

MAT185 Linear Algebra Assignment 3

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1. Let V and W be vector spaces and let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. Suppose A_1 and A_2 are subspaces of V .

Read and then write a critique the following "proof" that $T(A_1 \cap A_2) = T(A_1) \cap T(A_2)$. The proof consists of five lines, not including assumptions. Your critique should identify, at a minimum, which lines are not correct; where exactly the proof breaks down; and what exactly are the incorrect statements or deductions.

"Proof":

Suppose that $x \in T(A_1 \cap A_2)$.

Line 1: Then there exists a vector $y \in A_1 \cap A_2$ such that $Ty = x$.

Line 2: Since $y \in A_1$ and $y \in A_2$, we have $Ty \in T(A_1)$ and $Ty \in T(A_2)$, so that $x \in T(A_1) \cap T(A_2)$. In other words, we have shown that $T(A_1 \cap A_2) \subseteq T(A_1) \cap T(A_2)$.

Now suppose that $x \in T(A_1) \cap T(A_2)$.

Line 3: Then there exists a vector $y \in A_1$ such that $Ty = x$ and there exists a $y \in A_2$ such that $Ty = x$.

Line 4: But, $y \in A_1 \cap A_2$ so that $x \in T(A_1 \cap A_2)$. In other words, we have shown that $T(A_1) \cap T(A_2) \subseteq T(A_1 \cap A_2)$.

Line 5: Since we have shown both $T(A_1 \cap A_2) \subseteq T(A_1) \cap T(A_2)$, and $T(A_1) \cap T(A_2) \subseteq T(A_1 \cap A_2)$ we have $T(A_1 \cap A_2) = T(A_1) \cap T(A_2)$.

After examining the proof, lines 3 and 4 make incorrect assumptions and deductions, and therefore the proof breaks down at line 3 and 4.

In line 3, the proof assumes that the transformation $T: V \rightarrow W$ is injective. (i.e. the transformation is one to one). It basically implies that only one vector $y \in A_1$ and $y \in A_2$ exists such that $Ty = x$. However, this is a false/incorrect assumption, as there can be more than one vector in A_1 where $Ty = x$ and more than one vector in A_2 where $Ty = x$. Hence this assumption is incorrect.

Line 4 makes an incorrect deduction from the wrong assumption made earlier in line 3. For instance, due to the fact that more than one vector in A_1 can be mapped to $x \in T(A_1) \cap T(A_2)$, it means that there can be a vector $y \in A_1$ but not in $A_1 \cap A_2$ that can be mapped by $Ty = x$. Similarly there can also be a vector $y \in A_2$ that is not in $A_1 \cap A_2$ for which $Ty = x$. As a result, every vector $y \in A_1$ that gets mapped by $Ty = x$ and every vector $y \in A_2$ that gets mapped by $Ty = x$ may not necessarily be in $y \in A_1 \cap A_2$. As such y is not always in $A_1 \cap A_2$ and therefore the beginning of line 4 is wrong. Correspondingly the statement $x \in T(A_1 \cap A_2)$ cannot be deduced. Therefore line 4 doesn't hold, and we cannot conclude that $T(A_1) \cap T(A_2) \subseteq T(A_1 \cap A_2)$.

2. Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$, and let $T: P_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_n(\mathbb{R})$ be the linear transformation defined by $T(p(x)) = cp(x) - xp'(x)$.

Determine all values of c such that T is bijective?

If T is an isomorphism (i.e. bijective), then it is both injective and surjective by definition. To determine the values of c such that T is bijective, consider a polynomial $p(x)$ of degree n , where:

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$$

$$\text{Then } p'(x) = a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 + \dots + na_nx^{n-1}$$

$$xp'(x) = a_1x + 2a_2x^2 + 3a_3x^3 + \dots + na_nx^n$$

where a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are all real coefficients.

$$\begin{aligned} T(p(x)) &= cp(x) - xp'(x) \\ &= c(a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n) - (a_1x + 2a_2x^2 + \dots + na_nx^n) \\ &= ca_0 + (c-1)a_1x + (c-2)a_2x^2 + \dots + (c-n)a_nx^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (c-n)a_nx^n \end{aligned}$$

We know T will be surjective for any value of c ($c \in \mathbb{R}$):

$$\text{Im } T = W$$

To determine the conditions on c , we need to determine the values of c for which T is not injective ($\exists p(x) \neq 0$ such that $T(p(x)) = 0$).

For T to be non-injective, we can consider non-zero monomials (i.e. polynomials consisting of single terms) of degrees n such that $T(p(x)) = 0$, for any non-zero $p(x)$.

