

# Linear Algebra

## Notes

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# 1 Linear Maps

## 1.1 Vector Spaces of Linear Maps

### 1.1.1 Definiton and Examples of Linear Maps

**Definition 1.1.** A *linear map* from  $V$  to  $W$  is a function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  with the following properties.

1. (**Additivity**)  $T(u + w) = T(u) + T(w)$  for all  $u, v \in V$
2. (**Homogeneity**)  $T(\lambda u) = \lambda T(u)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$  and for all  $u \in V$

**Remark.** Some mathematicians use the phrase *linear transformation*, which means the same as linear map.

**Definition 1.2.** (Notation)

1. The set of linear maps from  $V \rightarrow W$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .
2. The set of linear maps from  $V \rightarrow V$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ . In other words,  $\mathcal{L}(V, V) = \mathcal{L}(V)$ .

**Examples:**

**zero**

We will let the symbol  $0$  denote the liner map that takes every element of some vector space to additive identity of some another vector space. Thus,  $0 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is defined by

$$0(v) = 0$$

**identity operator**

Let  $I \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  be defined by

$$I(v) = v$$

**differentiation**

Let  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R}))$  be defined by

$$D(p) = p'$$

**integration**

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R}), \mathbf{R})$  be defined by

$$T(p) = \int_0^1 p$$

**composition**

Fix a polynomial  $q \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R})$ . Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R}))$  be defined by

$$T(p) = (p \circ q)$$

**Remark.** We'll limit the Notation of  $T(v)$  to just  $Tv$  for convenience.

**Theorem 1.1.** Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in W$ . Then, there exists a unique linear map  $T : V \rightarrow W$  such that

$$Tv_k = w_k$$

for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

*Proof.* First we show the existence of such map. Define  $T : V \rightarrow W$  by

$$T(c_1v_1 + \cdots + c_nv_n) = c_1w_1 + \cdots + c_nw_n$$

where  $c_i \in \mathbf{F}$ . Since,  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ , it maps every element of  $V$  to  $W$ , thus it is a function.

Now, set  $c_k = 1$  and all other  $c$ 's to be 0 to show that  $Tv_k = w_k$ . From, here one can show that  $T$  is indeed a linear map. To show the uniqueness, suppose  $T' \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $T'v_k = w_k$ . Using the properties of linear map,

$$T'(c_1v_1 + \cdots + c_nv_n) = c_1w_1 + \cdots + c_nw_n$$

Thus,  $T$  and  $T'$  agree on every input, thus  $T = T'$ . □

### 1.1.2 Algebraic Operation on $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$

**Definition 1.3.** Suppose  $T, S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$  then the *sum* and the *product* of the linear maps from  $V$  to  $W$  is defined by

$$(S + T)(v) = Sv + Tv \quad \text{and} \quad (\lambda T)(v) = \lambda(Tv)$$

for all  $v \in V$ .

**Proposition 1.1.** With the operations defined above, the set  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is a vector space.

*Proof.* The additive identity for  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is the zero linear map  $0(v) = 0$ . The inverse for  $T$  is  $((-1)T)v = -(Tv)$ . And the rest of the axioms are left for readers (future me) to verify. □

**Definition 1.4.** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  then the *product*  $ST \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$  is defined by

$$(ST)(u) = S(Tu)$$

for all  $u \in U$ .

**Remark.** Be careful about the domains of  $S$  and  $T$ . Here, the domain of  $S$  must be the co-domain of  $T$ .

**Proposition 1.2.** For the product of linear maps, the following holds

1. (**associativity**)  $(T_1T_2)T_3 = T_1(T_2T_3)$  whenever the product makes sense (i.e  $T_3$  must map to domain of  $T_2$  and  $T_2$  must map to the domain of  $T_1$ ).
2. (**identity**)  $TI_{W,V} = I_{V,W}T$  whenever  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Here  $I_{V,W}, I_{W,V}$  are the identity linear maps from  $V$  to  $W$  and  $W$  to  $V$ . We'll just limit the notation to  $TI = IT$ .
3. (**distributivity**)  $(S_1 + S_2)T = S_1T + S_2T$  and  $S(T_1 + T_2) = ST_1 + ST_2$  for  $T, T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$  and  $S, S_1, S_2 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .

**Proposition 1.3.** Suppose  $T$  is a linear map from  $V$  to  $W$ . Then,  $T(0) = 0$ .

*Proof.* From the definition of linear map we have,

$$T(0) = T(0 + 0) = T(0) + T(0) \implies T(0) = 0$$

□

### 1.1.3 Exercises

**Problem :** Suppose  $b, c \in \mathbf{R}$ . Define  $T : \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$  by

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

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

*Solution :* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) is pretty simple as you just have to verify the two axioms. For ( $\Rightarrow$ ), we know that if it is a linear map then  $T(0) = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$ . Also, using the first axiom we get

$$T((x, y, z) + (1, 0, 0)) = T((x, y, z)) + T((1, 0, 0)) \Rightarrow c = 0$$

**Problem :** Suppose  $b, c \in \mathbf{R}$ . Define  $T : \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$  by

$$Tp = \left( 3p(4) + 5p'(6) + bp(1)p(2), \int_{-1}^2 x^3 p(x) dx + c \sin(p(0)) \right)$$

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

*Solution :* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) is pretty simple. For ( $\Rightarrow$ ), we can use the first axiom

$$T(p + q) = Tp + Tq$$

we'll just look at the first component first,

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 3(p + q)(4) + 5(p + q)'(6) + b(p + q)(1)(p + q)(2) &= 3p(4) + 5p'(6) + bp(1)p(2) + \\ &3q(4) + 5q'(6) + bq(1)q(2) \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $(p + q)(4) = p(4) + q(4)$  and  $(p + q)'(6) = p'(6) + q'(6)$ , we can simplify is down to,

$$b(p(1)q(2) + p(2)q(1)) = 0$$

Now, if you choose polynomials  $p, q > 0$  for  $x > 0$  then  $b = 0$ . A similar argument works for  $c = 0$ .

