

Part IB — Linear Algebra Sheet 2

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QUESTION 1

The three types of elementary matrices are:

$$(i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & & \\ & & & 0 & & & 1 \\ & & & & 1 & & \\ & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & & 1 & 0 & \\ & & & & & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The zeros appear in row i , row j . This swaps column i and column j , and is self-inverse.

$$(ii) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & \\ & & & \lambda & & \\ & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

with λ in the i^{th} row. (Multiplies column i by λ) This has inverse

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & \\ & & & \frac{1}{\lambda} & & \\ & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(iii) $I_n + \lambda E_{ij}$, where E_{ij} is defined as 1 in the (i, j) position and 0 everywhere else. ($i \neq j$). This has inverse $I_n + \lambda E_{ij}$.

To find inverse of this matrix, we

- add column 1 to column 2
- swap rows 2 and 3
- add row 3 to row 2
- multiply row 2 by $\frac{1}{3}$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

QUESTION 2

– *Minimality of r :*

Suppose we have

$$\underbrace{A}_{m \times n} = \underbrace{B}_{m \times k} \underbrace{C}_{k \times n}$$

wrt. standard basis for $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^k, \mathbb{R}^n$ the matrices A, B, C correspond to lin. maps α, β, γ st. $\alpha = \beta \circ \gamma$

$$\mathbb{R}^m \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathbb{R}^k \xrightarrow{\beta} \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \searrow \alpha \nearrow$$

for some $k, r \leq k \leq n$, and

$$\text{Im } \alpha \leq \text{Im } \beta$$

since if $v \in \text{Im } \alpha$, then $v = \alpha(\omega)$ for some ω , then $v = \beta(\gamma\omega)$ so $v \in \text{Im } \beta$

Taking dimensions,

$$r \leq r(\beta) \leq k$$

where the last inequality follows from Rank Nullity.

– *r is possible:* α has rank r so we seek a map such that

$$\mathbb{R}^m \xrightarrow{\gamma} \text{Im } \alpha \xrightarrow{\beta} \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \searrow \alpha \nearrow$$

Define $\gamma : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \text{Im } \alpha$ by $\gamma(v) = \alpha(v)$. Define $\beta : \text{Im}(\alpha) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ by $\beta(\omega) = \omega$.

Then, picking bases for $\mathbb{R}, \text{Im}(\alpha), \mathbb{R}^m$, we get corresponding matrices A, B, C st.

$$A = \underbrace{B}_{m \times r} \underbrace{C}_{r \times n}$$

For the last part, define $r' = \text{col rank of } A^T$

We know that $A = BC$ with B $m \times r$... So

$$A^T = C^T B^T \text{ with } C^T \text{ } n \times r$$

so $r' \leq r$ by previous work

Applying this argument to $A^T, (A^T)^T (= A)$, we also see that $r \leq r'$. So $r = r'$.

QUESTION 3

If V is the vector space with finite basis $\mathcal{B} = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$ then there is a basis for V^* , given by $\mathcal{B}^* = \{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \xi_4\}$ where

$$\xi_j \left(\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^4 a_i x_i}_{\in V} \right) = a_j \quad 1 \leq j \leq 4 \quad (*)$$

(a) By (*), the dual basis is

$$\{\xi_2, \xi_1, \xi_4, \xi_3\}$$

(b) we have $\xi_2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^4 a_i x_i \right) = a_2 \Rightarrow \xi_2(a_2 x_2) = a_2$. Hence clear to see dual basis is

$$\{\xi_1, \frac{1}{2}\xi_2, 2\xi_3, \xi_4\}$$

(c) Call the new dual basis $\{\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3, \eta_4\}$. It is clear that $\eta_1 = \xi_1$. To find η_2 , we aim to solve the system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_2(x_1 + x_2) &= 0 \\ \eta_2(x_2 + x_3) &= 1 \\ \eta_2(x_3 + x_4) &= 0 \\ \eta_2(x_4) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and we deduce that $\eta_2 = \xi_2 - \xi_1$. Similarly, $\eta_3 = \xi_3 - \xi_2$, $\eta_4 = \xi_4 - \xi_3$.

$$\{\xi_1, \xi_2 - \xi_1, \xi_3 - \xi_2, \xi_4 - \xi_3\}$$

(d) Similar method to (c), the dual basis is:

$$\{\xi_1 + \xi_2, \xi_2 + \xi_3, \xi_3 + \xi_4, \xi_4\}$$

QUESTION 4

We have that $\tau_A(B) = \sum_i \sum_j a_{ij} b_{ji}$, so linearity follows immediately by the definition of the sum.

Next, want to show that

$$\text{Mat}_{m,n}(\mathbb{F}) \xrightarrow{\phi} \text{Mat}_{m,n}^*(\mathbb{F})$$

defined by

$$A \mapsto \tau_A$$

defines an iso. Have already show linearity. Easy to see this is well defined.

