theorem 3.6.10**

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,

1.  $\tilde{T}$  is injective.
2.  $\text{range } \tilde{T} = \text{range } T$ .
3.  $V/(\text{null } T) \cong \text{range } T$ .

**Proof 5.**

1. Suppose  $v \in V$  and  $\tilde{T}(v + \text{null } T) = 0$ . Then,  $Tv = 0$ . So,  $v \in \text{null } T$ , or  $v - 0 \in \text{null } T$ . By Theorem 3.6.4, we then have  $v + \text{null } T = 0 + \text{null } T$ . Then, it implies  $\text{null } \tilde{T} = 0$ . So,  $\tilde{T}$  is injective.  $\square$
2. By definition of  $\tilde{T}$ , it must be  $\text{range } \tilde{T} = \text{range } T$ .  $\square$
3. Note that  $\dim V/(\text{null } T) = \dim \text{null } \tilde{T} + \dim \text{range } \tilde{T} = 0 + \dim \text{range } T$ . Then, by Theorem 3.4.9, we know two vector spaces are isomorphic if and only if their dimensions are equal. Then,

$$V/(\text{null } T) \cong \text{range } T.$$

■

## 4 Eigenvectors and Invariant Subspaces

### 4.1 Invariant Subspaces

**Theorem 4.1.1**

Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  with  $\dim V = n \geq 1$ . Then,  $\exists$  1-dimensional subspaces  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  of  $V$  s.t.

$$V = U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_n.$$

**Proof 1.** Choose a basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  of  $V$ . Then, we know  $V = \text{span}(v_1) + \dots + \text{span}(v_n)$ . Also,  $\forall v \in V$ , we have  $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$  with  $a_j v_j \in \text{span}(v_j)$ . Set  $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n = 0$ . Since  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis, it must be  $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$ . Then,

$$V = \text{span}(v_1) \oplus \dots \oplus \text{span}(v_n).$$

**Theorem 4.1.2**

Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are  $f$ - $d$  subspaces of  $V$  s.t.  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is a direct sum. Then,  $U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_m$  is  $f$ - $d$  and

$$\dim U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_m = \dim U_1 + \dots + \dim U_m.$$

**Proof 2.** Suppose  $u_{k,1}, \dots, u_{k,j_k}$  is a basis of the subspace  $U_k$ . Then, any vector in  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^m U_i$  is in the form of  $u_1 + \dots + u_m$ ,  $u_j \in U_j$ . Also,

$$u_i = \sum_{k=1}^{j_i} a_{i,k} u_{i,k}.$$

So,

$$u_1 + \dots + u_m = \sum_{k=1}^{j_1} a_{1,k} u_{1,k} + \dots + \sum_{k=1}^{j_m} a_{m,k} u_{m,k}.$$

Then,  $u_1 + \dots + u_m$  is a linear combination of  $u_{1,1}, \dots, u_{j,m}$ . So, the direct sum is  $f$ - $d$ .  $\square$

Further, suppose

$$\sum_{k=1}^{j_1} a_{1,k} u_{1,k} + \dots + \sum_{k=1}^{j_m} a_{m,k} u_{m,k} = 0.$$

Since  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is a direct sum, it must be

$$\sum_{k=1}^{j_1} a_{1,k} u_{1,k} = \dots = \sum_{k=1}^{j_m} a_{m,k} u_{m,k} = 0.$$

Since we selected bases,  $a_{1,k} = \dots = a_{m,k} = 0$ . So,  $u_{1,1}, \dots, u_{j,m}$  is a basis of  $U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_m$ . Then,

$$\dim U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_m = \dim U_1 + \dots + \dim U_m.$$

**Definition 4.1.3 (Invariant Subspace).** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . A subspace  $U$  of  $V$  is called *invariant* under  $T$  if  $u \in U$  implies  $Tu \in U$ .

**Example 4.1.4** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Show that each of the following subspaces of  $V$  is invariant under  $T$ :

1.  $\{0\}$

**Proof 3.**  $T0 = 0 \in \{0\}$  ■

2.  $V$

**Proof 4.**  $u \in V \implies Tu \in V$  ■

3.  $\text{null } T$

**Proof 5.**  $u \in \text{null } T \implies Tu = 0 \in \text{range } T$  ■

4.  $\text{range } T$

**Proof 6.**  $u \in \text{range } T \implies Tu \in \text{range } T$  ■

**Example 4.1.5** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$  is defined by  $Tp = p'$ . Then,  $\mathcal{P}_4(\mathbb{R})$  is invariant under  $T$ .

**Proof 7.** Note that  $Tp_4 \in \mathcal{P}_4(\mathbb{R})$ . Then,  $\mathcal{P}_4(\mathbb{R})$  is invariant under  $T$ . ■

**Definition 4.1.6 (Eigenvalue).** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . A number  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  is called an *eigenvalue* of  $T$  if  $\exists v \in V$  s.t.  $v \neq 0$  and  $Tv = \lambda v$ .

**Corollary 4.1.7**  $T$  has a 1-dimensional invariant subspace if and only if  $T$  has an eigenvalue.

**Proof 8.**

( $\implies$ ) Suppose  $\text{span}(v)$  is invariant under  $T$ . Let  $U$  be defined as  $U = \{\lambda v \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{F}\} = \text{span}(v)$ . Then,  $U$  is the invariant subspace under  $T$  and  $\dim U = 1$ . Then,  $\forall v \in V$ , we have  $Tv \in U$ . Hence,  $\exists \lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  s.t.  $Tv = \lambda v$ . Then,  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue. □

( $\impliedby$ ) Suppose  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  is an eigenvalue. Then,  $Tv = \lambda v$ . Hence,  $\text{span}(v)$  is a 1-dimensional invariant subspace under  $T$ . ■

### Theorem 4.1.8 Equivalent Conditions to be an Eigenvalue

Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ -d,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ , and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then, the following are equivalent:

1.  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ .
2.  $T - \lambda I$  is not injective.
3.  $T - \lambda I$  is not surjective.
4.  $T - \lambda I$  is not invertible.

**Proof 9.**

1. (1)  $\implies$  (2): Suppose  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ . Then,  $\exists v \in V$  s.t.  $v \neq 0$  and  $Tv = \lambda v$ . So,  $Tv - \lambda v = (T - \lambda I)v = 0$ . Since  $v \neq 0$ ,  $\text{null}(T - \lambda I) \neq \{0\}$ , and thus  $T$  is not injective. □
2. Note that  $T - \lambda I$  is an operator by itself. By Theorem 3.4.17, we know (2), (3), and (4) are equivalent.



3. (4)  $\implies$  (1): Suppose  $T - \lambda I$  is not invertible. Then, it is not injective. So,  $\exists v \neq 0$  s.t.  $(T - \lambda I)v = 0$ . That is,  $Tv - \lambda Iv = Tv - \lambda v = 0$ . So,  $Tv = \lambda v$ . Then,  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ . ■

**Definition 4.1.9 (Eigenvector).** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ . A vector  $v \in V$  is called an *eigenvector* of  $T$  corresponding to  $\lambda$  if  $v \neq 0$  and  $Tv = \lambda v$ .

**Corollary 4.1.10** A vector  $v \in V$  with  $v \neq 0$  is an eigenvector of  $T$  with respect to  $\lambda$  if and only if  $v \in \text{null}(T - \lambda I)$ .

**Proof 10.** Note that  $Tv = \lambda v$  if and only if  $(T - \lambda I)v = 0$ . ■

**Example 4.1.11** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^2)$  is defined by  $T(w, z) = (-z, w)$ .

1. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $T$  if  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ .

**Answer 11.**

Let  $T(w, z) = \lambda(w, z)$ . So,  $(-z, w) = (\lambda w, \lambda z)$ . Then, solve  $\begin{cases} -z = \lambda w \\ w = \lambda z \end{cases}$ .

Then, we have  $\lambda^2 z + z = 0$ . If  $z \neq 0$ ,  $\lambda^2 + 1 = 0$ . This equation has no solutions on  $\mathbb{R}$ . So  $T$  has no eigenvalues. If  $w = 0, z = 0$ , then  $T(w, z) = T(0, 0) = T0$ . By definition,  $T$  has no eigenvalues. □

2. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $T$  if  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$ .

**Answer 12.**

Applying similar rational,  $z \neq 0$  and solve  $\lambda^2 + 1 = 0$ . Then, we have  $\lambda = \pm i$ . If  $\lambda = i$ , then  $-z = iw$ . So,  $v = (w, z) = (w, -iw)$ . If  $\lambda = -i$ , then  $-z = -iw$ , or  $z = iw$ . So,  $v = (w, iw)$ . □

**Theorem 4.1.12**

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Suppose  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  are distinct eigenvalues of  $T$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  are corresponding eigenvectors. Then,  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is L.I..

