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Topics Covered:

Vector spaces, subspace, basis, change-of-basis, linear transformations, matrix of linear transformation, kernel and range of linear transformation.

Recall:

- Let V be a set on which two operations, called *addition* and *scalar multiplication*, have been defined. If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are in V , the *sum* of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} is denoted by $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$, and if c is a scalar, the *scalar multiple* of \mathbf{u} by c is denoted by $c\mathbf{u}$. If the following axioms hold for all \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} in V and for all scalars c and d , then V is called a **vector space** and its elements are called **vectors**.

- $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is in V . (Closure under addition)
- $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$. (Commutativity)
- $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$. (Associativity)
- There exists an element $\mathbf{0}$ in V , called a **zero vector**, such that $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$.
- For each \mathbf{u} in V , there is an element $-\mathbf{u}$ in V such that $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$.
- $c\mathbf{u}$ is in V . (Closure under scalar multiplication)
- $c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$. (Distributivity)
- $(c + d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{u}$. (Distributivity)
- $c(d\mathbf{u}) = (cd)\mathbf{u}$.
- $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$.

- A subset W of a vector space V is called a **subspace** of V if W is itself a vector space with the same scalars, addition, and scalar multiplication as V .

As in \mathbb{R}^n to see whether a subset W of a vector space V is a subspace of V involves only two of the ten vector space axioms. Those two axioms is given in the following theorem.

Theorem 1. Let V be a vector space and let W be a nonempty subset of V . Then W is a subspace of V if and only if the following conditions hold:

- If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are in W , then $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is in W .
- If \mathbf{u} is in W and c is a scalar, then $c\mathbf{u}$ is in W .

- Let $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ be a basis for a vector space V . Let \mathbf{v} be a vector in V , and write $\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n$. Then c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are called the **coordinates of \mathbf{v} with respect to \mathcal{B}** , and the column vector

$$[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

is called **coordinate vector of \mathbf{v} with respect to \mathcal{B}** .

- Let $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ and $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ be bases for a vector space V . The $n \times n$ matrix whose columns are the coordinate vectors $[\mathbf{u}_1]_{\mathcal{C}}, [\mathbf{u}_2]_{\mathcal{C}}, \dots, [\mathbf{u}_n]_{\mathcal{C}}$ of the vectors in \mathcal{B} with respect to \mathcal{C} is denoted by $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$ and is called the **change-of-basis matrix** from \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{C} . That is,

$$P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = [[\mathbf{u}_1]_{\mathcal{C}} \quad [\mathbf{u}_2]_{\mathcal{C}} \quad \cdots \quad [\mathbf{u}_n]_{\mathcal{C}}]$$

- If $T : U \rightarrow V$ and $S : V \rightarrow W$ are linear transformations, then the **composition of** S with T is the mapping $S \circ T$, defined by

$$(S \circ T)(\mathbf{u}) = S(T(\mathbf{u}))$$

where \mathbf{u} is in U .

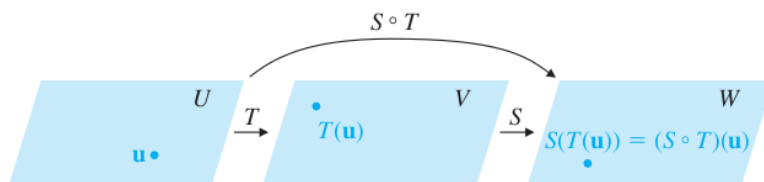


Figure 1: Composition of linear transformations.

- Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. The **kernel** of T , denoted $\ker(T)$, is the set of vectors in V that are mapped by T to $\mathbf{0}$ in W . That is,

$$\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{v} \in V : T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}\}.$$

The **range** of T , denoted $\text{range}(T)$, is the set of all vectors in W that are images of vectors in V under T . That is,

$$\text{range}(T) = \{T(\mathbf{v}) : \mathbf{v} \in V\} = \{\mathbf{w} \in W : \mathbf{w} = T(\mathbf{v}) \text{ for some } \mathbf{v} \in V\}.$$

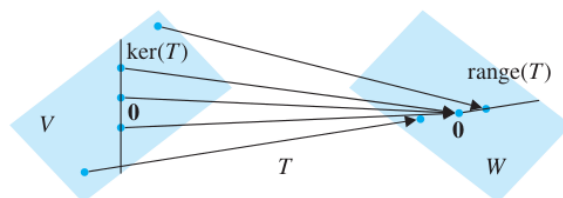


Figure 2: The kernel and range of $T : V \rightarrow W$.

- Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. The **rank** of T , is the dimension of the range of T and is denoted by $\text{rank}(T)$. The **nullity** of T , is the dimension of the kernel of T and is denoted by $\text{nullity}(T)$.

Theorem 2. (The Rank Theorem)

Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation from a finite-dimensional vector space V into a vector space W . Then

$$\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim(V)$$

- A linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ is called **one-to-one** if T maps distinct vectors in V to distinct vectors in W . If $\text{range}(T) = W$, then T is called **onto**.

The above definition can be written more formally as follows:

$T : V \rightarrow W$ is one-to-one if, for all $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$, $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{v} \implies T(\mathbf{u}) \neq T(\mathbf{v})$. Equivalently, $T : V \rightarrow W$ is one-to-one if, for all $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$, $T(\mathbf{u}) = T(\mathbf{v}) \implies \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$.

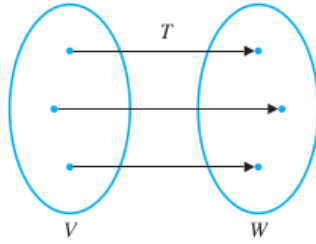


Figure 3: T is one-to-one.

Another way to write the definition of onto is as follows:

$T : V \rightarrow W$ is onto if, for all $\mathbf{w} \in W$, there is at least one \mathbf{v} in V such that $\mathbf{w} = T(\mathbf{v})$.

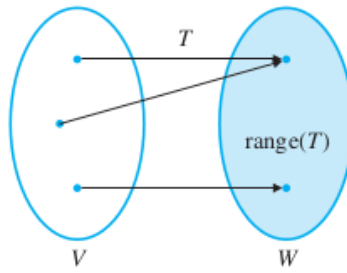


Figure 4: T is onto.

- A linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ is one-to-one if and only if $\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$.
- Let $\dim(V) = \dim(W) = n$. Then a linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ is one-to-one if and only if it is onto.
- A linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ is **invertible** if and only if it is one-to-one and onto.
- Let V and W be two finite-dimensional vector spaces with bases \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} , respectively, where $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$. If $T : V \rightarrow W$ is a linear transformation, then the $m \times n$ matrix A defined by

$$A = [[T(\mathbf{v}_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} \mid [T(\mathbf{v}_2)]_{\mathcal{C}} \mid \cdots \mid [T(\mathbf{v}_n)]_{\mathcal{C}}]$$

satisfies $A[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [T(\mathbf{v})]_{\mathcal{C}}$ for every vector \mathbf{v} in V . The matrix A is called the **matrix of T with respect to the bases \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C}** .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{v} & \xrightarrow{T} & T(\mathbf{v}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} & \xrightarrow{T_A} & A[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [T(\mathbf{v})]_{\mathcal{C}} \end{array}$$

- Let U , V , and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces with bases \mathcal{B} , \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} , respectively. Let $T : U \rightarrow V$ and $S : V \rightarrow W$ be linear transformations. Then

$$[S \circ T]_{\mathcal{D} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = [S]_{\mathcal{D} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} [T]_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$$

- Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation between n -dimensional vector spaces V and W and let \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} be bases for V and W , respectively. Then T is invertible if and only if the matrix $[T]_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$ is invertible. In this case

$$([T]_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}})^{-1} = [T^{-1}]_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}$$

Matrix of Linear Transformation & Change-of-Basis Matrices

1. In the following examples,

- Find the co-ordinate vectors $[v]_{\mathcal{B}}$ and $[v]_{\mathcal{C}}$ with respect to given bases \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} .
- Find the change-of-basis matrix $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$ from \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{C} , and then find $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}$.
- Use the answer in (ii) to compute $[v]_{\mathcal{C}}$ from $[v]_{\mathcal{B}}$ and $[v]_{\mathcal{B}}$ from $[v]_{\mathcal{C}}$. Compare with answers in (i):

$$(a) \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

$$(b) \quad v = 1 + x^2, \quad B = \{1, x, x^2\}, \quad C = \{1 + x + x^2, x + x^2, x^2\} \text{ in } \mathcal{P}_2(R).$$

