

Assignment 11

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Abstract—This a simple document that proves every linear operator on W is left multiplication by some $n \times n$ matrix, i.e., is L_A for some A where W be the space of all $n \times 1$ column matrices over a field F .

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1 PROBLEM

Let W be the space of all $n \times 1$ column matrices over a field F . If A is an $n \times n$ matrix over F , then A defines a linear operator L_A on W through left multiplication: $L_A(X) = AX$. Prove that every linear operator on W is left multiplication by some $n \times n$ matrix, i.e., is L_A for some A .

Now suppose V is an n -dimensional vector space over the field F , and let β be an ordered basis for V . For each α in V , define $U_\alpha = [\alpha]_\beta$. Prove that U is an isomorphism of V onto W . If T is a linear operator on V , then UTU^{-1} is a linear operator on W . Accordingly, UTU^{-1} is left multiplication by some $n \times n$ matrix A . What is A ?

2 SOLUTION

Let $T : W \rightarrow W$ be a linear operator and (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) be a basis for W . Now,

$$Te_1 = \alpha_{11}e_1 + \alpha_{12}e_2 + \dots + \alpha_{1n}e_n \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$Te_2 = \alpha_{21}e_1 + \alpha_{22}e_2 + \dots + \alpha_{2n}e_n \quad (2.0.2)$$

\vdots

$$Te_n = \alpha_{n1}e_1 + \alpha_{n2}e_2 + \dots + \alpha_{nn}e_n \quad (2.0.3)$$

Let A be matrix of linear transformation T . Then A is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{21} & \dots & \alpha_{n1} \\ \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{22} & \dots & \alpha_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{1n} & \alpha_{2n} & \dots & \alpha_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.4)$$

Now,

$$Ae_1 = (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{12}, \dots, \alpha_{1n}) \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$= \alpha_{11}e_1 + \alpha_{12}e_2 + \dots + \alpha_{1n}e_n \quad (2.0.6)$$

$$= Te_1 \quad (2.0.7)$$

Hence,

$$Te_1 = Ae_1 \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$Tx = Ax \quad (\text{Since } T \text{ and } A \text{ are linear}) \quad (2.0.9)$$

$$Tx = L_Ax \quad (2.0.10)$$

Thus, from (2.0.10) every linear operator on W is left multiplication by some $n \times n$ matrix, i.e., is L_A for some A .

Since,

$$\begin{aligned} U(c\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) &= [c\alpha_1 + \alpha_2]_\beta = c[\alpha_1]_\beta + [\alpha_2]_\beta \\ &= cU(\alpha_1) + U(\alpha_2) \end{aligned} \quad (2.0.11)$$

Thus, from (2.0.11), U is linear. Suppose $\beta = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ be the ordered basis for V . Let T be the function from W to V as follows :

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n \quad (2.0.12)$$

For isomorphism, we must show that TU is identity map on V and UT is an identity map on W .

Now, TU is

$$TU(x) = TU(a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n) \quad (2.0.13)$$

$$= TU(a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n) \quad (2.0.14)$$

$$= a_1T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_2T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \dots + a_nT \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.15)$$

$$= a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n \quad (2.0.16)$$

Hence, from (2.0.16) we find out that TU is identity map on V .

Now, \mathbf{UT}

$$\mathbf{UT}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{UT}(a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 + \dots + a_ne_n) \quad (2.0.17)$$

$$= \mathbf{UT}((a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 + \dots + a_ne_n)) \quad (2.0.18)$$

$$= \mathbf{U}(a_1\mathbf{T}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_2\mathbf{T}\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \dots + a_n\mathbf{T}\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}) \quad (2.0.19)$$

$$= a_1\mathbf{U}(\alpha_1) + a_2\mathbf{U}(\alpha_2) + \dots + a_n\mathbf{U}(\alpha_n) \quad (2.0.20)$$

$$= a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 + \dots + a_ne_n \quad (2.0.21)$$

From (2.0.21), we find out \mathbf{UT} is identity map on \mathbf{W} .

Hence, \mathbf{U} is an isomorphism from \mathbf{V} to \mathbf{W} .

Now, we define the matrix of \mathbf{UTU}^{-1} . Since $\mathbf{U}\alpha_i$ is the standard $n \times 1$ matrix with all zeros except in the i th place which equals one. Let β' be the standard basis for \mathbf{W} . Then the matrix of \mathbf{U} with respect to β and β' is the identity matrix. Likewise the matrix of \mathbf{U}^{-1} with respect to β' and β is the identity matrix. Thus

$$[\mathbf{UTU}^{-1}]_\beta = \mathbf{I}[\mathbf{T}]_\beta \mathbf{I}^{-1} = [\mathbf{T}]_\beta \quad (2.0.22)$$

Thus, from (2.0.22) we have the matrix \mathbf{A} is simply $[\mathbf{T}]_\beta$, the matrix of \mathbf{T} with respect to β .