# Chapter 3: Linear maps

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# A: The vector space of linear maps

# Problem: 1

Suppose  $b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Define  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$T(x, y, z) = (2x - 4y + 3z + b, 6x + cxyz).$$

Show that T is a linear map if and only if b = 0 and c = 0.

*Proof.* Consider T(1,1,1) = T(1,0,0) + T(0,1,1)

$$T(1,1,1) = (1+b,6+c) \tag{1}$$

$$T(1,0,0) = (2+b,6) \tag{2}$$

$$T(0,1,1) = (-1+b,0) \tag{3}$$

Therefore, b = 0, c = 0

# B: Null space and Range

# Problem: 1

Give an example of a linear map T such that  $\dim \operatorname{null} T = 3$  and  $\dim \operatorname{range} T = 2$ .

*Proof.* Consider  $T: \mathcal{P}(4) \mapsto \mathcal{P}(1)$ ,  $T(az^4 + bz^3 + cz^2 + dz + e) = (dz + e)$ . Then dim null T = 3 and dim range T = 2.

# Problem: 3

Suppose  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$  is a list of vectors in V. Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^m, V)$  by

$$T(z_1,\ldots,z_m)=z_1v_1+\cdots+z_mv_m.$$

- (a) What property of T corresponds to  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$  spanning V.
- (b) What property of T corresponds to  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$  being linearly independent.

*Proof.* (a)  $\forall v \in V$ , we have  $T(z_1, \ldots, z_m) = v$ , which means  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$  span V. This suggests that range T is equal to V. Hence, T is surjective.

(b) If  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$  are linearly independent, then  $T(z_1, \ldots, z_m) = 0$  implies  $z_1 = \cdots = z_m = 0$ . This suggests that null  $T = \{0\}$ , hence T is injective.

Show that

$$T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^5, \mathbb{R}^4)$$
: dim null  $T > 2$ 

is not a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^5, \mathbb{R}^4)$ 

*Proof.* Suppose dim  $\operatorname{null} T > 2$ , by F.T. of linear maps,

$$\dim T = 5 = \dim \operatorname{null} T + \dim \operatorname{range} T \tag{4}$$

$$> 2 + \dim \operatorname{range} T$$
 (5)

$$\dim \operatorname{range} T < 3 \tag{6}$$

Hence,  $T \notin \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^5, \mathbb{R}^4)$ , and thus not a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^5, \mathbb{R}^4)$ .

#### Problem: 5

Give an example of a linear map  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^4$  such that

range 
$$T = \text{null } T$$
.

*Proof.* Consider  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ ,  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (x_3, x_4, 0, 0)$ . Then range T = null T.

# Problem: 6

Prove that there does not exist a linear map  $T:\mathbb{R}^5\mapsto\mathbb{R}^5$  such that range  $T=\operatorname{null} T.$ 

*Proof.* Suppose there exists a linear map  $T: \mathbb{R}^5 \to \mathbb{R}^5$  such that range T = null T. Then by F.T. of linear maps, we have  $\dim \text{range } T = \dim \text{null } T$ , which implies  $\dim \text{range } T = 5 - \dim \text{range } T$ , or  $\dim \text{range } T = 2.5$ , which is not an integer. Hence, such a linear map does not exist.

# Problem: 7

Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional with  $2 \le \dim V \le \dim W$ . Show that  $\{T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W) : T \text{ is not injective } \}$  is not a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .

*Proof.* T is not injective suggests that  $\dim \operatorname{null} V > 0$ . Then By the F.T. of linear maps, we have

$$\dim V = \dim \operatorname{null} V + \dim W \tag{7}$$

$$\geq 1 + \dim W \geq 1 + \dim V \tag{8}$$

Contradicts! Hence,  $T \notin \mathcal{L}(V, W) \implies$  not a subspace.

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is injective and  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  is linearly independent in V. Prove that  $Tv_1, \ldots, Tv_n$  is linearly independent in W.