Solution:

- (a) We need to find c_1, c_2, c_3 such that $v = c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + c_3 u_3$ where,

$$u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Equivalently, } v = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now consider the augmented matrix and convert into a REF

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

Therefore the solution of the system is $c_1 = 0, c_2 = 2$ and $c_3 = 1$. So required coordinate vector

$$[v]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly, We need to find c_1, c_2, c_3 such that $v = c_1 w_1 + c_2 w_2 + c_3 w_3$ where,

$$w_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, w_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, w_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Equivalently, $v = [w_1 \ w_2 \ w_3] \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$

Now consider the augmented matrix and convert into a REF

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_1 \\ - - - - \rightarrow \\ R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \\ - - - - \rightarrow \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Therefore the solution of the system is $c_1 = \frac{5}{2}, c_2 = -1$ and $c_3 = -\frac{1}{2}$. So required coordinate vector

$$[v]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{2} \\ -1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) We need to find c_1, c_2, c_3 such that $v = c_1(1) + c_2(x) + c_3(x^2) \implies 1 + x^2 = c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2$. Therefore $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 0$ and $c_3 = 1$. So required coordinate vector

$$[v]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly, We need to find c_1, c_2, c_3 such that $1 + x^2 = c_1(1 + x + x^2) + c_2(x + x^2) + c_3x^2$. Equivalently, to solve the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore the solution of the system is $c_1 = 1, c_2 = -1$ and $c_3 = 1$. So required coordinate vector

$$[v]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (ii) (a) Apply Gauss-Jordan elimination on $[C|B]$ to get $[I|P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}]$ from which we obtain $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$ where B and C are the basis matrices (columns of the matrices are basis vectors) corresponding to bases \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} respectively.

$$[C|B] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{RREF} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

The required change-of-basis matrix is

$$P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

To get $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}$ use the formula $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} = (P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}})^{-1}$. Therefore,

$$P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)

$$[C|B] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{RREF} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

The required change-of-basis matrix is

$$P_{C \leftarrow B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$P_{B \leftarrow C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (iii) (a) To obtain $[v]_C$ from $[v]_B$ we use the formula $[v]_C = P_{C \leftarrow B}[v]_B$. Similarly to compute $[v]_B$ from $[v]_C$ we use the formula $[v]_B = P_{B \leftarrow C}[v]_C$. Therefore,

$$[v]_C = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{2} \\ -1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad [v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{2} \\ -1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)

$$[v]_C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad [v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. In each of the following, find the matrix of T with respect to the standard bases. Is the matrix invertible? If so, find the inverse matrix and hence the inverse linear map of T .

(i) $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_1$, $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \mapsto a + (a - b)x$.

- (ii) $D: \text{Span}(e^x, xe^x, x^2e^x) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ where D is the differential operator and \mathcal{F} is the space of all real valued functions from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} .

Solution:

1. Standard basis for \mathbb{R}^2 is given by $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ and the standard basis for \mathcal{P}_1 is given by $\{1, x\}$. Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) &= 1 + x &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{and } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) &= 0 + (-1)x &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore matrix of T w.r.t. standard bases is given by

$$[T] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

T is invertible with

$$[T^{-1}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore, $T^{-1} : \mathcal{P}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is given by

$$T^{-1}(a + bx) = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a - b \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. A basis for $\text{domain}(D)$ is given by $\{e^x, xe^x, x^2e^x\}$ and a basis for $\text{image}(D)$ is given by $\{e^x, xe^x, x^2e^x\}$, which can be extended to a basis of the space (\mathcal{F}) of all real valued functions from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} .

$$D(e^x) = e^x, \quad D(xe^x) = e^x + xe^x, \quad D(x^2e^x) = 2xe^x + x^2e^x.$$

Therefore matrix of D w.r.t. above bases is given by

$$[D] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since matrix $[D]$ has zero rows, $[D]$ is not invertible which implies D is not invertible.

3. Let V be a vector space and $T: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation such that $T \circ T = I$ and let $v \in V$ be a non-zero vector. Then show that the set $\{v, T(v)\}$ is linearly dependent if and only if $T(v) = \pm v$.

