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## CHAPTER 1

# Set Theory

AXIOM 1 (Existence). *There exists a set.*

REMARK 2. This is implied by the Axiom of Infinity; however, we include it here so that we may define the empty set.

DEFINITION 3. A *sentence* is made by combining assertions of belonging (eg  $x \in A$ ) and/or assertions of equality (eg  $A = B$ ) using the usual logical operators: *and, or, not, implies, if and only if, there exists, for all.*

DEFINITION 4. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. If every element of  $A$  is an element of  $B$ , we say that  $A$  is a *subset* of  $B$ , denoted  $A \subseteq B$ .

PROPOSITION 1. *If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq C$  then  $A \subseteq C$ .*

AXIOM 5 (Extensionality).  $A = B$  iff  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ .

AXIOM 6 (Specification). *For every set  $A$  and every sentence  $S(x)$  there is a set  $B$  whose elements are exactly those elements  $x$  of  $A$  for which  $S(x)$  holds.*

DEFINITION 7. We notate this set  $B$  by  $\{x \in A : S(x)\}$ .

PROPOSITION 2. *There exists a unique set  $X$  such that for any  $x$ , the sentence  $x \in X$  is false.*

DEFINITION 8. We call this set the *empty set*, notated  $\emptyset$ .

PROPOSITION 3. *For every set  $A$  there is a set  $B$  such that  $B \notin A$ .*

AXIOM 9 (Pairing). *For any two sets  $A$  and  $B$  there is a set  $X$  with  $A \in X$  and  $B \in X$ .*

PROPOSITION 4. *There is a unique set  $Y$  such that for any  $a$ ,  $a$  is in  $Y$  iff  $a = A$  or  $a = B$ .*

DEFINITION 10. This set is called the *unordered pair* formed by  $A$  and  $B$ , denoted  $\{A, B\}$ .

DEFINITION 11. The set  $\{A, A\}$  is denoted  $\{A\}$ , and called the *singleton* of  $\{A\}$ .

AXIOM 12 (Union). *For any set  $X$  of sets there exists a set  $Y$  such that for any  $A$  in  $X$ , and any  $a$  in  $A$ ,  $a$  is in  $Y$ .*

PROPOSITION 5. *For a nonempty set  $X$  of sets there is a unique set  $Z$  such that  $a$  is in  $Z$  if and only if there exists an  $A$  in  $X$  such that  $a$  is in  $A$ .*

DEFINITION 13. This set is called the *union* of  $X$ , denoted  $\bigcup X$ .

For two sets  $A$  and  $B$  we define  $A \cup B = \bigcup \{A, B\}$ .

DEFINITION 14. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. The *intersection* of  $A$  and  $B$ , notated  $A \cap B$ , is  $\{x \in A : x \in B\}$ .

If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  then  $A$  and  $B$  are called *disjoint*.

PROPOSITION 6. We have

- $A \cup \emptyset = A$ ,
- $A \cup B = B \cup A$  (*commutative*),
- $A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$  (*associative*),
- $A \cup A = A$  (*idempotent*),
- $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$  (*distributive*),
- $A \subseteq B$  iff  $A \cup B = B$ ,
- $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ ,
- $A \cap B = B \cap A$  (*commutative*),
- $A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$  (*associative*),
- $A \cap A = A$  (*idempotent*),
- $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$  (*distributive*),
- $A \subseteq B$  iff  $A \cap B = A$ .

PROPOSITION 7. For every nonempty set  $C$  of sets, there is a unique set  $Y$  such that  $x \in Y$  iff  $x \in X$  for each  $X$  in  $C$ .

DEFINITION 15. This set  $Y$  is called the *intersection* of  $C$ , denoted  $\bigcap C$ .

AXIOM 16 (Powers). For each set  $X$  there is a set that contains all subsets of  $X$ .

PROPOSITION 8. There is a unique set  $Y$  such that  $x \in Y$  iff  $x \subseteq X$ .

DEFINITION 17. This set  $Y$  is called the *power set* of  $X$ , denoted  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .

DEFINITION 18. The *ordered pair* of  $a$  and  $b$  is the set defined as

$$(a, b) = \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\}.$$

PROPOSITION 9. For any  $a, b, c, d$ , we have  $(a, b) = (c, d)$  iff  $a = c$  and  $b = d$ .