*Proof.* T is injective  $\implies$  null  $T = \{0\}$ . Therefore, we have

$$T(\lambda_1 v_1 + \dots + \lambda_n v_n) \iff \lambda_i = 0$$

where  $j \in \{1, ..., n\}$ . Since  $v_1, ..., v_n$  are linearly independent. It follows that  $Tv_1, ..., Tv_n$  are linearly independent.  $\square$ 

# Problem: 10

Suppose  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  spans V and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that the list  $Tv_1, \ldots, Tv_n$  spans range T.

*Proof.* Suppose  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  spans V. Then  $\forall v \in V$ , we have  $v = \lambda_1 v_1 + \cdots + \lambda_n v_n$ . Then

$$T(v) = T(\lambda_1 v_1 + \dots + \lambda_n v_n) = \lambda_1 T v_1 + \dots + \lambda_n T v_n.$$

This suggests that range $(T) \subset \operatorname{span}(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n)$ . Also,  $\operatorname{span}(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n)$  is the smallest containing subspace of W implying that it is a subset of range W, hence range  $T = \operatorname{span}(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n)$ .

# Problem: 11

Suppose  $S_1, \ldots, S_n$  are injective linear maps such that  $S_1 S_2 \ldots S_n$  makes sense. Prove that  $S_1 S_2 \ldots S_n$  is injective.

Proof. By F.T. of linear maps, we have

$$\dim S_1 = \dim \operatorname{null} S_1 + \dim \operatorname{range} S_1 \tag{9}$$

$$= 0 + \dim \operatorname{range} S_1 = \dim \operatorname{range} S_1 \tag{10}$$

It follows that

 $\dim S_1 = \dim \operatorname{range} S_1 = \dim S_2 = \cdots = \dim S_n = \dim \operatorname{range} S_n$ 

Hence, dim null  $S_1 S_2 \dots S_n = 0 \iff S_1 S_2 \dots S_n$  is injective.  $\square$ 

# Problem: 12

Suppose that V is finite-dimensional and that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that there exists a subspace U of V such that null T = U and  $U \cap \text{range } T = \{0\}.$ 

*Proof.* Let  $u_1, \ldots, u_n$  be a basis for null T. Then  $\mathrm{span}(u_1, \ldots, u_n)$  is a subspace of V. Since it is linear independent, it can be extended to a basis of V, say  $u_1, \ldots, u_n, v_1, \ldots, v_m$ . Then V is the direct sum of the spanning of  $u_1, \ldots, u_n$  and  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$ . Take  $U = \mathrm{span}(v_1, \ldots, v_m)$ 

# Problem: 13

Suppose T is a linear map from  $\mathbb{F}^4$  to  $\mathbb{F}^2$  such that

null 
$$T = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{F}^4 : x_1 = 5x_2 \text{ and } x_3 = 7x_4\}$$

Prove that T is surjective.

*Proof.* A basis of  $\operatorname{null} T$  is

$$\{(5,1,0,0),(0,0,7,1)\}$$

Then by F.T. of linear maps, we have

$$\dim \operatorname{range} T = 4 - \dim \operatorname{null} T = 4 - 2 = 2$$

Therefore, range  $T = \mathbb{R}^2 \implies T$  is surjective.

# Problem: 14

Suppose U is a 3-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^8$  and that T is a linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^8$  to  $\mathbb{R}^5$  such that null T = U. Prove that T is surjective.

*Proof.* By F.T. of linear maps, we have

$$\dim \operatorname{range} T = 8 - \dim \operatorname{null} T = 8 - 3 = 5$$

This suggests that range  $T = \mathbb{R}^5 \implies T$  is surjective.

# Problem: 15

Prove that there does not exist a linear map from  $\mathbb{F}^5$  to  $\mathbb{F}^2$  whose null space equals

$$\{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) \in \mathbb{F}^5 : x_1 = 3x_2 \text{ and } x_3 = x_4 = x_5\}.$$

*Proof.* Suppose there exists such a linear map, then, by F.T. of linear maps, we have

$$\dim \operatorname{range} T = 5 - \dim \operatorname{null} T = 5 - 2 = 2$$

Contradicts!

Suppose there exists a linear map on V whose null space and range are both finite-dimensional. Prove that V is finite dimensional.

