

This weeks problem set focuses on the ideas of bases and linear transformations. A question marked with a \dagger is difficult and probably too hard for an exam (though still illustrates a useful point). A question marked with a $*$ is especially important.

Homework 2: due Friday 2 Feb: question 18 and 19 from section 2.1. Note that the notation textbook uses $N(T)$ instead of $\ker T$ and $R(T)$ instead of $\operatorname{im} T$.

1. From section 2.1, problems 15, 17, 18, 19, 24, 26*, 28, 31 \dagger , 40*.
2. From section 2.1, problems 1, 2, 5, 6, 9*, 14, 14b.
- 3* Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over \mathbb{F} and $B\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ a basis. Let W be another vector space and w_1, \dots, w_n a collection of elements. Show that there is a unique linear map such that $T(v_i) = w_i$.

Solution: Since B is a basis, if we have any vector $v \in V$ we can write

$$v = \lambda_1 v_1 + \dots + \lambda_n v_n.$$

Define $T(v) = \lambda_1 T(v_1) + \dots + \lambda_n T(v_n)$. It is not difficult to check the axioms for T being a linear map.

- 4* Let V and W be vector spaces over \mathbb{F} . Define $\operatorname{Hom}(V, W)$ to be the set of linear maps from V to W .
(a) Show that $\operatorname{Hom}(V, W)$ is itself a vector space.

Solution: We define the linear map $T + S$ by $(T + S)(v) = T(v) + S(v)$ and λT by $(\lambda T)(v) = \lambda T(v)$. The zero element is the map $O : V \rightarrow W$ defined by $O(v) = 0$. It is easy to check all of the axioms.

- (b) If V is finite dimensional and B is a basis for V , construct a basis for $V^* = \operatorname{Hom}(V, \mathbb{F})$. The vector space V^* is called the *dual space* to V .

Solution: Suppose $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$. For any $1 \leq i \leq n$ define the linear map $\varepsilon_i : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ by $\varepsilon_i(v_j) = \delta_{ij}$. Here $\delta_{ij} = 0$ if $i \neq j$ and $\delta_{ii} = 1$.

We claim that $B^* = \{\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n\}$ is a basis for V^* . Here is a sketch of the proof. To see that B^* spans V^* , take an arbitrary linear map $\chi : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$. One can see that this map is completely determined by the values $\chi(v_i)$. Then

$$\chi = \chi(v_1)\varepsilon_1 + \dots + \chi(v_n)\varepsilon_n.$$

To see that it is a linearly independent subset, take an arbitrary linear combination

$$\lambda_1 \varepsilon_1 + \lambda_n \varepsilon_n = 0.$$

This means that by evaluating this map at v_i , we get

$$\lambda_i = \lambda_1 \varepsilon_1(v_i) + \lambda_n \varepsilon_n(v_i) = 0.$$

- 5* Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be an injective linear map. Show that, if we consider T , instead, as a linear map $V \rightarrow \operatorname{im} T$ (just restrict what we consider to be the codomain), then it defines an isomorphism and shows that $V \cong \operatorname{im} T$.

6.* Let V and W be vector spaces over \mathbb{F} . Define the set

$$V \times W = \{ (v, w) \mid v \in V \text{ and } w \in W \}.$$

This is called the *product* of the vector spaces.

(a) Show that $V \times W$ is a vector space.

Solution: We define addition and scalar multiplication componentwise. So $(v, w) + (v', w') = (v + v', w + w')$ and $\lambda(v, w) = (\lambda v, \lambda w)$. The axioms are now not hard to check.

(b) Define a map $\iota_V : V \rightarrow V \times W$ by $\iota_V(v) = (v, 0)$. Show that ι_V is an injective linear map. Note that we can define a similar map ι_W .

Solution: We have

$$\iota_V(v + w) = (v + w, 0) = (v, 0) + (w, 0) = \iota_V(v) + \iota_V(w)$$

and

$$\iota_V(\lambda v) = (\lambda v, 0) = \lambda(v, 0) = \lambda \iota_V(v).$$

(c) If $U \subset V$ is a subspace, show that $U \times W$ is a subspace of $V \times W$.

Solution: Since scalar multiplication and addition happens component wise, it will be clear that $U \times W$ is closed under both since U is.

(d) Show that $V \times W = (V \times \{0\}) \oplus (\{0\} \times W)$.

Solution: First of all, it is clear that $(V \times \{0\}) \cap (\{0\} \times W) = \{0\}$. Now observe that $(v, w) = (v, 0) + (0, w)$ so $V \times W = (V \times \{0\}) + (\{0\} \times W)$.

Note that we can consider $V \times \{0\}$ as a copy of V in $V \times W$. For this reason, often mathematicians write $V \oplus W$ instead of $V \times W$ and call it the external direct product. Though this is a little confusing so we won't talk about it in this way in this class.