

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 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, $x, T(x), T^2(x), \dots, T^{m-1}(x)$ 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 λ 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 $(a - c, b, 0)$.

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§9 I

Suppose that the linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow V$ is the projection on $W \subset V$ along some subspace $W' \subset V$. Prove that W is T -invariant and that $T_W = I_W$

Proof.

a. W is T -invariant.

We need to show that $T(x) \in W$ for every $x \in W$.

$$x = x_1 + x_2, T(x) = T(x_1 + x_2) = x_1 \text{ where } x_1 \in W, x_2 \in W'$$

It is trivial to see that T restricts to the identity on W .

Therefore, W is T -invariant.

b. $T_W = I_W$

For any $w \in W$, we can express w as $w = w + 0$ where $0 \in W'$ because W' is a subspace. Because W_1 and W_2 are a direct sum, there is no way to express w as the sum of a vector in one and a vector in the other.

$T(w + 0) = w$, shows that T_W is the same as the identity transformation I_W .

Therefore, $T_W = I_W$.

□

§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

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(V) &= \dim(R(T)) + \dim(N(T)) - \dim(R(T) \cap N(T)) \\ \dim(R(T) \cap N(T)) &= \dim(R(T)) + \dim(N(T)) - \dim(V) \\ \dim(R(T) \cap N(T)) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

- 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