Solution: Let set $\{v, T(v)\}$ is linearly dependent, which means $T(v)$ can be written as scalar multiple of v .

$$T(v) = \lambda v \Rightarrow T(T(v)) = \lambda T(v) \Rightarrow (T \circ T)(v) = \lambda(\lambda v) \Rightarrow Iv = \lambda^2 v$$

$$(1 - \lambda^2)v = 0$$

Since v is non zero hence $1 - \lambda^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 1 \Rightarrow T(v) = \pm v$

Conversely if $T(v) = \pm v$ this implies that $T(v)$ is the scalar multiple of v . Hence set $\{v, T(v)\}$ is linearly dependent.

4. Let V, W be two vector spaces over \mathbb{R} , and $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear map. Let w_1, \dots, w_n be linearly independent vectors in W , and let v_1, \dots, v_n be vectors in V such that $T(v_i) = w_i$. Show that v_1, \dots, v_n are linearly independent.

Solution: Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \cdots + c_nv_n &= 0 \\
 T(c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \cdots + c_nv_n) &= T(0) = 0 && (T \text{ is linear map}) \\
 c_1T(v_1) + c_2T(v_2) + \cdots + c_nT(v_n) &= 0 && (T(v_i) = w_i) \\
 c_1w_1 + c_2w_2 + \cdots + c_nw_n &= 0 && (w_1, \dots, w_n \text{ are l.i}) \\
 c_1 = c_2 = \cdots = c_n &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence v_1, \dots, v_n are linearly independent.

5. Let V, W be finite dimensional vector spaces over the field \mathbb{F} and $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear map.

(a) Show that

$$\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim(V).$$

(b) Assume that $\dim V = \dim W$, then show that T is injective if and only if T is surjective.

(c) If $\dim(V) < \dim(W)$ then show that T is not surjective.

(d) If $\dim(V) > \dim(W)$ then show that T is not injective.

Solution:

(a) Let $\dim(V) = n$ and let $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ be a basis for $\ker(T)$ (so that $\text{nullity}(T) = \dim(\ker(T)) = k$). Since $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ is a linearly independent set, it can be extended to a basis for V . Let $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}$ be such a basis. If we can show that the set $\mathcal{C} = \{T(v_{k+1}), \dots, T(v_n)\}$ is a basis for $\text{range}(T)$, then we will have $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(\text{range}(T)) = n - k$ and thus

$$\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = (n - k) + k = n = \dim(V).$$

as required.

It is clear that \mathcal{C} is contained in the range of T . To show that \mathcal{C} spans the range of T , let $T(v)$ be a vector in the range of T . Then v is in V , and since \mathcal{B} is a basis for V , we can find scalars c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n such that

$$v = c_1v_1 + \dots + c_kv_k + c_{k+1}v_{k+1} + \cdots + c_nv_n$$

Since v_1, \dots, v_k are in the kernel of T , we have $T(v_1) = \dots = T(v_k) = 0$, So

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(v) &= T(c_1v_1 + \dots + c_kv_k + c_{k+1}v_{k+1} + \cdots + c_nv_n) \\
 &= c_1T(v_1) + \dots + c_kT(v_k) + c_{k+1}T(v_{k+1}) + \cdots + c_nT(v_n) \\
 &= c_{k+1}T(v_{k+1}) + \cdots + c_nT(v_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the range of T is spanned by \mathcal{C} .

To show that \mathcal{C} is linearly independent, suppose that there are scalars c_{k+1}, \dots, c_n such that

$$c_{k+1}T(v_{k+1}) + \cdots + c_nT(v_n) = 0$$

$$T(c_{k+1}v_{k+1} + \cdots + c_nv_n) = 0$$

which means that $c_{k+1}v_{k+1} + \cdots + c_nv_n$ is in the $\ker(T)$ and expressible as a linear combination of the basis vectors of $\ker(T)$,

$$c_{k+1}v_{k+1} + \cdots + c_nv_n = c_1v_1 + \cdots + c_kv_k$$

$$-c_1v_1 - \cdots - c_kv_k + c_{k+1}v_{k+1} + \cdots + c_nv_n = 0$$

which implies that $c_1 = c_2 = \cdots = c_k = c_{k+1} = \cdots = c_n = 0$. because of basis \mathcal{B} of V .

We have shown that \mathcal{C} is a basis for the range of T , so proof is complete.

