Why

We can consider function composition for linear maps?

Definition

Given vector spaces U, V, W over the same field $\mathbf{F}$ and linear maps $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ and $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$, the *product* of S and T is the linear map $R \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$ defined by

$$R(u) = S(T(u)) \quad \text{for all } u \in U$$

(Prove that R so defined is linear). In other words, the product is $S \circ T$.

This definition only makes sense if T maps into the domain of S. We often say that the maps are *conforming* in this case.

Notation

Often the product is denoted ST (instead of $S \circ T$).

Algebraic properties

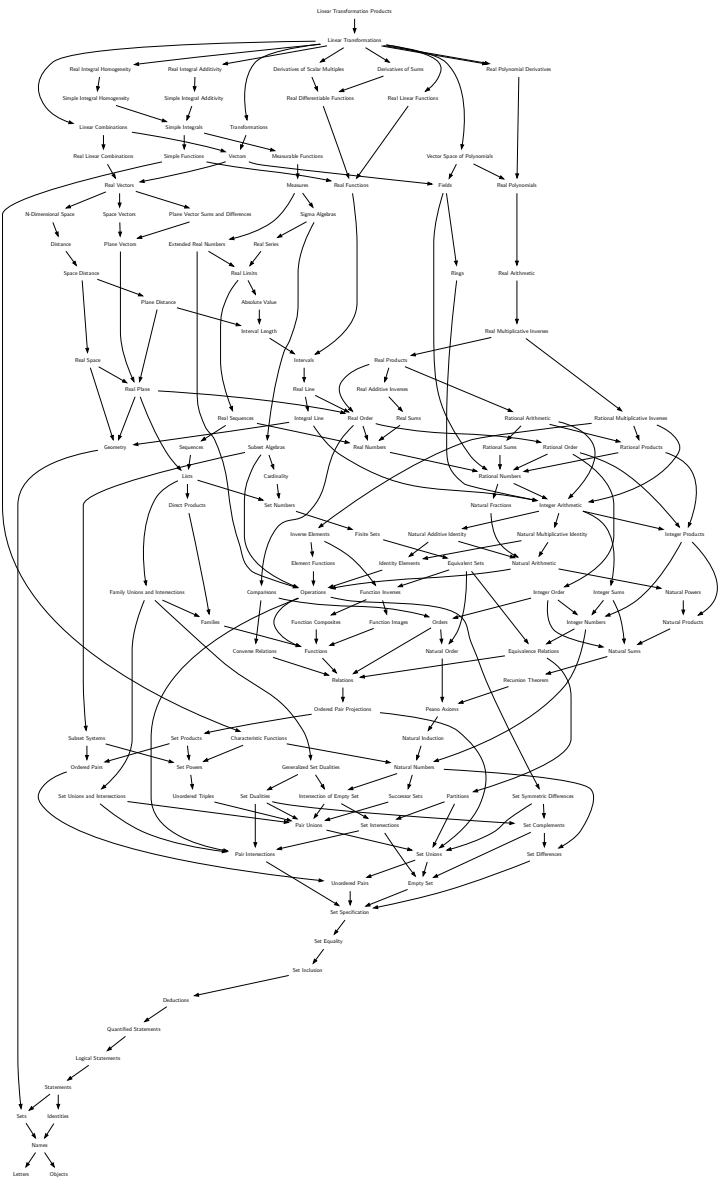
Proposition 1 (associativity)**.** *Suppose T_1, T_2, T_3 are three linear maps so that conforming for $T_1T_2T_3$. Then*

$$(T_1T_2)T_3 = T_1(T_2T_3)$$

Not commutative

Image of zero

Proposition 2. *Suppose T is a linear map from V to W. Then $T(0) = 0$.*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Unordered Triples
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