

# Assignment 8

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***Abstract*—This document deals with linear operators and basis of a finite dimensional vector space over a field.**

## 1 PROBLEM

Let  $\mathbb{V}$  be finite dimensional vector space over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ , and let  $\mathbf{S}$  and  $\mathbf{T}$  be linear operators on  $\mathbb{V}$ . When do there exist ordered bases  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$  for  $\mathbb{V}$  such that  $[\mathbf{S}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [\mathbf{T}]'_{\mathcal{B}}$ ? Prove that such bases exist if and only if there is an invertible linear operator  $\mathbf{U}$  on  $\mathbb{V}$  such that  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}^{-1}$

## 2 SOLUTION

Assume $[S]_{\mathcal{B}} = [T]_{\mathcal{B}'}$	Assume $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}^{-1}$
<b>Given</b>  $\mathbb{V}$ is a finite dimensional vector space over field $\mathbb{F}$ $\mathbf{S}$ and $\mathbf{T}$ are linear operators on $\mathbb{V}$ $\mathcal{B}$ and $\mathcal{B}'$ are ordered bases for $\mathbb{V}$ $[S]_{\mathcal{B}} = [T]_{\mathcal{B}}'$	<b>Given</b>  $\mathbb{V}$ is a finite dimensional vector space over field $\mathbb{F}$ $\mathbf{S}$ and $\mathbf{T}$ are linear operators on $\mathbb{V}$ $\mathcal{B}$ and $\mathcal{B}'$ are ordered bases for $\mathbb{V}$ There is an invertible linear operator $\mathbf{U}$ on $\mathbb{V}$ such that $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}^{-1}$
<b>To prove</b>  There is an invertible linear operator $\mathbf{U}$ on $\mathbb{V}$ such that $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}^{-1}$	<b>To prove</b>  $[S]_{\mathcal{B}} = [T]_{\mathcal{B}}'$
<b>Assumptions</b>  Let $\mathbf{U}$ be the operator which carries $\mathcal{B}$ to $\mathcal{B}'$ $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$ $\mathcal{B}' = \{\mathbf{x}'_1, \mathbf{x}'_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}'_n\}$	<b>Assumptions</b>  Let $\mathbf{U}$ be the operator which carries $\mathcal{B}$ to $\mathcal{B}'$ $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$ $\mathcal{B}' = \{\mathbf{x}'_1, \mathbf{x}'_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}'_n\}$
<b>Proof</b>  For $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{V}$ , expressed as a linear combination of the vectors of $\mathcal{B}$ $\mathbf{v} = a_1\mathbf{x}_1 + a_2\mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{x}_n$  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{v}) = a_1\mathbf{x}'_1 + a_2\mathbf{x}'_2 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{x}'_n$  $\because [S]_{\mathcal{B}} = [T]_{\mathcal{B}}'$ $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{v}) = c_1\mathbf{x}_1 + c_2\mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{x}_n$ and $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{w}) = c_1\mathbf{x}'_1 + c_2\mathbf{x}'_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{x}'_n$  $\mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{v})$ $= \mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{w})$ $= \mathbf{U}^{-1}(c_1\mathbf{x}'_1 + c_2\mathbf{x}'_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{x}'_n)$ $= c_1\mathbf{x}_1 + c_2\mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{x}_n$ $= \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{v})$  $\implies \mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{S}$ $\implies \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}^{-1}$	<b>Proof</b>  For $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{V}$ , expressed as a linear combination of the vectors of $\mathcal{B}'$ $\mathbf{v} = a_1\mathbf{x}'_1 + a_2\mathbf{x}'_2 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{x}'_n$  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}^{-1}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{v})$ $= \mathbf{T}(a_1\mathbf{x}'_1 + a_2\mathbf{x}'_2 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{x}'_n)$ $= c_1\mathbf{x}'_1 + c_2\mathbf{x}'_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{x}'_n$  But we know that $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}^{-1}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}^{-1}(a_1\mathbf{x}'_1 + a_2\mathbf{x}'_2 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{x}'_n)$ $= \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}(a_1\mathbf{x}_1 + a_2\mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{x}_n)$  So, $\mathbf{S}$ in basis $\mathcal{B}$ has the same entries as $\mathbf{T}$ in basis $\mathcal{B}'$ $\therefore [S]_{\mathcal{B}} = [T]_{\mathcal{B}}'$

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