*Proof.* WLOG, let  $\dim \operatorname{null} T = m$  and  $\dim \operatorname{range} T = n$ . Then by F.T. of linear maps, we have

 $\dim V = \dim \operatorname{null} T + \dim \operatorname{range} T = m + n < \infty$ 

# Problem: 17

Suppose V and W are both finite-dimensional. Prove that there exists an injective linear map from V to W if and only if  $\dim V \leq \dim W$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) Suppose there is an injective linear map  $T:V\mapsto W.$  By F.T. of linear maps, we have

$$\dim V = \dim \operatorname{null} T + \dim \operatorname{range} T \tag{11}$$

$$= 0 + \dim \operatorname{range} T = \dim \operatorname{range} T \tag{12}$$

( $\iff$ ) Suppose dim  $V \leq$  dim W. Then there exists a basis of V that can be extended to a basis of W. Let  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  be a basis of V and  $w_1, \ldots, w_n$  be a basis of W. Define  $T: V \mapsto W$  by  $T(v_i) = w_i$ . Then T is injective.

# Problem: 19

Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional and that U is a subspace of V. Prove that there exists

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

such that  $\operatorname{null} T = U$  if and only if  $\dim U \ge \dim V - \dim W$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) Suppose there exists  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V,W)$  such that  $\operatorname{null} T = U$ . Since range T is a subspace of W, we have  $\dim Range \leq \dim W$ . The rest of the proof follows by the F.T. of linear maps.

 $(\Leftarrow)$  Suppose dim  $U \ge \dim V - \dim W$ , we have

$$\dim U + \dim W \ge \dim V = \dim \operatorname{null} T + \dim \operatorname{range} T \tag{13}$$

Of course we could find such a T.

# Problem: 20

Suppose W is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that T is injective if and only if there exists  $S \in \mathcal{L}(W, V)$  such that ST is the identity map on V.

*Proof.* ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) T is injective  $\Longleftrightarrow$  dim null T=0. Then there exists a basis of V that can be extended to a basis of W. Let  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  be a basis of V and  $w_1, \ldots, w_n$  be a basis of W. Define  $S: W \mapsto V$  by  $S(w_i) = v_i$  and  $T: V \mapsto W$  by  $T(v_k) = w_k$  Then

$$ST(v) = ST(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n) \tag{14}$$

$$= S(a_1w_1 + \dots + a_nw_n) \tag{15}$$

$$= a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n \tag{16}$$

$$=v\tag{17}$$

( $\iff$ ) Since  $v_k$  is a basis, null  $T = \{0\}$ . This suggests that T is injective.  $\square$ 

# C: Matrix

#### Problem: 1

Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Show that with respect to each choice of bases of V and W, the matrix of T has at least dim range T nonzero entries.

*Proof.* Follows from the F.T. of linear maps, we have  $\dim \operatorname{range} T = \dim W - \dim \operatorname{null} T$ . Since  $\operatorname{null} T$  becomes all the zero entries, therefore the matrix of T has at least  $\dim \operatorname{range} T$  nonzero entries.

# Problem: 2

Suppose  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  is the differentiation map defined by Dp = pt. Find a basis of  $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$  and a basis of  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  such that the matrix of D with respect to these bases is

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0
\end{pmatrix}$$

*Proof.* Easy to verify that  $\frac{1}{3}x^3, \frac{1}{2}x^2, x, 1$  is a list of basis of  $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$ , and its derivative is  $x^2, x, 1$  which is a basis of  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

# Problem: 3

Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that there exists a basis of V and a basis of W such that with respect to these bases, all entries of  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  are zero except for the entries in row j, column j, equal 1 for  $1 \leq j \leq \dim \operatorname{range} T$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  be a basis of V such that  $\forall i \in 1, \ldots, k, Tv_i = 1$ , where  $k = \dim \operatorname{range} T$ . Of course, it is a basis of range T. Expressing this as a matrix gives the desired result.

# Problem: 4

Suppose  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$  is a basis of V and W is finite-dimensional. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that there exists a basis  $w_1, \ldots, w_n$  of W such that all entries in the first column of  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  (with respect to the bases  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$  and  $w_1, \ldots, w_n$ ) are 0 except for possibly a 1 in the first column.

