

Linear Algebra Review 1

MAT 442

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Vector Spaces

A vector space V over a field F has the following properties:

1. $\forall x, y \in V, x + y = y + x$
2. $\forall x, y, z \in V, (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$
3. *There exists an element in V , denoted by 0 , such that $\forall x \in V, x + 0 = x$*
4. $\forall x \in V, \exists y \in V$ such that $x + y = 0$
5. $\forall x \in V, 1 \cdot x = x$
6. $\forall \alpha, \beta \in F$ and $\forall x \in V, (\alpha\beta)x = \alpha(\beta x)$
7. $\forall \alpha \in F$ and $\forall x, y \in V, \alpha(x + y) = \alpha x + \alpha y$
8. $\forall \alpha, \beta \in F, \text{ and } \forall x \in V, (\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x$

Remark

Vector multiplication need not be defined. Only **scalar** multiplication and vector addition are required.

Theorem

Let V be a vector space and W a subset of V . Then W is a subspace of V if and only if:

1. $0 \in W$
2. $x + y \in W$ whenever $x, y \in W$
3. $\alpha x \in W$ whenever $\alpha \in F$ and $x \in W$

- Is the intersection of subspaces of a vector space V a subspace of V ?
- Is the union of subspaces of a vector space V a subspace of V ?

Linear Transformations

Definiton: Let V and W be vector spaces over F . We call a function $T : V \rightarrow W$ a **linear transformation from V to W** if, $\forall x, y \in V$ and $\forall \alpha \in F$, we have:

1. $T(x + y) = T(x) + T(y)$
2. $T(\alpha x) = \alpha T(x)$

- If T is linear, then $T(0) = 0$
- To show that a given transformation is linear, it is enough to prove that $T(\alpha x + y) = \alpha T(x) + T(y)$

Problem: Is the following transformation $T: V \rightarrow V$ linear?

$$T(A) = A^t \text{ with } F = \mathbb{C}, V = \text{Mat}_2(\mathbb{C})$$

Linear Transformations

Definition: Let V and W be vector spaces and let $T: V \rightarrow V$ be linear. We define the **null space** (or **kernel**) of T as:

$$N(T) = \{x \in V : T(x) = 0\}$$

We define the **range** (or **image**) of T as:

$$R(T) = \{T(x) : x \in V\}$$

or in other words:

$$R(T) = \{y \in W : T(x) = y\}$$

Important note: $N(T)$ is a subspace of V while $R(T)$ is a subspace of W

Problem: Find $N(T)$ and $R(T)$ for a linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by

$$T(a_1, a_2, a_3) = (a_1 - a_2, 2a_3)$$

Linear Transformations

Theorem

Let V and W be vector spaces, and let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be linear. If $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for V , then

$$R(T) = \text{span}(T(\beta)) = \text{span}(\{T(v_1), T(v_2), \dots, T(v_n)\})$$

Example: Let $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be defined by $T(a, b, c) = (a+b, 2b, 0)$. Find a basis for $R(T)$.

Using the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^3 , we see

$$\begin{aligned} R(T) &= \text{span}(\{T(1, 0, 0), T(0, 1, 0), T(0, 0, 1)\}) \\ &= \text{span}(\{(1, 0, 0), (1, 2, 0), (0, 0, 0)\}) \\ &= \text{span}(\{(1, 0, 0), (1, 2, 0)\}) \end{aligned}$$

Linear Transformations

Dimension Theorem

Let V and W be vector spaces, and let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be linear. If V is **finite-dimensional**, then

$$\text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T) = \dim(V)$$

Proof:

- ▶ Suppose $\dim(V) = n$, $\dim(N(T)) = k$, define a basis for $N(T)$ as $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$
- ▶ Extend to a basis for V , so $\beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}$
- ▶ Claim $S = \{T(v_{k+1}), T(v_{k+2}), \dots, T(v_n)\}$ is a basis for $R(T)$
- ▶ $T(v_i) = 0$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$ since v_i comes from the null space of T , thus

$$\begin{aligned} R(T) &= \text{span}(T(\beta)) = \text{span}(\{T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)\}) \\ &= \text{span}(\{0, \dots, T(v_{k+1}), T(v_{k+2}), \dots, T(v_n)\}) \\ &= \text{span}(\{T(v_{k+1}), T(v_{k+2}), \dots, T(v_n)\}) \end{aligned}$$

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Proof (cont):

