

# Math 341: Homework 4

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## §1 A

Let  $V$  be a vector space having dimension  $n$ , and let  $S$  be a subset of  $V$  that generates  $V$ .

- a. Prove that there is a subset of  $S$  that is a basis for  $V$ . (Be careful not to assume that  $S$  is finite).

*Proof.*

Since  $V$  is finite dimensional, there exists a basis for  $V$ .

$$B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$$

Any  $v \in B$  can be expressed as a linear combination of  $S$  because  $\text{span}(S) = V$ .

Let the subset of  $S$  that generates  $v_i$  be  $S_i$

$$v_i = \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} a_j^i s_j^i \text{ where } a \in F \text{ and } s \in S_i$$

The span of the union of the sets that generates  $v$ ,  $\text{span}(\bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i) = V$

Corollary 2(a) of Theorem 1.10 states that a generating set for  $V$  that contains exactly  $n$  vectors is a basis for  $V$ . The set above, which is a subset of  $S$ , contains exactly  $n$  vectors and generates  $V$ . Therefore, there is subset of  $S$  that is a basis for  $V$ .  $\square$

- b. Prove that  $S$  contains at least  $n$  vectors.

*Proof.*

From (a) we know there is a subset of  $S$  that forms a basis. Since that subset contains  $n$  vectors,  $S$  must contain  $n$  or more vectors.  $\square$

## §2 B

Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  in  $P_n(R)$ . Prove that for any  $g(x) \in P_n(R)$  there exists scalars  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n$  such that

$$g(x) = c_0 f(x) + c_1 f'(x) + c_2 f''(x) + \dots + c_n f^{(n)}(x)$$

*Proof.*

Let  $B = \{f, f', f'', \dots, f^{(n)}\}$ .

If  $B$  forms a basis we can express any  $g(x) \in P_n(R)$  in the format above (a linear combination).

We can determine if  $B$  is basis by seeing if it is linearly independent by using a matrix.

$$\mu_0 f + \mu_1 f' + \mu_2 f'' + \dots + \mu_n f^{(n)} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_n & a_{n-1} & \cdots & \cdots & a_0 \\ & na_n & \cdots & \cdots & a_1 \\ & & \ddots & \cdots & \vdots \\ & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & n!a_n & (n-1)!a_{n-1} \\ & & & & & n!a_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mu_0 \\ \mu_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \mu_{n-1} \\ \mu_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving this system of equations:

Looking at the bottom row,  $n!a_n\mu_n = 0$

$\mu_n = \frac{0}{n!a_n} = 0$ ,  $a_n$  is non zero because  $f$  is a  $n$ th degree polynomial and  $a_n$  is its coefficient.

Looking at row  $n-1$ ,  $n!a_n\mu_{n-1} + (n-1)!a_{n-1}\mu_n = 0$

Because  $\mu_n = 0$ ,  $n!a_n\mu_{n-1} + 0 = 0$

$\mu_{n-1} = \frac{0}{n!a_n} = 0$

By back substitution,  $\mu_n = \mu_{n-1} = \cdots = \mu_1 = \mu_0 = 0$

This means that  $B$  is linearly independent, which also means that  $B$  is a basis.

Therefore, any  $g(x) \in P_n(R)$  can be a linear combination of  $B$  with the scalars  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n$   $\square$

### §3 C

- a. Prove that if  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are finite-dimensional subspaces of a vector space  $V$ , then the subspace  $W_1 + W_2$  is finite-dimensional, and  $\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$ .

*Proof.*

$W_1$  and  $W_2$  are finite dimensional subspaces of  $V \Rightarrow$  subspace  $W_1 + W_2$  is finite dimensional and  $\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$

Let  $B_{1 \cap 2}$  be a basis for  $W_1 \cap W_2$

$B_{1 \cap 2} = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$

By using the replacement theorem, we can extend  $B_{1 \cap 2}$  to be a basis for  $W_1$

So the basis for  $W_1$  is  $B_1$

$B_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$

Likewise, we can extend  $B_{1 \cap 2}$  to be a basis for  $W_2$

$B_2 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_p\}$

Basis for  $W_1 + W_2$  will be  $B_1 \cup B_2$ , however they may contain the same vectors twice.