*Proof.* Let  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$  be the trivial basis of V. Then  $Tv_1, \ldots, Tv_m$  spans range T. After finite steps of procedure, we can obtain a list,  $Tv_1, \ldots, Tv_m$  which is a basis of W, say  $w_1, \ldots, w_m$ . Then the first column of  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  is the desired result.

#### Problem: 5

Suppose  $w_1, \ldots, w_n$  is a basis of W and V is finite-dimensional. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that there exists a basis  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$  of V such that all entries in the first row of  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  (with respect to the bases  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$  and  $w_1, \ldots, w_n$ ) are 0 except for possibly a 1 in the first row.

*Proof.* We could always find a basis of V such that  $\exists i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}, v_i = (1, \ldots, 0)$  For list  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$ , if  $m \leq n$ , we obtain the desired result. Otherwise, we could let the  $v_{m+1}, \ldots, v_n$  be the basis of null T.

# Problem: 6

Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that dim range T = 1 if and only if there exists a basis of V and a basis of W such that with respect to these bases, all entries of  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  equal 1.

*Proof.* ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) Suppose dim range T=1, then for  $v_1,\ldots,v_n$ , a basis of V,  $Tv_1,\ldots,Tv_n\in \text{range }T$  suggests that they are linearly dependent to each other. Hence, we could obtain the desire by letting  $Tv_1,\ldots,Tv_n=(1,\ldots,1)$ 

( $\iff$ ) Suppose there exists a basis of V and a basis of W such that with respect to these bases, all entries of  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  equal 1. Then, dim range T=1.  $\square$ 

Suppose A is an m-by-n matrix and C is an n by p matrix. Prove that

$$(AC)_{j,\cdot} = A_{j,\cdot}C$$

for  $1 \leq j \leq m.$  In other words, show that row j of AC equals (row j of A) times C.

Proof.

$$(AC)_{j,i} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} A_{j,k} C_{k,i} = (A_{j,k} C)_{i}$$
(18)

# D: Invertibility and Isomorphic Vector spaces

# Problem: 1

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(U,V)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V,W)$  are both invertible linear maps. Prove that ST is invertible and that  $(ST)^{-1} = T^{-1}S^{-1}$ .

*Proof.* The proof for the invertibility is trivial, since U,V,W are bijective to each other. Then we only have to prove the equation. It follows from the fact that  $STT^{-1}S^{-1} = I = T^{-1}S^{-1}ST$ 

# Problem: 2

Suppose V is finite-dimensional and dim V > 1. Prove that the set of non-invertible operators on V is not a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose T, S are non-invertible operators on V. Then  $\operatorname{null} T \neq \{0\}$  and  $\operatorname{null} S \neq \{0\}$ . Then  $\operatorname{null} T + \operatorname{null} S \neq \{0\}$ , which suggests that T + S is not invertible.

#### Problem: 3

Suppose V is finite-dimensional, U is a subspace of V, and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ . Prove there exists an invertible operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  such that Tu = Su for ever  $u \in U$  if and only if S is injective.

*Proof.* ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) This is obvious since T is bijective.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose S is injective. Then we could extend  $u_1, \ldots, u_n$  to a basis of V. Then we could define T by  $Tu_i = Su_i$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ .

# Problem: 4

Suppose W is finite-dimensional and  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that  $\operatorname{null} T_1 = \operatorname{null} T_2$  if and only if there exists an invertible operator  $S \in \mathcal{L}(W)$  such that  $T_1 = ST_2$ 

*Proof.* ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) Suppose null  $T_1 = \text{null } T_2$ , this implies that range  $T_1 = \text{range } T_2$ . Let  $w_1, \ldots w_m$  be a basis of range  $T_1$  and range  $T_2$ . Then we could define S by  $Sw_i = T_1v_i$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, m$ .

( $\iff$ ) Suppose there exists an invertible operator  $S \in \mathcal{L}(W)$  such that  $T_1 = ST_2$ . Since S is invertible, this suggests that it has to be injective such that null  $S = \{0\}$ . Then null  $T_1 = \text{null } T_2$ .