- (b) Let T is injective then $\ker(T) = \{0\} \Rightarrow \text{nullity}(T) = 0$ by part(a) $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(V) = \dim(W) \Rightarrow \dim(\text{Range}(T)) = \dim(W)$, hence T is surjective.
Conversely let T is surjective then $\dim(\text{Range}(T)) = \text{rank}(T) = \dim(W)$, by part (a), $\dim(W) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim(V) \Rightarrow \text{nullity}(T) = 0$, (because $\dim V = \dim W$) So $\ker(T) = \{0\}$ hence T is injective.
- (c) Given that $\dim(V) < \dim(W)$. If possible let T is surjective which implies that $\dim(\text{Range}(T)) = \text{rank}(T) = \dim(W)$ by part (a), $\dim(W) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim(V) \Rightarrow \dim(W) \leq \dim(V)$ which is the contradiction.
- (d) Given that $\dim(V) > \dim(W)$. If possible let T is injective which means $\ker(T) = \{0\} \Rightarrow \text{nullity}(T) = 0$ So by part (a), $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(V)$, but we know that $\text{range}(T)$ is the subspace of W . so $\dim(\text{range}(T)) \leq \dim(W) \Rightarrow \text{rank}(T) \leq \dim(W) \Rightarrow \dim(V) \leq \dim(W)$, which is the contradiction.

6. Let V be a vector space over a field \mathbb{F} and $T: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear map such that $T^n = 0$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Show that the linear map $(1 - T)$ is one-one and onto.

Solution: Let $v(\neq 0) \in \ker(1 - T)$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - T)v = 0 &\Rightarrow v - Tv = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow Tv = v \quad \text{for all } v \in \ker(1 - T) \\ &\Rightarrow T^n v = T(T(\cdots T(v))\cdots) = v \neq 0 \quad - \text{a contradiction} \\ &\Rightarrow \ker(1 - T) = \{0\} \Rightarrow (1 - T) \text{ is injective or one-one.} \end{aligned}$$

From 5(b) T is surjective. (as $\text{domain}(T) = \text{codomain}(T) = V$).
This completes the proof.

7. Show that there is no linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_2$ for which

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 1 + 2x + x^2, \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 1 - x^2, \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 2x + 3x^2.$$

Solution: Since

$$(-3)\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

but

$$\begin{aligned}
 T \left((-3) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right) &= (-3)T \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) + 2T \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= (-3)(1 + 2x + x^2) + 2(1 - x^2) \\
 &= -1 - 6x - 5x^2 \\
 &\neq 2x + 3x^2 \\
 &= T \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

8. For each of the maps given below, show that T is a linear transformation. Describe $\ker(T)$ and $\text{range}(T)$ of the following. Hence find the rank or the nullity of the following

(a) $T : M_{2,2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $T(A) = \text{tr}(A)$.

(b) $T : \mathcal{P}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, $T(a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3) = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b - a \\ c - a + b \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) $T : M_{2,2} \rightarrow M_{2,2}$ defined by $T \left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$.

(d) $T : M_{2,2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $T \left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} a - b \\ c - d \end{bmatrix}$.

(e) $T : \mathcal{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $T(\mathbf{p}(x)) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}(0) \\ \mathbf{p}(1) \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

(a) So, $\ker(T)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ker(T) &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a + d = 0, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\
 &= \left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\
 \Rightarrow \text{nullity}(T) &= \dim(\ker T) = 3.
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly $\text{range}(T)$ is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{range}(T) &= \left\{ a + d : \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in M_{2,2} \right\} = \mathbb{R}. \\
 \Rightarrow \text{rank}(T) &= \dim(\text{range}(T)) = 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{p}(x) \in \mathcal{P}_3 : T(\mathbf{p}(x)) = 0\}$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ker(T) &= \left\{ a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3 : \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b - a \\ c - a + b \end{bmatrix} = 0 \right\} \\
 &= \{a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3 : a = b = c = 0\} \\
 &= \{dx^3 : d \in \mathbb{R}\}. \\
 \Rightarrow \text{nullity}(T) &= \dim(\ker T) = 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{range}(T) &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b-a \\ c-a+b \end{bmatrix} : a+bx+cx^2+dx^3 \in \mathcal{P}_3 \right\} \\
&\quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} : x=a, y=b-a, z=c-a+b \text{ for some } a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{R}^3. \\
\Rightarrow \text{rank}(T) &= \dim(\text{range}(T)) = 3.
\end{aligned}$$

