

Linear Mappings

→ mappings on vector spaces that preserve their structure; allows us to define concept of a coordinate

→ consider vector spaces V, W . A mapping (ϕ) preserves structure if:

$$\phi(x, y) = \phi(x) + \phi(y)$$

$$\phi(\lambda x) = \lambda \phi(x)$$

for all $x, y \in V$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

→ a mapping $\phi: V \rightarrow W$ is a linear mapping if

$$\forall x, y \in V \forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}: \phi(\lambda x + \mu y) = \lambda \phi(x) + \mu \phi(y)$$

Special Mappings

→ consider a mapping $\phi: V \rightarrow W$.

- injective if $\forall x, y \in V: \phi(x) = \phi(y) \rightarrow x = y$

- surjective if $\phi(V) = W$

- bijective if both

→ if ϕ is surjective, then all elements in W can be reached from V using the mapping. A bijective mapping can be undone; there exists a mapping $\Psi: W \rightarrow V$ such that $\Psi \circ \phi(x) = x$.

- Isomorphism $\phi: V \rightarrow W$ linear and bijective

- Endomorphism $\phi: V \rightarrow W$ linear

- Automorphism $\phi: V \rightarrow W$ linear and bijective

- $\text{id}_V: V \rightarrow V, x \mapsto x$ as identity mapping in V .

Example:

→ the mapping $\phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \phi(x) = x_1 + ix_2$ is a homomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) &= (x_1 + y_1) + i(x_2 + y_2) = x_1 + ix_2 + y_1 + iy_2 \\ &= \phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) + \phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi\left(\lambda \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \lambda x_1 + \lambda i x_2 = \lambda(x_1 + ix_2) = \lambda \phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$