Suppose V is finite-dimensional and  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that range  $T_1 = \operatorname{range} T_2$  if and only if there exists an invertible operator  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  such that  $T_1 = T_2 S$ 

*Proof.* ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) Suppose range  $T_1 = \operatorname{range} T_2$ . This suggests that there exists a basis  $w_1, \ldots, w_n$  of range  $T_1$  and range  $T_2$ . For such a basis, we could always find a corresponding list  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$  with which  $T_2$  maps onto  $w_1, \ldots, w_n$  we could define S by  $Su_i = v_i$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, m$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose there exists an invertible operator  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  such that  $T_1 = T_2 S$ . Since S is bijective, this implies that range  $T_1 = \operatorname{range} T_2$ .

# Problem: 6

Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional and  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that there exist invertible operators  $R \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(W)$  such that  $T_1 = ST_2R$  if and only if dim null  $T_1 = \dim \text{null } T_2$ .

*Proof.* The same with question 4.

# Problem: 7

Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional. Let  $v \in V$ . Let

$$E = \{ T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W) : Tv = 0 \}.$$

- (a) Show that E is a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .
- (b) Suppose  $v \neq 0$ . What is dim E

*Proof.* (a)  $0(v) \in E$  therefore E is not empty, and  $T_1v = T_2v = 0$  implies  $(T_1 + T_2)v = 0$ . Tv = 0 implies  $\lambda Tv = 0$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . Hence, E is a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .

(b) Suppose  $v \neq 0$ . Then there is a basis  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  of V extended from v, and we can choose a basis  $w_1, \ldots, w_m$  of W. Since  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{F}^{m,n}$  and Tv = 0 implies that the first column of  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  is zero. Hence, dim E = m(n-1).

Suppose V is finite-dimensional and  $T:V\to W$  is a surjective linear map of V onto W. Prove that there is a subspace U of V such that  $T|_U$  is an isomorphism of U onto W.

*Proof.* Since T is surjective, any  $w \in W$  we could find a  $v \in V$  such that Tv = w. Define  $x_1 \sim x_2 : \iff T(x_1) = T(x_2)$ . We could define  $U = \{[v] : \forall v \in V\}$ . As such  $T|_U$  is bijective, henceforth an isomorphism.

#### Problem: 9

Suppose V is finite-dimensional and  $S,T\in\mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that ST is invertible if and only if both S and T are invertible.

*Proof.* ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) Suppose ST is invertible. Then  $(ST)^{-1}=T^{-1}S^{-1}$ , this suggests that S and T are invertible.

(  $\iff$  ) Suppose S and T are invertible. Then  $S^{-1}T^{-1}=(ST)^{-1},$  this suggests that ST is invertible.  $\square$ 

# Problem: 10

Suppose V is finite-dimensional and  $S,T\in\mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that ST=I if and only if TS=I

*Proof.* Directly from the definition of inverse.

# Problem: 11

Suppose V is finite-dimensional and  $S, T, U \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and STU = I. Show that T is invertible and that  $T^{-1} = US$ .

*Proof.* The associativity implies that both S and U are invertible. Then  $T = S^{-1}IU^{-1} = S^{-1}U^{-1}$ . Hence,  $T^{-1} = US$ .

#### Problem: 12

Show that the result in the previous exercise can fail without the hypothesis that V is finite-dimensional.

Proof. TODO: 3.D.12 Pending.

# Problem: 13

Suppose V is a finite-dimensional vector space and  $R, S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  are such that RST is surjective. Prove that S is injective.

*Proof.* Since RST is surjective, this suggests that R is surjective. Then R is injective, hence S is injective.

# Problem: 14

Suppose  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  is a basis of V. Prove that the map  $T: V \to \mathbb{F}^{n,1}$  defined by

$$Tv = \mathcal{M}(V)$$

is an isomorphism of V onto  $\mathbb{F}^{n,1}$ ; here  $\mathcal{M}(v)$  is the matrix of  $v \in V$  with respect to the basis  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$ .

*Proof.* T is injective:  $\forall v_i \in V, Tv = 0 \iff v = 0 \iff v = (0, \dots, 0)$ T is surjective:  $\forall (w_1, \dots, w_n) \in \mathbb{F}^{n,1}, T(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n) = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  since  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of V. Henceforth, T is an isomorphism.