DEFINITION 19. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. The *Cartesian product*  $A \times B$  is

$$\{(x, y) : x \in A, y \in B\}.$$

PROPOSITION 10. For any set  $R$  of ordered pairs there are sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $R \subseteq A \times B$ .

DEFINITION 20. A *binary relation*  $R$  over sets  $A$  and  $B$  is a subset of  $A \times B$ . If  $(a, b)$  is in  $R$  we write  $aRb$ .

If  $A = B$  then we call it a *binary relation over  $A$* .

DEFINITION 21. An *equivalence relation* is a binary relation  $\sim$  over  $A$  such that

- $a \sim a$  (*reflexive*),
- $a \sim b \iff b \sim a$  (*symmetric*), and
- if  $a \sim b$  and  $b \sim c$  then  $a \sim c$  (*transitive*).

The *equivalence class* of  $a$  under  $\sim$  is

$$[a] = \{x \in A : x \sim a\}.$$

DEFINITION 22. A *partition* of a set  $A$  is a disjoint set of subsets of  $A$  whose union is  $A$ .

A partition  $X$  of  $A$  *induces* a relation  $\sim$ , where  $a \sim b$  iff  $a$  and  $b$  belong to the same element of  $X$ .

PROPOSITION 11. *The set of equivalence classes of an equivalence relation exists and is a partition.*

DEFINITION 23. This partition is called the partition *induced* by the equivalence relation  $\sim$ .

PROPOSITION 12. *The equivalence relation induced by a partition induces that partition; the partition induced by an equivalence relation induces that relation.*

DEFINITION 24. For any set  $X$  we define  $X^+ = X \cup \{X\}$ .

AXIOM 25 (Infinity). *There exists a set  $S$  containing  $\emptyset$  and containing  $X^+$  for every  $X$  in  $S$ .*

PROPOSITION 13. *There exists a unique set  $\omega$  which is a subset of all such sets  $S$ .*

PROPOSITION 14. *For any  $a, b \in \omega$ , exactly one of  $a \in b$ ,  $a = b$ ,  $b \in a$  is true.*

PROPOSITION 15. *For any  $a \in \omega$  and any  $b \in a$ ,  $b \subseteq a$ .*

DEFINITION 26. A *function*  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a relation  $f$  over  $A$  and  $B$  such that for each  $a \in A$  there is exactly one  $b \in B$  such that  $a f b$ . We usually write this as  $f(a) = b$ .

A function  $f$  is *injective* if for each  $b$  in  $B$ , there is at most one  $a$  in  $A$  such that  $f(a) = b$ . It is *surjective* if for each  $b$  in  $B$  there is at least one  $a$  in  $A$  such that  $f(a) = b$ . A function which is both injective and surjective is *bijective*.

THEOREM 16 (Recursion theorem). *If  $a$  is an element of a set  $X$ , and if  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is a function, then there is a function  $g : \omega \rightarrow X$  such that  $u(0) = a$  and  $u(n^+) = f(u(n))$  for all  $n$  in  $\omega$ .*

AXIOM 27 (Substitution). *If  $S(a, b)$  is a sentence such that for each  $a$  in a set  $A$  there exists a set  $B_a$  such that  $b \in B_a \iff S(a, b)$ , then there exists a function  $F$  with domain  $A$  such that  $F(a) \in B_a$  for each  $a$  in  $A$ .*

AXIOM 28 (Foundation). *Every set  $X$  contains a set  $Y$  such that  $X$  and  $Y$  are disjoint.*

AXIOM 29 (Choice). *Let  $X$  be a set of sets whose members are all nonempty. Then there exists a function  $f : X \rightarrow \bigcup X$  such that  $f(Y) \in Y$  for all  $Y \in X$ .*

DEFINITION 30. A *partial order* is a binary relation  $\leq$  on a set  $A$  such that

- $a \leq a$  (reflexive),
- if  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq a$  then  $a = b$  (antisymmetric), and
- if  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq c$  then  $a \leq c$  (transitive).

We define  $a < b$  if  $a \leq b$  and  $a \neq b$ .

If for all  $a$  and  $b$  we have  $a \leq b$  or  $b \leq a$  (strongly connected), then  $\leq$  is a *total order*.

A *chain* is a totally ordered subset of a partially ordered set.

DEFINITION 31. If  $X$  is a partially ordered set, and if  $a \in X$ , the set  $s(a) = \{x \in X : x < a\}$  is called the *initial segment* determined by  $a$ .