**Proof 13.** Suppose for the sake of contradiction that  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is linearly dependent. Let  $k$  be the smallest positive integer s.t.  $v_k \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1})$ . Then,  $v_k = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} v_{k-1}$ . Applying  $T$ , we have

$$\lambda_k v_k = a_1 \lambda_1 v_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} \lambda_{k-1} v_{k-1}. \quad (12)$$

Since  $v_k = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} v_{k-1}$ , we also have

$$\lambda_k v_k = a_1 \lambda_k v_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} \lambda_k v_{k-1}. \quad (13)$$

So, by Equation (13)-(12), we have

$$0 = a_1 (\lambda_k - \lambda_1) v_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} (\lambda_k - \lambda_{k-1}) v_{k-1}.$$

By assumption,  $v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}$  is L.I.. Then, it must be that  $a_1 = \dots = a_{k-1} = 0$  since  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  are distinct eigenvalues. Therefore,  $v_k = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} v_{k-1} = 0$ . \* This contradicts with the fact that  $v_k$  is an eigenvector, which cannot be 0. So, it must be that  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  are L.I. ■

**Theorem 4.1.13**

Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$ . Then, each operator on  $V$  has at most  $\dim V$  distinct eigenvalues.

**Proof 14.** Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Suppose  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  are distinct eigenvalues of  $T$ . Let  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  be corresponding eigenvectors. By Theorem 4.1.12, we know  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is L.I.. Further by Theorem 2.3.5, we know  $\dim \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) \leq \dim V$ . That is,  $m \leq \dim V$  as desired. ■

## 4.2 Eigenvectors and Upper-Triangular Matrices

**Definition 4.2.1** ( $T^m$ ). Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $m$  is a positive integer. Then,  $T^m$  is defined by

$$T^m := \underbrace{T \cdots T}_{m \text{ times}}.$$

Specially,  $T^0$  is defined to be the identity operator  $I$  on  $V$ . Further, if  $T$  is invertible with inverse  $T^{-1}$ , then  $T^{-m}$  is defined by  $T^{-m} := (T^{-1})^m$ .

### Theorem 4.2.2

$$T^m T^n = T^{m+n}; \quad (T^m)^n = T^{mn}.$$

**Definition 4.2.3** ( $p(T)$ ). Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  is a polynomial given by

$$p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \cdots + a_m z^m, \quad z \in \mathbb{F}.$$

Then,  $p(T)$  is the operator defined by

$$p(T) := a_0 I + a_1 T + a_2 T^2 + \cdots + a_m T^m.$$

**Example 4.2.4** Suppose  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$  is the differentiation operator defined by  $Dq = q'$  and  $p$  is the polynomial defined by  $p(x) = 7 - 3x + 5x^2$ . Find  $p(D)$  and  $(p(D))q$ .

**Answer 1.**

$$\begin{aligned} p(D) &= 7I - 3D + 5D^2 \\ (p(D))q &= (7I - 3D + 5D^2)q \\ &= 7Iq - 3Dq + 5D^2q \\ &= 7q - 3q' + 5q''. \end{aligned}$$

□

### Theorem 4.2.5

If we fix an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ , then the function from  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  to  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  given by  $p \mapsto p(T)$  is linear.

**Proof 2.** Suppose  $f : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(V)$  is defined by  $p \mapsto p(T)$ . Suppose

$$p = a_0 + a_1 z + \cdots + a_m z^m \mapsto a_0 I + a_1 T + \cdots + a_m T^m$$

and

$$q = b_0 + b_1 z + \cdots + b_m z^m \mapsto b_0 I + b_1 T + \cdots + b_m T^m.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} f(p+q) &= (a_0 + b_0)I + (a_1 + b_1)T + \cdots + (a_m + b_m)T^m \\ &= (a_0 I + a_1 T + \cdots + a_m T^m) + (b_0 I + b_1 T + \cdots + b_m T^m) \\ &= f(p) + f(q). \end{aligned}$$

Further, suppose  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda p) &= \lambda a_0 I + \lambda a_1 T + \cdots + \lambda a_m T^m \\ &= \lambda(a_0 I + a_1 T + \cdots + a_m T^m) \\ &= \lambda f(p). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 4.2.6 (Product of Polynomials).** If  $p, q \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$ , then  $pq \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  is the polynomial defined by  $(pq)(z) := p(z)q(z)$  for  $z \in \mathbb{F}$ . ■

**Remark.**  $(pq)(z) = p(z)q(z) = q(z)p(z) = (qp)(z)$  for  $z \in \mathbb{F}$ .

**Theorem 4.2.7 Multiplicative Properties**

Suppose  $p, q \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Then

1.  $(pq)(T) = p(T)q(T)$
2.  $p(T)q(T) = q(T)p(T)$

**Proof 3.**

1. Suppose  $p(z) = \sum_{j=0}^m a_j z^j$  and  $q(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n b_k z^k$ . Then

$$(pq)(z) = p(z)q(z) = \sum_{j=0}^m a_j z^j \sum_{k=0}^n b_k z^k = \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^n a_j b_k z^{j+k}$$

So, by definition, we have

$$p(T)q(T) = \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^n a_j b_k T^{j+k} = \left( \sum_{j=0}^m a_j T^j \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{k=0}^n b_k T^k \right) = p(T)q(T). \quad \square$$

2. Similar to the Remark,

$$p(T)q(T) = (pq)(T) = (qp)(T) = q(T)p(T).$$

**Theorem 4.2.8 Fundamental Theorem of Algebra**

Every non-constant polynomial with complex coefficients has a zero. ■

**Theorem 4.2.9 Existence of Eigenvalues**

Every operator on a  $f$ -d, non-zero, complex vector space has an eigenvalue.

**Proof 4.** Let  $V$  be a complex vector space with dimension  $n > 0$ . Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Choose  $v \in V$  s.t.  $v \neq 0$ . Then,  $v, Tv, T^2v, \dots, T^nv$  is linearly dependent because  $\dim V = n$  but the length of the list is  $n + 1 > n$ . Hence,  $\exists a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  not all 0  $\in \mathbb{C}$  s.t.

$$0 = a_0 v + a_1 Tv + \cdots + a_n T^n v \tag{14}$$

By Fundamental Theorem of Algebra (Theorem 4.2.8), we have

$$a_0 + a_1z + \cdots + a_nz^n = c(z - \lambda_1) \cdots (z - \lambda_m)$$

with  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $c \neq 0$ , and  $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then, Equation (14) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= a_0v + a_1Tv + \cdots + a_nT^n v \\ &= (a_0I + a_1T + \cdots + a_nT^n)v \\ &= c(T - \lambda_1I) \cdots (T - \lambda_mI)v \end{aligned}$$

Since  $v \neq 0$  and  $c \neq 0$ , it must be some  $T - \lambda_iI = 0$ . Thus,  $T = \lambda_iI$ , and  $\lambda_i$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ . ■

**Definition 4.2.10 (Diagonal of a Matrix).** The *diagonal of a square matrix* consists of the entries along the line from the upper left corner to the bottom right corner.

**Definition 4.2.11 (Upper-Triangular Matrix).** A matrix is called *upper-triangular* if all the entries below the diagonal equal 0. Typically, we present an upper triangular matrix in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & * \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Theorem 4.2.12 Conditions for Upper-Triangular Matrix**

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ . Then, the following are equivalent:

1. the matrix of  $T$  with respect to  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is upper triangular.
2.  $Tv_j \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j)$  for each  $j = 1, \dots, n$
3.  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j)$  is invariant under  $T$  for each  $j = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Proof 5.**

1. First, we will show (1)  $\iff$  (2).

Suppose  $\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & & A_{n,n} \end{pmatrix}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} Tv_1 &= A_{1,1}v_1 \\ Tv_2 &= A_{1,2}v_1 + A_{2,2}v_2 \\ &\vdots \\ Tv_j &= A_{1,j}v_1 + \cdots + A_{j,j}v_j. \end{aligned}$$

So,  $Tv_j \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j)$ . The reverse implication is trivial to prove. □

2. (3)  $\implies$  (2) is obvious and trivial to prove.

3. Lastly, we want to show (2)  $\implies$  (3).

Note that for each fixed  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} Tv_1 &\in \text{span}(v_1) \subseteq \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j) \\ Tv_2 &\in \text{span}(v_1, v_2) \subseteq \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j) \\ &\vdots \\ Tv_j &\in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $v \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j)$ . Then,  $v$  is a linear combination of  $v_1, \dots, v_j$ , then

$$Tv \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j).$$

That is,  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j)$  is invariant under  $T$ . ■

**Definition 4.2.13 (Quotient Operator).** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  invariant under  $T$ . The *quotient operator*  $T/U \in \mathcal{L}(V/U)$  is defined by  $(T/U)(v + U) := Tv + U$ .

**Proof 6.** The definition makes sense, and here is the proof. If  $v + U = w + U$ , then  $v - w \in U$ . So,  $T(v - w) \in U$  since  $U$  is invariant. That is,  $Tv - Tw \in U$ . Then,  $Tv + U = Tw + U$ . ■

**Theorem 4.2.14**

Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Let  $v_1 + U, \dots, v_m + U$  be a basis of  $V/U$  and  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  be a basis of  $U$ . Then,  $v_1, \dots, v_m, u_1, \dots, u_n$  is a basis of  $V$ .