# Problem: 15

Prove that every linear map from  $\mathbb{F}^{n,1}$  to  $\mathbb{F}^{m,1}$  is given by a matrix multiplication. In other words, prove that if  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^{n,1},\mathbb{F}^{m,1})$ , then there exists an m-by-n matrix A such that Tx = Ax for every  $x \in \mathbb{F}^{n,1}$ 

*Proof.* Let  $e_1, \ldots, e_n$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{F}^{n,1}$  and  $w_1, \ldots, w_m$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{F}^{m,1}$ . Then  $T(e_i) = a_{1i}w_1 + \ldots + a_{mi}w_m$ . Then T(x) = Ax.  $\square$ 

# Problem: 17

Suppose V is finite-dimensional and  $\mathcal{E}$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  such that  $ST \in \mathcal{E}$  for all  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and all  $T \in \mathcal{E}$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{E} = \{0\}$  or  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{L}(V)$ 

Proof. TODO: 3.D.17 Pending.

# Problem: 18

Show that V and  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}, V)$  are isomorphic vector spaces.

Proof.  $\dim \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}, V) = \dim \mathbb{F} * \dim V = 1 * \dim V = \dim V$ 

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$  is such that T is injective and  $\deg Tp \leq \deg p$  for every nonzero polynomial  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ .

- (a) Prove that T is surjective.
- (b) Prove that  $\deg Tp = \deg p$  for every nonzero  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$

*Proof.* (a)  $\deg Tp = \deg p$  implies that  $\dim T = \dim \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  Hence, T is surjective.

(b) We prove it by induction:  $\deg Tp = \deg p$  for  $\dim p = 1$  (T is injective). Suppose it holds for  $\dim p = n$ , then, due to T is surjective, every  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  can be expressed as T(p) uniquely. For p = n + 1, suppose that  $\deg Tp < \deg p$ , then this implies that T is not injective, which is a contradiction. Hence,  $\deg Tp = \deg p$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

E: Products and Quotients of Vector Spaces

#### Problem: 1

Suppose T is a function from V to W. The **graph** of T is the subset of  $V \times W$  defined by

$$\operatorname{graph} T = \{(v, Tv) : v \in V\}.$$

Prove that T is a linear map if and only if the graph of T is a subspace of  $V \times W$ .

*Proof.* Since T is a well-defined function, the graph of T is not empty. Then, due to the properties of linear maps and vector space, T is also a subspace of  $V \times W$ . Hence, the graph of T is a subspace of  $V \times W$ .

# Problem: 2

Suppose  $V_1, \ldots, V_m$  are vector spaces such that  $V_1 \times \cdots \times V_m$  is finite-dimensional. Prove that each  $V_i$  is finite-dimensional.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\exists \dim V_i = \infty (i \in \{1, \dots, m\})$ . Then it follows that  $\dim(V_1 \times \dots \times V_m) = \sum \dim V_i = \infty$ . This is a contradiction. Hence, each  $V_i$  is finite-dimensional.

Give an example of a vector space V and subspaces  $U_1, U_2$  of V such that  $U_1 \times U_2$  is isomorphic to  $U_1 + U_2$  but  $U_1 + U_2$  is not a direct sum.

*Proof.* TODO: 3.E.3 Give an example Pending.

#### Problem: 4

Suppose  $V_1, \ldots, V_m$  are vector spaces. Prove that  $\mathcal{L}(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_m, W)$  and  $\mathcal{L}(V_1, W) \times \cdots \times \mathcal{L}(V_m, W)$  are isomorphic.

*Proof.* Clearly, for all  $T(v_1, \ldots, v_m) = w(w \in W)$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_m, W)$ . Then we could define a map  $S : \mathcal{L}(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_m, W) \to \mathcal{L}(V_1, W) \times \cdots \times \mathcal{L}(V_m, W)$  by  $S(T) = (T_1, \ldots, T_m)$  where  $T_i(v_i) = T(0, \ldots, v_i, \ldots, 0)$ . We will verify that S is an isomorphism.

First we show that S is injective: Suppose S(T)=0, then  $T_i=0$  for all  $i\in\{1,\ldots,m\}$ . Then T=0.