- ▶ Correct number of vectors, need to check for linear independence.
Suppose we have $b_{k+1}T(v_{k+1}) + b_{k+2}T(v_{k+2}) + \dots + b_nT(v_n) = 0$
- ▶ T is linear, thus $T(b_{k+1}v_{k+1} + b_{k+2}v_{k+2} + \dots + b_nv_n) = 0$
- ▶ Hence $b_{k+1}v_{k+1} + b_{k+2}v_{k+2} + \dots + b_nv_n \in N(T)$
- ▶ $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ is a basis for $N(T)$, so $\exists \mu_1, \dots, \mu_k \in F$ such that $b_{k+1}v_{k+1} + \dots + b_nv_n = \mu_1v_1 + \dots + \mu_kv_k$
- ▶ Rewrite as $\mu_1v_1 + \dots + \mu_kv_k - b_{k+1}v_{k+1} - \dots - b_nv_n = 0$
- ▶ But notice that $\{v_1, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\} = \beta$, a basis for V . Thus $b_i = 0$ for all i . Thus S is linearly independent.
- ▶ S spans $R(T)$ and is linearly independent, thus it is a basis for $R(T)$
- ▶ Therefore $\text{rank } T = k - n$

Linear Transformations

Definition: Let $\beta = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be an ordered basis for a finite dimensional vector space V . For $x \in V$ we can represent x as a linear combination of β with $a_i \in F$:

$$x = a_1 u_1 + a_2 u_2 + \dots + a_n u_n$$

We define the **coordinate vector of x relative to β** , denoted $[x]_\beta$, by

$$[x]_\beta = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)^t$$

Definition

We call the $m \times n$ matrix A defined by $A_{ij} = a_{ij}$ the **matrix representation of T in the ordered bases β and γ** and write $A = [T]_\beta^\gamma$

Note that the j th column of A is $[T(v_j)]_\beta$

Linear Transformations

Example: Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the linear transformation defined by

$$T(a_1, a_2) = (0, 2a_1 + 2a_2, a_1 - 3a_2)$$

Let β and γ be the standard ordered bases for \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{R}^3 respectively

$$T(1, 0) = (0, 2, 1)$$

$$T(0, 1) = (0, 2, -3)$$

Thus the matrix representation of T is

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

Linear Transformation

Problem: Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be given by $T(x, y) = (x - y, y, 2x + y)$
Let $A = \{(1, 2), (2, 3)\}$ and $B = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (2, 2, 3)\}$. Find

- $[T]_A^B$
- a basis for $\ker(T)$
- a basis for $\text{range}(T)$

Linear Transformation

Theorem

Let V and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces having ordered bases β and γ , respectively, and let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be linear. Then, for each $u \in V$, we have

$$[T(u)]_{\gamma} = [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} [u]_{\beta}$$

Linear Transformation

Example: Let $T: P_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_2(\mathbb{R})$ be the linear transformation defined by $T(f(x)) = f'(x)$. Let $\beta = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$ and let $\gamma = \{1, x, x^2\}$. Then

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

Let $u(x) = 4 + x + 3x^2 + x^3$. Then

$$[T(u)]_{\gamma} = [1 + 6x + 3x^2]_{\gamma} = (1, 6, 3)^t$$

But also note

$$[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} [u]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Invertibility

Theorem

Let V and W be *finite-dimensional* vector spaces with ordered bases β and γ , respectively. Let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be linear. Then T is invertible if and only if $[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$ is invertible. Furthermore, $[T^{-1}]_{\gamma}^{\beta} = ([T]_{\beta}^{\gamma})^{-1}$

Problem: Let $T: P_1(R) \rightarrow R^2$ be the linear transformation defined by $T(a + bx) = (a, a + b)$. Given β, γ to be the standard ordered bases for $P_1(R)$ and R^2 respectively, find T^{-1} , $[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$, and $[T^{-1}]_{\gamma}^{\beta}$.

Quotient Spaces

Definition

Let W be a subspace of a vector space V . For any $v \in V$, the set $\{v\} + W = \{v + w : w \in W\}$ is called the **coset** of W **containing** v . We define the **quotient space** of V modulo W using the following operations:

$$\begin{aligned}(x + W) + (y + W) &= (x + y) + W \\ \alpha(x + W) &= (\alpha x) + W\end{aligned}$$

Problem: Show that $x + W = y + W$ if and only if $x - y \in W$

Problem: Let $V = \{a_0 + a_1X + \dots + a_3X^3 : a_j \in \mathbb{Q}\}$, a vector space over \mathbb{Q} under the usual polynomial addition and scalar multiplication. Let $W = \text{span}(\{x + 1, 2x - 1, x^2 + x\})$. Find a spanning set for V/W .