**Proof 7.** Let  $v \in V$ . Then  $v + U \in V/U$ . So,  $v + U = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m + U$ , uniquely. Then, by Theorem 3.6.4, we have  $v - (a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m) \in U$ . Therefore,  $v - (a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m) = b_1u_1 + \dots + b_nu_n$ , uniquely. So,  $v = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m + b_1u_1 + \dots + b_nu_n$ , uniquely. By definition,  $v_1, \dots, v_m, u_1, \dots, u_n$  is a basis of  $V$ . ■

**Theorem 4.2.15**

Suppose  $V$  is a  $f$ - $d$  complex vector space and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Then,  $T$  has an upper-triangular matrix with respect to some basis of  $V$ .

**Proof 8.**

**Base Case** When  $\dim V = 1$ , the implication holds.

**Inductive Steps** Suppose the implication is true for some complex vector space with dimension of  $n - 1$ . Let  $\dim V = n$  and  $v_1$  be any eigenvector of  $T$ . Suppose  $U = \text{span}(v_1)$ . Then,  $U$  is invariant under  $T$ . Note that  $\dim V/U = \dim V - \dim U = n - 1$ , so we can use the inductive hypothesis on the quotient operator  $T/U \in \mathcal{L}(V/U)$ . Then,  $\exists$  a basis  $v_2 + U, \dots, v_n + U \in V/U$  s.t.  $T/U$  has an upper-triangular matrix. By Theorem 4.2.12, we have

$$(T/U)(v_j + U) \in \text{span}(v_2 + U, \dots, v_j + U) \quad \text{for } j \in \{2, \dots, n\}.$$

So,  $Tv_j + U = (c_2v_2 + \dots + c_jv_j) + U$ . Then,

$$Tv_j - (c_2v_2 + \dots + c_jv_j) \in U = \text{span}(v_1).$$

So,  $Tv_j - (c_2v_2 + \dots + c_jv_j) = c_1v_1$  for some  $c_1 \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then,  $Tv_j = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_jv_j$ . So,  $Tv_j \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j)$  for  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Since by Theorem 4.2.14,  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ , further

by Theorem 4.2.12,  $T$  has an upper-triangular matrix with respect to  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ . So, the implication is true for  $\dim V = n$ .

Since the implication is true for  $\dim V = 1$  and is true for  $\dim V = n$  whenever it is hold for  $\dim V = n - 1$ , by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, the implication is true for all positive integers  $n$ . Hence, the proof is complete. ■

### 4.3 Eigenspaces and Diagonal Matrices

**Definition 4.3.1 (Diagonal Matrix).** A *diagonal matrix* is a square matrix that is 0 everywhere except possibly along the diagonal.

**Definition 4.3.2 (Eigenspace,  $E(\lambda, T)$ ).** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . The *eigenspace* of  $T$  corresponding to  $\lambda$ , denoted  $E(\lambda, T)$ , is defined by

$$E(\lambda, T) = \text{null}(T - \lambda I).$$

In other words,  $E(\lambda, T)$  is the set of all eigenvectors of  $T$  corresponding to  $\lambda$ , along with the 0 vector.

**Theorem 4.3.3 Sum of Eigenspaces is a Direct Sum**

Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Suppose also that  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  are distinct eigenvalues of  $T$ . Then

$$E(\lambda_1, T) + \dots + E(\lambda_m, T)$$

is a direct sum. Further

$$\dim E(\lambda_1, T) + \dots + \dim E(\lambda_m, T) \leq \dim V.$$

**Proof 1.** Suppose  $u_1 + \dots + u_m = 0$ , where  $u_j \in E(\lambda_j, T)$ . If some  $u_i \neq 0$ , then  $u_1 + \dots + u_m$  can never be 0 because  $u_1, \dots, u_m$ , as eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues, is L.I.. Hence, the only way for  $u_1 + \dots + u_m$  to be 0 is by taking  $u_1 = \dots = u_m = 0$ . Hence, we know  $E(\lambda_1, T) + \dots + E(\lambda_m, T)$  is a direct sum.  $\square$

By Theorem 4.1.2, we know

$$\begin{aligned} \dim E(\lambda_1, T) + \dots + \dim E(\lambda_m, T) &= \dim E(\lambda_1, T) \oplus \dots \oplus E(\lambda_m, T) \\ &\leq \dim V. \end{aligned}$$

■

**Definition 4.3.4 (Diagonalizable).** An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is called *diagonalizable* if the operator has a diagonal matrix with respect to some basis of  $V$ .

**Theorem 4.3.5 Conditions Equivalent to Diagonalizability**

Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  denote the distinct eigenvalues of  $T$ . Then, the following are equivalent:

1.  $T$  is diagonalizable.
2.  $V$  has a basis consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$ .
3.  $\exists$  1-dimensional subspaces  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  of  $V$ , each invariant under  $T$ , s.t.  $V = U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_n$ .
4.  $V = E(\lambda_1, T) \oplus \dots \oplus E(\lambda_m, T)$ .
5.  $\dim V = \dim E(\lambda_1, T) + \dots + \dim E(\lambda_m, T)$ .

**Remark.** To prove this theorem, we will prove (1)  $\iff$  (2), (2)  $\iff$  (3), (2)  $\implies$  (4), (4)  $\implies$  (5), and (5)  $\implies$  (2).



**Proof 2.**

1. (1)  $\iff$  (2): By definition, we know  $T$  is diagonalizable if and only if  $\exists$  a basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  of  $T$  s.t.

$$\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix},$$

which holds if and only if we have  $Tv_1 = \lambda_1 v_1, \dots, Tv_n = \lambda_n v_n$  i.e.,  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are eigenvectors of  $T$ .  $\square$

2. (2)  $\implies$  (3): Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ . Then, for some  $v \in V$ , we have  $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$ . So, we know  $V = \text{span}(v_1) + \dots + \text{span}(v_n)$ . Further, let  $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$ . Since  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis, it must be  $a_1 = \dots = a_m = 0$ . So, there is only one way to represent 0. So,

$$V = \text{span}(v_1) \oplus \dots \oplus \text{span}(v_n).$$

Now, we want to show each  $\text{span}(v_j)$  is invariant. Consider  $T(c_j v_j) = c_j T v_j = c_j \lambda_j v_j \in \text{span}(v_j)$ . So,  $\text{span}(v_j)$  is invariant.  $\square$

3. (3)  $\implies$  (2): Suppose  $\exists$  1-dimensional subspaces  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  of  $V$ , each invariant under  $T$ , s.t.  $V = U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_n$ . Then,  $\forall v \in V$ , we have  $v = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_n u_n$  uniquely. Then,  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  is a basis of  $V$ . Since  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  are 1-dimensional invariant subspaces,  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  are the eigenvalues.  $\square$

4. (2)  $\implies$  (4): Suppose  $V$  has a basis consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$ . Then,  $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$  is a linear combination of eigenvectors of  $T$ . By definition,  $E(\lambda_j, T)$  contains the eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_j$ . Further since  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  is distinct, corresponding eigenvectors are L.I.. Then,  $E(\lambda_j, T) \cap E(\lambda_i, T) = \{0\}$  if  $i \neq j$ . Then, we have

$$v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n \in E(\lambda_1, T) + \dots + E(\lambda_m, T).$$

Hence,  $V = E(\lambda_1, T) + \dots + E(\lambda_m, T)$ . Further by Theorem 4.3.3, we have

$$V = E(\lambda_1, T) \oplus \dots \oplus E(\lambda_m, T). \quad \square$$

5. (4)  $\implies$  (5): This conclusion can be deduced from Theorem 4.3.3 and its proof.
6. (5)  $\implies$  (2): Suppose  $\dim V = \dim E(\lambda_1, T) + \dots + \dim E(\lambda_m, T)$ . Select  $B_j$ , the basis of  $E(\lambda_j, T)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ . Denote  $\dim V = n$ . Then, if we put these bases together as  $B_1, \dots, B_m$ , we can write the collection as  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ . Suppose  $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n = 0$ . Let  $u_j$  denote the sum of all the terms  $a_k v_k$  s.t.  $v_k \in E(\lambda_j, T)$ . Then, the equation becomes  $u_1 + \dots + u_m = 0$  and each  $u_j \in E(\lambda_j, T)$ . Since eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are L.I., it must be that  $u_1 = \dots = u_m = 0$ . Further, by definition of  $u_j$ , and since  $u'_k$ s are bases of  $E(\lambda_j, T)$ , it must be  $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$ . So, we know  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is L.I.. Further, since  $\text{len}(v_1, \dots, v_n) = n = \dim V$ , we know that  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ . ■

**Theorem 4.3.6**

If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  has  $\dim V$  distinct eigenvalues, then  $T$  is diagonalizable.