To prevent double counting, we must subtract  $B_1 \cap B_2$  from  $B_1 \cup B_2$

Thus the basis for  $W_1 + W_2$  is

$B_{1+2} = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_p\}$

$W_1 + W_2$  is finite dimensional because its basis contains only a finite amount of vectors.

$\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$

$k + m + p = k + m + k + p - k$

$k + m + p = k + m + p$   $\square$

- b. Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be finite-dimensional subspaces of a vector space  $V$ , and let  $V = W_1 + W_2$ . Deduce that  $V$  is the direct sum of  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  if and only if  $\dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$ .

$V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \Leftrightarrow \dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$

*Proof.*

$V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \Rightarrow \dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$

From the definition of direct sum,  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$

This means  $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = 0$

From (a), we proved that  $\dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$   
 $= \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - 0$   
 $= \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$

$\dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) \Rightarrow V = W_1 \oplus W_2$   
 $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$  if and only if  $V = W_1 + W_2$  and  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$   
 $V = W_1 + W_2$  is true by the definition of the problem.  
 From part (a),  $\dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$   
 Our antecedent is  $\dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$   
 Setting the two equations equal to each other:  
 $\dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$   
 $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = 0$   
 This means  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$   
 Thus,  $\dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$

Therefore,  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \Leftrightarrow \dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$  □

## §4 D

- a. Prove that if  $W_1$  is any subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ , then there exists a subspace  $W_2$  of  $V$  such that  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$

*Proof.*

Since  $W_1$  is a subspace, let  $B_1$  be its basis.

$$B_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$$

Using the replacement theorem, we can extend  $B_1$  to be a basis for  $V$ . Let this basis for  $V$  be  $B_V$ .

$$B_V = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, u_{k+1}, \dots, u_n\}$$

Let the set of the vectors we added to  $B_1$  to create  $B_V$  be called  $B_2$ .

$$B_2 = \{u_{k+1}, \dots, u_n\}$$

Let  $W_2$  be the subspace where its span is  $B_2$ .

To prove  $W_1 \oplus W_2 = V$  we need to show that  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$  and  $W_1 + W_2 = V$ .

- i.  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$

Let  $v \in W_1$  and  $v \in W_2$

$$v = a_1 u_1 + a_2 u_2 + \dots + a_k u_k = b_{k+1} u_{k+1} + b_{k+2} u_{k+2} + \dots + b_n u_n \quad \text{where } a, b \in F$$

$$v = a_1 u_1 + a_2 u_2 + \dots + a_k u_k - (b_{k+1} u_{k+1} + b_{k+2} u_{k+2} + \dots + b_n u_n) = 0$$

Notice that  $v$  is written as a linear combination of  $B_V$ , which means that all the constants equal 0:  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_k = b_{k+1} = b_{k+2} = \dots = b_n = 0$

So,  $v = 0$ .

Therefore,  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$

- ii.  $W_1 + W_2 = V$

Let  $v \in V$

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i u_i \quad \text{where } a \in F$$

$v$  can also be expressed as the sum of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i u_i + \sum_{k+1}^n a_i u_i$$

Thus, any vector in  $V$  can be expressed as a sum of vectors in  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ .

Therefore,  $W_1 + W_2 = V$

Therefore,  $W_1 \oplus W_2 = V$

□

- b. Let  $V = R^2$  and  $W_1 = \{(a_1, 0) : a_1 \in R\}$ . Give examples of two different subspaces  $W_2$  and  $W'_2$  such that  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$  and  $V = W_1 \oplus W'_2$

*Proof.*

Let  $W_2 = \{(0, a_2) : a_2 \in R\}$

- i.  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$

Let  $v \in W_1$  and  $v \in W_2$

$$\begin{aligned} v &= (a_1, 0) = (0, a_2) \\ a_1 &= 0, a_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So,  $v = (0, 0)$ .

Therefore,  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$

- ii.  $W_1 + W_2 = V$

Let  $v \in V$

$$v = (u_1, u_2)$$

$v$  can also be expressed as the sum of vectors in  $W_1$  and  $W_2$

Let  $x = (a_1, 0) \in W_1$  and  $y = (0, a_2) \in W_2$ .

$$v = c_1 x + c_2 y = (c_1 a_1, c_2 a_2), \quad \text{where } c \in F \text{ and } c_1 = \frac{v_1}{a_1}, c_2 = \frac{v_2}{a_2}$$

Thus, any vector in  $V$  can be expressed as a sum of vectors in  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ .

Therefore,  $W_1 + W_2 = V$

Therefore,  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$

Let  $W'_2 = \{(d, d) : d \in R\}$

- i.  $W_1 \cap W'_2 = \{0\}$

Let  $v \in W_1$  and  $v \in W'_2$

$$\begin{aligned} v &= (a_1, 0) = (d, d) \\ a_1 &= d, d = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So,  $v = (0, 0)$ .

Therefore,  $W_1 \cap W'_2 = \{0\}$

- ii.  $W_1 + W'_2 = V$

Let  $v \in V$

$$v = (u_1, u_2)$$

$v$  can also be expressed as the sum of vectors in  $W_1$  and  $W'_2$

Let  $x = (u_1 - u_2, 0) \in W_1$  and  $y = (u_2, u_2) \in W'_2$ .

$$x + y = (u_1 - u_2 + u_2, 0 + u_2) = (u_1, u_2)$$

Thus, any vector in  $V$  can be expressed as a sum of vectors in  $W_1$  and  $W'_2$ .

Therefore,  $W_1 + W'_2 = V$

Therefore,  $V = W_1 \oplus W'_2$

□

## §5 E

Let  $V$  be the vector space of sequences. Define the functions  $T, U : V \rightarrow V$  by  $T(a_1, a_2, \dots) = (a_2, a_3, \dots)$  and  $U(a_1, a_2, \dots) = (0, a_1, a_2, \dots)$ .  $T$  and  $U$  are called the left shift and right shift operators on  $V$  respectively.

a. Prove that  $T$  and  $U$  are linear.

*Proof.*

$T$  is linear if and only if  $T(x + y) = T(x) + T(y)$  and  $T(cx) = cT(x)$

Let  $x, y \in V$   $c \in F$

$$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \quad y = (y_1, y_2, \dots)$$

$$x + y = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots)$$

$$T(x + y) = (x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3, \dots)$$

$$T(x) = (x_2, x_3, \dots)$$

$$T(y) = (y_2, y_3, \dots)$$

$$T(x) + T(y) = (x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3, \dots)$$

$$\text{Thus, } T(x + y) = T(x) + T(y)$$

$$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$$

$$cx = (cx_1, cx_2, \dots)$$

$$T(cx) = (cx_2, cx_3, \dots)$$

$$T(x) = (x_2, x_3, \dots)$$

$$cT(x) = (cx_2, cx_3, \dots)$$

$$\text{Thus, } T(cx) = cT(x)$$

Therefore,  $T$  is linear. The proof for  $U$  being linear is similar.

□

b.  $T$  is onto but not one to one

*Proof.*

$T$  is onto if  $\forall y \in V \exists x \in V$  such that  $f(x) = y$

Let  $y = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$  be arbitrary

$$f(x) = y = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$$

$$x = (a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots)$$

Since  $y$  was chosen arbitrarily, there exists an  $x$  for any  $y$ .

Therefore,  $T$  is onto.

$T$  is one to one if  $\forall a, b \in V, T(a) = T(b) \Rightarrow a = b$

Let  $a = (u_\alpha, u_2, u_3, \dots)$   $b = (u_\gamma, u_2, u_3, \dots)$  where  $u_\alpha \neq u_\gamma \Leftrightarrow a \neq b$

$$T(a) = (u_2, u_3, \dots) \quad T(b) = (u_2, u_3, \dots)$$

Therefore,  $T$  is not one to one because  $T(a) = T(b)$  and  $a \neq b$ .

□

c.  $U$  is one to one but not onto.

*Proof.*

$U$  is one to one if  $\forall a, b \in V, U(a) = U(b) \Rightarrow a = b$

Let  $U(a) = (0, u_1, u_2, \dots) = U(b) = (0, v_1, v_2, \dots)$

This means  $u_1 = v_1, u_2 = v_2, \dots$

So,  $a = (u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots)$   $b = (v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots)$

Hence,  $a = b$

Therefore,  $U$  is one to one because  $U(a) = U(b)$  and  $a = b$ .