**Problem :** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is a list of vectors in  $V$  such that  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_m$  is a linearly independent list in  $W$ . Prove that  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is linearly independent.

*Solution :* Suppose on the contrary that  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  are not linearly independent in  $V$ , then there exists  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  not all zero such that

$$\lambda_1 v_1 + \dots + \lambda_m v_m = 0$$

But  $T(\lambda_1 v_1 + \dots + \lambda_m v_m) = \lambda_1 T(v_1) + \dots + \lambda_m T(v_m)$  which implies

$$\lambda_1 T(v_1) + \dots + \lambda_m T(v_m) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_i = 0$$

a contradiction.

**Problem :** Show that every linear map from a one-dimensional vector space to itself is multiplication by some scalar. More precisely, prove that if  $\dim V = 1$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ , then there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$  such that  $Tv = \lambda v$  for all  $v \in V$ .

*Solution :* Since  $\dim V = 1$  there exists a  $v \in V$  s.t every  $v_i \in V$  can be written as  $\lambda_i v$  for some  $\lambda_i \in \mathbf{F}$ . Thus,  $v_i = \lambda_i v \implies T(v_i) = \lambda_i T(v)$ . Since,  $T(v) = v_j \in V$  for some  $j$ . Thus,  $T(v_i) = \lambda_i \lambda_j v = \lambda_j v_i$ .

**Problem :** Give an example of a function  $\varphi : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that

$$\varphi(av) = a\varphi(v)$$

for all  $a \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $v \in \mathbf{R}^2$  but  $\varphi$  is not linear.

$$\text{Solution : } \varphi(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3}{x^2+y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

**Problem :** Give an example of a function  $\varphi : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  such that

$$\varphi(v + w) = \varphi(v) + \varphi(w)$$

for all  $v, w \in \mathbf{C}$  and but  $\varphi$  is not homogeneous.

*Solution :*  $\varphi(x) = \operatorname{Re}(x)$ .

**Problem :** Prove or give a counter example: Fix a polynomial  $q \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R})$ .

Let  $T : \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R})$  be defined by  $Tp = q \circ p$  then  $T$  is a linear map.

*Solution :* Assume it was a linear map then  $T(0) = q(0) = 0$ . Just pick  $q(0) \neq 0$ .  
Example :  $q(x) = x + 1$ .

**Problem :** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that  $T$  is a scalar multiple of identity if and only if  $ST = TS$  for every  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ .

*Solution :* I really tried but it seems very hard to prove ( $\Rightarrow$ ) but will come back later.

**Problem :** Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  with  $U \neq V$ . Suppose  $S \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$  and  $Su \neq 0$  for some  $u \in U$ . Define  $T : V \rightarrow W$  by

$$Tv = \begin{cases} Sv & \text{if } v \in U \\ 0 & \text{if } v \in V \text{ and } v \notin U \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $T \notin \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .

*Solution :* Suppose it is a linear map, then  $T(u + v) = Tu + Tv$  where  $u \in U$  and  $v \in V$  and  $v \notin U$ . One can check that  $v + u \in V$  but  $v + u \notin U$ . Thus,  $0 = Tu = Su$ , but just take  $u$  s.t  $Su \neq 0$ .

**Problem :** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional. Prove that every linear map on a subspace of  $U$  can be extended to a linear map on  $V$ . In other words, let  $U$  be a subspace of  $V$  and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$ , then there exists a  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  such that  $Tu = Su$  for all  $u \in U$ .

*Solution :* Let  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  be the basis of  $U$  and let  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_k$  be the extended basis of  $V$ . Let  $x = a_1u_1 + \dots + a_mu_m + b_1v_1 + \dots + b_kv_k$  and define

$$T(x) = a_1Su_1 + \dots + a_mSu_m + b_1v_1 + \dots + b_kv_k$$

From here its easy to see that  $Tu = Su$  for all  $u \in U$ . We just have to prove this is a linear map on  $V$ . Let  $y = x = c_1u_1 + \dots + c_mu_m + d_1v_1 + \dots + d_kv_k$  then

$$\begin{aligned} T(x+y) &= (a_1+c_1)Su_1 + \dots + (a_m+c_m)Su_m + (b_1+d_1)v_1 + \dots + (b_k+d_k)v_k \\ \implies T(x+y) &= a_1Su_1 + \dots + a_mSu_m + b_1v_1 + \dots + b_kv_k + c_1Su_1 + \dots + c_mSu_m + d_1v_1 + \dots + d_kv_k \\ &\implies T(x+y) = Tx + Ty \end{aligned}$$

Similarly one can prove  $T(\lambda x) = \lambda T(x)$ .

**Problem :** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional with  $\dim V > 0$  and suppose  $W$  is infinite-dimensional. Prove that  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is infinite-dimensional.

