



[Marcus: Let's try to have one title per planet, so we keep track of how many planets we're planning here. I've marked topics and questions that I consider particular good or essential with a + or even a ++.]

## Bijections between finite sets (++)

**Boss level** (theorem 2.1.4 from Fischer's Linear Algebra):

Sind  $X$  und  $Y$  endliche Mengen mit gleich vielen Elementen, so sind für eine Abbildung  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  folgende Bedingungen äquivalent:

- i)  $f$  ist injektiv,
- ii)  $f$  ist surjektiv,
- iii)  $f$  ist bijektiv.

Remark: This theorem admits different proofs (e.g. proof by contradiction using the pigeonhole principle, proof by induction, etc). These different proofs use different APIs of finite sets.

Remark: use the tactic `TFAE` to prove the equivalence of the conditions. (if it's nice to use)

## Isomorphisms between finite-dimensional vector spaces (++)

Follow-up planet to the planet "bijections between finite sets".

## The lattice of subspaces 1 (++)

- Introduce lattices.
- Introduce the lattice of subspaces of a vector space under the inclusion order.

**Boss level**, option 1a: Show that the abstract definition of  $U_1 \sqcup U_2$  agrees with the more concrete description as  $\text{span}(U_1 \cup U_2)$ .

**Boss level**, option 1b: Prove that the union of two subspaces of a vector space is a subspace if and only if one of the subspaces is contained in the other.

## The lattice of subspaces 2 (+)

**Boss level**, option 2a: Show that the lattice of subspaces of a vector space satisfies the modular law.

**Boss level**, option 2b: When does a collection of subspaces form a decomposition of the entire space? (3 subspaces or general version with  $n$  subspaces)

Marcus: I would be happy with any one of the Boss levels in these lattice planets. I imagine that if you pick, say, 1b as a Boss level, you could still include 1a as a walk-through exercise that leads up to that Boss level. Similarly for 2a/2b.

## Vector spaces of infinite fields

Follow-up to planets on the lattice of subspaces.

**Boss level**: Show that a vector space over an infinite field cannot be a finite union of proper subspaces.

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example {V : Type} [Module k V] (U W : submodule k V) : U ⊔ W = ⊤ ↔ U ≤ W ∨ W ≤ U :=
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## The reals over the rationals -- abstract version (+)

**Walk-through**: Show that  $\mathbb{Q}^n$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Boss level**: Show that  $\mathbb{R}$  with its standard addition is an infinite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Remark: Once of proof of the last part requires uncountability of  $\mathbb{R}$ : all finite linear combinations of rational is not going to span all of  $\mathbb{R}$  because  $\mathbb{R}$  is uncountable (we have this). [This is written in the game](#)

## Unique factorization (++)

**Walk-through**: Show that there is no integer  $n$  such that  $n^2 = 2$ .

**Boss level**: Show that there is no rational  $r$  such that  $r^2 = 2$ .

**Boss level**: Show that  $\sqrt{p}$  is not rational for any prime  $p$ .

# The reals over the rationals -- concrete version (++)

Follow-up to planets on unique factorization (and reals of rationals -- abstract version)

**Boss level** Show that  $\log p_i$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$  where  $p_i$  are prime numbers.

This uses cardinality argument (cardinal\_eq\_of\_finite\_basis) and the unique factorization of integers into primes.

## Matrices 1

**Boss level** every matrix can be written as a sum of a symmetric ( $A^+ = A$ ) and a skew-symmetric matrix. (this might be in `mathlib` already, we should figure this out first.)

## Matrices 2 (++)

**Boss level** ~~Show that the space of  $n \times n$  matrices with real entries is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
(`Fin n`  $\rightarrow$  `Fin n`  $\rightarrow$   $\mathbb{R}$ ) (`E_ij`)~~ Note: this is already in `mathlib` and can be done by `inferInstance`.

## Matrices 3 (+)

**Boss level** Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with real entries. Show that the space generated by the powers of  $A$ , i.e. the set  $\{I, A, A^2, A^3, \dots\}$  is a proper subspace of the space of  $n \times n$  matrices with real entries. ( $n \geq 2$ )

proof-sketch: any two matrix in the span of these vectors commute:  $ST = TS$ .

## Quotients (++)

**Boss level** Any function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is a function can be factored into three functions  $f = i \circ g \circ q$  where  $q$  is a surjection,  $h$  is a bijection, and  $i$  is an injection.

## Alternative questions for quotients

1. Construction of the field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  via quotient construction of its underlying cyclic group for a prime number  $p$ .
2. (Advanced) (Gaussian Coefficients) Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Show that the number of subspaces of  $V$  is given by the Gaussian Coefficients.

TODO: I will break down the question 2 into four separate parts (Sina.)

- Could use tensor product of vector spaces?
- (1st) Isomorphism theorem. Two questions about this: set, vector spaces

## Trace (++)

**Boss level** Suppose  $f$  is a linear transformation over the space of  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $f(AB) = f(BA)$  for all  $A, B$ . Show that there exists a scalar  $c$  such that  $f(A) = c \operatorname{tr}(A)$  for all  $A$ .

**Boss Level** every linear map on the space of  $n \times n$  matrices is of the form  $\operatorname{tr}(A \bullet)$  for some matrix  $A$ .

**Boss Level** Show that the trace of a matrix is the sum of its eigenvalues.

**Walk through:**

- ~~Show that  $\operatorname{tr}(AA^T) \geq 0$  and the equality holds if and only if  $A = 0$ . (Proof in the repo, but not part of any levels yet.)~~
- Show that for any matrix  $A$  the map  $\operatorname{tr}(A \bullet) : X \mapsto \operatorname{tr}(AX)$  is a linear map on the space of  $n \times n$  matrices.
- Show that the map above is a zero map if and only if  $A = 0$ .
- Show that the map  $A \mapsto \operatorname{tr}(A \bullet)$  is an isomorphism.
  - ~~– Suppose  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  and  $B$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix. Show that the trace of  $AB$  is the same as the trace of  $BA$ .~~

Marcus: Good source of questions, just pick one or two of these.

# Determinantes (+)

## Van der Monde Matrix (???)

Fix 100 distinct points  $t_0, \dots, t_{99}$  in the interval  $I = [-1, 1]$ . Consider the map  $L: \mathbb{R}^{200} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{100}$  defined by the assignment

$$c = (c_0, \dots, c_{199}) \mapsto (p_c(t_0), \dots, p_c(t_{99}))$$

where  $p_c = \sum_{i=0}^{199} c_i x^i$ , i.e. from vectors of coefficients of polynomials of degree  $\leq 199$  to the vectors  $(p_c(t_i))_{i=0}^{99}$  of values of such polynomials at nodes  $t_i$ .

1. Show that  $L$  is linear.
2. Show that this map is represented, upon choosing the standard basis in  $\mathbb{R}^{200}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{100}$ , by the  $100 \times 200$  *Vandermonde* matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_0 & t_0^2 & \dots & t_0^{199} \\ 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 & \dots & t_1^{199} \\ 1 & t_2 & t_2^2 & \dots & t_2^{199} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_{99} & t_{99}^2 & \dots & t_{99}^{199} \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Show that this map is never invertible.