

# Midterm Study Guide

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## Topics

1. Example of a finite dimensional vector space and an example of an infinite dimensional vector space (why is it infinite dim?),
2. Spanning vectors,
3. Independent vectors.
4. Dimension of a vector space.
5. What is a direct sum? Keep an example in mind. When is a sum a direct sum?
6. Illustrate the matrix for a particular linear map, say for  $T(x, y, z) = (2x + z, 4y + 1)$
7. State the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra. Apply it to a simple example.
8. Define product of two spaces, its dimension,
9. Define the quotient of two vector spaces. Give an example of a linear quotient space.
10. Define a linear functional and the dual map.
11. Compute a dual basis of a vector space spanned by a basis.

1. Give an example of a finite dimensional vector space and an example of an infinite dimensional vector space. Why is it infinite dim?

Recall:

A vector space is finite-dimensional if some list of vectors spans the space. Thus  $V$  is a finite vector space if  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) = \{a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m : a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}\}$  with  $\{0\}$  being the simplest finite-dimensional space. An infinite-dimensional space has no list that spans the vector space.

### Ex 1.1 Finite dimensional vector space

$V = \{a + b\sqrt{5} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

$$0 + 0\sqrt{5} = 0 \in V$$

$$\underbrace{a + b\sqrt{5}}_{\in V} + \underbrace{c + d\sqrt{5}}_{\in V} = \underbrace{(a + c)}_{\in \mathbb{Q}} + \underbrace{(b + d)}_{\in \mathbb{Q}}\sqrt{5} \in V \text{ closed under addition}$$

$$\underbrace{\lambda}_{\in \mathbb{Q}}(a + b\sqrt{5}) = \underbrace{\lambda a}_{\in \mathbb{Q}} + \underbrace{\lambda b}_{\in \mathbb{Q}}\sqrt{5} \in V \text{ closed under multiplication}$$

note:  $\mathbb{Q}$  is Rational Space.

### Ex 1.2 Finite dimensional vector space

$\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$  is finite dimensional with degree at most  $m$ .

### Ex 1.2 Infinite dimensional vector space, and why.

$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  is infinite dimensional as every polynomial in  $\text{span}$  has degree at most  $m$  thus  $z^{m+1}$  is not in  $\text{span}$ , hence no list spans  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  thus infinite dimensional.

## 2. Give an example of Spanning vectors.

Recall:

A span is the smallest list containing a subspace.

### Ex 2.1 Spanning list

Suppose  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}$  then,  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1(1, 0, \dots, 0) + x_2(0, 1, \dots, 0) + \dots + x_n(0, \dots, 0, 1)$ .

Thus,  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \text{span}((1, 0, \dots, 0) + (0, 1, \dots, 0) + \dots + (0, \dots, 0, 1))$ .

## 3. Provide an example of Independent vectors.

Recall:

A list  $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$  is linearly-independent if the only choice of  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$  that makes  $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$  is  $a_1 = \dots = a_m = 0$ .

Ex3.1  $\mathbb{F}^n$

$(1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 0)$  is linearly-independent in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ .

Ex3.2  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$

$1, \zeta, \dots, \zeta^m$  is linearly-independent in  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$  for each non-negative interger  $m$ .

## 4. Demonstrate the dimension of a vector space.

Recall:

The dimension of a vector space is the length of its basis.

Ex 4.1  $\mathbb{F}^n$

$$\dim \mathbb{F}^n = n$$

Ex 4.2  $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$

$\dim$

$$\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{F}) = m + 1$$

## 5. Explain what a direct sum is. Keep an example in mind. When is a sum a direct sum?

Recall:

The sum  $U_1 + \cdots + U_2$  is a direct sum if each element can only be written one way.