*Solution :* Let  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  be basis of  $V$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is finite-dimensional then every  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  can be written as

$$T(x) = \lambda_1 T_1(x) + \lambda_2 T_2(x) + \dots + \lambda_k T_k(x)$$

for some fixed  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $\lambda_i \in \mathbf{F}$ .

Since,  $W$  is infinite-dimensional,  $\exists w \in W$  s.t  $w \notin \text{span}\{T_1(x), T_2(x), \dots, T_k(x)\}$  for some fixed  $x \in V$ .

Now, set  $x = v_i$  then  $w \neq \lambda_1 T_1(v_i) + \lambda_2 T_2(v_i) + \dots + \lambda_k T_k(v_i)$ . One can find  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  such that  $T(v_i) = w$  thus  $T(v_i) \neq \lambda_1 T_1(v_i) + \lambda_2 T_2(v_i) + \dots + \lambda_k T_k(v_i)$  contradicting our assumption.

**Problem :** Let  $V$  be finite-dimensional and let  $\dim V > 1$ . Prove that there exists  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  such that  $ST \neq TS$ .

*Solution :* Let  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  be the basis of  $V$  and let  $x = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m$ . Define  $S(x) = a_1v_1$  and  $T(x) = a_1v_2 + a_2v_3 + \dots + a_{m-1}v_m + a_mv_1$ . So,  $T(S(x)) = a_1v_2$  and  $S(T(x)) = a_mv_1$ , thus

$$ST = TS \iff a_1 = a_m$$

but one can always choose  $x$  s.t  $a_1 \neq a_m$ .

**Problem :** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional. Show that the only two-sided ideals of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  are  $\{0\}$  and  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ . A subspace  $\mathcal{E}$  of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  is called a two-sided ideal if for every  $E \in \mathcal{E}$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ ,  $TE \in \mathcal{E}$  and  $ET \in \mathcal{E}$ .

*Solution :* Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a two-sided ideal of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ . If  $\mathcal{E} = \{0\}$  we are done. Otherwise pick a nonzero operator  $A \in \mathcal{E}$ . Choose  $v \in V$  with  $Av \neq 0$ . Fix any  $y, z \in V$ . Choose  $R \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  with  $R(z) = v$  and choose  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  with  $S(Av) = y$ . Then

$$T := SAR \in \mathcal{E}$$

(since  $\mathcal{E}$  is a two-sided ideal), and

$$T(z) = S(A(R(z))) = S(A(v)) = y.$$

Thus  $\mathcal{E}$  contains, for every pair  $y, z$ , an operator that sends  $z$  to  $y$ . Taking a basis  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  of  $V$  and the operators  $E_{ij}$  defined by  $E_{ij}(u_j) = u_i$  and  $E_{ij}(u_k) = 0$  for  $k \neq j$ , we see each  $E_{ij}$  lies in  $\mathcal{E}$ . The set  $\{E_{ij}\}$  spans  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ , so  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Hence the only two-sided ideals are  $\{0\}$  and  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ .  $\square$



## 1.2 Null Spaces and Ranges

### 1.2.1 Null Space and Injectivity

**Definition 1.5.** let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , the null space of  $T$ , written as  $\text{null } T$  is the following set

$$\text{null } T = \{v \in V \mid Tv = 0\}$$

#### Examples

1. The zero map from  $V$  to  $W$  has a null space  $V$  as everything gets mapped to 0.
2. Let  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R}))$  be the differentiation map defined by  $Dp = p'$ . The only functions whose derivative is equal to 0 are the constant function. Thus,  $\text{null } D$  is the set of constant functions.
3. Let  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R}))$  be the multiplication by  $x^2$  map i.e  $Dp = x^2p$ . The only polynomial such that  $x^2p = 0$  is  $p = 0$ . Thus,  $\text{null } D = \{0\}$ .

**Proposition 1.4.** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,  $\text{null } T$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

**Proposition 1.5.** Let  $T \in \mathcal{T}(V, W)$ . Then  $T$  is injective  $\iff \text{null } T = \{0\}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $T$  is injective. Since it is a linear map  $T(0) = 0$ , thus by injectivity the only thing that gets map to 0 is 0. Thus,  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ . Suppose  $T$  is such that  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} T(v) = T(w) &\implies T(v) + (-1)T(w) = 0 \\ \implies T(v) + T(-w) &= 0 \implies T(v - w) = 0 \implies v = w \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the map is injective. □

### 1.2.2 Range and Surjectivity

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , the *range* of  $T$  is the following set,

$$\text{range } T = \{Tv \mid v \in V\}$$

#### Examples

1. If  $T$  is the zero map then the range of  $T$  is  $\{0\}$ .
2. Suppose  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R}))$  be the differentiation map. Since, for every polynomial  $q$  there exists a polynomial  $p$  such that  $p' = q$ , the range is  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R})$ .

**Proposition 1.6.** Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  then  $\text{range } T$  is a subspace of  $W$ .

