

1 Suppose a linear map  $T : \mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  is given such that

$$p \mapsto (p(0), p(1), p'(0), p'(1)).$$

2 Let  $\beta$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$ :

$$\beta = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$$

3 and let  $\gamma$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

4 Since

$$(1)' = 0 \Rightarrow p(0) = p(1), p'(0) = 0 = p'(1) \quad (1)$$

$$(x)' = 1 \Rightarrow p(0) = 0, p(1) = 1, p'(0) = 1 = p'(1) \quad (2)$$

$$(x^2)' = 2x \Rightarrow p(0) = 0, p(1) = 1, p'(0) = 0, p'(1) = 2 \quad (3)$$

$$(x^3)' = 3x^2 \Rightarrow p(0) = 0, p(1) = 3, p'(0) = 0, p'(1) = 3 \quad (4)$$

5 then

$$T(1) = (1, 1, 0, 0) \quad (5)$$

$$T(x) = (0, 1, 1, 1) \quad (6)$$

$$T(x^2) = (0, 1, 0, 2) \quad (7)$$

$$T(x^3) = (0, 1, 0, 3). \quad (8)$$

6 Therefore, since the matrix is determined uniquely by its action on the basis of the  
7 domain,

$$[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

8 Note that to show that  $T$  is an isomorphism, it is necessary and sufficient to show that  
9 it is linear and invertible.

10 **Claim.**  $T$  is linear.

11 *Proof.* Suppose  $p, q \in \mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$  are two polynomials.

12 Consider  $T(p + q)$ :

$$T(p + q) = ((p + q)(0), (p + q)(1), (p + q)'(0), (p + q)'(1)).$$

13 Since  $p, q$  are functions, then  $(p + q)(x) = p(x) + q(x)$ .

14 Similarly, from the sum rule for derivatives,  $(p + q)' = p' + q'$ .

Thus,

$$T(p + q) = (p(0) + q(0), p(1) + q(1), p'(0) + q'(0), p'(1) + q'(1)) \quad (9)$$

$$= (p(0), p(1), p'(0), p'(1)) + (q(0), q(1), q'(0), q'(1)) \quad (10)$$

$$= T(p) + T(q) \quad (11)$$

15 Therefore,  $T$  is additive.

16 Suppose  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Consider now  $T(ap)$ .

$$T(ap) = ((ap)(0), (ap)(1), (ap)'(0), (ap)'(1)) \quad (12)$$

17 Since  $p$  is a function,  $(ap)(x) = a(p(x))$  for all  $a, x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

18 Similarly, since  $a$  is a real constant,  $(ap)' = a(p')$ .

19 Thus,

$$T(ap) = (a(p(0)), a(p(1)), a(p'(0)), a(p'(1))) \quad (13)$$

$$= a(p(0), p(1), p'(0), p'(1)) \quad (14)$$

$$= aT(p) \quad (15)$$

20 Therefore,  $T$  is homogeneous.

21 Hence,  $T$  is linear. □

22 **Claim.**  $T$  is invertible.

23 *Proof.* Note that  $T$  is invertible if and only if  $T$  is injective and surjective.

24 We first show that  $T$  is injective.

25 Suppose  $p$  and  $q$  are given, with  $p, q \in \mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$ .

26 Suppose also  $T(p) = T(q)$ . Therefore,

$$(p(0), p(1), p'(0), p'(1)) = (q(0), q(1), q'(0), q'(1)).$$

27 Let  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $p = a_3x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$ .

28 Therefore,  $p'(x) = 3a_3x^2 + 2a_2x + a_1$ .

29 Let  $b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $q = b_3x^3 + b_2x^2 + b_1x + b_0$ .

30 Therefore,  $q'(x) = 3b_3x^2 + 2b_2x + b_1$ .

31 Since  $p(0) = q(0)$ , then  $a_0 = b_0$ .

32 Since  $p(1) = q(1)$  and  $p(0) = q(0)$ , then  $a_3 + a_2 + a_1 = b_3 + b_2 + b_1$ .

33 Since  $p'(0) = q'(0)$ , then  $a_1 = b_1$ , and hence from above  $a_3 + a_2 = b_3 + b_2$ .

34 Since  $p'(1) = q'(1)$ , then  $3a_3 + 2a_2 + a_1 = 3b_3 + 2b_2 + b_1$ .

35 Since  $a_1 = b_1$  from above, then  $3a_3 + 2a_2 = 3b_3 + 2a_2$ .

36 But also  $a_3 + a_2 = b_3 + b_2$  from above, and hence  $a_3 = b_3$ .

37 Therefore,  $p = q$ , and  $T$  is injective.

38 Secondly, we prove that  $T$  is surjective.

39 Suppose that  $t = (c_0, c_1, c_2, c_3)$  is given, with  $t \in \mathbb{R}^4$ .

40 Consider a polynomial with the following properties:

41 1.  $p(0) = c_0$

42 2.  $p(1) = c_1$

43 3.  $p'(0) = c_2$

44 4.  $p'(1) = c_3$

45 We claim that

$$p = (2c_0 - 2c_1 + c_2 + c_3)x^3 + (-3c_0 + 3c_1 - 2c_2 - c_3)x^2 + c_2x + c_0$$

46 is a polynomial satisfying this properties.

47 Note that  $p$  satisfies the property 2 and 3, since the constant term and the coefficient  
48 before  $x$  are  $c_0$  and  $c_2$  respectively, as required.

49 Note also that  $p(1) = (2 - 3 + 1)c_0 + (-2 + 3)c_1 + (1 - 2 + 1)c_2 + (1 - 1)c_3 = c_1$ , as  
50 required by the property 2.

51 Moreover,  $p'(1) = 3(2c_0 - 2c_1 + c_2 + c_3) + 2(-3c_0 + 3c_1 - 2c_2 - c_3) + c_2$ .

52 Thus,  $p'(1) = (6 - 6)c_0 + (-6 + 6)c_1 + (3 - 4 + 1)c_2 + (3 - 2)c_3 = c_3$ , as required by  
53 the property 3.

54 Since  $p \in \mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$  and  $p$  satisfies the properties above, then for each  $t$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  there exists  
55  $p$  so that  $T(p) = t$ . Thus,  $T$  is surjective.

56 Since  $T$  is injective and surjective, it is invertible. □

57 Since  $T$  is an invertible linear map, it is an isomorphism.