

# Linear Maps

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# 1 The Vector Space of Linear Maps

## 1.1 Definition linear map

A **linear map** from  $V$  to  $W$  is a function  $T:V \Rightarrow W$  with the following properties:

- **additivity**:  $T(u + v) = Tu + Tv$  for all  $u, v \in V$ ;
- **homogeneity**:  $T(\lambda v) = \lambda(Tv)$  for all  $\lambda \in F$  and all  $v \in V$ ;

## 1.2 Example linear maps

from  $R^3$  to  $R^2$   
define  $T \in L(R^3, R^2)$  by

$$T(x, y, z) = (2x - y + 3z, 7x + 5y - 6z)$$

from  $F^n$  to  $F^m$

generalizing the previous example, let  $m$  and  $n$  be positive integers, let  $A_{i,k} \in F$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$  and  $k = 1, \dots, n$  and define  $T \in l(F^n, F^m)$  by  $T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (A_{1,1}x_1 + \dots + A_{1,n}x_n, \dots, A_{m,1}x_1 + \dots + A_{m,n}x_n)$  actually every linear map from  $F^n$  to  $F^m$  is of this form.

## 1.3 linear maps and basis of domain

Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of the  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in W$ . then there exists a unique linear map  $T : V \rightarrow W$  such that

$$Tv_j = w_j$$

for each  $j = 1, \dots, n$ .

## 1.4 Algebraic Operations on $L(V, W)$

### 1.4.1 Definition addition and scalar multiplication on $L(V, W)$

Suppose  $S, T \in L(V, W)$  and  $\lambda \in F$  the sum  $S + T$  and the product  $\lambda T$  are the linear maps from  $V$  to  $W$  defined by

$$(S + T)(v) = S(v) + T(v) \text{ and } (\lambda T)(v) = \lambda(Tv)$$

for all  $v \in V$

### 1.4.2 $L(V, W)$ is a vector space

With the operations of addition and scalar multiplication as defined above,  $L(V, W)$  is a vector space.

### 1.4.3 Definition product of linear maps

if  $T \in L(U, V)$  and  $S \in L(V, W)$ , then the product  $ST \in L(U, W)$  is defined by

$$(ST)(u) = S(Tu)$$

for all  $u \in U$

### 1.4.4 linear maps take 0 to 0

Suppose  $T$  is a linear map from  $V$  to  $W$ . then  $T(0) = 0$ .