*Proof.* Since,  $0 \in V$  we know  $T(0) = 0 \in \text{range } T$ . Now, suppose  $x, y \in \text{range } T$  then  $x = Tv$  and  $y = Tw$ . Since,  $v + w \in V$ ,  $T(v + w) \in \text{range } T \implies Tv + Tw \in \text{range } T$  which mean  $x + y \in \text{range } T$ . And  $x \in \text{range } T \implies Tv \in \text{range } T$  which means  $T(\lambda v) \in \text{range } T$  as  $\lambda v \in V$ . Thus,  $\lambda x = \lambda T(v) = T(\lambda v) \in \text{range } T$ . □

### 1.2.3 Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps

**Theorem 1.2.** *Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then  $\text{range } T$  is finite-dimensional and*

$$\dim V = \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T$$

*Proof.* We know that  $\text{null } T$  is a subspace of  $V$  then since  $V$  is finite-dimensional it has a basis. Let  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  be the basis of  $\text{null } T$ . Then we can extend this basis to a basis of  $V$ . Let  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n$  be the basis of  $V$ . Then,

$$x = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m + b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_n v_n$$

$$\implies Tx = b_1 T v_1 + \dots + b_n T v_n$$

Thus, every  $Tv$  can be written as a linear combination of  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n$ . Thus,  $\text{range } T$  is finite-dimensional. To prove our main result, we need to show that  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n$  is a basis of  $\text{range } T$ . We already proved it spanned  $\text{range } T$ , now suppose

$$b_1 T v_1 + \dots + b_n T v_n = 0$$

$$\implies T(b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_n v_n) = 0$$

Thus,  $b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_n v_n \in \text{null } T$  and we can write it as  $b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_n v_n = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m$ . Since,  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis vector we can say that  $b_i = a_i = 0$ . Thus, we have proved that  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n$  is a basis of  $\text{range } T$  and our theorem follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.3.** *Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are both finite-dimensional vector spaces such that  $\dim V > \dim W$ . Then, there exists no **injective** linear map from  $V$  to  $W$ .*

*Proof.* We know that, for a  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ ,

$$\dim V = \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T$$

Since  $\text{range } T$  is a subspace of  $W$ ,  $\dim W \geq \dim \text{range } T$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \text{null } T &= \dim V - \dim \text{range } T \\ &\geq \dim V - \dim W \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\text{null } T$  has more than one vector, so  $T$  it's not injective by **Proposition 1.5**.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.4.** *Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are both finite-dimensional vector spaces such that  $\dim V < \dim W$ . Then, there exists no **surjective** linear map from  $V$  to  $W$ .*

*Proof.* Similar to the proof above.  $\square$

**Definition 1.7.** Define  $T : \mathbf{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{F}^m$  as

$$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left( \sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k} x_k, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k} x_k \right)$$

**Definition 1.8.** A homogeneous system of linear equations defined is as

$$\left( \sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k}x_k, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k}x_k \right) = (0, \dots, 0)$$

And a Inhomogeneous system of linear equation is defined as

$$\left( \sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k}x_k, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k}x_k \right) = (c_1, \dots, c_m)$$

where not all  $c_i$  are zero.

**Proposition 1.7.** A homogeneous system of linear equations with more variables than equations has nonzero solutions.

*Proof.* Use **Theorem 1.3** and **Theorem 1.4**. □

**Proposition 1.8.** An inhomogeneous system of linear equations with more equations than variables has no solution for some choice of the constant terms.

*Proof.* Use **Theorem 1.3** and **Theorem 1.4**. □

#### 1.2.4 Exercise

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

*Solution :*  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = (x_1, x_2)$ .

**Problem :** Suppose  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  are such that  $\text{range } S \subseteq \text{null } T$ . Prove that  $(ST)^2 = 0$ .

*Solution :* Since  $\text{range } S \subseteq \text{null } T$ ,  $T(Sv) = 0$ . Thus,

$$(ST)^2 = (ST)(ST) = S(T(S(Tv))) = S(0) = 0$$

**Problem :** Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is a list of vector in  $V$ . Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{F}^m, V)$  by

$$T(z_1, \dots, z_m) = z_1v_1 + \dots + z_mv_m$$

- What property of  $T$  corresponds to  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  spanning  $V$ ?
- What property of  $T$  corresponds to  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  being linearly independent on  $V$ ?

*Solution :* If  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  spans  $V$  then  $\text{range } T = V$  thus  $T$  being surjective corresponds to  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  spanning  $V$ .

If  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is linearly independent on  $V$  then  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ , thus  $T$  being injective corresponds to  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  being linearly independent on  $V$ .

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**Problem:** Show that  $\{T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{R}^5, \mathbf{R}^4) : \dim \text{null } T > 2\}$  is not a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{R}^5, \mathbf{R}^4)$ .

*Solution :* Let  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = (x_1, x_2, 0, 0)$  and  $T'(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = (0, 0, x_3, 0)$ . Both of them are in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{R}^5, \mathbf{R}^4)$ . Also  $\dim \text{null } T = 3$ ,  $\dim \text{null } T' = 4$  but  $T + T' = (x_1, x_2, x_3, 0) \implies \dim \text{null}(T + T') = 2 \not> 2$ .

**Problem :** Give an example of  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{R}^4)$  such that  $\text{range } T = \text{null } T$ .

*Solution :*  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (0, 0, x_1, x_2)$ .

**Problem :** Prove that there doesn't exist a  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{R}^5)$  such that  $\text{range } T = \text{null } T$ .

*Solution :* Suppose there exists such  $T$ , then  $\dim \text{range } T = \dim \text{null } T$  but from the fundamental theorem of linear maps we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim V &= \dim \text{range } T + \dim \text{null } T \\ \implies \dim \text{range } T &= \dim \text{null } T = \frac{5}{2} \end{aligned}$$

which is impossible.