Then we show that S is surjective: This is obvious since for every  $(T_1, \ldots, T_m) \in \mathcal{L}(V_1, W) \times \cdots \times \mathcal{L}(V_m, W)$ , we could define  $T(v_1, \ldots, v_m) = (T_1v_1, \ldots, T_mv_m)$ , where  $S(T) = (T_1, \ldots, T_m)$ .

Hence, S is an isomorphism and  $\mathcal{L}(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_m, W)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{L}(V_1, W) \times \cdots \times \mathcal{L}(V_m, W)$ .

# Problem: 5

Suppose  $W_1, \ldots, W_m$  are vector spaces. Prove that  $\mathcal{L}(V, W_1 \times \cdots \times W_m)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{L}(V, W_1) \times \cdots \times \mathcal{L}(V, W_m)$ .

Proof. Define  $S: \mathcal{L}(V, W_1 \times \cdots \times W_m) \mapsto \mathcal{L}(V, W_m)$  by  $S(T) = (T_1, \dots, T_m)$  where  $T_i(v) = (0, \dots, T(v), \dots, 0)$ . We will verify that S is an isomorphism by constructing an inverse function of S: define  $S^{-1}(T_1(v), \dots, T_m(v)) = T_1(v) + \dots + T_m(v)$ .  $S \circ S^{-1} = \mathrm{id}(T)$ 

# Problem: 6

For n a positive integer, define  $V_n$  by

$$V^n = \underbrace{V \times \dots \times V}_n$$

Prove that  $V^n$  and  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^n, V)$  are isomorphic vector spaces.

Proof. Define  $S(v_1,\ldots,v_n)=T(\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_n)$  where  $T\in\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^n,V)$ , we will show that S is an isomorphism by constructing an inverse function of S. Let  $S^{-1}(T(\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_n))=(T_1(\lambda),\ldots,T_n(\lambda))$  where  $T_i(\lambda)=(0,\ldots,T(\lambda),\ldots,0)$ .  $S\circ S^{-1}=\mathrm{id}$ . Hence, They are isomorphic.

Suppose v,x are vectors in V and U,W are subspaces of V such that v+U=x+W. Prove that U=W

*Proof.* Rearrange the equation,

$$v + U = x + W \tag{19}$$

$$v - x + U = W \tag{20}$$

This implies that U = W.

# Problem: 8

Prove that a nonempty subset A of V is an affine subset of V if and only if  $\lambda v + (1 - \lambda)w \in A$  for all  $v, w \in A$  and all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ 

*Proof.* ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) For all affine subset in the form t+S, every element can be expressed as t+s. Then for all  $t+s_1, t+s_2 \in t+S$ ,  $\lambda(t+s_1)+(1-\lambda)(t+s_2)=t+\lambda s_1+(1-\lambda)s_2 \in t+S$  for all  $t,s_1,s_2 \in t+S$  and all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  since S is a subspace.

 $(\Leftarrow)$  If  $\lambda v + (1 - \lambda)w \in A$  holds for all  $v, w \in A$  and all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . Rearrange the formula we get  $\lambda v + (1 - \lambda)w = v + (1 - \lambda)(v + w)$ . This implies that A is an affine subset.

# F: Duality

# Problem: 1

Explain why every linear functional is either surjective or the zero map.

*Proof.* Suppose f is not surjective, the dim range  $f < \dim \mathbb{F}$  which could only be 0. Therefore, f is the zero map.

Suppose f is not the zero map, then dim range  $f = \dim \mathbb{F}$ , which implies that f is surjective.  $\Box$ 

# Problem: 2

Give three distinct examples of linear functional on  $\mathbb{R}^{[0,1]}$ .

*Proof.* TODO: 3.F.2 Give three distinct examples Pending.

Suppose V is finite-dimensional and  $v \in V$  with  $v \neq 0$ . Prove that there exists  $\varphi \in V'$  such that  $\varphi(v) = 1$ .

*Proof.* Since  $v \neq 0$ , we could extend v to a basis  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  of V. Define  $\varphi(v) = 1$  and  $\varphi(v_i) = 0$  for  $i \neq 1$ . Then  $\varphi$  is a linear functional.