### Ex5.1 $\mathbb{F}^3$

$U = \{(x, y, 0) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : x, y \in \mathbb{F}\}$  and

$W = \{(0, 0, z) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : z \in \mathbb{F}\}$ , then

$$\mathbb{F}^3 = U \oplus W.$$

### Ex5.2 $\mathbb{F}^n$

Suppose  $U_j$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^n$  of vectors with coordinated all 0 except possibly the  $j^{th}$  slot

(ie.  $U_2 = \{0, x, 0, \dots, 0\} \in \mathbb{F}^n$ ), then

$$\mathbb{F}^n = U_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus U_n$$

### Ex5.3 Non-example

$$U_1 = (x, y, 0)$$

$$U_2 = (0, 0, z)$$

$$U_3 = (0, y, y)$$

Note there are two ways to write  $(0, 0, 0)$ ...

$$(0, 1, 0) + (0, 0, 1) + (0, -1, -1) = (0, 0, 0) \text{ and}$$

$$(0, 0, 0) + (0, 0, 0) + (0, 0, 0) = (0, 0, 0)$$

Things to consider:

The direct sum as a projection on some subspace if and only if it is idempotent,  $E^2 = E$ . \* Where  $E$  is  $U$  along  $W$ .

$$z = Ez + (1 - E)z$$

Consider  $Ez = x$  and  $(1 - E)z = y$  then

$$Ex = E^2z = Ez = x \text{ and } Ey = E(1 - E)z = Ez - E^2z = 0$$

so that  $x$  is in  $U$  and  $y$  is in  $W$ . Thus,

$V = U \oplus W$ , and that the projection on  $U$  along  $W$  is precisely  $E$ .

see also 41 FDVS Halmos

ask Arek for some insight on this

## 6. Illustrate the matrix for a particular linear map

Recall:

$$Tv_k = A_{1,k}w_1 + \dots + A_{m,k}w_m = \sum_{j=1}^m A_{j,k}w_j \text{ or when context is not clear,}$$

$M(\mathcal{T}, (v_1, \dots, v_m), (w_1, \dots, w_m))$  is used.

Ex.6.1  $T(x, y, z) = (2x + z, 4y + 1) \leftarrow$  Arek said this is a typo (1 ought to be  $z$ ).

$\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^3, \mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{F})) \leftarrow$  We made it work anyway.

$$M(\mathcal{T}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Ex.6.2  $T(x, y, z) = (2x + z, 4y + z) \leftarrow$  \*Note correction

$\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^2)$

$$M(\mathcal{T}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## 7. State the Fundamental Theorem of \*Linear Algebra. Apply it to a simple example.

Recall: Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps

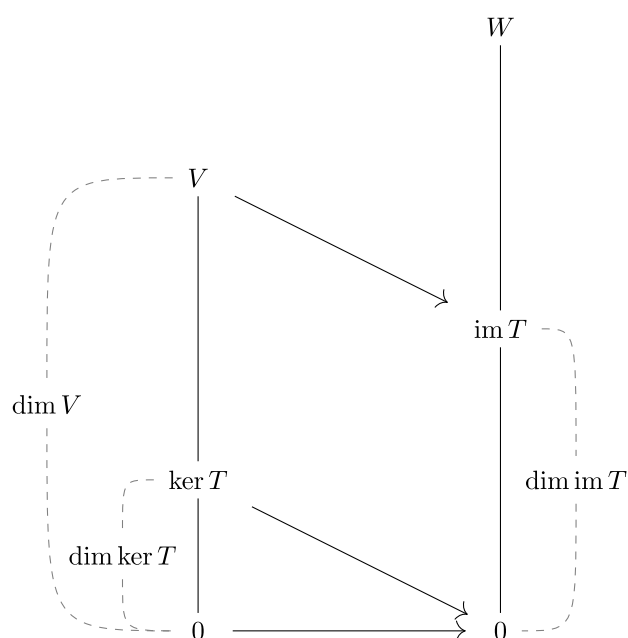
Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then  $\text{range } T$  is finite-dimensional and

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

\*Lame... Axler fumbles here and misses an opportunity to enlighten the student.

