

# Linear Algebra I

## Summary of Lectures: Linear Transformations

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1. **Definition 5.1:** If  $V$  and  $W$  are two vector spaces over the same field  $F$ , then a linear transformation from  $V$  to  $W$  (also called a linear map or homomorphism) is a map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfying

$$f(\lambda u + \mu v) = \lambda f(u) + \mu f(v), \quad \forall u, v \in V \text{ and } \forall \lambda, \mu \in F.$$

The space of  $V$  is called the domain of  $f$  and the space of  $W$  is called the co-domain.

2. **Lemma 5.2:** A linear transformation  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies

- (a)  $f(0) = 0$ ,
- (b)  $f(\lambda u) = \lambda f(u)$ ,
- (c)  $f(-u) = -f(u)$ ,
- (d)  $f(u + v) = f(u) + f(v)$ , and
- (e)  $f(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i u_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i f(u_i)$ .

3. **Definition 5.3:** Given  $f : V \rightarrow W$  as in definition 5.1, the image (or range) of  $f$  is  $\{f(v) : v \in V\}$ . This is written as  $f(V)$  or  $\text{im}(f)$ .  
The kernel (or nullspace) of  $f$  is  $\{v \in V : f(v) = 0\}$ , written  $\ker(f)$
4. **Proposition 5.4:** If  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation, then  $\text{im}(f)$  is a subspace of  $W$  and  $\ker(f)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
5. **Proposition 5.5:** A linear transformation  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is injective iff  $\ker(f)$  is the zero subspace  $\{0\}$  of  $V$ .
6. **Definition 5.6:** The rank of  $f$  is the dimension of  $\text{im}(f)$ , written  $r(f)$ .  
The nullity of  $f$  is the dimension of  $\ker(f)$ , written  $n(f)$ .
7. **Theorem 5.7:** The rank-nullity formula. If  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation then

$$r(f) + n(f) = \dim(V).$$

8. **Proposition 5.8:** If  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation of finite dimensional vector spaces  $V, W$  over the same field  $F$  then
  - (a)  $f$  is injective iff  $n(f) = 0$ , and
  - (b)  $f$  is surjective iff  $r(f) = \dim(W)$ .

9. **Corollary 5.9:** If  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation of finite dimensional vector spaces  $V, W$  over the same field  $F$  then
- (a)  $f$  is injective iff  $r(f) = \dim(V)$ , and
  - (b)  $f$  is surjective iff  $n(f) = \dim(V) - \dim(W)$ .
10. Let  $f_{\mathbf{A}} : F^n \rightarrow F^m$  be  $f_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$  where  $\mathbf{v} \in F^n$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix over the field  $F$ . Then
- (a)  $\text{im}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} : \mathbf{v} \in F^n\}$ ,
  - (b)  $\ker(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{v} \in F^n : \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}\}$ , and
  - (c)  $r(\mathbf{A})$  and  $n(\mathbf{A})$  are the rank and nullity of  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e. the dimensions of  $\text{im}(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\ker(\mathbf{A})$  respectively.
11. For a linear transformation the codomain is a vector space and therefore operations of addition and scalar multiplication must be defined. Any set  $S$  of functions from any set  $X$  to a vector space  $W$ , such that  $S$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication forms a vector space.
12. Let  $\mathcal{L}[V, W]$  be the set of all linear transformations from a vector space  $V$  to a vector space  $W$  over the same field  $F$ . The zero element in  $\mathcal{L}[V, W]$  is the map that takes every element to the zero in  $W$ .
13.  $\mathcal{L}[V, V]$  allows additional operations, ‘composition of functions’,  $(f \cdot g)(x) = f(g(x))$ .  $\forall f, g, h \in \mathcal{L}[V, V]$  and  $\forall \lambda, \mu \in F$  we have
- (1)  $(f + g) + h = f + (g + h)$ ,
  - (2)  $f + g = g + f$ ,
  - (3)  $0 + f = f + 0$  (there is a zero element),
  - (4)  $\lambda(\mu f) = (\lambda\mu)f$ ,
  - (5)  $(\lambda + \mu)f = \lambda f + \mu f$ ,
  - (6)  $0f = 0$ ,
  - (7)  $f + (-1)f = 0$ ,
  - (8)  $(f \cdot g) \cdot h = f \cdot (g \cdot h)$ ,
  - (9)  $\mathbb{I} \cdot f = f \cdot \mathbb{I} = f$  ( $\mathbb{I}$  is the identity map  $\mathbb{I}(x) = x$ ),
  - (10)  $f \cdot (g + h) = f \cdot g + f \cdot h$ , and
  - (11)  $((g + h)) \cdot f = g \cdot f + h \cdot f$ .
14. If  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear map,  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  is a basis for  $V$  and  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m$  is a basis for  $W$  then

$$f(v_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} w_i$$

with  $a_{ij}$  some scalars. The matrix  $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})$  is called the matrix of  $f$  with respect to the ordered bases  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  of  $V$  and  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m$  of  $W$ . In coordinate form with  $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)^T$  the coordinates of  $v \in V$  with respect to the basis of  $V$  and  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_m)^T$  the coordinates of  $f(v)$  with respect to the basis of  $W$  then

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\lambda}.$$

- If we change the basis  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  of  $V$  to  $v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n$  related by the base change matrix  $\mathbf{P} = (p_{ij})$  so that  $v'_j = \sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij} v_i$  then the matrix of  $f$  with respect to the ordered bases  $v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n$  of  $V$  and  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m$  of  $W$  is  $\mathbf{AP}$ .
  - If we change the basis  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m$  of  $W$  to  $w'_1, w'_2, \dots, w'_m$  related by the base change matrix  $\mathbf{Q} = (q_{ij})$  so that  $w'_j = \sum_{i=1}^m q_{ij} w_i$  then the matrix of  $f$  with respect to the ordered bases  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  of  $V$  and  $w'_1, w'_2, \dots, w'_m$  of  $W$  is  $\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{A}$ .
  - Together we have  $\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{AP}$  if we change the basis of both the domain and codomain.
15. **Proposition 5.10:** Let  $V$  be a vector space with ordered basis  $B$  given by  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and  $B'$  given by  $v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n$ . Let  $\mathbf{P} = (p_{ij})$  be the base change matrix so that  $v'_j = \sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij} v_i$ . Suppose  $f : V \rightarrow V$  is a linear map which has matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with respect to the ordered basis  $B$  and matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  with respect to the ordered basis  $B'$ . Then
- $$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{AP}.$$
16. **Definition 5.11:** If  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{AP}$  then  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are called similar matrices. If  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}^T\mathbf{AP}$  then  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are called congruent matrices.
17. **Proposition 5.12:** Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{L}[V, W]$  where  $V, W$  are finite dimensional vector spaces, and let  $f, g$  have matrix representations  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  respectively with respect to some ordered bases  $A, B$  of  $V, W$  respectively. Then
- (a) The matrix representation of  $\lambda f$  with respect to  $A, B$  is the scalar product  $\lambda\mathbf{A}$  of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .
  - (b) The matrix representation of the sum  $f + g$  with respect to  $A, B$  is the matrix sum  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ .
18. **Proposition 5.13:** (Composition of functions) Let  $U, V, W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces, with ordered bases  $A, B, C$  respectively, and let  $g : U \rightarrow V$  and  $f : V \rightarrow W$  be linear maps. If  $f$  and  $g$  are represented by the matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  with respect to  $A, B, C$  then  $f \cdot g$  is represented (with respect to the same bases) by the matrix product  $\mathbf{AB}$ .