– Injective: Suppose $\phi(A) = 0$. Then $\tau_A(B) = 0 \forall B$, ie. $\text{tr}(AB) = 0 \forall B$.

In particular, for each i, j , we have that

$$\text{tr}(AE_{ij}) = 0$$

where E_{ij} is the matrix with 1 in the i, j position and zeroes everywhere else.

Hence by definition of trace, $\sum_{k,l} A_{k,l} (e_{ij})_{k,l} = A_{ji}$. So $A = 0$.

– $\dim(\text{Mat}_{m,n}(\mathbb{F})^*) = \dim(\text{Mat}_{m,n}(\mathbb{F})) = mn$, and $\dim(\text{Mat}_{m,n}(\mathbb{F})) = mn$. So isomorphism.

QUESTION 5

- (a) Suppose two such endomorphisms exists, with matrices A , respectively. Take the trace of both sides of the equation. As $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$, clearly the LHS is zero, but the RHS is $\dim V$. Contradiction.
- (b) Define

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha : V &\rightarrow V & \beta : V &\rightarrow V \\ f(x) &\mapsto xf(x) & f(x) &\mapsto f'(x)\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)(f) &= (xf)' - xf' \\ &= f\end{aligned}$$

That is, $\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha = \text{id}_V$

QUESTION 6

Let $\psi : U \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ represent our bilinear form. Pick any bases,

$$e'_1, \dots, e'_m \text{ for } U$$

$$f'_1, \dots, f'_n \text{ for } V$$

If $\psi(e'_i, f'_j) = 0 \forall i, j$ then $\psi = 0$ and we're done. Otherwise pick some

$$e'_i, f'_j \text{ s.t. } \psi(e'_i, f'_j) \neq 0$$

(After rescaling, assume $\psi(e'_i, f'_j) = 1$).

Set $e_1 = e'_i, f_1 = f'_j$. Pick a basis $\{f_2, \dots, f_n\}$ for $\ker(\psi_L(e_1))$.

Pick a basis $\{e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ for $\ker(\psi_R(f_1))$. Then, wrt. $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}, \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$, have matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & & & \\ \vdots & \text{something} & & \\ 0 & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

Continue inductively, end up with

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

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\sum_{i=1}^m x_i e_i, \sum_{j=1}^n y_j f_j\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n x_i y_j \psi(e_i, f_j) \text{ by linearity of } \psi \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^r x_k y_k \end{aligned}$$

The dimensions of the left and right kernels are $m - r$ and $n - r$ respectively, by R-N.

QUESTION 7

- (a) We show the rows are linearly independent: suppose

$$\lambda_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} + \cdots + \lambda_n \begin{pmatrix} a_0^n \\ a_1^n \\ \vdots \\ a_n^n \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

This says that the polynomial

$$f(x) = \lambda_0 + \lambda_1 x + \cdots + \lambda_n x^n$$

has roots a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n . f of degree n has $n+1$ distinct roots; but this can only be the case if f is the zero polynomial. So $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \cdots = \lambda_n = 0$.

Rows are linearly independent, so the matrix is of full rank. Thus $n(A) = 0$ by rank nullity, and $\det A \neq 0$

- (b) $e_x \in P_n^*$ with $e_x(p) = p(x)$. Want to show that with respect to the standard basis, $\{e_0, \dots, e_n\}$ is linearly independent.

Proof. Suppose $\lambda_0 e_0 + \cdots + \lambda_n e_n = 0$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_0 + \cdots + \lambda_n e_n &= 0 \\ 0 \cdot \lambda_0 + \cdots + n \cdot \lambda_n &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ 0^n \cdot \lambda_0 + \cdots + n^n \cdot \lambda_n &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

ie.

$$\lambda_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0^1 \\ \vdots \\ 0^n \end{pmatrix} + \cdots + \lambda_n \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ n^1 \\ \vdots \\ n^n \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

So by (a), $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \cdots = \lambda_n = 0$.

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Now, $\dim P_n^* = n+1$, and $\{e_0, \dots, e_{n+1}\}$ is a linearly independent set. Hence it is a basis for P_n^*

- (c) For the basis of P_n for which (e_0, \dots, e_n) is dual, we want $\{p_0, \dots, p_n\}$ with $e_i(p_j) = \delta_{ij}$. So this polynomial is zero for all $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, i-1, i+1, n\}$. Hence $p_i \propto (x-1)(x-2) \cdots (x-(i-1))(x-(i+1)) \cdots (x-n)$

As $p_i(i) = 1$,

$$p_i = \frac{(x-1)(x-2)\cdots(x-(i-1))(x-(i+1))\cdots(x-n)}{(i-1)(i-2)\cdots(i-(i-1))(i-(i+1))\cdots(i-n)}$$