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

*Solution :* Let  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  be the basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  be the basis of  $W$ . Then, define  $T_i(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m) = a_iw_i$ . One can check that this is not injective thus

$$T(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^m T_i \right) (a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_iw_i$$

Now, suppose  $T(v) = T(v')$  then

$$\begin{aligned} a_1w_1 + \dots + a_mw_m &= a'_1w_1 + \dots + a'_mw_m \\ \implies b_1 &= b'_1 \quad (\text{because of linear independence}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $v = v'$ .

**Problem :** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that there exists a subspace  $U$  and  $V$  such that

$$U \cap \text{null } T = \{0\} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{range } T = \{Tu \mid u \in U\}$$

*Solution :* We know that  $\text{null } T$  is the subspace of  $V$ . Thus, there exists a  $U$  such that  $V = U \oplus \text{null } T$  and since it is a direct sum  $U \cap \text{null } T = \{0\}$ . Now, for the range of  $T$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{range } T &= \{Tv \mid v \in V\} \\ \implies \{T(u + z) \mid u \in U, z \in \text{null } T\} &= \{Tu \mid u \in U\} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem :** Suppose  $T$  is a linear map from  $\mathbf{F}^4$  to  $\mathbf{F}^2$  such that

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

Prove that  $T$  is a surjective linear map.

*Solution :* We can write  $T$  as

$$\text{null } T = \{(5x_2, x_2, 7x_4, x_4) \mid x_2, x_4 \in \mathbf{F}\}$$

Now, since  $(5x_2, x_2, 7x_4, x_4) = x_2(5, 1, 0, 0) + x_4(0, 0, 7, 1) \implies \dim \text{null } T = 2$ . Thus,

$$\dim V = \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T$$

$$\implies 4 = 2 + \dim \text{range } T$$

$$\implies \dim \text{range } T = 2$$

Since,  $\dim \mathbf{F}^2 = 2 = \dim \text{range } T \implies \text{range } T = \mathbf{F}^2$ . Thus,  $T$  is surjective.

**Problem :** Suppose  $U$  is three-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^8$  and that  $T$  is a linear map from  $\mathbf{R}^8$  to  $\mathbf{R}^5$  such that  $\text{null } T = U$ . Prove that  $T$  is surjective.

*Solution :* Since,  $\text{null } T = U \implies \dim \text{null } T = 3$ . Thus,

$$\dim \mathbf{R}^8 = \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T$$

$$\implies \dim \text{range } T = 5$$

Since,  $\text{range } T$  is a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^5$  and  $\dim \text{range } T = \dim \mathbf{R}^5$ ,  $\mathbf{R}^5 = \text{range } T$ . Thus,  $T$  is surjective.

**Problem :** Prove that there does not exist a linear map from  $\mathbf{F}^5$  to  $\mathbf{F}^2$  whose null space doesn't equals  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) \in \mathbf{F}^5 \mid x_1 = 3x_2 \text{ and } x_3 = x_4 = x_5\}$ .

*Solution :* Suppose there does exist such a  $T$ . Then the null space can be written as

$$\text{null } T = \{(3x_2, x_2, k, k, k) \mid x_2, k \in \mathbf{F}\}$$

One can check that  $\dim \text{null } T = 2$  but

$$\dim \mathbf{F}^5 = \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T$$

$$\implies \dim \text{range } T = 3$$

But  $2 = \dim \mathbf{F}^2 \geq \dim \text{range } T = 3$  which is false.

**Problem :** Suppose there exists a linear map on  $V$  such that the null space and range of  $T$  is finite dimensional. Prove that  $V$  is finite-dimensional.

*Solution :* Since, the range of  $T$  is finite-dimensional it must have a basis. Suppose  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_m$  is the basis then

$$T(x) = \lambda_1 Tv_1 + \dots + \lambda_m Tv_m$$

$$\implies T(x - \lambda_1 v_1 - \dots - \lambda_m v_m) = 0$$

Since, the null space is also finite-dimensional

$$x - \lambda_1 v_1 - \dots - \lambda_m v_m = \lambda'_1 v'_1 + \dots + \lambda'_n v'_n$$

where  $v'_1, \dots, v'_n$  is the basis of the null space. Thus,

$$V = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m, v'_1, \dots, v'_n)$$

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

*Solution :* Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is an injective map, then

$$\dim V = \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T$$

$$\implies \dim V = \dim \text{range } T \leq \dim W$$

Now suppose  $\dim V \leq \dim W$  then we can construct an injective map from  $V$  to  $W$ .

$$T(a_1v_1 + \cdots + a_nv_n) = a_1w_1 + \cdots + a_nw_n$$

where  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is the basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  is the basis of  $W$ . One can check this is a linear map and suppose  $T(x) = T(y)$  and let  $x = a_1v_1 + \cdots + a_nv_n$  and  $y = b_1v_1 + \cdots + b_nv_n$  then

$$T(x) = T(y)$$

$$\implies (a_1 - b_1)w_1 + \cdots + (a_n - b_n)w_n = 0$$

$$\implies a_i = b_i$$

Thus,  $x = y$ .

**Problem :** Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are finite-dimensional vector spaces and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Prove that there exists  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  such that  $\text{null } T = U$  if and only if  $\dim U \geq \dim V - \dim W$ .