DEFINITION 32. Two partially ordered sets  $X$  and  $Y$  are *similar* if there is a bijection  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $a \leq b \iff f(a) \leq f(b)$ . This bijection is called a *similarity*.

DEFINITION 33. Let  $S$  be a subset of a partially ordered set  $A$ , and let  $a$  be an element of  $A$ . If  $s \leq a$  for every  $s$  in  $S$ , then we call  $a$  an *upper bound* of  $S$ . If  $a \leq s$  for every  $s$  in  $S$ , then we call  $a$  a *lower bound* of  $S$ . If  $a$  is an upper bound of  $S$  and a lower bound of the set of upper bounds of  $S$ , then we call  $a$  a *least upper bound* of  $S$ .

DEFINITION 34. A *well-order* on  $A$  is a total order  $\leq$  on  $A$  such that every nonempty subset  $S$  of  $A$  has an element  $a$  which is a lower bound for  $S$ . The set  $A$  together with the relation  $\leq$  is then called *well-ordered*.

PROPOSITION 17. *If two well-ordered sets are similar, then the similarity is unique.*

THEOREM 18. *If  $X$  and  $Y$  are well-ordered, then either  $X$  and  $Y$  are similar, or one is similar to an initial segment of the other.*

DEFINITION 35. An *ordinal number* is a well-ordered set  $\alpha$  such that for any  $\xi \in \alpha$  we have  $s(\xi) = \xi$ .

PROPOSITION 19.  $\omega$  is an ordinal number.

PROPOSITION 20. *If  $\alpha$  is an ordinal number then so is  $\alpha^+$ , and so is any element of  $\alpha$ .*

THEOREM 21. *If two ordinal numbers are similar, then they are equal. Otherwise, one is an element of the other.*

PROPOSITION 22. *If a set  $\alpha$  can be well-ordered such that it is an ordinal, then the ordering is unique.*

PROPOSITION 23. *Every well-ordered set is similar to a unique ordinal number.*

PROPOSITION 24. *There is no set of all ordinal numbers.*

THEOREM 25 (Zorn's Lemma). *Suppose a partially ordered set  $P$  has the property that every chain in  $P$  has an upper bound in  $P$ . Then there is an element  $a \in P$  such that the only upper bound for  $\{a\}$  is  $a$ .*

THEOREM 26 (Well-Ordering Theorem). *Every set has a well-ordering.*

DEFINITION 36. Two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are said to have the same *cardinality* (written  $|A| = |B|$ ) if there is a bijection  $f : A \rightarrow B$ .

A set  $A$  has cardinality at most the cardinality of  $B$  ( $|A| \leq |B|$ ) if there is an injection  $f : A \rightarrow B$ .

A set  $A$  has cardinality less than the cardinality of  $B$  ( $|A| < |B|$ ) if  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|A| \neq |B|$ .

THEOREM 27. *If  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|B| \leq |A|$  then  $|A| = |B|$ .*

THEOREM 28. *For any set  $A$ ,  $|\mathcal{P}(A)| > |A|$ .*



DEFINITION 37. A *cardinal number* is an ordinal number  $\alpha$  such that for any ordinal number  $\beta$  with  $|\alpha| = |\beta|$  we have  $\alpha \subseteq \beta$ .

PROPOSITION 29. *For any set  $S$ , there is a unique cardinal number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| = |S|$ .*

DEFINITION 38. For these sets  $S$  and  $\alpha$  we define  $|S| = \alpha$ .

DEFINITION 39. A set  $A$  is said to be *finite* if  $|A| \in \omega$ , and *infinite* otherwise.

PROPOSITION 30. *A set is infinite if and only if it has the same cardinality as some proper subset.*

DEFINITION 40. An infinite set  $A$  is said to be *countable* if  $|A| = \omega$ , and *uncountable* otherwise.

PROPOSITION 31. *A countable set does not have any uncountable subsets. An uncountable set has a countable subset.*

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## CHAPTER 2

# Number Systems

DEFINITION 41. A *binary operation* on  $A$  is a function  $\cdot : A \times A \rightarrow A$ . We usually write  $\cdot(a, b) = c$  as  $a \cdot b = c$ .

It is *associative* if  $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$  for any  $a, b, c$  in  $A$ .

It is *commutative* if  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$  for any  $a, b$  in  $A$ .

DEFINITION 42. A *monoid* is an ordered pair  $(A, \cdot)$  of a set  $A$  and an associative binary operation  $\cdot$  on  $A$  such that there exists an element  $1$ , called the *identity*, such that  $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a$  for all  $a$ .

