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## Isomorphisms.

Recall, a function  $f: x \rightarrow y$  between sets is bijective if it is injective and surjective (1-1 map)

### Definition

A linear map  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is a linear isomorphism if  $T$  is bijective

If there exists a linear isomorphism between  $V$  and  $W$  write  $V = W$  and say isomorphic to  $W$

### Examples

$$a) T_A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$$
$$v \mapsto Av$$

is an isomorphism  $\Leftrightarrow A$  is invertible

$$b) \text{id}: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n \text{ is an isomorphism}$$
$$v \mapsto v$$

More generally

$$T: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$$
$$v \mapsto rv \quad 0 \neq r \in \mathbb{C}$$

is an isomorphism

$$\pi: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ is an isomorphism } \Leftrightarrow n = m$$

Proposition "check one get one free for isomorphisms"

If  $T: V \rightarrow V$  is linear then the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $T$  is injective
- (ii)  $T$  is surjective
- (iii)  $T$  is isomorphic

Proof

notice (i) + (ii) = (iii)

so suffices to show (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii)

$T$  is injective  $\Leftrightarrow \ker(T) = \{0\}$

$\Leftrightarrow \text{nullity}(T) = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(T) = \dim(V)$  (by rank-nullity theorem  
 $\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim(V)$ )

$\Leftrightarrow \dim(\text{im}(T)) = \dim(V)$

$\Leftrightarrow \text{im}(T) = V$

since  $\text{im}(T)$  is spanned by  $\dim(V)$  linear independent vectors

$\Leftrightarrow T$  is surjective

Fact

Any linear isomorphism  $T: V \rightarrow W$  has unique inverse  $T^{-1}: W \rightarrow V$ , which is also linear isomorphism

Definitions Suppose  $T: U \rightarrow V$  is linear.

A map  $S: V \rightarrow U$  is an inverse of  $T$  if  $S \circ T = \text{id}_U$  and  $T \circ S = \text{id}_V$

Exercise let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$

$T_A: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  has an inverse

$$v \mapsto Av$$

$\iff A$  is invertible

suppose  $A$  is invertible, want  $\delta: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$

with  $T_A \circ \delta = \text{id}$  and so  $T_A = \text{id}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{set } \delta = T_A^{-1} \quad (\delta \circ T_A)(v) &= \delta(T_A(v)) = \delta(Av) = A^{-1}(Av) \\ &= (A^{-1}A)v \\ &= I v = v \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \delta \circ T_A = \text{id}$  similarly for  $T_A \circ \delta = \text{id}$ .

Exercise

suppose  $T: U \rightarrow V$  are linear maps  
 $\delta: V \rightarrow U$  between  $V$  &  $U$ .

then  $\delta \circ T = \text{id}_U \Rightarrow T$  is injective  
 $\delta$  is surjective

Example

$$T: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$$

$$v \mapsto rv$$

$$0 \neq r \in \mathbb{C}$$

is injective (yesterday)

suppose  $v \in \ker(T)$

$$\Rightarrow rv = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (r^{-1}r)v = r^{-1}0$$

$$\Rightarrow v = 0$$