## Solution to Practice 1s

**B1(a)** We define 
$$L: P_4 \to \mathbb{R}^5$$
 by  $L(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4) = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

To prove that it is an isomorphism, we must prove that it is linear, one-to-one, and onto.

Linear: Let  $p(x) = p_0 + p_1 x + p_2 x^2 + p_3 x^3 + p_4 x^4$  and  $q(x) = q_0 + q_1 x + q_2 x^2 + q_3 x^3 + q_4 x^4$  $q_3x^3 + q_4x^4$  be elements of  $P_4$ , and let  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we have

$$L(tp(x) + q(x)) = L(t(p_0 + p_1x + p_2x^2 + p_3x^3 + p_4x^4) + (q_0 + q_1x + q_2x^2 + q_3x^3 + q_4x^4))$$

$$= L(t(p_0 + q_0) + (tp_1 + q_1)x + (tp_2 + q_2)x^2 + (tp_3 + q_3)x^3 + (tp_4 + q_4)x^4)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} tp_0 + q_0 \\ tp_1 + q_1 \\ tp_2 + q_2 \\ tp_3 + q_3 \\ tp_4 + q_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= t \begin{bmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \\ p_4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \\ q_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= tL(p(x)) + L(q(x))$$

Therefore, L is linear.

One-to-one: Let 
$$p_0 + p_1 x + p_2 x^2 + p_3 x^3 + p_4 x^4 \in \text{Null}(L)$$
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 $p_3 = 0$ , and  $p_4 = 0$ , which means that  $p_0 + p_1 x + p_2 x^2 + p_3 x^3 + p_4 x^4$  is the zero polynomial. Since the only vector in the nullspace is the zero vector, by Lemma 4.7.1 we have that L is one-to-one.

Onto: For any 
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0\\a_1\\a_2\\a_3\\a_4 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^5$$
, we have  $a_0+a_1x+a_2x^2+a_3x^3+a_4x^4 \in P_4$  such

that 
$$L(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4) = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{bmatrix}$$
. Hence,  $L$  is onto.

**B1(b)** We define 
$$L: M(2,3) \to \mathbb{R}^6$$
 by  $L\left(\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \\ a_6 \end{bmatrix}$ . To

prove that it is an isomorphism, we must prove that it is linear, one-to-one, and onto.

Linear: Let  $A=\begin{bmatrix}a_1&a_2&a_3\\a_4&a_5&a_6\end{bmatrix}$  and  $B=\begin{bmatrix}b_1&b_2&b_3\\b_4&b_5&b_6\end{bmatrix}$  be elements of M(2,3), and let  $t\in\mathbb{R}$ . Then we have

$$L(tA+B) = L\left(t\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ b_4 & b_5 & b_6 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$= L\left(\begin{bmatrix} ta_1 + b_1 & ta_2 + b_2 & ta_3 + b_3 \\ ta_4 + b_4 & ta_5 + b_5 & ta_6 + b_6 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} ta_1 + b_1 \\ ta_2 + b_2 \\ ta_3 + b_3 \\ ta_4 + b_4 \\ ta_5 + b_5 \\ ta_6 + b_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= t\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \\ a_6 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \\ b_5 \\ b_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= tL(A) + L(B)$$

Therefore, L is linear.

$$One\text{-}to\text{-}one\text{: Let} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \end{array} \right] \in \text{Null}(L). \text{ Then} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] = L \left( \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \end{array} \right] \right) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \\ a_6 \end{bmatrix}$$
. Hence  $a_1 = 0$ ,  $a_2 = 0$ ,  $a_3 = 0$ ,  $a_4 = 0$ ,  $a_5 =$ , and  $a_6 = 0$ , which means

that  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \end{bmatrix}$  is the zero matrix. Since the only vector in the nullspace is the zero vector, by Lemma 4.7.1 we have that L is one-to-one.