REMARK 43. There are two main notations for monoid-type structures. These are

- Multiplicative notation, in which the operation is notated  $a \cdot b$  or simply  $ab$ , and the identity element is  $1$ ; and
- Additive notation, in which the operation is notated  $a + b$  and the identity element is  $0$ .

DEFINITION 44. A *group* is a monoid  $(A, \cdot)$  such that for each element  $a$  of  $A$  there is an element  $b$  of  $A$  such that  $ab = 1 = ba$ .

A group is *abelian* if the operation is commutative.

PROPOSITION 32. If  $ab = ba = 1$  and  $ac = 1$  or  $ca = 1$  then  $b = c$ .

DEFINITION 45. The element  $b$  of  $A$  such that  $ab = ba = 1$  is called the *inverse* of  $a$ . In multiplicative notation, the inverse of  $a$  is notated  $a^{-1}$ . In additive notation, the inverse of  $a$  is notated  $-a$ .

REMARK 46. We often define  $\frac{a}{b} = ab^{-1}$  in multiplicative notation, and  $a - b = a + (-b)$  in additive notation.

DEFINITION 47. A *ring* is an ordered triple  $(A, +, \cdot)$  such that  $(A, +)$  is an abelian group,  $(A \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$  is a monoid, and the *distributive laws* hold:

$$a \cdot (b + c) = ab + ac \quad \text{and} \quad (a + b) \cdot c = ac + bc.$$

It is *commutative* if  $\cdot$  is commutative.

It is *ordered* if there is a total order  $\leq$  on  $A$  satisfying

- if  $a \leq b$  then  $a + c \leq b + c$ , and
- if  $0 \leq a$  and  $0 \leq b$  then  $0 \leq ab$ .

DEFINITION 48. A *field* is a commutative ring  $(A, +, \cdot)$  such that  $(A \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$  is a group.

An *ordered field* is a field that is also an ordered ring.

DEFINITION 49. In an ordered ring  $R$ , the *absolute value*  $|a|$  of an element  $a$  of  $R$  is  $a$  if  $0 \leq a$ , otherwise  $-a$ .

PROPOSITION 33.  $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$ .

DEFINITION 50. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be similar well-ordered sets, and let  $A$  and  $B$  be the least elements of  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Assume that all other elements of  $X$  and  $Y$  are operations on  $A$  and  $B$  respectively, and let  $f$  be the similarity between  $A$  and  $B$ .

A function  $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$  is said to be a *homomorphism* if for every  $a, b \in A$  and every  $\cdot \in X \setminus \{A\}$  we have

$$\varphi(a \cdot b) = \varphi(a)f(\cdot)\varphi(b).$$

An *isomorphism* is a bijective homomorphism.

If there exists an isomorphism from  $A$  to  $B$ , then we say  $A$  and  $B$  are *isomorphic*.

PROPOSITION 34. *The property of being isomorphic is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.*

REMARK 51. We don't say that isomorphism is an equivalence relation, since it would imply there exists a set of all well-ordered sets of this type.

Such a set does not exist because if it did it would contain  $(S, \text{Id}_S)$  for each set  $S$ . Then we could use specification to extract the set containing exactly those elements, and Proposition 10 to extract a set of all sets.

THEOREM 35. *There exists a unique ordered ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  (up to isomorphism) such that  $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \geq 0\}$  is well-ordered.*

$\mathbb{Z}$  is commutative.

DEFINITION 52. The *integers*,  $\mathbb{Z}$ , are a well-ordered ring. The *non-negative integers*  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  are  $\{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n \geq 0\}$ . The *positive integers*  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  are  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \setminus \{0\}$ .

REMARK 53. We avoid use of the term *natural numbers*, and the symbol  $\mathbb{N}$ , since some use them to mean the positive integers and others use them to mean the nonnegative integers.

PROPOSITION 36.  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  is similar to  $\omega$ .

REMARK 54. Thus, we may identify  $\omega$  with  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . In particular, the cardinality of a finite set is a nonnegative integer.

PROPOSITION 37. *Every ordered ring contains a unique subring isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$ .*

DEFINITION 55. In  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^+$ , we define the operations

$$(a, b) + (c, d) = (ad + bc, bd), \quad (a, b)(c, d) = (ac, bd).$$

We also define an equivalence relation  $\sim$  where  $(a, b) \sim (c, d) \iff ad = bc$ .