(c) So, $\ker(T)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\ker(T) &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a=d=0, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\
&= \left\{ b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} : b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\
\Rightarrow \text{nullity}(T) &= \dim(\ker T) = 2.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly $\text{range}(T)$ is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{range}(T) &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} : a, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\
&= \left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} : a, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\
\Rightarrow \text{rank}(T) &= \dim(\text{range}(T)) = 2.
\end{aligned}$$

(d) So, $\ker(T)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\ker(T) &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a-b=0, c-d=0, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\
&= \left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} : b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\
\Rightarrow \text{nullity}(T) &= \dim(\ker T) = 2.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly $\text{range}(T)$ is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{range}(T) &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a-b \\ c-d \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{R}^2 \\
\Rightarrow \text{rank}(T) &= \dim(\text{range}(T)) = 2.
\end{aligned}$$

(e) $\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{p}(x) \in \mathcal{P}_2 : T(\mathbf{p}(x)) = 0\}$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\ker(T) &= \left\{ a+bx+cx^2 : \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}(0) \\ \mathbf{p}(1) \end{bmatrix} = 0 \right\} \\
&= \{a+bx+cx^2 : a=0, b+c=0\} \\
&= \{b(x-x^2) : b \in \mathbb{R}\}. \\
\Rightarrow \text{nullity}(T) &= \dim(\ker T) = 1.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{range}(T) &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}(0) \\ \mathbf{p}(1) \end{bmatrix} : \mathbf{p}(x) = a + bx + cx^2 \in \mathcal{P}_2 \right\} \\
&= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a + b + c \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{R}^2. \\
\Rightarrow \text{rank}(T) &= \dim(\text{range}(T)) = 2.
\end{aligned}$$

9. Let V be a vector space and $T: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation. Suppose $\dim V = n$. If there exists a vector $x \in V$ such that $T^n(x) = 0$ but $T^{n-1}(x) \neq 0$, then show that the set $\{x, T(x), \dots, T^{n-1}(x)\}$ is a basis for V . Also, find the matrix representation of T with respect to this basis.

Solution: Consider the equation,

$$c_1x + c_2T(x) + \dots + c_nT^{n-1}(x) = 0.$$

Then

$$T^{n-1}(c_1x + c_2T(x) + \dots + c_nT^{n-1}(x)) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1T^{n-1}(x) = 0.$$

(since, $T^k(x) = 0$ for all $k \geq n$)

Similarly, we can show $c_j = 0$ for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Therefore the set $\{x, T(x), \dots, T^{n-1}(x)\}$ of n vectors in V is linearly independent, and also $\dim V = n$.

Hence $\{x, T(x), \dots, T^{n-1}(x)\}$ has to be a basis of V .

Consider $\mathcal{B} = \{x, T(x), \dots, T^{n-1}(x)\}$. Then image of basis elements is

$$\{T(x), T^2(x), \dots, T^{n-1}(x), T^n(x)\} = \{T(x), T^2(x), \dots, T^{n-1}(x), 0\} \quad [\because T^n(x) = 0]$$

. The matrix representation of T with respect to the basis \mathcal{B} is given by

$$[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} [T(x)]_{\mathcal{B}} & [T^2(x)]_{\mathcal{B}} & \dots & [T^{n-1}(x)]_{\mathcal{B}} & [0]_{\mathcal{B}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Practice Problems

1. If \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} are bases for \mathbb{R}^3 such that the change-of-basis matrix from \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{C} is given by $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$. If $\mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ find \mathcal{B} .

Solution: $[\mathcal{B}]_{\epsilon} = \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} [\mathcal{C}]_{\epsilon}$ where ϵ is a standard basis of \mathbb{R}^3

$$[\mathcal{B}]_{\epsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 & 6 \\ -5 & 8 & 9 \\ -6 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{hence } \mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -5 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

2. Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ be a linear map for which $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 1 + 2x + x^2$ and $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 3 + 4x^2$. Find $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ and $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right)$.