Onto: For any 
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \\ a_6 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^6$$
, we have 
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \end{bmatrix} \in M(2,3)$$
 such that

$$L\left(\left[\begin{array}{ccc} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \end{array}\right]\right) = \left[\begin{array}{c} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \\ a_6 \end{array}\right]. \text{ Hence, } L \text{ is onto.}$$

**B1(c)** We define 
$$L: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathcal{S}$$
 by  $L\left(\left[\begin{array}{c} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{array}\right]\right) = a_1 \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array}\right] + a_2 \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{array}\right]$ . To prove that it is an isomorphism, we must prove that it is linear, one-to-one, and onto.   
Linear: Let  $\vec{a} = \left[\begin{array}{c} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{array}\right]$  and  $\vec{b} = \left[\begin{array}{c} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{array}\right]$  be elements of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and let  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{split} L(t\vec{a}+\vec{b}) &= L\left(t\begin{bmatrix}a_1\\a_2\end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix}b_1\\b_2\end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= L\left(\begin{bmatrix}ta_1+b_1\\ta_2+b_2\end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= (ta_1+b_1)\begin{bmatrix}1\\0\\1\end{bmatrix} + (ta_2+b_2)\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\\1\end{bmatrix} \\ &= ta_1\begin{bmatrix}1\\0\\1\end{bmatrix} + ta_2\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\\1\end{bmatrix} + b_1\begin{bmatrix}1\\0\\1\end{bmatrix} + b_2\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\\1\end{bmatrix} \\ &= tL(\vec{a}) + L(\vec{b}) \end{split}$$

Therefore, L is linear.

$$\begin{aligned} &One\text{-}to\text{-}one\text{: Let} \left[\begin{array}{c} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{array}\right] \in \text{Null}(L). \text{ Then } \left[\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}\right] = L\left(\left[\begin{array}{c} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{array}\right]\right) = a_1 \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array}\right] + \\ &a_2 \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} a_1 + a_2 \\ a_2 \\ a_1 + a_2 \end{array}\right]. \text{ Setting the components equal, we see that this means } \\ &\text{that } a_1 + a_2 = 0 \text{ and } a_2 = 0. \text{ Plugging } a_2 = 0 \text{ into } a_1 + a_2 = 0 \text{ gives us } a_1 = 0. \\ &\text{As such } \left[\begin{array}{c} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \end{array}\right]. \text{ Since the only vector in the nullspace is the zero } \\ &\text{vector, by Lemma 4.7.1 we have that } L \text{ is one-to-one.} \end{aligned}$$

Onto: For any  $\vec{s} \in \mathcal{S}$ , there are scalars  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  such that  $\vec{s} = s_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Which means that  $\begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is such that  $L\left(\begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = s_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{s}$ . Hence, L is onto.

**B1(d)** Before I define my isomorphism, I first want to find a basis for  $\mathbb{P}$ . Elements of  $\mathbb{P}$  are polynomials  $p(x) = p_0 + p_1 x + p_2 x^2 + p_3 x^3$  such that  $0 = p(1) = p_0 + p_1(1) + p_2(1) + p_3(1) = p_0 + p_1 + p_2 + p_3$ . Since  $p_0 + p_1 + p_2 + p_3 = 0$ , we know  $p_3 = -p_0 - p_1 - p_2$ . This leads me to think that  $\mathcal{B} = \{1 - x^3, x - x^3, x^2 - x^3\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{P}$ . To see this, let's first show that  $\mathcal{B}$  is linearly independent. To that end, suppose that  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  are such that

$$t_1(1-x^3) + t_2(x-x^3) + t_3(x^2-x^3) = 0 + 0x + 0x^2 + 0x^3$$

Then we have  $t_1 + t_2x + t_3x^2 + (-t_1 - t_2 - t_3)x^3 = 0 + 0x + 0x^2 + 0x^3$ . Setting the coefficients equal, we get that  $t_1 = 0$ ,  $t_2 = 0$ ,  $t_3 = 0$ , and  $-t_1 - t_2 - t_3 = 0$ . Which means that  $t_1 = t_2 = t_3 = 0$ , so  $\mathcal{B}$  is linearly independent. Now we need to show that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a spanning set for  $\mathbb{P}$ . To that end, suppose that  $p_0 + p_1x + p_2x^2 + p_3x^3 \in \mathbb{P}$ . As noted above, this means that  $p_3 = -p_0 - p_1 - p_2$ . And this means that

$$p(x) = p_0 + p_1 x + p_2 x^2 + (-p_0 - p_1 - p_2)x^3 = p_0(1 - x^3) + p_1(x - x^3) + p_2(x^2 - x^3)$$

and so we see that  $p(x) \in \text{Span } \mathcal{B}$ , which means that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a spanning set for  $\mathbb{P}$ . And since  $\mathcal{B}$  is a linearly independent spanning set for  $\mathbb{P}$ , it is a basis for  $\mathbb{P}$ 

And we can use this basis to define our linear mapping. For, given any  $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}$ , there are unique  $a,b,c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $p(x) = a(1-x^3) + b(x-x^3) + c(x^2-x^3)$ . And so we define  $L(p(x)) = L(a(1-x^3) + b(x-x^3) + c(x^2-x^3)) = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$ . To prove that L is an isomorphism, we must prove that it is linear, one-to-one, and onto.