*Solution :* Suppose  $\text{null } T = U$  then

$$\dim V - \dim \text{range } T = \dim U$$

$$\implies \dim V - \dim W \leq \dim V - \dim \text{range } T = \dim U$$

Now, suppose  $\dim U \geq \dim V - \dim W$  then let  $u_1, \dots, u_k$  be the basis of  $U$  and

$$u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_m$$

be the extended basis of  $V$ . Let  $w_1, \dots, w_j$  be the basis of  $W$ . From our condition, we know  $k \geq k + m - j \implies j \geq m$ . Thus we define

$$T(a_1u_1 + \cdots + a_ku_k + b_1v_1 + \cdots + b_mv_m) = b_1w_1 + \cdots + b_mv_m$$

Here,  $\text{null } T = U$ .

**Problem :** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , and  $U$  is a subspace of  $W$ . Prove that  $X = \{v \in V \mid Tv \in U\}$  is a subspace of  $V$  and

$$\dim X = \dim \text{null } T + \dim(U \cap \text{range } T)$$

*Solution :* The subspace part is pretty simple. Let  $S : X \rightarrow U$  be a map such that  $S(v) = T(v)$ . Here,  $\text{range } S = U \cap \text{range } T$  and  $\text{null } S = \text{null } T$ .

**Problem :** Suppose  $U$  and  $V$  are finite-dimensional vector spaces and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ . Prove that

$$\dim \text{null } ST \leq \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{null } S$$

*Solution :* One can find that  $\text{null } ST = \text{null } T \cup \{x \in U \mid S(T(x)) = 0, T(x) \neq 0\}$ .

**Note :** It seems that these exercises are taking way too long to do. I'll however come back to it and finish

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## 1.3 Matrices

### 1.3.1 Representing a Linear Map by a Matrix

**Definition 1.9.** Suppose  $m$  and  $n$  are two non-negative integers. A  $m \times n$  matrix is  $A$  is a rectangular array of elements in  $\mathbf{F}$  with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

The  $A_{i,j}$  represents the entry in  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column.

**Definition 1.10.** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is the basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  is a basis of  $W$ . The matrix of  $T$  with respect to these bases is the  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  whose entries  $A_{i,j}$  are defined by

$$Tv_k = A_{1,k}w_1 + \cdots + A_{m,k}w_m$$

**Examples :**

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{F}^2, \mathbf{F}^3)$  is defined by

$$T(x, y) = (x + 3y, 2x + 5y, 7x + 9y)$$

Then,

$$\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 7 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

As  $T(1, 0) = 1(1, 0, 0) + 2(0, 1, 0) + 7(0, 0, 1)$  and  $T(0, 1) = 3(1, 0, 0) + 5(0, 1, 0) + 9(0, 0, 1)$ .

### 1.3.2 Addition and Scalar Multiplication of Matrices

**Definition 1.11.** The sum of two matrices of same size is obtained by adding corresponding entries in the matrices i.e

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} B_{1,1} & \cdots & B_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ B_{m,1} & \cdots & B_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} + B_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} + B_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} + B_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} + B_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 1.9.** Suppose  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}(S + T) = \mathcal{M}(S) + \mathcal{M}(T)$ .

*Proof.* Follows from the definition. □

**Definition 1.12.** The product of a scalar and a matrix is obtained by multiplying each entry by the scalar i.e

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda A_{1,1} & \cdots & \lambda A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \lambda A_{m,1} & \cdots & \lambda A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}$$



**Proposition 1.10.** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$  then  $\lambda \mathcal{M}(T) = \mathcal{M}(\lambda T)$ .

*Proof.* Again, just use the definitions.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.5.** Suppose  $\mathbf{F}^{m,n}$  be the set of all the matrices with entries in  $\mathbf{F}$ . Then, with addition and scalar multiplication defined above  $\mathbf{F}^{m,n}$  is a vector space and  $\dim \mathbf{F}^{m,n} = mn$ .

*Proof.* Proving it is a vector space is pretty easy. To verify  $\dim \mathbf{F}^{m,n} = mn$  define

$$X_{i,j} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & 1 & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

where every entry is 0 except the  $A_{i,j}$  entry which is equal to 1. Now, its easy to see that every  $Z \in \mathbf{F}^{m,n}$  can be written as some linear combination of  $X_{i,j}$ 's. Thus,  $\mathbf{F}^{m,n} = \text{span}\{X_{i,j}\}$  where  $i, j$  vary with  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Also, every matrix with only 0 as its entry can only be written as linear combination of  $X_{i,j}$  with all of its scalars equal to 0. Since, there are  $mn$  entries the dimension of  $\mathbf{F}^{m,n}$  is equal to  $mn$ .  $\square$

### 1.3.3 Matrix Multiplication

**Definition 1.13.** Suppose  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  is  $n \times p$  matrix. Then  $AB$  is defined as to be an  $m \times p$  matrix whose entry in row  $j$  and column  $k$  is given by

$$(AB)_{j,k} = \sum_{r=1}^n A_{j,r} B_{r,k}$$

**Remark.** The motivation for us to define the product like this comes from questioning, does  $\mathcal{M}(ST) = \mathcal{M}(S)\mathcal{M}(T)$ ? Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  is the basis of  $W$ . Suppose  $u_1, \dots, u_k$  is the basis of  $U$  then consider the map  $T : U \rightarrow V$  and  $S : V \rightarrow W$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{M}(S) = A$  and  $\mathcal{M}(T) = B$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (ST)u_k &= S \left( \sum_{r=1}^n B_{r,k} v_r \right) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^n B_{r,k} S v_r \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^n B_{r,k} \sum_{j=1}^m A_{j,r} w_j \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \left( \sum_{r=1}^n A_{j,r} B_{r,k} \right) w_j \end{aligned}$$

That is how we define  $\mathcal{M}(ST)$  and that is why **Definition 1.13.** makes sense.