We define the *rational numbers*  $\mathbb{Q}$  as the partition of  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^+$  induced by this equivalence relation, with  $[(a, b)] + [(c, d)] = [(ad + bc, ac + bd)]$  and  $[(a, b)] \cdot [(c, d)] = [(ac, bd)]$ .

PROPOSITION 38. *The relation  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation. Moreover, the operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  are uniquely defined. With these operations,  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a field.*

PROPOSITION 39. *Every ordered field contains a unique subfield isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}$ .*

DEFINITION 56. A totally ordered set  $S$  is *complete* if every nonempty subset that has an upper bound in  $S$  has a least upper bound in  $S$ .

THEOREM 40. *There exists a unique complete ordered field, up to isomorphism.*

DEFINITION 57. We call this field  $\mathbb{R}$ .

DEFINITION 58. We define  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}^+$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^+$  in an analogous way to  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ .

DEFINITION 59. We define the *complex numbers*  $\mathbb{C}$  as  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , with the operations

$$(a, b) + (c, d) = (a + c, b + d), \quad (a, b) \cdot (c, d) = (ac - bd, ad + bc).$$

We usually write  $(a, b)$  as  $a + bi$ . We define the *conjugate* of  $a + bi$  to be  $\overline{a + bi} = a - bi$ .

PROPOSITION 41.  $\mathbb{C}$  is a field under these operations.

PROPOSITION 42. *There are unique homomorphisms  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . There is also a homomorphism  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .*

REMARK 60. Because of this, we usually take  $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ .

PROPOSITION 43. *Let  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then,  $a\bar{a} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ .*

PROPOSITION 44. *Let  $b \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ . There exists a unique  $x \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  such that  $x \cdot x = b$ .*

DEFINITION 61. We call  $x$  the *square root* of  $b$ , denoted  $\sqrt{b}$ . We call  $\sqrt{a\bar{a}}$  the *modulus* of  $a$ , denoted  $|a|$ .

PROPOSITION 45.  $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$ .

THEOREM 46.  $|\mathbb{Z}^+| = |\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}| = |\mathbb{Z}| = |\mathbb{Q}| = \omega$ , but  $|\mathbb{R}| = |\mathbb{C}| = |\mathcal{P}(\omega)|$ .



## CHAPTER 3

# Linear Algebra

DEFINITION 62. Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a field. A *vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$*  is an abelian group  $V$  (of *vectors*) together with a function  $\cdot : \mathbb{F} \times V \rightarrow V$  (*scalar multiplication*) such that

- $a(bv) = (ab)v$  (compatible),
- $1v = v$  (identity), and
- $a(u + v) = au + av$  and  $(a + b)v = av + bv$  (distributive).

DEFINITION 63. Let  $S$  be a subset of  $V$ . A *linear combination* of elements of  $S$  is a vector of the form

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i s_i,$$

where each  $s_i$  is a distinct element of  $S$ .

DEFINITION 64. A *basis* of a vector space  $V$  is a set  $S \subseteq V$  such that each element of  $V$  can be uniquely represented as a linear combination of elements of  $S$ .

REMARK 65. For an infinite-dimensional vector space, there are multiple different notions of a basis. This one is usually called a *Hamel basis*.

THEOREM 47. *Let  $V$  be a vector space.*

- $V$  has a basis.
- Any two bases of  $V$  have the same cardinality.

DEFINITION 66. The *dimension* of  $V$  is the cardinality of a basis of  $V$ . If  $\dim V$  is an integer,  $V$  is said to be *finite-dimensional*; otherwise, it is *infinite-dimensional*.

DEFINITION 67. A *subspace*  $W$  of  $V$  is a nonempty subset of  $V$  which is also a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

PROPOSITION 48. *A subset  $W$  of  $V$  is a subspace iff the following conditions hold:*

- $W$  is nonempty;
- $u, v \in W$  implies  $u + v \in W$  (closed under addition); and
- if  $a \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $u \in W$  then  $au \in W$  (closed under scalar multiplication).

DEFINITION 68. The *span* of a subset  $S$  of  $V$  is the intersection of all linear subspaces of  $V$  that contain  $S$ .

PROPOSITION 49. *The span of  $S$  is the set of linear combinations of elements of  $S$ . It is also a subspace of  $V$ .*

DEFINITION 69. A subset  $S$  of  $V$  is *linearly independent* if any linear combination of elements of  $S$  that produces 0 has all coefficients equal to 0. Otherwise, it is *linearly dependent*.