Linear: Let  $p(x) = a_1(1-x^3) + b_1(x-x^3) + c_1(x^2-x^3)$  and  $q(x) = a_2(1-x^3) + b_2(x-x^3) + c_2(x^2-x^3)$  be elements of  $\mathbb{P}$ , and let  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{split} L(tp(x)+q(x)) &= L(t(a_1(1-x^3)+b_1(x-x^3)+c_1(x^2-x^3))+(a_2(1-x^3)+b_2(x-x^3)+c_2(x^2-x^3))) \\ &= L((ta_1+a_2)(1-x^3)+(tb_1+b_2)(x-x^3)+(tc_1+c_2)(x^2-x^3)) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} ta_1+a_2 & tb_1+b_2 \\ 0 & tc_1+c_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= t\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & c_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_2 \\ 0 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= tL(p(x)) + L(q(x)) \end{split}$$

Therefore, L is linear.

 $\begin{aligned} & \textit{One-to-one:} \text{ Let } a(1-x^3) + b(x-x^3) + c(x^2-x^3) \in \text{Null}(L). \text{ Then } \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \\ & L(a(1-x^3) + b(x-x^3) + c(x^2-x^3)) = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{array} \right]. \text{ Hence } a = 0, \ b = 0, \text{ and } c = 0, \text{ which means that } a(1-x^3) + b(x-x^3) + c(x^2-x^3) = 0(1-x^3) + 0(x-x^3) + 0(x^2-x^3) = 0 + 0x + 0x^2 + 0x^3. \text{ Since the only vector in the nullspace is the zero vector, by Lemma 4.7.1 we have that $L$ is one-to-one.} \end{aligned}$ 

Onto: For any  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{T}$ , we have  $a(1-x^3) + b(x-x^3) + c(x^2-x^3) \in \mathbb{P}$  such that  $L(a(1-x^3) + b(x-x^3) + c(x^2-x^3)) = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$ . Hence, L is onto.

**D2(a)** Suppose that M and L are one-to-one, and suppose  $M \circ L(\mathbf{u}_1) = M \circ$ 

 $L(\mathbf{u}_2)$ . Then we have  $M(L(\mathbf{u}_1) = M(L(\mathbf{u}_2))$ , and since M is one-to-one this means that  $L(\mathbf{u}_1) = L(\mathbf{u}_2)$ . And since L is one-to-one, this means that  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{u}_2$ . And so we see that  $M \circ L$  is one-to-one.

**D2(b)** Let  $M: \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by M(a,b,c,d) = (a,b) and  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^4$  be defined by L(a,b) = (a,b,0,0). We first note that M is not one-to-one, since M(1,2,1,2) = M(1,2,3,4). But  $M \circ L$  is one-to-one, since  $M \circ L(a,b) = M(L(a,b)) = M(a,b,0,0) = (a,b)$ , so we see that  $M \circ L$  is in fact the identity map.

**D2(c)** No, this is not possible. Suppose that  $M \circ L$  is one-to-one, and suppose that  $L(\mathbf{u}_1) = L(\mathbf{u}_2)$ . Then  $M(L(\mathbf{u}_1) = M(L(\mathbf{u}_2))$ , which means that  $M \circ L(\mathbf{u}_1) = M \circ L(\mathbf{u}_2)$ . Since  $M \circ L$  is one-to-one, we have  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{u}_2$ . And so we see that L is one-to-one.

**D3** Suppose the L and M are onto, and that  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{W}$ . Then, since M is onto, there is some  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{V}$  such that  $M(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{w}$ . And since L is onto, there is some  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{U}$  such that  $L(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{v}$ . This means that there is  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{U}$  such that  $M \circ L(\mathbf{u}) = M(L(\mathbf{u})) = M(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{w}$ . Thus,  $M \circ L$  is onto.