**Proposition 1.11.** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then

$$\mathcal{M}(ST) = \mathcal{M}(S) \mathcal{M}(T)$$

*Proof.* It follows from our remark and how we defined the product of the matrix.  $\square$

**Definition 1.14.** Suppose  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix then

1. If  $1 \leq j \leq m$  then  $A_{j, \cdot}$  denotes the  $1 \times n$  matrix consisting of row  $j$  of  $A$ .
2. If  $1 \leq j \leq n$  then  $A_{\cdot, j}$  denotes  $m \times 1$  matrix consisting of column  $j$  of  $A$ .

**Example :**

Suppose  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$  then

$$A_{1, \cdot} = (1 \quad 2 \quad 3)$$

$$A_{\cdot, 3} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Theorem 1.6.** Suppose  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  is a  $n \times p$  matrix. Then

$$(AB)_{j,k} = A_{j, \cdot} B_{\cdot, k}$$

where  $1 \leq j \leq m$  and  $1 \leq k \leq p$ .

*Proof.* The definition of matrix multiplication states that

$$\begin{aligned} (AB)_{j,k} &= \sum_{r=1}^n A_{j,r} B_{r,k} \\ &= A_{j,1} B_{1,k} + \cdots + A_{j,n} B_{n,k} \end{aligned}$$

Now, if you take  $A_{j, \cdot}$  and  $B_{\cdot, k}$  and multiply it out you'll get the same thing.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.7.** Suppose  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  is a  $n \times p$  matrix. Then

$$(AB)_{\cdot, k} = AB_{\cdot, k}$$

for  $1 \leq k \leq p$ .

*Proof.* Both of the matrix have size  $m \times 1$ . The  $j$ -th row of  $(AB)_{\cdot, k}$  has the element  $(AB)_{j,k}$  and the  $j$ -th row of  $AB_{\cdot, k}$  has element  $A_{j,1} B_{1,k} + A_{j,2} B_{2,k} + \cdots + A_{j,n} B_{n,k}$ . Thus, from our previous theorem they're equal.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.8.** Suppose  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$  is a  $n \times 1$  matrix. Then,

$$Ab = b_1 A_{\cdot, 1} + \cdots + b_n A_{\cdot, n}$$

*Proof.* They both have same size and the entries of  $Ab$  is the same as of the right side.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.9.** Suppose  $C$  is an  $m \times c$  matrix and  $R$  is a  $c \times n$  matrix

1. The column  $k$  of  $CR$  is the linear combination of the columns of  $C$ , with coefficients of this linear combination coming from column  $k$  of  $R$ .
2. Then row  $j$  of  $CR$  is a linear combination of the rows of  $R$ , with the coefficients of this linear combination coming from row  $j$  of  $C$ .

*Proof.* Use **Theorem 1.7.** and **Theorem 1.8.** for 1. and we'll prove 2. in the exercise section.  $\square$

### 1.3.4 Column-Row Factorization and Rank of a Matrix

**Definition 1.15.** Suppose  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix with entries in  $\mathbf{F}$ .

1. The **column rank** of  $A$  is the dimension of the span of columns of  $A$  in  $\mathbf{F}^{1,m}$ .
2. The **row rank** of  $A$  is the dimension of the span of rows of  $A$  in  $\mathbf{F}^{n,1}$ .

**Example :** Suppose

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

then the column rank is the dimension of

$$\text{span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

and the row rank is the dimension of

$$\text{span} \left( (1 \ 2 \ 3), (4 \ 5 \ 6) \right)$$

**Definition 1.16.** The *transpose* of a  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , denoted by  $A^t$ , is the  $n \times m$  matrix whose entries are given by

$$(A^t)_{i,j} = A_{j,i}$$

**Theorem 1.10.** Suppose  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with entries in  $\mathbf{F}$  and column rank  $c \geq 1$ . Then there exists a  $m \times c$  matrix  $C$  and  $c \times n$  matrix  $R$ , both with entries in  $\mathbf{F}$ , such that  $A = CR$ .

*Proof.* The list  $A_{\cdot,1}, \dots, A_{\cdot,n}$  of columns of  $A$  can be reduced to a basis of the span of the columns of  $A$ . This basis has length  $c$  by definition of column rank. The  $c$  columns can be put together to form  $m \times c$ .

Now, each column  $k$  of  $A$  is a linear combination of columns of  $C$ . Make the coefficients of this linear combination column  $k$  of  $R$ . This matrix  $R$  has size  $c \times n$ . Thus,  $A = CR$  follows from **Theorem 1.9.(a)**.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.11.** Suppose  $A \in \mathbf{F}^{m,n}$  then the column rank of  $A$  equals row rank of  $A$ .

*Proof.* Let  $c$  be the column rank of  $A$ . Then  $A = CR$  by the previous theorem where  $C$  and  $R$  are the matrix whose size are  $m \times c$  and  $c \times n$  respectively. Now, from **Theorem 1.9. (b)** each row of  $A$  is a linear combination of rows of  $R$ . Since,  $R$  has  $c$  columns this implies that

$$\text{rowrank } A \leq c = \text{columnrank } A$$

Now applying the same thing to  $A^t$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{columnrank } A &= \text{rowrank } A^t \\ &\leq \text{columnrank } A^t \\ &= \text{rowrank } A \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we're done.  $\square$

**Remark.** From now on, we'll limit our use of terminology of “row rank” and “column rank” to just “rank”.

### 1.3.5 Exercise

**Problem :** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Show that with respect to each choice of basis of  $V$  and  $W$ , the matrix of  $T$  has at least  $\dim \text{range } T$  nonzero entries.