PROPOSITION 50. *A subset  $S$  of  $V$  is a basis iff it is linearly independent and its span is  $V$ .*

PROPOSITION 51. *Let  $V$  be finite-dimensional with dimension  $d$ . Let  $S$  be a set of vectors in  $V$  with  $|S| = d$ . Then  $S$  is linearly independent iff it spans  $V$ .*

DEFINITION 70. A linear map from  $V$  to  $W$  is a group homomorphism  $T : V \rightarrow W$  such that  $T(\lambda v) = \lambda T(v)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ .

The product of linear maps  $S$  and  $T$  is  $ST = S \circ T$ .

PROPOSITION 52. *The space of linear maps from  $V$  to  $W$  is a vector space.*

DEFINITION 71. The null space of a linear map  $T$  is the subset of its domain that  $T$  maps to 0.

PROPOSITION 53. *Let  $V$  be finite-dimensional, and let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Then the null space of  $T$  is a subspace of  $V$ , the image of  $T$  is a subspace of  $W$ , and the sum of the dimensions of these two subspaces equals  $\dim V$ .*

DEFINITION 72. A linear map  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is invertible if there is a linear map  $S : W \rightarrow V$  such that  $ST$  is the identity on  $V$  and  $TS$  is the identity on  $W$ . In this case,  $S$  is called an inverse of  $T$ .

DEFINITION 73. An isomorphism is an invertible linear map.

PROPOSITION 54. *Two vector spaces over  $\mathbb{F}$  are isomorphic iff they have the same dimension.*

PROPOSITION 55. *Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are finite-dimensional and isomorphic, and  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $V$  to  $W$ . The following are equivalent:*

- $T$  is invertible.
- $T$  is injective.
- $T$  is surjective.

DEFINITION 74. The product of vector spaces is the Cartesian product, where addition and scalar multiplication are defined componentwise.

PROPOSITION 56. *Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Define the relation  $a \sim b \iff b - a \in U$ . Then  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation, and addition and scalar multiplication are invariant under it. The partition induced by this relation is a vector space.*

DEFINITION 75. This vector space is called the quotient space of  $V$  over  $U$ , denoted  $V/U$ .

PROPOSITION 57. *Suppose  $T$  is a linear transformation with domain  $V$ , and let  $U$  be the null space of  $T$ . Then  $T$  is an isomorphism from  $V/U$  to the range of  $T$ .*

DEFINITION 76. A linear functional on  $V$  is a linear map from  $V$  to  $\mathbb{F}$ .

DEFINITION 77. The space of linear functionals on  $V$  is the dual space of  $V$ , denoted  $V'$ .

DEFINITION 78. If  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ , then the dual basis is the list of elements  $\varphi_j$  of  $V'$ , where  $\varphi_j v_k$  is 1 if  $j = k$  and 0 otherwise.

PROPOSITION 58. *The dual basis of a basis of  $V$  is a basis of  $V'$ .*



DEFINITION 79. The *dual map* of  $T$  is the linear map  $T' : W' \rightarrow V'$  defined by  $T'\varphi = \varphi T$  for each  $\varphi \in W'$ .

PROPOSITION 59.  $T'$  is a linear map. The dimensions of the range of  $T'$  and the range of  $T$  coincide.

DEFINITION 80. Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  have finite bases  $\{v_i\}_1^m$  and  $\{w_i\}_1^n$  respectively. The *matrix*  $A$  of  $T$  with respect to these bases is defined by

$$T_{v_k} = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{i,k} w_i.$$

We also identify  $1 \times n$  and  $n \times 1$  matrices with elements of  $\mathbb{F}^n$ .

PROPOSITION 60. This defines a bijection between the space of  $m \times n$  matrices and the space of linear transformations  $\mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$ .

DEFINITION 81. Thus, we identify the two, and can therefore talk of the image, null space, etc of a matrix.

DEFINITION 82. The *rank* of a matrix is the dimension of its image.

The *transpose* of a matrix is the matrix obtained by reflecting over the diagonal.

PROPOSITION 61. Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation, where  $V$  and  $W$  are finite-dimensional. Pick bases  $\{v_i\}$  and  $\{w_i\}$  of  $V$  and  $W$ . The matrix of  $T'$  with respect to the dual bases of  $\{v_i\}$  and  $\{w_i\}$  is the transpose of the matrix of  $T$  with respect to  $\{v_i\}$  and  $\{w_i\}$ .