Solution: Consider $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$ on solving this system we get $c_1 = -b$ and $c_2 = a + b$
Now $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) = c_1 T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) + c_2 T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = (-b)(1 + 2x + x^2) + (a + b)(3 + 4x^2) = (3a + 2b) + (-2b)x + (4a + 3b)x^2$
from above we get $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = (13) + (-4)x + (18)x^2$

3. Find the matrix $[S]$, $[T]$ and $[S \circ T]$ with respect to the standard bases and then verify that $[S \circ T] = [S][T]$, where

$$\begin{aligned} T: \mathbb{R}^2 &\rightarrow \mathcal{P}_2, & \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} &\mapsto a + (a - b)x + bx^2 \\ S: \mathcal{P}_2 &\rightarrow \mathcal{P}_1, & a + bx + cx^2 &\mapsto (3a + 2b + c) + (a + b)x. \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

1. Standard basis for \mathbb{R}^2 is given by $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ and the standard basis for \mathcal{P}_2 is given by $\{1, x, x^2\}$. Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) &= 1 + x + 0.x^2 &= [1 \quad x \quad x^2] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{and } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) &= 0 + (-1)x + x^2 &= [1 \quad x \quad x^2] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore matrix of T w.r.t. standard bases is given by

$$[T] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. The standard basis for \mathcal{P}_2 is given by $\{1, x, x^2\}$ and the standard basis for \mathcal{P}_1 is given by $\{1, x\}$. Now from given definition of S we have

$$S(1) = 3 + x = [1 \quad x] \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S(x) = 2 + x = [1 \quad x] \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S(x^2) = 1 + 0.x = [1 \quad x] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore matrix of S w.r.t. standard bases is given by

$$[S] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Verification:

$$S \circ T \left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \right) = S(a + (a - b)x + bx^2) = 3a + 2(a - b) + b + (a + a - b)x = (5a - b) + (2a - b)x.$$

Therefore,

$$S \circ T \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 5 + 2x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad S \circ T \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = -1 - x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore matrix of $S \circ T$ w.r.t. standard bases is given by

$$[S \circ T] = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [S][T].$$

4. Show that a linear map $T: V \rightarrow W$ is uniquely determined by its values on the elements of a basis of V .

Solution: Let $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ be a basis of V and $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ an arbitrary list of vectors in W . We need to show $T(\mathbf{v}_i) = \mathbf{w}_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Take any $\mathbf{v} \in V$. Since $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis for V , \exists unique scalars c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n such that $\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n$. By linearity we must have

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{v}) &= T(c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n) \\ &= c_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + c_2T(\mathbf{v}_2) + \dots + c_nT(\mathbf{v}_n) \\ &= c_1\mathbf{w}_1 + c_2\mathbf{w}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{w}_n \end{aligned}$$

Hence $T(\mathbf{v})$ is completely determined.

Now for uniqueness, let us assume $\exists S: V \rightarrow W$ such that $S(\mathbf{v}_i) = \mathbf{w}_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Now for any $\mathbf{u} \in V$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(\mathbf{u}) &= S(d_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + d_n\mathbf{v}_n) \\ &= d_1S(\mathbf{v}_1) + \dots + d_nS(\mathbf{v}_n) \\ &= d_1\mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + d_n\mathbf{w}_n \\ &= d_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + \dots + d_nT(\mathbf{v}_n) \\ &= T(d_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + d_n\mathbf{v}_n) \\ &= T(\mathbf{u}) \end{aligned}$$

Since $\mathbf{u} \in V$, is arbitrary we have $S = T$.

5. Let W be a subspace of a finite dimensional vector space V . Show that W is a finite dimensional vector space and $\dim W \leq \dim V$.

Solution: Let $\dim V = n$. If $W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$, then $\dim W = 0 \leq n = \dim V$. If W is nonzero, then any basis \mathcal{B} for V (containing n vectors) certainly spans W , as W is contained in V . But \mathcal{B} can be reduced to a basis \mathcal{B}' for W (containing at most n vectors). Hence, W is finite-dimensional and $\dim W \leq n = \dim V$.

[**NOTE:** Any spanning set for a vector space V with $\dim V = n$ can be reduced to a basis for V .]

6. Let \mathcal{B} be a set of vectors in a vector space V with the property that every vector in V is a unique linear combination of vectors in \mathcal{B} . Prove that \mathcal{B} is a basis for V .