**Proof 3.** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  has  $\dim V$  distinct eigenvalues:  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{\dim V}$ . Then, it has  $v_1, \dots, v_{\dim V}$  as corresponding eigenvectors and is L.I.. Note that  $\text{len}(v_1, \dots, v_{\dim V}) = \dim V$ . So,  $v_1, \dots, v_{\dim V}$  is a basis of  $V$ . By Theorem 4.3.5, with respect to this basis consisting of eigenvectors,  $T$  has a diagonal matrix. ■

**Example 4.3.7** The *Fibonacci Sequence*  $F_1, F_2, \dots$  is defined by

$$F_1 = F_2 = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad F_n = F_{n-2} + F_{n-1} \quad \text{for } n \geq 3.$$

Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  by  $T(x, y) = (y, x + y)$ .

1. Show that  $T^n(0, 1) = (F_n, F_{n+1})$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Proof 4.**

- Base Case: Note that  $T(0, 1) = (1, 1) = (F_1, F_2)$ .
- Inductive Process: Suppose  $T^{n-1}(0, 1) = (F_{n-1}, F_n)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} T^n &= [T(T^{n-1})](0, 1) = T[T^{n-1}(0, 1)] \\ &= T(F_{n-1}, F_n) \\ &= (F_n, F_{n-1} + F_n) \\ &= (F_n, F_{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

So,  $T^n(0, 1) = (F_n, F_{n+1}) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by Principle of Mathematical Induction. ■

2. Find the eigenvalues of  $T$ .

**Answer 5.**

Suppose  $T(x, y) = \lambda(x, y)$ . So,  $(y, x + y) = (\lambda x, \lambda y)$ . Solve  $\begin{cases} y = \lambda x \\ x + y = \lambda y \end{cases}$ . That is,  $x + \lambda x = \lambda^2 x$ , or  $\lambda^2 x - \lambda x - x = 0$ . It follows  $x \neq 0$ , so solving  $\lambda^2 - \lambda - 1 = 0$ , we get

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

□

3. Since  $T$  has two eigenvalues,  $T$  should have a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  consisting of eigenvectors. Find the basis.

**Answer 6.**

When  $\lambda_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ , we have  $y = \lambda x = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}x$ . So,  $v_1 = \left(x, \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}x\right) = x\left(1, \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$ .

That is,

$$v_1 = \left(1, \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right).$$

Similarly, we have

$$v_2 = \left(1, \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right).$$

Further, it follows that

$$\mathcal{M}(T, v_1, v_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

4. Find  $F_n$  using an expression of  $n$  only.

**Answer 7.**

Note that  $(0, 1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(v_1 - v_2)$ . So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T^n(0, 1) &= T^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(v_1 - v_2)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}T^n(v_1 - v_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(T^n v_1 - T^n v_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(\lambda_1^n v_1 - \lambda_2^n v_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\left(\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \left(1, \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \left(1, \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\left(\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n, \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1}\right) \\ &= (F_n, F_{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$F_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\left(\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n\right).$$

□

## 5 Inner Product Spaces

### 5.1 Inner Products and Norms

**Definition 5.1.1 (Dot Product).** For  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the *dot product* of  $x$  and  $y$ , denoted  $x \cdot y$ , is defined by

$$x \cdot y = x_1y_1 + \cdots + x_ny_n,$$

where  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ .

#### Theorem 5.1.2 Properties of dot Product

1.  $x \cdot x = x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2 \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
2.  $x \cdot x = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ .
3. For  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , define  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $x \mapsto x \cdot y$ . Then,  $f$  is linear.
4.  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \cdot y = y \cdot x$ .

**Proof 1.** Properties #1, #2, and #4 are trivial to prove, so the proof is omitted. Here we complete a proof for property #3, linearity of dot product. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as  $x \mapsto x \cdot y$  for a fixed  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} f(a + b) &= (a + b) \cdot y = (a_1 + b_1)y_1 + \cdots + (a_n + b_n)y_n \\ &= (a_1y_1 + \cdots + a_ny_n) + (b_1y_1 + \cdots + b_ny_n) \\ &= f(a) + f(b). \end{aligned}$$

Further, notice that

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda x) &= (\lambda x) \cdot y = (\lambda x_1)y_1 + \cdots + (\lambda x_n)y_n \\ &= \lambda(x_1y_1 + \cdots + x_ny_n) = \lambda f(x). \end{aligned}$$

■

**Remark.** For  $w, z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , we define the *dot product* of  $w$  and  $z$ , denoted as  $\langle w, z \rangle$ , as

$$\langle w, z \rangle = w_1\overline{z_1} + \cdots + w_n\overline{z_n}.$$

**Definition 5.1.3 (Inner Product).** An *inner product* on  $V$  is a function that takes each ordered pair  $(u, v)$  of elements of  $V$  to a number  $\langle u, v \rangle \in \mathbb{F}$  and has the following properties:

1. **positivity:**  $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in V$ .
2. **definiteness:**  $\langle v, v \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $v = 0$ .
3. **additivity in first slot:**  $\langle u + v, w \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle \quad \forall u, v, w \in V$ .
4. **homogeneity in first slot:**  $\langle \lambda u, v \rangle = \lambda \langle u, v \rangle \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{F} \text{ and } \forall u, v \in V$ .
5. **conjugate symmetry:**  $\langle u, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle} \quad \forall u, v \in V$ .

**Example 5.1.4** Here, we offer some examples of inner product. Note that there might be multiple inner products over a vector space, as long as the following the definition and properties given in Definition 5.1.3.

1. Consider  $\mathbb{C}[-1, 1]$ , the set of continuous real-valued functions on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ . An inner product can be defined as  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) \, dx$ .

**Proof 2.**

$$(a) \quad \langle f, f \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f^2(x) \, dx \geq 0.$$

$$(b) \quad \langle f, f \rangle = 0 \text{ if and only if } f(x) = 0.$$

(c) Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f + g, h \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 [f(x) + g(x)]h(x) \, dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 f(x)h(x) + g(x)h(x) \, dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 f(x)h(x) \, dx + \int_{-1}^1 g(x)h(x) \, dx \\ &= \langle f, h \rangle + \langle g, h \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) \quad \langle \lambda f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \lambda f(x)g(x) \, dx = \lambda \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) \, dx = \lambda \langle f, g \rangle.$$

$$(e) \quad \langle g, f \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 g(x)f(x) \, dx = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) \, dx = \langle f, g \rangle = \overline{\langle f, g \rangle}.$$

■

2. An inner product on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  can be defined as  $\langle p, q \rangle = \int_0^\infty p(x)q(x)e^{-x} \, dx$

**Proof 3.** The definition makes sense. Consider the inner product as  $\langle \cdot \rangle : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Note that  $\infty \notin \mathbb{R}$ . So we need to show the improper integral converges to a finite number under any circumstances. Consider

$$\frac{x^2 p(x)q(x)}{e^x} = \frac{p(x)q(x)e^{-x}}{\frac{1}{x^2}}.$$

Note that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p(x)q(x)e^{-x}}{\frac{1}{x^2}} = 0$$

Further since  $\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^2} \, dx$  converges as it is a  $p$ -series with  $p = 2 > 1$ , we know it must be  $\int_0^\infty p(x)q(x)e^{-x} \, dx$  converges as well, by the comparison test. The remaining job is to show this definition of  $\langle \cdot \rangle$  indeed retain the five properties as required in Definition 5.1.3, which is trivial and so is omitted. ■

**Definition 5.1.5 (Inner Product Space).** An *inner product space* is a vector space  $V$  along with an inner product on  $V$ .

**Example 5.1.6** Euclidean Inner Product on  $\mathbb{F}^n$  is defined as

$$\langle (w_1, \dots, w_n), (z_1, \dots, z_n) \rangle = w_1 \overline{z_1} + \dots + w_n \overline{z_n},$$

where  $(w_1, \dots, w_n), (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$ .

**Notation 5.1.7.** For the rest of this Chapter, without otherwise specification,  $V$  denotes an inner product space over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

**Remark.** If not explicitly defined, the inner product is the Euclidean inner product as defined in Example 5.1.6.

**Theorem 5.1.8 Basic Properties of an Inner Product**

1. For each fixed  $u \in V$ , the function that takes  $v$  to  $\langle v, u \rangle$  is a linear map from  $V$  to  $\mathbb{F}$ .
2.  $\langle 0, u \rangle = 0$  for every  $u \in V$ .
3.  $\langle u, 0 \rangle = 0$  for every  $u \in V$ .
4.  $\langle u, v + w \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle + \langle u, w \rangle$  for all  $u, v, w \in V$ .
5.  $\langle u, \lambda v \rangle = \overline{\lambda} \langle u, v \rangle \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{F} \text{ and } u, v \in V$ .

