Assignment 10

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Abstract—This a simple document that explains that $\mathbf{F}^{m\times n}$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{F}^{mn\times 1}$.

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1 PROBLEM

Show that $\mathbf{F}^{m\times n}$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{F}^{mn\times 1}$.

2 DEFINITIONS

Invertible Linear Map	A linear map $\mathbf{T} \in \mathbf{L(V, W)}$ is called invertible if there exists a linear map $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbf{L(W, V)}$ such that $\mathbf{ST}$ equals the identity map on $\mathbf{V}$ and $\mathbf{TS}$ equals the identity map on $\mathbf{W}$. A linear map $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbf{L(W, V)}$ satisfying $\mathbf{ST} = \mathbf{I_V}$ and $\mathbf{TS} = \mathbf{I_W}$ is called an inverse of $\mathbf{T}$.
Isomorphic Vector Spaces	Two vector spaces $\mathbf{V}$ and $\mathbf{W}$ are called isomorphic if there is an isomorphism from one vector space onto the other one. An isomorphism is an invertible linear map.
Rank Nullity Theorem	Let $\mathbf{V}$ and $\mathbf{W}$ be finite dimensional vector spaces. Let $\mathbf{T}: \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{W}$ be a linear transformation $\text{Rank}(\mathbf{T}) + \text{Nullity}(\mathbf{T}) = \dim \mathbf{V}$

3 RESULTS USED

Result 1	The space of all $m \times n$ matrices over the field $\mathbf{F}$ has dimension mn.
Result 2	Let $\mathbf{V}$ and $\mathbf{W}$ be finite-dimensional vector spaces over the field $\mathbf{F}$ such that $\dim \mathbf{V} = \dim \mathbf{W}$. If $\mathbf{T}$ is a linear transformation from $\mathbf{V}$ into $\mathbf{W}$, then the following are equivalent: (a). $\mathbf{T}$ is invertible. (b). $\mathbf{T}$ is non-singular. (c). $\mathbf{T}$ is onto, that is, range of $\mathbf{T}$ is $\mathbf{W}$.

4 Proof

Defining Sets	We define set S and set T as $S = \{(a,b) : a,b \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \le a \le m, 1 \le b \le n\}, \quad T = \{1, 2, ..., mn\}$
Defining Bijection	We now define a bijection $\sigma : S \to T$ as $$(a,b) \to (a-1)n + b$$
Defining Function G	We now define a function G from $F^{m \times n}$ to $F^{mn \times 1}$ as follows. Let $\mathbf{A} \in F^{m \times n}$. Then map $\mathbf{A}$ to the $mn \times 1$ matrix that has $\mathbf{A_{ij}}$ in the $\sigma(i, j)$ position. In other words, $$\mathbf{A} \to (\mathbf{A_{11}} \quad \mathbf{A_{12}} \quad ... \quad \mathbf{A_{1n}} \quad ... \quad \mathbf{A_{m1}} \quad \mathbf{A_{m2}} \quad ... \quad \mathbf{A_{mn}})^T$$
Proving G to be Linear	Since, addition in $F^{m \times n}$ and in $F^{mn \times 1}$ is performed component-wise, $G(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = G(\mathbf{A}) + G(\mathbf{B})$ and scalar multiplication in $F^{m \times n}$ and in $F^{mn \times 1}$ is also defined as $G(c\mathbf{A}) = cG(\mathbf{A})$.
Proving G to be One-One	$G(\mathbf{A}) = G(\mathbf{B})$ $\implies (\mathbf{A_{11}} \quad ... \quad \mathbf{A_{1n}} \quad ... \quad \mathbf{A_{m1}} \quad ... \quad \mathbf{A_{mn}})^T = (\mathbf{B_{11}} \quad ... \quad \mathbf{B_{1n}} \quad ... \quad \mathbf{B_{m1}} \quad ... \quad \mathbf{B_{mn}})^T$ $\implies \mathbf{A_{i,j}} = \mathbf{B_{ij}} \quad \forall 1 \le i \le m, 1 \le j \le n$ $\implies \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$
Proving G to be Onto	Since G is one to one, so Null(G) = 0. Thus, by Rank-Nullity Theorem dim(Range(G))= mn, proving G to be a surjective (onto) map as by Result 1 dimension of $F^{m \times n} = mn$
$F^{m \times n} \cong F^{mn \times 1}$	Since G has an inverse and is an isomorphism of $\mathbf{T}$. Thus, by Result 2 $$F^{m \times n} \cong F^{mn \times 1}$$