COROLLARY 62. The rank of a matrix equals the rank of its transpose.

DEFINITION 83. Let  $U, V, W$  be finite-dimensional vector spaces, and let  $A : U \rightarrow W$  and  $B : V \rightarrow W$  be linear maps. We *augment*  $A$  with  $B$  to get the linear map

$$(A|B) : U \times V \rightarrow W, (A|B)(x, y) = Ax + By.$$

PROPOSITION 63. For any  $x : V \rightarrow U$  we have  $Ax = B \iff (A|B)(x, -I) = 0$ .

REMARK 84. Thus, to solve the linear system  $Ax = B$  it suffices to find the null space of  $(A|B)$ . Notice also that the matrix of  $(A|B)$  is simply the matrix formed by concatenating the matrices of  $A$  and  $B$ .

PROPOSITION 64. Let  $T$  and  $S$  be linear maps from  $V$  to  $W$ . The following are equivalent:

- The null spaces of  $T$  and  $S$  are the same.
- The images of  $T'$  and  $S'$  coincide.
- There is an invertible linear map  $A : V \rightarrow V$  such that  $AT = S$ .

DEFINITION 85. Such linear maps are called *equivalent*.

DEFINITION 86. A *pivot* is the first nonzero entry in a row of a matrix.

A matrix is in *row echelon form (REF)* if all rows consisting of only zeroes are at the bottom and the pivot of a nonzero row is strictly to the right of the pivot of the row above it.

A matrix is in *reduced row echelon form (RREF)* if it is in REF, all pivots are 1, and each column containing a pivot has zeroes everywhere else in the column.

PROPOSITION 65. *Every matrix is equivalent to a unique matrix in RREF.*

DEFINITION 87. An *elementary matrix* is a matrix that differs from the identity in exactly one entry, where that entry is nonzero in the elementary matrix.

PROPOSITION 66. *A matrix is invertible iff it is a product of elementary matrices.*

REMARK 88. The null space of a matrix in RREF is easy to find. Thus, to find the null space of a matrix, we left-multiply by elementary matrices to find an equivalent matrix in RREF. This process is known as *Gaussian elimination*. It is efficient because multiplying by an elementary matrix has simple consequences:

- An elementary matrix which has a nonzero entry on the main diagonal multiplies a row by a scalar.
- An elementary matrix which has a nonzero entry off the main diagonal adds a scalar multiple of one row to another.

Most authors add a third (redundant) type of row operation and elementary matrix: swapping two rows.

The next proposition shows that Gaussian elimination also helps us find bases for the span of a set of vectors.

PROPOSITION 67. *Let  $T$  be a matrix which is equivalent to a matrix  $S$  in REF. Then,*

- *The rows of  $S$  with pivots form a basis for the span of the rows of  $T$ .*
- *Consider the columns of  $S$  with pivots. The corresponding columns of  $T$  form a basis for the span of the columns of  $T$ .*

DEFINITION 89. An *inner product space* is a vector space  $V$  over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  which is either  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ , together with a function  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  satisfying

- $\langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$  (conjugate symmetry)
- $\langle ax + by, z \rangle = a\langle x, z \rangle + b\langle y, z \rangle$  (linearity in the first argument), and
- $\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \implies x = 0$ .

PROPOSITION 68. *Any linear functional  $f$  on a finite-dimensional inner product space can be written as  $f(x) = \langle x, v \rangle$  for some fixed vector  $v$ .*

DEFINITION 90. A *normed vector space* is a vector space  $V$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  on which there is a *norm*: a function  $\| \cdot \| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfying

- $\|x\| \geq 0$ , with  $\|x\| = 0 \iff x = 0$ ,
- $\|ax\| = |a|\|x\|$ , and
- $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$  (the triangle inequality).

PROPOSITION 69. *If  $V$  is an inner product space, then  $\langle x, x \rangle$  is real for all  $x$ . Moreover,  $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$  is a norm on  $V$ .*

DEFINITION 91. Two vectors  $x$  and  $y$  are *orthogonal* if  $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ .

A set of vectors is *orthonormal* if each vector in the set has norm 1 and is orthogonal to all other vectors in the set.

PROPOSITION 70. *Any finite-dimensional vector space has an orthonormal basis.*

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## APPENDIX A

### **Proofs**