**Proof 4.**

1. Define  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  as  $v \mapsto \langle v, u \rangle$  for some fixed  $u \in V$ . Then,

$$f(v + w) = \langle v + w, u \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle + \langle w, u \rangle = f(v) + f(w).$$

$$f(\lambda v) = \langle \lambda v, u \rangle = \lambda \langle v, u \rangle = \lambda f(v). \quad \square$$

2. Since  $f$  is a linear map, then  $f(0) = \langle 0, u \rangle = 0$ .  $\square$

3. Note that  $\langle u, 0 \rangle = \overline{\langle 0, u \rangle} = \overline{0} = 0$ .  $\square$

4. Notice

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u, v + w \rangle &= \overline{\langle v + w, u \rangle} = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle + \langle w, u \rangle} \\ &= \overline{\langle v, u \rangle} + \overline{\langle w, u \rangle} \\ &= \langle u, v \rangle + \langle u, w \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

5. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u, \lambda v \rangle &= \overline{\langle \lambda v, u \rangle} = \overline{\lambda \langle v, u \rangle} \\ &= \overline{\lambda} \cdot \overline{\langle v, u \rangle} = \overline{\lambda} \langle u, v \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

■

**Definition 5.1.9 (Norm).** Suppose  $V$  is a vector space. Then, the *norm* of  $v$  is a real-valued function  $\| \cdot \| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following properties:

1.  $\|v\| \geq 0$  and  $\|v\| = 0$  if and only if  $v = 0$ .
2.  $\|\alpha v\| = |\alpha|\|v\| \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F} \text{ and } v \in V$ .
3. triangle inequality:  $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\| \quad \forall u, v \in \mathbb{F}$ .

**Definition 5.1.10 (Norm Induced by An Inner Product).** For  $v \in V$ ,  $\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$  is a *norm* on  $V$ .

**Remark.** We will prove Definition 5.1.10 is indeed a definition of norm that satisfies the conditions indicated by Definition 5.1.9 throughout the rest of this section.

**Theorem 5.1.11 Basic Properties of Norms**

Let  $v \in V$ . Then,

1.  $\|v\| = 0$  if and only if  $v = 0$ .
2.  $\|\lambda v\| = |\lambda|\|v\| \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ .

**Proof 5.**

1.  $\|v\| = 0$  if and only if  $\sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle} = 0$ , which is equivalent to  $\langle v, v \rangle = 0$ . By properties of an inner product,  $\langle v, v \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $v = 0$ . So, the proof is complete.  $\square$
2. Consider

$$\|\lambda v\|^2 = \langle \lambda v, \lambda v \rangle = \lambda \cdot \bar{\lambda} \langle v, v \rangle = |\lambda|^2 \langle v, v \rangle.$$

$$\text{So, } \|\lambda v\| = \sqrt{|\lambda|^2 \langle v, v \rangle} = |\lambda| \|v\|.$$

■

**Definition 5.1.12 (Orthogonal).** Two vectors  $u, v \in V$  are called *orthogonal* if  $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$ .

**Theorem 5.1.13 Orthogonality and 0**

1.  $0$  is orthogonal to every vector in  $V$ .
2.  $0$  is the only vector in  $V$  that is orthogonal to itself.

**Proof 6.**

1. As  $\langle 0, u \rangle = 0 \quad \forall u \in V$ , the proof is complete.  $\square$
2. Note that  $\langle v, v \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $v = 0$ , so we complete the proof.  $\square$

■

**Theorem 5.1.14 Pythagorean Theorem**

Suppose  $u$  and  $v$  are orthogonal vectors in  $V$ , then

$$\|u + v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2.$$

**Proof 7.** Note that

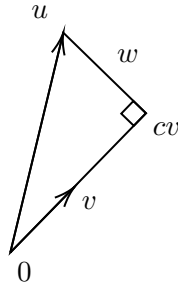
$$\begin{aligned}\|u + v\|^2 &= \langle u + v, u + v \rangle \\ &= \langle u, u + v \rangle + \langle v, u + v \rangle \\ &= \langle u, u \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Since  $u$  and  $v$  are orthogonal,  $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle = 0$ . So,  $\|u + v\|^2 = \langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2$ . ■

**Theorem 5.1.15 An Orthogonal Decomposition**

Suppose  $u, v \in V$ , with  $v \neq 0$ . Set  $c = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2}$  and  $w = u - \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2}v$ . Then,  $\langle w, v \rangle = 0$  and  $u = cv + w$ .

**Proof 8.**



The idea is to find  $c, w$  s.t.  $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$  and  $w = u - cv$ . That is,  $u = w + cv$ . Since  $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$ , then we have

$$\langle v, u - cv \rangle = 0 = \langle u - cv, v \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle - c\|v\|^2.$$

So,

$$c = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2}$$

and

$$w = u - cv = u - \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2}v.$$

■

**Theorem 5.1.16 Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality**

Suppose  $u, v \in V$ . Then,

$$|\langle u, v \rangle| \leq \|u\|\|v\|.$$

This inequality is an equality if and only if one of  $u, v$  is a scalar multiple of the other.

**Proof 9.** If  $v = 0$ , then  $|\langle u, v \rangle| = 0 = \|u\|\|v\|$ . So, we can assume  $v \neq 0$ . Consider the orthogonal decomposition,

$$u = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} \cdot v + w.$$

Then, by the Pythagorean Theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|u\|^2 &= \left\| \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} \cdot v \right\|^2 + \|w\|^2 = \frac{|\langle u, v \rangle|^2}{\|v\|^4} \|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2 \\ &= \frac{|\langle u, v \rangle|^2}{\|v\|^2} + \|w\|^2 \geq \frac{|\langle u, v \rangle|^2}{\|v\|^2}\end{aligned}$$



As  $\|v\|^2 > 0$ , we have  $\|u\|^2\|v\|^2 \geq |\langle u, v \rangle|^2$ . Further since  $\|u\| \geq 0$ ,  $\|v\| \geq 0$ , and  $|\langle u, v \rangle| \geq 0$ , then

$$|\langle u, v \rangle| \leq \|u\|\|v\|.$$

The equality holds if and only if  $\|w\|^2 = 0$ . That is,  $w = 0$  from the orthogonal decomposition. In other words,  $u$  and  $v$  are linearly dependent. ■

**Theorem 5.1.17 Triangle Inequality**

Suppose  $u, v \in V$ . Then

$$\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|.$$

This inequality is an equality if and only if one of  $u, v$  is a non-negative multiple of the other.

**Proof 10.** Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|u + v\|^2 &= \langle u + v, u + v \rangle \\ &= \langle u, u \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle \\ &= \langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle + \overline{\langle u, v \rangle} \\ &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re}(\langle u, v \rangle) \\ &\leq \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2|\langle u, v \rangle| \\ &\leq \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2\|u\|\|v\| \quad \text{Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality} \\ &= (\|u\| + \|v\|)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\|u + v\| \geq 0$ ,  $\|u\| \geq 0$ , and  $\|v\| \geq 0$ , we have

$$\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|.$$

The equality holds if and only if  $\langle u, v \rangle = \|u\|\|v\|$ . That is, when  $u$  and  $v$  are linearly dependent to each other. ■

**Remark.** After proving this triangle inequality, we finally, and officially, complete our proof to show the norm induced by an inner product as stated in Definition 5.1.10 is indeed a norm satisfying the formal definition of norms as stated in Definition 5.1.9.

**Theorem 5.1.18 Parallelogram Equality**

Suppose  $u, v \in V$ . Then

$$\|u + v\|^2 + \|u - v\|^2 = 2(\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2).$$

**Proof 11.** Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|u + v\|^2 + \|u - v\|^2 &= \langle u + v, u + v \rangle + \langle u - v, u - v \rangle \\ &= \langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle + \langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle - \langle u, v \rangle - \langle v, u \rangle \\ &= \|u\|^2 + \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + \|v\|^2 \\ &= 2(\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2). \end{aligned}$$

■

**Theorem 5.1.19**

Suppose  $V$  is a real inner product space. Then,

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \frac{\|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2}{4}.$$

**Proof 12.** Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2 &= \langle u + v, u + v \rangle - \langle u - v, u - v \rangle \\ &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2\langle u, v \rangle - (\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 - 2\langle u, v \rangle) \\ &= 4\langle u, v \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \frac{\|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2}{4}.$$

■

**Theorem 5.1.20**

Suppose  $V$  is a complex inner product space. Then,

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \frac{\|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2 + \|u + iv\|^2 - \|u - iv\|^2}{4}.$$

**Proof 13.** Note that

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle u + v, u + v \rangle - \langle u - v, u - v \rangle + \langle u + iv, u + iv \rangle - \langle u - iv, u - iv \rangle \\ &= 2\langle u, v \rangle + 2\langle v, u \rangle + (2\langle u, iv \rangle + 2\langle iv, u \rangle)i \\ &= 2\langle u, v \rangle + 2\langle v, u \rangle + (-2i\langle u, v \rangle + 2i\langle v, u \rangle)i \\ &= 2\langle u, v \rangle + 2\langle v, u \rangle + 2\langle u, v \rangle - 2\langle v, u \rangle \\ &= 4\langle u, v \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

so, we have

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \frac{\|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2 + \|u + iv\|^2 - \|u - iv\|^2}{4}.$$

■

**Theorem 5.1.21**

Let  $U$  be a vector space. If  $\| \cdot \|$  is a norm on  $U$  satisfying the parallelogram equality, then there is an inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on  $U$  s.t.  $\|u\| = \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle} \quad \forall u \in U$ .