$U$  is onto if  $\forall y \in V \exists x \in V$  such that  $f(x) = y$

Let  $y = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$  where  $a_1 \neq 0$

There is no  $x$  such that  $U(x) = y$  because the linear transformation always makes the first term always zero. Therefore,  $U$  is not onto.  $\square$

## §6 F

Let  $S$  be the subspace of  $M_{n \times n}(R)$  generated by all matrices of the form  $AB - BA$  with  $A$  and  $B$  in  $M_{n \times n}(R)$ . Prove that  $\dim(S) = n^2 - 1$ . (You may want to use the trace together with the rank-nullity theorem)

*Proof.*

Trace is a linear transformation.

$\text{Tr} : M_{n \times n}(R) \rightarrow R$

The subspace  $S$  is defined as  $\{AB - BA : A, B \in M_{n \times n}(R)\}$

$\text{Tr}(AB - BA) = \text{Tr}(AB) - \text{Tr}(BA)$

$= \text{Tr}(AB) - \text{Tr}(AB)$

$= 0$

All matrices that can be expressed as  $AB - BA$  is in the null space of  $\text{Tr}$ . This means that  $N(\text{Tr}) = S$ .

The rank-nullity theorem states:

$\dim(N(\text{Tr})) + \dim(R(\text{Tr})) = \dim(M_{n \times n}(R))$

$N(\text{Tr}) = S$ , so  $\dim(S) + \dim(R(\text{Tr})) = \dim(M_{n \times n}(R))$

$\dim(S) = \dim(M_{n \times n}(R)) - \dim(R(\text{Tr}))$

$= n^2 - \dim(R)$

$= n^2 - 1$

$\square$

## §7 G

Let  $T$  be a linear transformation of a vector space  $V$  into itself. Suppose that  $x \in V$  is such that  $T^m(x) = 0$ , and  $T^{m-1}(x) \neq 0$  for some positive  $m$ . Show that  $x, T(x), T^2(x), \dots, T^{m-1}(x)$  are linearly independent.

*Proof.*

The linear combination of the above set is

$$a_0x + a_1T(x) + a_2T^2(x) + \dots + a_{m-1}T^{m-1}(x) = 0$$

Notice that  $T^n(x) = 0$  for all  $n \geq m$ .

$T^{m+1}(x) = T(T^m(x)) = T(0) = 0$

Let's take  $T^{m-1}$  on both sides of the linear combination.

$$\begin{aligned}
 T^{m-1}(a_0x + a_1T(x) + a_2T^2(x) + \cdots + a_{n-1}T^{m-1}(x)) &= T^{m-1}(0) \\
 T^{m-1}(a_0x) + T^{m-1}(a_1T(x)) + T^{m-1}(a_2T^2(x)) + \cdots + T^{m-1}(a_{n-1}T^{m-1}(x)) &= 0 \\
 T^{m-1}(a_0x) + 0 + 0 + \cdots + 0 &= 0 \\
 T^{m-1}(a_0x) &= 0 \\
 a_0 &= \frac{0}{T^{m-1}(x)} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

By back substitution we know that  $a_0 = a_1 = \cdots = a_{n-1} = 0$

Therefore,  $x, T(x), T^2(x), \cdots, T^{m-1}(x)$  are linearly independent.  $\square$

## §8 H

Let  $T : R^3 \rightarrow R^3$

- a. If  $T(a,b,c) = (a,b,0)$ , show that  $T$  is the projection on the  $xy$ -plane along the  $z$ -axis.

*Proof.*

We want to projection to be on the  $xy$ -plane along the  $z$ -axis. Let the projection be  $(x,y,0)$ .

To minimize the distance, we must choose  $x$  and  $y$  such that

$$(a-x)^2 + (b-y)^2 + (c-0)^2$$

is minimum. Since the equation above is a difference of squares,  $x = a$  and  $b = y$  will give us the minimum value. Therefore, the projection on the  $xy$ -plane will be  $(a,b,0)$ , which is  $T$ .  $\square$

- b. Find a formula for  $T(a,b,c)$ , where  $T$  represents the projection on the  $z$ -axis along the  $xy$ -plane.