Recall: Rank-nullity Theorem (Strang)

$$\dim V = \dim \ker T + \dim \text{im } T$$



Recall: Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra

Let  $f$  be a linear map between two finite-dimensional vector spaces, representing a  $m \times n$  matrix  $M$  of rank  $r$  then,

- $r$  is the dimension of column space of  $M$ , which represent the image of  $f$ .
- $n - r$  is the dimension of the null space of  $M$ , which represent the kernel of  $f$ .
- $m - r$  is the dimension of the cokernel of  $f$ .

The transpose  $M^T$  of  $M$  is the matrix of the dual  $f^*$  of  $f$ , and it follows,

- $r$  is the dimension of row space of  $M$ , which represent the image of  $f^*$ .
- $n - r$  is the dimension of the left null space of  $M$ , which represent the kernel of  $f^*$ .
- $m - r$  is the dimension of the cokernel of  $f^*$ .

FIXME!!! Make use of Axler's notation...

## Recall: Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra (Strang\*)

\*Strang is way clearer. Probably because he is presenting to Engineers.

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , then consider Four subspaces,  $\mathcal{R}(A), \mathcal{N}(A), \mathcal{R}(A^T), \mathcal{N}(A^T)$

- $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathcal{R}(A^T) \oplus \mathcal{N}(A)$ , also  $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathcal{R}(A^T) \perp \mathcal{N}(A)$ 
  - $\dim \mathcal{R}(A^T) = r$
  - $\dim \mathcal{N}(A) = n - r$
- $\mathbb{R}^m = \mathcal{R}(A) \oplus \mathcal{N}(A^T)$ , also  $\mathbb{R}^m = \mathcal{R}(A) \perp \mathcal{N}(A^T)$ 
  - $\dim \mathcal{R}(A) = r$
  - $\dim \mathcal{N}(A^T) = m - r$

Where  $r$  is called the *rank of A*. Also note that  $r \leq n$  and  $r \leq m$ .

### Ex7.1 Basis

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right] \text{ is a basis for } \mathcal{R}(A), \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right] \text{ is a basis for } \mathcal{N}(A).$$

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## 8. Define product of two spaces, its dimension,

Recall: Dimension of a product is the sum of dimensions

Suppose  $V_1, \dots, V_m$  are finite-dimensional vector space. Then  $V_1 \times \dots \times V_m$  is finite-dimensional and

$$\dim(V_1 \times \dots \times V_m) = \dim V_1 + \dots + \dim V_m.$$

Recall: Products and direct sums \*

Suppose the  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Define a linear map  $\Gamma : U_1 \times \dots \times U_m \mapsto U_1 + \dots + U_m$  by

$$\Gamma(u_1, \dots, u_m) = u_1 + \dots + u_m.$$

Then  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is a direct sum if and only if  $\Gamma$  is injective\*.

\*Lame... Axler fails to make the connection to bilinear maps.

Recall: A sum is a direct sum if and only if dimensions add up

Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Then  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is a direct sum if and only if

$$\dim(U_1 + \dots + U_m) = \dim U_1 + \dots + \dim U_m.$$

## 9. Define the quotient of two vector spaces. Give an example of a linear quotient space.

Recall: Sum of vector and subspace

Suppose  $v \in V$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then  $v + U$  is a subset of  $V$  defined by,

$$v + U = \{v + u : u \in U\}.$$

Recall: Affine subset, parallel

- subset of  $V$  of form  $v + U$  for some  $v \in V$  and some subspace  $U$  of  $V$ .
- for  $v \in V$  and  $U$  a subspace of  $V$ , the affine subset  $v + U$  is said to be *parallel* to  $U$ .

Recall: Quotient Space,  $V/U$

Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then  $V/U$  is the set of all affine subsets of  $V$  parallel to  $U$ .

$$V/U = \{v + U : v \in V\}.$$

Recall: Two affine subsets parallel to  $U$  are equal or disjoint

Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  and  $v, w \in V$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (a)  $v - w \in U$
- (b)  $v + U = w + U$
- (c)  $(v + U) \cap (w + U) \neq \{0\}$

Recall: Quotient map,  $\pi$

Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Then  $\pi$  is the linear map  $\pi : V \mapsto V/U$  defined by,

$$\pi(v) = v + U$$

for  $v \in V$ .