*Solution :* Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be the basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  be the basis of  $W$  then suppose  $k$  of those vectors are 0 under  $T$  and let those vectors be  $v_1, \dots, v_k$ . Thus,

$$\text{range } T = \text{span}\{Tv_{k+1}, \dots, Tv_n\}$$

Thus,  $\dim \text{range } T \leq n - k$ . But since  $T(v_j) \neq 0$  for each  $k+1 \leq j \leq n$ , there must be one entry that is not 0 for each  $T(v_j)$ . Since, the number of  $T(v_j) \neq 0$  are exactly  $n - k$  and  $n - k \geq \dim \text{range } T$  this means there is at least  $\dim \text{range } T$  nonzero entries in matrix of  $T$ .

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

*Solution :* Let us first prove ( $\Leftarrow$ ). Suppose  $A_{i,j} = 1$  for all  $i, j$ . That means,  $T(v_i) = \sum w_j$  where  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is the basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  is the basis of  $W$ . Thus,  $Tv_1 = Tv_2 = \dots = Tv_n = \sum w_j$  and  $\text{range } T = \text{span}\{Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n\} = \text{span}\{\sum w_j\} \implies \dim \text{range } T = 1$ . Now, for the ( $\Rightarrow$ ) we use the Fundamental theorem of linear maps,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim V &= \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T \\ \implies \dim V &= \dim \text{null } T + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Now, suppose  $v_2, \dots, v_n$  be that basis of  $\text{null } T$ . Then extend this basis to  $V$ , suppose  $v_2, \dots, v_n, v$  then

$$\begin{aligned} T(v_2) &= T(v_3) = \dots = T(v_n) = 0 \\ \implies T(v) &= T(v_2 + v) = \dots = T(v_n + v) \end{aligned}$$

One can check that  $v_2 + v, \dots, v$  is a basis of  $V$  (as it is linearly independent and has length  $n$ ). Now, since  $\dim \text{range } T = 1$  we have  $T(x) = \lambda T(v)$  and we choose  $T(v), w_2, \dots, w_m$  as our basis for  $W$ . Now, we use a clever trick and set  $w_1 = T(v) - w_2 - w_3 - \dots - w_m$  and notice that  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  is a basis of  $W$ . Thus,

$$T(v_i) = T(v) = \sum w_j$$

Thus, we're done.

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

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

*Solution :* Take the basis of  $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbf{R})$  to be  $z, \frac{z^2}{2}, \frac{z^3}{3}, 1$  and  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbf{R})$  to be  $1, z, z^2$ .

**Problem :** Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that there exist a basis of  $V$  and a basis of  $W$  such that with respect to these bases, all entries of  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  are 0 except that the entries in row  $k$ , column  $k$ , equal 1 if  $1 \leq k \leq \dim \text{range } T$ .

*Solution :* Let  $\dim V = n$  and  $\dim \text{range } T = m$ . Now, let  $v_{m+1}, \dots, v_n$  be the basis of  $\dim \text{null } T$ . Now, extend these basis such in the following way

$$(v_1, \dots, v_m, v_{m+1}, \dots, v_n)$$

Here,  $T(v_i) \neq 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Now, since  $(v_1, \dots, v_m, v_{m+1}, \dots, v_n)$  spans  $V$  the list  $(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_m)$  must span  $\text{range } T$  and in fact it is the basis of  $\text{range } T$  (one can check that its linearly independent). We can now extend this basis to the basis of  $W$ . Suppose  $(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_m, w_1, \dots, w_k)$  is the basis of  $W$ . Then,

$$T(v_i) = 0 \cdot T(v_1) + \dots + 1 \cdot T(v_i) + \dots + 0 \cdot w_k$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq m = \dim \text{range } T$ . But for  $i > \dim \text{range } T$  we have

$$0 = T(v_i) = 0 \cdot T(v_1) + 0 \cdot T(v_2) + \dots + 0 \cdot w_k$$

**Problem :** Suppose  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $W$  is finite-dimensional. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that there exists a basis  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  of  $W$  such that all entries in the first column of  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  [with respect to the bases  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_n$ ] are 0 except for possibly a 1 in the first row, first column.

*Solution :* We know that  $\text{range } T = \text{span}\{T(\sigma_1), T(\sigma_2), \dots, T(\sigma_m)\}$ . Thus, we can make this span a basis. If  $T(\sigma_1) = 0$  then we're done but if not then the basis of  $\text{range } T$  would be

$$(T(\sigma_1), z_2, \dots, z_k)$$

Now, we can extend this basis to the basis of  $W$ , suppose its

$$(T(\sigma_1), z_2, \dots, z_k, s_{k+1}, \dots, s_m)$$

then

$$T(\sigma_1) = 1 \cdot T(\sigma_1) + 0 \cdot z_2 + \dots + 0 \cdot s_m$$

**Problem :** Suppose  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  is a basis of  $W$  and  $V$  is finite-dimensional. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that there exists a basis  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m$  of  $V$  such that all entries in the first row of  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  [with respect to the bases  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_n$ ] are 0 except for possibly a 1 in the first row, first column.

*Solution :*