*Proof.*

We want to projection to be on the  $z$ -axis along the  $xy$ -plane. Let the projection be  $(0,0,z)$ .

To minimize the distance, we must choose  $z$  such that

$$(a-0)^2 + (b-0)^2 + (c-z)^2$$

is minimum.  $z = c$  will give us the minimum value. Therefore, the equation for  $T$  will be  $T(a,b,c) = (0,0,c)$ .  $\square$

- c. If  $T(a,b,c) = (a-c,b,0)$ , show that  $T$  is the projection on the  $xy$ -plane along the line  $L = \{(a,0,a) : a \in R\}$

*Proof.*

We want to projection to be on the  $xy$ -plane along the line  $L$ . Let the projection be  $(x,y,0)$ .

A vector that is on  $L$  is  $(1,0,1)$ . To minimize the distance, we must choose  $\lambda$  such that

$$(a,b,c) + \lambda(1,0,1) = (x,y,0)$$

is minimum. Writing the equation above as a system:

$$a + \lambda = x$$

$$b = y$$

$$c + \lambda = 0$$

Solving this system gives us,  $x = a - c, y = b$

Therefore, the projection on the xy-plane along the line L will be  $(a - c, b, 0)$ . □

## §9 I

In  $M_{m \times n}(F)$ , let  $E^{ij}$  denote the matrix whose only nonzero entry is 1 in the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column. Prove that  $\{E^{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  is linearly independent.

*Proof.*

If  $E^{ij}$  is linearly independent then  $a_{1,1}E^{1,1} + \cdots + a_{m,n}E^{m,n} \neq 0$

This sum can only equal the 0 matrix if all  $a$  are 0.

Therefore,  $E^{ij}$  is linearly independent. □

## §10 J

Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be linear.

- a. Suppose that  $V = R(T) + N(T)$ . Prove that  $V = R(T) \oplus N(T)$

*Proof.*

Recall the properties of dimensions we proved in problem C.

$$\dim(R(T) + N(T)) = \dim(R(T)) + \dim(N(T)) - \dim(R(T) \cap N(T))$$

$\dim(R(T))$  and  $\dim(N(T))$  must be finite because  $\dim(V)$  is finite. Because we are supposing that  $V = R(T) + N(T)$  we can rewrite the equation above as

$$\dim(V) = \dim(R(T)) + \dim(N(T)) - \dim(R(T) \cap N(T))$$

$$\dim((R(T) \cap N(T)) = \dim(R(T)) + \dim(N(T)) - \dim(V)$$

$$\dim((R(T) \cap N(T)) = 0$$

$\dim(R(T)) + \dim(N(T)) - \dim(V)$  is equal to zero because of the rank nullity theorem and that  $V$  is finite dimensional.  $\dim((R(T) \cap N(T)) = 0$  means that  $R(T) \cap N(T) = \{0\}$ . Therefore,  $V = R(T) \oplus N(T)$  because  $R(T) \cap N(T) = \{0\}$  and  $V = R(T) + N(T)$ . □

- b. Suppose that  $R(T) \cap N(T) = \{0\}$ . Prove that  $V = R(T) \oplus N(T)$ .

*Proof.*

$\dim(R(T))$  and  $\dim(N(T))$  must be finite because  $\dim(V)$  is finite.

$$\dim(R(T) + N(T)) = \dim(R(T)) + \dim(N(T)) - \dim(R(T) \cap N(T))$$

$$\dim(R(T) + N(T)) = \dim(R(T)) + \dim(N(T)) - \dim(\{0\})$$

$$\dim(R(T) + N(T)) = \dim(R(T)) + \dim(N(T)) - 0$$

$$\dim(R(T) + N(T)) = \dim(R(T)) + \dim(N(T))$$



Given that  $V$  is finite dimensional and using the rank nullity theorem:

$$\dim(V) = \dim(R(T) + N(T)) = \dim(R(T)) + \dim(N(T))$$

This means that  $V = R(T) + N(T)$ .

Therefore,  $V = R(T) \oplus N(T)$  because  $V = R(T) + N(T)$  and  $R(T) \cap N(T) = \{0\}$ .  $\square$