## 5.2 Orthonormal Bases

**Definition 5.2.1 (Orthonormal).** A list of vectors is called *orthonormal* if each vector in the list has norm 1 and is orthogonal to all the other vectors in the list. In other words, a list  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  of vectors in  $V$  is orthonormal if

$$\langle e_j, e_k \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = k \\ 0 & \text{if } j \neq k \end{cases}.$$

### Theorem 5.2.2

If  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is an orthonormal list of vectors in  $V$ , then

$$\|a_1 e_1 + \dots + a_m e_m\|^2 = |a_1|^2 + \dots + |a_m|^2 \quad \forall a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}.$$

**Proof 1.** Note that

$$\langle a_1 e_1, a_2 e_2 + \dots + a_m e_m \rangle = \langle a_1 e_1, a_2 e_2 \rangle + \dots + \langle a_1 e_1, a_m e_m \rangle = 0.$$

So, by the Pythagorean Theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|a_1 e_1 + \dots + a_m e_m\|^2 &= \|a_1 e_1\|^2 + \|a_2 e_2 + \dots + a_m e_m\|^2 \\ &= \|a_1 e_1\|^2 + \|a_2 e_2\|^2 + \dots + \|a_m e_m\|^2 \\ &= |a_1|^2 + |a_2|^2 + \dots + |a_m|^2. \end{aligned}$$

■

### Theorem 5.2.3

Every orthonormal list of vectors is L.I..

**Proof 2.** Suppose  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is an orthonormal list of vectors in  $V$ . Then,  $\|a_1 e_1 + \dots + a_m e_m\|^2 = 0$ . By Theorem 5.2.2, it is equivalent to  $|a_1|^2 + \dots + |a_m|^2 = 0$ . Since each  $|a_j| \geq 0$ , it must be  $a_j = 0$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, m$ . Therefore, the orthonormal list is L.I.. ■

**Definition 5.2.4 (Orthonormal Basis).** An *orthonormal basis* of  $V$  is an orthonormal list of vectors in  $V$  that is also a basis of  $V$ .

### Theorem 5.2.5

Every orthonormal list of vectors in  $V$  with length  $\dim V$  is an orthonormal basis of  $V$ .

**Proof 3.** By Theorem 5.2.3, any orthonormal list of vectors must be L.I.. Further since it has length  $\dim V$ , it is a basis of  $V$ . So, by definition, it is an orthonormal basis of  $V$ . ■

### Theorem 5.2.6

Suppose  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is an orthonormal basis of  $V$  and  $v \in V$ . Then,  $v = \langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \dots + \langle v, e_n \rangle e_n$ , and  $\|v\|^2 = |\langle v, e_1 \rangle|^2 + \dots + |\langle v, e_n \rangle|^2$ .

**Proof 4.** Suppose  $v \in V$  and  $v = a_1 e_1 + \dots + a_n e_n$ . Then,

$$\langle v, e_j \rangle = \langle a_1 e_1 + \dots + a_n e_n, e_j \rangle = \langle a_j e_j, e_j \rangle = a_j.$$

So, we have

$$v = \langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \cdots + \langle v, e_n \rangle e_n.$$

Further, by Theorem 5.2.2, we have

$$\|v\|^2 = |\langle v, e_1 \rangle|^2 + \cdots + |\langle v, e_n \rangle|^2.$$

### Theorem 5.2.7 Gram-Schmidt Procedure

Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is L.I. list of vectors in  $V$ . Let  $e_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}$ . For  $j = 2, \dots, m$ , define  $e_j$  inductively by

$$e_j = \frac{v_j - \langle v_j, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \cdots - \langle v_j, e_{j-1} \rangle e_{j-1}}{\|v_j - \langle v_j, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \cdots - \langle v_j, e_{j-1} \rangle e_{j-1}\|}. \quad (15)$$

Then,  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is an orthonormal list of vectors in  $V$  s.t.  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j) = \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_j)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ .

**Proof5.** To prove that Gram-Schmidt Procedure indeed produces an orthonormal list of vectors in  $V$ , we will use prove by mathematical induction.

**Base Case** Suppose  $j = 1$ , then  $\text{span}(v_1) = \text{span}(e_1)$  since  $v_1$  is a positive multiple of  $e_1$ . So, the conclusion holds when  $j = 1$ .

**Inductive Steps** Suppose for some  $1 < j < m$ , we have  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}) = \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_{j-1})$ . Since  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is L.I., we know  $v_j \notin \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1})$ . That is,  $v_j \notin \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_{j-1})$ . (If  $v_j \in \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_{j-1})$ , then  $v_j = \langle v_j, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \cdots + \langle v_j, e_{j-1} \rangle e_{j-1}$ .) Then, we are dividing by 0 in Equation (15). So, we are not dividing by 0 in Equation (15). Dividing a vector by its norm produces a new vector with norm 1, so  $\|e_j\| = 1$ . Now, we want to verify  $e_j$  is orthogonal to  $e_1, \dots, e_{j-1}$ . Pick some  $k$  s.t.  $1 \leq k < j$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle e_j, e_k \rangle &= \left\langle \frac{v_j - \langle v_j, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \cdots - \langle v_j, e_{j-1} \rangle e_{j-1}}{\|v_j - \langle v_j, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \cdots - \langle v_j, e_{j-1} \rangle e_{j-1}\|}, e_k \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{\langle v_j - \langle v_j, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \cdots - \langle v_j, e_{j-1} \rangle e_{j-1}, e_k \rangle}{\|v_j - \langle v_j, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \cdots - \langle v_j, e_{j-1} \rangle e_{j-1}\|} \\ &= \frac{\langle v_j, e_k \rangle - \langle v_j, e_k \rangle}{\|v_j - \langle v_j, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \cdots - \langle v_j, e_{j-1} \rangle e_{j-1}\|} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $e_1, \dots, e_j$  is an orthonormal basis, and  $v_j \in \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_j)$  since  $v_j$  is a linear combination of  $e_1, \dots, e_j$  by Equation (15). Further, we have

$$\dim \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j) = \dim \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_j)$$

and

$$\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j) \subseteq \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_j).$$

That is, exactly,  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j) = \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_j)$ .

**Theorem 5.2.8**

Every  $f$ - $d$  inner product space has an orthonormal basis.

**Proof 6.** Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$ , and select a basis of  $V$ . Apply Gram-Schmidt Procedure (Theorem 5.2.7) to this basis, we then have an orthonormal basis of  $V$ . ■

**Theorem 5.2.9**

Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$ . Then, every orthonormal list of vectors in  $V$  can be extended to an orthonormal basis of  $V$ .

**Proof 7.** Suppose  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is an orthonormal list of vectors in  $V$ . Then,  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is L.I. and can be extended to a basis  $e_1, \dots, e_m, v_1, \dots, v_n$  of  $V$ . Apply Gram-Schmidt Procedure to this basis, we get an orthonormal list  $e_1, \dots, e_m, f_1, \dots, f_n$ . Here,  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is unchanged since they are already orthonormal. Then,  $e_1, \dots, e_m, f_1, \dots, f_n$  is an orthonormal basis of  $V$ . ■

**Theorem 5.2.10**

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . If  $T$  has an upper-triangular matrix with respect to some basis of  $V$ , then  $T$  has an upper-triangular matrix with respect to some orthonormal basis of  $V$ .

**Proof 8.** Suppose  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  is upper-triangular with respect to a basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  of  $V$ . Then, we know  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j)$  is invariant under  $T$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Apply Gram-Schmidt Procedure to  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ , we will get an orthonormal basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  of  $V$ . Further, since  $\text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_j) = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_j)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , we know  $\text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_j)$  is invariant under  $T$ . Therefore,  $T$  has an upper-triangular matrix with respect to the orthonormal basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n$ . ■

**Theorem 5.2.11 Schur's Theorem**

Suppose  $V$  is a  $f$ - $d$  complex vector space and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Then,  $T$  has an upper-triangular matrix with respect to some orthonormal basis of  $V$ .

**Proof 9.** Since  $V$  is a  $f$ - $d$  complex vector space,  $T$  must have an upper-triangular matrix with respect to some basis of  $V$ . Further, by Theorem 5.2.10,  $T$  must have an upper-triangular matrix with respect to an orthonormal basis of  $V$ . ■

**Example 5.2.12** The function  $\varphi : \mathbb{F}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  defined by

$$\varphi(z_1, z_2, z_3) = 2z_1 - 5z_2 + z_3$$

is a linear functional on  $\mathbb{F}^3$ . We could write this linear functional in the form  $\varphi(z) = \langle z, u \rangle$  for every  $z \in \mathbb{F}^3$ , where  $u = \langle 2, -5, 1 \rangle$ .