Solution: Since every vector in V is a linear combination of vectors in \mathcal{B} , so of $\text{Span}(\mathcal{B}) = V$. So it is enough to show that vectors in \mathcal{B} are linearly independent.

If not, then there exists a non-trivial linear combination of vectors in \mathcal{B} . Let us assume

$$\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots\}, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_i c_i v_i = 0 \text{ for some } c_i \neq 0.$$

Without loss of generality, we can assume $c_1 \neq 0$. Then we have

$$v_1 = \sum_{i \geq 2} -\frac{c_i}{c_1} v_i,$$

which contradicts the uniqueness of the representation of $v_1 \in V$.

Therefore, vectors in \mathcal{B} must be linearly independent and hence \mathcal{B} is a basis for V .

7. Let V and W be vector spaces over \mathbb{R} . Prove that the set $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ of all linear transformations forms a vector space over \mathbb{R} , with the vector addition and scalar multiplication as defined over \mathcal{F} , the space of functions from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} .

Solution: Firstly, note that the null map $\mathbf{0} : V \rightarrow W$ is in $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$. So $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ is non-empty. It is enough to check that it is closed under $+$ (addition) and \cdot (scalar multiplication).

Let $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ and $u, v \in V$ $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Enough to show: $S + T, \alpha \cdot S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$.

Note that $(S + T)(v) = S(v) + T(v)$ and $(\alpha \cdot S)(v) = \alpha S(v)$.

$$(S + T)(u + v) = S(u + v) + T(u + v) = S(u) + T(u) + S(v) + T(v) = (S + T)(u) + (S + T)(v).$$

Also for $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$(S + T)(cu) = S(cu) + T(cu) = cS(u) + cT(u) = c(S + T)(u).$$

Therefore, $S + T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$.

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Again, for $u, v \in V$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$(\alpha \cdot S)(u + v) = \alpha S(u + v) = \alpha[S(u) + S(v)] = (\alpha \cdot S)(u) + (\alpha \cdot S)(v)$$

$$(\alpha \cdot S)(cu) = \alpha S(cu) = c(\alpha \cdot S)(u)$$

Therefore, $\alpha \cdot S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$.

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From (1) & (2) the result follows.

8. Let W_1 and W_2 be two subspaces of a finite dimensional vector space V . Show that

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

Solution: Let (u_1, \dots, u_m) be a basis of $W_1 \cap W_2$, thus $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = m$. Because (u_1, \dots, u_m) is a basis of $W_1 \cap W_2$, it is linearly independent in W_1 and hence can be extended to a basis $(u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j)$ of W_1 . Thus $\dim(W_1) = m + j$. Also extend (u_1, \dots, u_m) to a basis $(u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_k)$ of W_2 , thus $\dim(W_2) = m + k$.

We will show that $(u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k)$ is a basis of $W_1 + W_2$. This will complete the proof because then we will have

$$\dim(W_1 + W_2) = m + j + k = (m + j) + (m + k) - m = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$$

Clearly $\text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j, w_1, \dots, w_k)$ contains W_1 and W_2 and hence contains $W_1 + W_2$. So to show that this list is a basis of $W_1 + W_2$ we need only show that it is linearly independent. To prove this, suppose

$$a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m + b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_j v_j + c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k = 0$$

where all the a 's, b 's, and c 's are scalars. We need to prove that all the a 's, b 's, and c 's equal 0. The equation above can be rewritten as

$$c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k = -a_1 u_1 - \dots - a_m u_m - b_1 v_1 - \dots - b_j v_j$$

which shows that $c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k \in W_1$. All the w 's are in W_2 , so this implies that $c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k \in W_1 \cap W_2$. Because (u_1, \dots, u_m) is a basis of $W_1 \cap W_2$, we can write

$$c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k = d_1 u_1 + \dots + d_m u_m$$

for some choice of scalars d_1, \dots, d_m . But $(u_1, \dots, u_m, w_1, \dots, w_k)$ is linearly independent, so the last equation implies that all the c 's (and d 's) equal 0. Thus our original equation involving the a 's, b 's, and c 's becomes

$$a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m + b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_j v_j = 0.$$

This equation implies that all the a 's and b 's are 0 because the list $(u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_j)$ is linearly independent. We now know that all the a 's, b 's, and c 's equal 0, as desired.