QUESTION 8

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \operatorname{adj}(AB) &= \det(AB)(AB)^{-1} \\
 &= \det(A)\det(B)B^{-1}A^{-1} \\
 &= \det(B)B^{-1}\det(A)A^{-1} \\
 &= \operatorname{adj}(B)\operatorname{adj}(A)
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det(\operatorname{adj} A) &= \\
 &= \det(\det(A)A^{-1}) \\
 &= \det(\det(A)I)\det(A^{-1}) = (\det A)^n(\det A)^{-1} \\
 &= (\det A)^{n-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \operatorname{adj}(\operatorname{adj} A) &= \operatorname{adj}(\det(A)A^{-1}) \\
 &= \det(\det(A)A^{-1})(\det(A)A^{-1})^{-1} \\
 &= (\det A)^{n-1}A(\det A)^{-1} \\
 &= (\det A)^{n-2}A
 \end{aligned}$$

– If $r(A) = n$, then

$$\operatorname{adj} A = \underbrace{\det A}_{\neq 0} \underbrace{A^{-1}}_{\text{invertible}}$$

So $\operatorname{adj} A$ invertible so $r(\operatorname{adj} A) = n$ – If $r(A) = n - 1$, recall that

$$(\operatorname{adj} A)A = 0 \text{ in this case}$$

So $\operatorname{adj} A$ maps $\operatorname{Im} A$ to 0ie. $\ker(\operatorname{adj} A)$ has dimension at least $\dim(\operatorname{Im} A) = n - 1$. So $r(\operatorname{adj} A) = 0$ or 1.

However, $\operatorname{adj} A \neq 0$: We can remove some column i st. the remaining cols are L.I ($r(A) = n - 1$). This gives us an $n \times (n - 1)$ matrix with row rank $n - 1$ (since row rank = column rank.) So we can remove a row j st. remaining rows are L.I.

Then $A_{\hat{i}\hat{j}} \neq 0$ ($(n - 1) \times (n - 1)$ matrix left over has full rank). So $\operatorname{adj} A \neq 0$. So $r(\operatorname{adj} A) = 1$.

– If $r(A) = n - 2$

If we remove a col, the remaining cols are L.D (still). This does not change if we further remove a row. So $\operatorname{adj} A = 0$.

Singular case:

- (i) Define $f(\lambda) = \text{adj}((A + \lambda I)B) - \text{adj}(B)\text{adj}(A + \lambda I)$. We know that $f(\lambda)$ is zero whenever λ is st.

$$\det(A + \lambda I) \neq 0$$

ie. $f(\lambda)$ is a poly with infinitely many roots.

(since $\det(A + \lambda I)$ is a non-zero poly so has at most n roots). So f is the zero polynomial, and (i) holds in general.

QUESTION 9

Let α be the map $\alpha : P^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ defined by

$$[\xi : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}] \mapsto (\xi(1), \xi(t), \xi(t^2), \dots)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\lambda\xi_1 + \mu\xi_2) &= ((\lambda\xi_1 + \mu\xi_2)(1), (\lambda\xi_1 + \mu\xi_2)(t), (\lambda\xi_1 + \mu\xi_2)(t^2), \dots) \\ &= (\lambda\xi_1(1) + \mu\xi_2(1), \lambda\xi_1(t) + \mu\xi_2(t), \lambda\xi_1(t^2) + \mu\xi_2(t^2), \dots) \\ &= \lambda(\xi_1(1), \xi_1(t), \xi_1(t^2), \dots) + \mu(\xi_2(1), \xi_2(t), \xi_2(t^2), \dots) \end{aligned}$$

Hence α is linear.

Let the map $B : \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow P^*$ be defined as

$$(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots) \mapsto [\xi : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \xi(t^n) = a_n]$$

As this defines ξ on the basis of P , it fully defines ξ so this is well defined. This is an inverse to α so α is a bijective map. Hence α is an isomorphism and $P^* \simeq \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$

Let the sequence (a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots) correspond to the linear map $\xi : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\xi(t^n) = a_n$. For $\alpha \in L(P, P)$

α^* dual to α is defined by $\alpha^* : P^* \rightarrow P^*$, $\varepsilon \mapsto \varepsilon \circ \alpha$.

- (a) $D^*(\xi) \mapsto \xi \circ D$ where $\xi \circ D : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\xi \circ D(t^n) = \xi(nt^{n-1}) = na_{n-1}$
- (b) $S^*(\xi) \mapsto \xi \circ S$ where $\xi \circ S : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\xi \circ S(t^n) = \xi(t^{2n}) = a_{2n}$
- (c) $(DS)^*(\xi) \mapsto \xi \circ DS$ where $\xi \circ DS : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\xi \circ DS(t^n) = \xi(2nt^{2n-1}) = 2na_{2n-1}$
- (d) $(SD)^*(\xi) \mapsto \xi \circ SD$ where $\xi \circ SD : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\xi \circ SD(t^n) = \xi(nt^{2(n-1)}) = na_{2(n-1)}$

QUESTION 10

QUESTION 11