Recall: Dimension of a quotient space

$$\dim V/U = \dim V - \dim U.$$

### Ex 9.1

Suppose  $U = \{(x, 2x) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , then  $U$  is the line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  through the origin with slope 2. Thus  $p + U$  is the line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that contains the point  $p$  and has slope 2.

Recall:  $\tilde{T}$

\* Axler makes a lame attempt to demonstrate the Rank-Nullity Theorem using the definition of  $\tilde{T}$ . He's not wrong but why? I suppose it gets us thinking but in no way it this 'Done Right'.

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Define  $\tilde{T} : V/(\text{null } T) \mapsto W$  by,

$$\tilde{T}(v + \text{null } T) = Tv.$$

Recall: Null space and range of  $\tilde{T}$



Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,

- (a)  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is a linear map from  $V/(\text{null}T)$  to  $W$
- (b)  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is injective
- (c)  $\text{range}T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W) = \text{range } T$
- (d)  $V/(\text{null}T)$  is isomorphic to  $\text{range}T$

## 10. Define a linear functional and the dual map.

Recall: Linear functional

A *linear functional* on  $V$  is a linear map from  $V \mapsto \mathbb{F}$ . In other words, a linear functional is an element of  $\mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F})$ .

### Ex 10.1 Linear functional

Define  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  by  $\varphi(x, y, z) = 4x - 5y + 2z$ . Then  $\varphi$  is a linear functional on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Fix  $(c_1, \dots, c_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$ . Define  $\varphi : \mathbb{F}^n \mapsto \mathbb{F}$  by  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) = c_1x_1 + \dots + c_nx_n$ . Then  $\varphi$  is a linear functional on  $\mathbb{F}^n$ .

Define  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  by  $\varphi(p) = 3p''(5) + 7p(4)$ . Then  $\varphi$  is a linear functional on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Define  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  by  $\varphi(p) = \int_0^1 p(x)dx$ . Then  $\varphi$  is a linear functional on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ .

FIXME!!! Add more example if time allows...

Recall: Dual map,  $T'$

If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then the *dual map* of  $T$  is the linear map  $T' \in (W', V')^*$  defined by  $T'(\varphi) = \varphi \circ T$  for  $\varphi \in W'$ .

\* note swapping of order due to nature of coordinate change

### Ex 10.2 Dual space

Define  $D : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \mapsto \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  by  $Dp = p'$ . \* \* Such an awful mixture of notation. WTF, Axler!?

Suppose  $\varphi$  is the linear functional on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  defined by  $\varphi(p) = p(3)$ . Then  $D'(\varphi)$  is the linear functional on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  given by

$$(D'(\varphi))(p) = (\varphi \circ D)(p) = \varphi(Dp) = \varphi(p') = p'(3).$$

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### Ex 10.3 Dual space

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# 11. Compute a dual basis of a vector space spanned by a basis.

Recall: Dual basis is a basis of the dual space

Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional. Then the dual basis of the basis of  $V$  is the basis of  $V'$

## Ex. 11.1 Proof that dual basis is a basis of the dual space

Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ . Let  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  denote the dual basis.

Consider that  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  is linearly independent list of element of  $V'$  such that

$$a_1\varphi_1 + \dots + a_n\varphi_n = 0.$$

Consider  $(a_1\varphi_1 + \dots + a_n\varphi_n)(v_j) = a_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Thus,  $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$ . Hence  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  is linearly independent, thus a basis of  $V'$ .

Recall: We already computed this...

## Ex 7.1 Basis

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# Appendix 1. State the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra. Apply it to a simple example.

## Ex A.1

$p(z) = 0$  has a solution in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

$p(z) = a_n z^n + \dots + a_0$  for  $a_0, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Consider  $M(z) = \frac{1}{p(z)}$ .

Suppose  $p(z) \neq 0$  then converges to  $a_0$ .

In other words, every nonconstant polynomial with complex coefficients has a zero.

0:a  
1:b  
2:c