- 0-degree monomial $p(x) = a_0$ $T(p(x)) = ca_0 = 0 \rightarrow c = 0$
- 1st-degree monomial $p(x) = a_1x$ $T(p(x)) = ca_1x - a_1x = (c-1)a_1x = 0 \rightarrow c = 1$
- 2nd-degree monomial $p(x) = a_2x^2$ $T(p(x)) = ca_2x^2 - 2a_2x^2 = (c-2)a_2x^2 = 0 \rightarrow c = 2$
- 3rd-degree monomial $p(x) = a_3x^3$ $T(p(x)) = ca_3x^3 - 3a_3x^3 = (c-3)a_3x^3 = 0 \rightarrow c = 3$
- \vdots
- \vdots
- n^{th} -degree monomial $p(x) = a_nx^n$ $T(p(x)) = ca_nx^n - na_nx^n = (c-n)a_nx^n = 0 \rightarrow c = n$

where $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ are non-zero coefficients (i.e. $p(x) \neq 0$)

By considering non-zero monomials such that $T(p(x)) = 0$, we know that for $c = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$, there exists non-zero $p(x)$ for which $T(p(x)) = 0$.

This simply means that for $c = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$, T is not injective (and therefore not bijective).

Hence, we can conclude, that in order for T to be bijective, $c \in \mathbb{R}$, where $c \neq 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$.

3. Let V and W be vector spaces, and let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. Let $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ be a basis for V .

(a) Prove that if T is bijective, then $T\mathbf{v}_1, T\mathbf{v}_2, T\mathbf{v}_3$ is a basis for W .

If T is bijective, it is injective and surjective

According to the definition of bases, $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\} \in V$ is a basis for V iff it is linearly independent and spans V .

Suppose $\mathbf{y} \in W$. $\Rightarrow \exists$ some $\mathbf{x} \in V$ such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}$

Since $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ spans V , \mathbf{x} can be described as a linear combination of the span,

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3, \text{ where } c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Because T is surjective:

$$\mathbf{y} = T(\mathbf{x}) = c_1 T\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 T\mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 T\mathbf{v}_3, \text{ where } c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Thus, since $\mathbf{x} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$, $\mathbf{y} = T(\mathbf{x}) \in \text{span}\{T\mathbf{v}_1, T\mathbf{v}_2, T\mathbf{v}_3\}$

According to the definition of bases, $\{T\mathbf{v}_1, T\mathbf{v}_2, T\mathbf{v}_3\}$ is linearly independent.

Thus $c_1 T\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 T\mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 T\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$ iff $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$.

According to linearity,

$$T(c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3) = \mathbf{0}$$

Since T is injective:

$$c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}, \text{ iff } c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$$

Thus, because $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is linearly independent, and because T is injective, $\{T\mathbf{v}_1, T\mathbf{v}_2, T\mathbf{v}_3\}$ is linearly independent.

\therefore Because T is bijective, $\{T\mathbf{v}_1, T\mathbf{v}_2, T\mathbf{v}_3\}$ spans W and is linearly independent. Thus $\{T\mathbf{v}_1, T\mathbf{v}_2, T\mathbf{v}_3\}$ is a basis for W

3. Let V and W be vector spaces, and let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. Let $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ be a basis for V .

(b) Prove that if $T\mathbf{v}_1, T\mathbf{v}_2, T\mathbf{v}_3$ is a basis for W , then T is bijective.

If T is bijective, it is injective and surjective.

According to the definition of bases $\{T\mathbf{v}_1, T\mathbf{v}_2, T\mathbf{v}_3\}$ is a basis for W iff it spans W and is linearly independent.

Suppose $\mathbf{y} \in W$. $\Rightarrow \exists$ some $\mathbf{x} \in V$ such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}$.

Since $\{T\mathbf{v}_1, T\mathbf{v}_2, T\mathbf{v}_3\}$ spans W , $\mathbf{y} \in W$ can be written as a linear combination of the basis:

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1 T\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 T\mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 T\mathbf{v}_3, \text{ where } c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = T(c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3) = T(\mathbf{x})$$

Because $\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3$, where $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$, T is surjective.

If T is injective, the dimension formula states that,

$$\dim \ker(T) + \dim \operatorname{im}(T) = \dim V \quad \text{Thus, } \ker(T) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$$

Suppose $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3, \text{ where } c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$$

In order for T to be injective:

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = c_1 T\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 T\mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 T\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}, \text{ where } c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Since $\{T\mathbf{v}_1, T\mathbf{v}_2, T\mathbf{v}_3\}$ is the basis for W , it is linearly independent.

So, therefore $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ iff $c_1, c_2, c_3 = 0$. So, $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

As a result, $\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ and $\dim \ker(T) = 0$, so T is injective.

$\therefore T$ is surjective and injective. Thus T is bijective