**Theorem 5.2.13 Riesz Representation Theorem**

Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $\varphi$  is a linear functional on  $V$ . Then, there is a unique vector  $u \in V$  s.t.  $\varphi(v) = \langle v, u \rangle$  for every  $v \in V$ .

**Proof 10.** Let  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  be an orthonormal basis of  $V$ . Then, for all  $v \in V$ , we have

$$v = \langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \dots + \langle v, e_n \rangle e_n.$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(v) &= \varphi(\langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \dots + \langle v, e_n \rangle e_n) \\ &= \langle v, e_1 \rangle \varphi(e_1) + \dots + \langle v, e_n \rangle \varphi(e_n) \\ &= \langle v, \overline{\varphi(e_1)} e_1 \rangle + \dots + \langle v, \overline{\varphi(e_n)} e_n \rangle \\ &= \langle v, \overline{\varphi(e_1)} e_1 + \dots + \overline{\varphi(e_n)} e_n \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $\exists u_1, u_2 \in V$  s.t.  $\varphi(v) = \langle v, u_1 \rangle = \langle v, u_2 \rangle$ . Then,  $\langle v, u_1 \rangle - \langle v, u_2 \rangle = \langle v, u_1 - u_2 \rangle = 0$ . Let  $v = u_1 - u_2$ , then we have  $\langle u_1 - u_2, u_1 - u_2 \rangle = 0$ . So, it must be  $u_1 = u_2$ . Therefore,  $\exists$  a unique  $u \in V$  and

$$u = \overline{\varphi(e_1)} e_1 + \dots + \overline{\varphi(e_n)} e_n \text{ s.t. } \varphi(v) = \langle v, u \rangle \quad \forall v \in V.$$

■

**Example 5.2.14** Find  $u \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  s.t.  $\int_{-1}^1 p(t)(\cos(\pi t)) dt = \int_{-1}^1 p(t)u(t) dt$  for every  $p \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Remark.** Define an inner product on  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  as  $\langle p, q \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 p(x)q(x) dx$  to solve this problem.

**Answer 11.**

Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{R})$  be defined as  $\varphi(t) = \int_{-1}^1 p(t)(\cos(\pi t)) dt$ . Note that  $1, x, x^2$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . To find an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ , apply Gram-Schmidt Procedure, we have

$$e_1 = \frac{1}{\|1\|} = \frac{1}{\int_{-1}^1 1 \cdot 1 dt} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

□

### 5.3 Orthogonal Complements and Minimization Problems

## **6 Operators on Inner Product Spaces**

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## **9 Trace and Determinant**

### **9.1 Trace**

**9.2 Determinant**

## 10 Exercises

### 10.1 Span and Linear Independence

1. Suppose  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  spans  $V$ . Prove that the list  $v_1 - v_2, v_2 - v_3, v_3 - v_4, v_4$  also spans  $V$ .
2. Prove that if  $\mathbb{C}$  is a vector space on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then the list  $1 + i, 1 - i$  is L.I..
3. Prove that if  $\mathbb{C}$  is a vector space on  $\mathbb{C}$ , then the list  $1 + i, 1 - i$  is linearly dependent.
4. Prove or give a counterexample: Suppose  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  is L.I. in  $V$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  with  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Then  $\lambda v_1, \lambda v_2, \dots, \lambda v_m$  is L.I..
5. Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is L.I. in  $V$  and  $w \in V$ . Prove that if  $v_1 + w, \dots, v_m + w$  is linearly dependent, then  $w \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ .

### 10.2 Bases

1. Find all the vectors spaces that consist of only one basis.

**Hint.**  $\{0\}$ .

2. Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  s.t.  $U = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) \in \mathbb{R}^5 \mid x_1 = 3x_2, x_3 = 7x_4\}$ . Find a basis of  $U$ . Extend this basis into a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ . Then, find a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  s.t.  $\mathbb{R}^5 = U \oplus W$ .
3. Suppose  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  is a basis of  $V$ . Prove that  $v_1 + v_2, v_2 + v_3, v_3 + v_4, v_4$  is also a basis of  $V$ .
4. **Prove** or disprove:  $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{F})$  has a basis  $p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3$  s.t. no one from  $p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3$  has a degree of 2.

**Hint.** Use the conclusion from #3.

5. Prove or **give a counterexample**: If  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  s.t.  $v_1, v_2 \in U, v_3 \notin U, v_4 \notin U$ , then  $v_1, v_2$  is basis of  $U$ .

### 10.3 Dimension

1. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  s.t.  $\dim U = \dim V$ . Prove that  $U = V$ .
2. Prove that the subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are exactly the following:  $\{0\}, \mathbb{R}^2$ , and all the lines passing through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
3. Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is L.I. in  $V$  and  $w \in V$ . Prove  $\dim \text{span}(v_1 + w, \dots, v_m + w) \geq m - 1$ .
4. Suppose  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_m \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  s.t.  $\deg p_j = j$ . Prove  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_m$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$ .
5. Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^8$  s.t.  $\dim U = 3, \dim W = 5$ , and  $U + W = \mathbb{R}^8$ . Prove that  $\mathbb{R}^8 = U \oplus W$ .
6. Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are 5-dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^9$ . Prove  $U \cap W \neq \{0\}$ .
7. Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are 4-dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{C}^6$ . Prove that  $\exists$  two vectors in  $U \cap W$  s.t. any one of which is not a scalar multiple of another one.

8. Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are  $f$ - $d$  vector spaces of  $V$ . Prove that  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is  $f$ - $d$  and

$$\dim(U_1 + \dots + U_m) \leq \dim U_1 + \dots + \dim U_m.$$

9. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $\dim V = n \geq 1$ . Prove that  $\exists$  1-dimensional subspaces of  $V$ ,  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  s.t.

$$V = U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_n.$$

10. Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are  $f$ - $d$  vector subspaces of  $V$  s.t.  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is a direct sum. Prove that  $U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_m$  is  $f$ - $d$  and

$$\dim U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_m = \dim U_1 + \dots + \dim U_m.$$

**Hint.** Use mathematical induction.

**Remark.** This problem deepens the analogy between direct sums of subspaces and disjoint unions of subsets. Specifically, compare this problem to the following obvious statement: if a set is written as a disjoint union of finite subsets, then the number of elements in the set equals the sum of the numbers of elements in the disjoint subsets.

11. Prove or give a counter example:

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(U_1 + U_2 + U_3) &= \dim U_1 + \dim U_2 + \dim U_3 \\ &\quad - \dim(U_1 \cap U_2) - \dim(U_1 \cap U_3) - \dim(U_2 \cap U_3) \\ &\quad + \dim(U_1 \cap U_2 \cap U_3). \end{aligned}$$

**Hint.** Consider  $U_1 = \{(x, 0) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $U_2 = \{(0, y) \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $U_3 = \{(x, x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

## 10.4 The Vector Space of Linear Maps

1. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is a vector list in  $V$  s.t.  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_m$  is L.I. in  $W$ . Prove that  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is L.I.
2. Prove that  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is a vector space.
3. Prove the algebraic properties of products of linear maps.
4. Show that every linear map from a 1-dimensional vector space to itself is multiplication by some scalar. More precisely, prove that if  $\dim V = 1$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ , then  $\exists \lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  s.t.  $Tv = \lambda v \quad \forall v \in V$ .

## 10.5 Null Spaces and Range

1. Suppose  $V$  is a vector space and  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$  s.t.  $\text{range } S \subset \text{null } T$ . Prove that  $(ST)^2 = 0$ .
2. Prove that  $\nexists$  a linear map  $T : \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$  s.t.  $\text{range } T = \text{null } T$ .
3. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is injective and  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is L.I. in  $V$ . Prove that  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n$  is L.I. in  $W$ .

4. Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  spans  $V$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n$  spans  $\text{range } T$ .
5. Suppose  $U$  is a 3-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^8$  and  $T$  is a linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^8$  to  $\mathbb{R}^5$  s.t.  $\text{null } T = U$ . Prove that  $T$  is surjective.
6. Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are  $f$ -d. Prove that  $\exists$  an injective linear map from  $V$  to  $W \iff \dim V \leq \dim W$ .
7. Suppose  $U$  and  $V$  are  $f$ -d vector spaces,  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ . Prove

$$\dim \text{null } ST \leq \dim \text{null } S + \dim \text{null } T.$$

8. Suppose  $U$  and  $V$  are  $f$ -d vector spaces,  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ . Prove

$$\dim \text{range } ST \leq \min \{ \dim \text{range } S, \dim \text{range } T \}.$$

9. Suppose  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$  s.t.  $\deg Dp = (\deg p) - 1 \forall$  non-constant polynomial  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Remark.** The notation  $D$  is used above to remind you of the differentiation map that sends a polynomial  $p$  to  $p'$ . Without knowing the formula for the derivative of a polynomial (except that it reduces the degree by 1), you can use the exercise above to show that for every polynomial  $q \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\exists$  a polynomial  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  s.t.  $p' = q$ .

10. Suppose  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ . Prove that  $\exists q \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  s.t.  $5q'' + 3q' = p$ .

**Remark.** This problem can be solved without using knowledge in Linear Algebra, but it is more interesting to solve with Linear Algebra.

11. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and let  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  be a basis of  $\text{range } T$ . Prove that  $\exists \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_m \in \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F})$  s.t.  $Tv = \varphi_1(v)w_1 + \dots + \varphi_m(v)w_m \quad \forall v \in V$ .

## 10.6 Matrices

1. Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are  $f$ -d and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that for any basis in  $V$  and  $W$ , the matrix for  $T$  has at least  $\dim \text{range } T$  non-zero entries.
2. If  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then  $\mathcal{M}(S + T) = \mathcal{M}(S) + \mathcal{M}(T)$ .
3. Suppose  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,  $\mathcal{M}(\lambda T) = \lambda \mathcal{M}(T)$ .

## 10.7 Invertibility and Isomorphism

1. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  are invertible linear maps. Prove that  $ST \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$  is invertible and  $(ST)^{-1} = T^{-1}S^{-1}$ .
2. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ -d and  $\dim V > 1$ . Prove that the set of non-invertible operators on  $V$  is not a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ .
3. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ -d and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Let  $S \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ . Prove that  $\exists$  invertible operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  s.t.  $Tu = Su \quad \forall u \in U \iff S$  is injective.

4. Suppose  $W$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that  $\text{null } T_1 = \text{null } T_2 \iff \exists$  invertible operator  $S \in \mathcal{L}(W)$  s.t.  $T_1 = ST_2$ .
5. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that  $\text{range } T_1 = \text{range } T_2 \iff \exists$  invertible operator  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  s.t.  $T_1 = T_2S$ .
6. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that  $ST$  is invertible  $\iff$  both  $S$  and  $T$  are invertible.
7. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove  $ST = I \iff TS = I$ .
8. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $S, T, U \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  s.t.  $STU = I$ . Prove  $T$  is invertible and  $T^{-1} = US$ .
9. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $R, S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  s.t.  $RST$  is a surjection. Prove that  $S$  is an injection.
10. Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ . Define a linear map  $T : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^{n,1}$  as  $Tv = \mathcal{M}(v)$ , where  $\mathcal{M}(v)$  is the matrix of  $v \in V$  with respect to the basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ . Prove that  $T$  is an isomorphism from  $V$  to  $\mathbb{F}^{n,1}$ .
11. Prove that  $V \cong \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}, V)$ .

## 10.8 Duality

1. Let  $V$  be  $f$ - $d$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  s.t.  $U \neq V$ . Prove that  $\exists \varphi \in V'$  s.t.  $\forall u \in U, \varphi(u) = 0$  but  $\varphi \neq 0$ .
2. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$ ,  $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ . Define a linear map  $\Gamma : V' \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$  as follows:
 
$$\Gamma(\varphi) = (\varphi(v_1), \dots, \varphi(v_m)).$$
  - (a) Prove that  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  spans  $V$  if and only if  $\Gamma$  is injective.
  - (b) Prove that  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is L.I. if and only if  $\Gamma$  is surjective.
3. Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  is the corresponding dual basis of  $v'$ . Suppose  $\psi \in V'$ . Prove that
 
$$\psi = \psi(v_1)\varphi_1 + \dots + \psi(v_n)\varphi_n.$$
4. Suppose  $W$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that  $T' = 0$  if and only if  $T = 0$ .
5. Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are  $f$ - $d$ . Prove that the linear map from  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  to  $T' \in \mathcal{L}(W', V')$  is an isomorphism between  $L(V, W)$  and  $L(W', V')$ .
6. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $U \subset V$ . Prove that  $U = \{0\}$  if and only if  $U^0 = V'$ .
7. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Prove that  $U = V$  if and only if  $U^0 = \{0\}$ .
8. Suppose  $U$  and  $V$  are subsets of  $V$  with  $U \subset W$ . Prove that  $W^0 \subset U^0$ .
9. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $V$  with  $W^0 \subset U^0$ . Prove that  $U \subseteq W$ .
10. Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Prove that  $(U + W)^0 = U^0 \cap W^0$ .
11. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Prove that  $(U \cap W)^0 = U^0 + W^0$ .

**10.9 Quotient Space**

1. Suppose  $v, x \in V$  and  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $V$  s.t.  $v + U = x + W$ . Prove that  $U = W$ .

**10.10 Invariant Spaces**

1. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $U$  is the subspace of  $V$ .
  - (a) Prove that if  $U \subset \text{null } T$ , then  $U$  is invariant under  $T$ .
  - (b) Prove that if  $\text{range } T \subset U$  then  $U$  is invariant under  $T$ .
2. Suppose  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  s.t.  $ST = TS$ . Prove that  $\text{null } S$  is invariant under  $T$ .
3. Suppose  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  s.t.  $ST = TS$ . Prove that  $\text{range } S$  is invariant under  $T$ .
4. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are invariant subspaces of  $V$  under  $T$ . Prove that  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  are invariant under  $T$ .
5. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that the intersection of any collection of invariant subspaces of  $V$  under  $T$  is also invariant under  $T$ .
6. Prove or give a counterexample: If  $V$  is  $f$ -d and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  s.t.  $U$  is invariant under every operators of  $V$ , then  $U = \{0\}$  or  $U = V$ .
7. Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  as  $T(x, y) = (-3y, x)$ . Find the eigenvalues of  $T$ .
8. Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^2)$  as  $T(w, z) = (z, w)$ . Find all the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $T$ .
9. Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^3)$  as  $T(z_1, z_2, z_3) = (2z_2, 0, 5z_3)$ , Find all the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $T$ .
10. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Let  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is invertible.
  - (a) Prove that  $T$  and  $S^{-1}TS$  have identical eigenvalues.
  - (b) What is the relationship between the eigenvectors of  $T$  and the eigenvectors of  $S^{-1}TS$ ?
11. Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^\infty)$  as  $T(z_1, z_2, \dots) = (0, z_1, z_2, \dots)$ . Prove that  $T$  has no eigenvalues.
12. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is invertible.
  - (a) Suppose  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Prove that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$  if and only if  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $T^{-1}$ .
  - (b) Prove that  $T$  and  $T^{-1}$  have identical eigenvectors.
13. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $\exists$  nonzero  $v, w \in V$  s.t.  $Tv = 3w$  and  $Tw = 3v$ . Prove that 3 or  $-3$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ .
14. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ -d and  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that  $ST$  and  $TS$  have identical eigenvalues.



**10.11 Eigenvalues and Upper-Triangular Matrices**

1. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  s.t.  $T^n = 0$ .
  - (a) Prove that  $(I - T)$  is invertible and  $(I - T)^{-1} = I + T + \cdots + T^{n-1}$ .
  - (b) Give a rationale of coming up with the formula above.
2. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $(T - 2I)(T - 3I)(T - 4I) = 0$ . Suppose  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ . Prove that  $\lambda = 2$ ,  $\lambda = 3$ , or  $\lambda = 4$ .
3. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ ,  $T^2 = I$ , and  $-1$  is not an eigenvalue of  $T$ . Prove that  $T = I$ .
4. Suppose  $P \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $P^2 = P$ . Prove that  $V = \text{null } P \oplus \text{range } P$ .
5. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that  $9$  is an eigenvalue of  $T^2$  if and only if  $3$  or  $-3$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ .
6. Find a  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  s.t.  $T^4 = -I$ .
7. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $v$  is the eigenvector of  $T$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Let  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$ . Prove that  $p(T)v = p(\lambda)v$ .

**10.12 Eigenspace and Diagonal Matrices**

1. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is diagonalizable. Prove that  $V = \text{null } T \oplus \text{range } T$ .
2. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that the following conditions are equivalent:
  - (a)  $V = \text{null } T \oplus \text{range } T$ ;
  - (b)  $V = \text{null } T + \text{range } T$ ;
  - (c)  $\text{null } T \cap \text{range } T = \{0\}$ .
3. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  has  $\dim V$  distinct eigenvalues, and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  has identical eigenvectors with  $T$  (but not necessarily corresponding to the same eigenvalues). Prove that  $ST = TS$ .
4. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  has a diagonal matrix corresponding to some basis of  $V$ , denoted as  $A$ . Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . Prove that  $\lambda$  will appear on the diagonal of  $A$  exactly  $\dim E(\lambda, T)$  times.
5. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^5)$  and  $\dim E(8, T) = 4$ . Prove that  $(T - 2I)$  or  $(T - 6I)$  is invertible.
6. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is invertible. Prove that for every nonzero  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ , we have  $E(\lambda, T) = \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}, T^{-1}\right)$ .
7. Suppose  $V$  is  $f$ - $d$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  be distinct nonzero eigenvalues. Prove that

$$\dim E(\lambda_1, T) + \cdots + \dim E(\lambda_m, T) \leq \dim \text{range } T.$$