

**Section 1.A –  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{C}^n$**

**$-\alpha$ , subtraction,  $1/\alpha$ , division:** Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{C}$ . Let  $-\alpha$  denote the additive inverse of  $\alpha$ . Thus  $-\alpha$  is the unique complex number such that  $\alpha + (-\alpha) = 0$ . Subtraction on  $\mathbf{C}$  is defined by  $\beta - \alpha = \beta + (-\alpha)$ . For  $\alpha \neq 0$ , let  $1/\alpha$  denote the multiplicative inverse of  $\alpha$ . Thus  $1/\alpha$  is the unique complex number such that  $\alpha(1/\alpha) = 1$ . Division on  $\mathbf{C}$  is defined by  $\beta/\alpha = \beta(1/\alpha)$

**list, length:** Suppose  $n$  is a nonnegative integer. A list of length  $n$  is an ordered collection of  $n$  elements (which might be numbers, other lists, or more abstract entities) separated by commas and surrounded by parentheses. A list of length  $n$  looks like this:  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Two lists are equal if and only if they have the same length and the same elements in the same order.

**$\mathbb{F}^n$ :**  $\mathbf{F}^n$  is the set of all lists of length  $n$  of elements of  $\mathbf{F}$  :  $\mathbf{F}^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_j \in \mathbf{F} \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n\}$  For  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{F}^n$

and  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , we say that  $x_j$  is the  $j^{\text{th}}$  coordinate of  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

**addition in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ :** Addition in  $\mathbf{F}^n$  is defined by adding corresponding coordinates:  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) + (y_1, \dots, y_n) = (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n)$

**Commutativity of addition in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ :** If  $x, y \in \mathbf{F}^n$ , then  $x + y = y + x$

**$o$ :** Let  $o$  denote the list of length  $n$  whose coordinates are all  $0$ :  $0 = (0, \dots, 0)$

**additive inverse in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ :** For  $x \in \mathbf{F}^n$ , the additive inverse of  $x$ , denoted  $-x$ , is the vector  $-x \in \mathbf{F}^n$  such that  $x + (-x) = 0$  In other words, if  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , then  $-x = (-x_1, \dots, -x_n)$

**calar multiplication in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ :** The product of a number  $\lambda$  and a vector in  $\mathbf{F}^n$  is computed by multiplying each coordinate of the vector by  $\lambda$ :  $\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n)$  here  $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{F}^n$

**Section 1.B – Definition of Vector Space**

**addition, scalar multiplication:** A function on a set  $V$  is a function that assigns an element  $u + v \in V$  to each pair of elements  $u, v \in V$ . A scalar multiplication on a set  $V$  is a function that assigns an element  $\lambda v \in V$  to  $v$  to each  $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$  and each  $v \in V$

**Vector Space:** A vector space is a set  $V$  along with an addition on  $V$  and a scalar multiplication on  $V$  such that the following properties hold: commutativity

$$u + v = v + u \text{ for all } u, v \in V$$

associativity  $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$  and  $(ab)v = a(bv)$  for all  $u, v, w \in V$  and all  $a, b \in \mathbf{F}$  additive identity there exists an element  $0 \in V$  such that  $v + 0 = v$  for all  $v \in V$  additive inverse for every  $v \in V$ , there exists  $w \in V$  such that  $v + w = 0$  multiplicative identity  $1v = v$  for all  $v \in V$  distributive properties

$$a(u + v) = au + av \text{ and } (a + b)v = av + bv \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbf{F} \text{ and}$$

all  $u, v \in V$

**vector, point:** Elements of a vector space are called vectors or points.

**real vector space, complex vector space:** A vector space over  $\mathbf{R}$  is called a real vector space. A vector space over  $\mathbf{C}$  is called a complex vector space.

**$\mathbb{F}^S$ :** If  $S$  is a set, then  $\mathbf{F}^S$  denotes the set of functions from  $S$  to  $\mathbf{F}$ . For  $f, g \in \mathbf{F}^S$ , the sum  $f + g \in \mathbf{F}^S$  is the function defined by  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$  for all  $x \in S$  For  $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $f \in \mathbf{F}^S$ , the product  $\lambda f \in \mathbf{F}^S$  is the function defined by  $(\lambda f)(x) = \lambda f(x)$  for all  $x \in S$

**Unique Additive Identity:** A vector space has a unique additive identity

**Unique additive inverse:** Every element in a vector space has a unique additive inverse.

**The number  $o$  times a vector:**  $0v = 0$  for every  $v \in V$

**A number times the vector  $v$ :**  $a0 = 0$  for every  $a \in \mathbf{F}$

**The number  $-1$  times a vector:**  $(-1)v = -v$  for every  $v \in V$

**Section 1.C – Subspaces**

**Subspace:** A subset  $U$  of  $V$  is called a subspace of  $V$  if  $U$  is also a vector space (using the same addition and scalar multiplication as on  $V$ ).

**Conditions for a subspace:** A subset  $U$  of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if  $U$  satisfies the following three conditions: additive identity  $0 \in U$  closed under addition  $u, w \in U$  implies  $u + w \in U$  closed under scalar multiplication  $a \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $u \in U$  implies  $au \in U$

**sum of subsets:** Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subsets of  $V$ . The sum of  $U_1, \dots, U_m$ , denoted  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ , is the set of all possible sums of elements of  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  More precisely,  $U_1 + \dots + U_m = \{u_1 + \dots + u_m : u_1 \in U_1, \dots, u_m \in U_m\}$

**Sum of subspaces is the smallest containing subspace:** Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Then  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing  $U_1, \dots, U_m$

**direct sum:** Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $V$ . The sum  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is called a direct sum if each element of  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  can be written in only one way as a sum  $u_1 + \dots + u_m$ , where each  $u_j$  is in  $U_j$ . If  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is a direct sum, then  $U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_m$  denotes  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ , with the  $\oplus$  notation serving as an indication that this is a direct sum.

**Condition for a direct sum:** Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Then  $U + W$  is a direct sum if and only if  $U \cap W = \{0\}$

**Direct sum of two subspaces:** Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Then  $U + W$  is a direct sum if and only if  $U \cap W = \{0\}$

**Section 2.A Span and Linear Independence**

**Span:** The set of all linear combinations of a list of vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  in  $V$  is called the span of  $v_1, \dots, v_m$ , denoted  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ . In other words,

$$\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m) = \{a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m : a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbf{F}\}$$

The span of the empty list  $()$  is defined to be  $\{0\}$ .

**Span is the smallest containing subspace:** The span of a list of vectors in  $V$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing all the vectors in the list.

**spans:** If  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$  equals  $V$ , we say that  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  spans  $V$

**finite-dimensional vector space:** A vector space is called finite-dimensional if some list of vectors in it spans the space.

**polynomial over a field  $\mathbf{F}$ :** A function  $p : \mathbf{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$  is called a polynomial with coefficients in  $\mathbf{F}$  if there exist  $a_0, \dots, a_m \in \mathbf{F}$  such that

$$p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_m z^m$$

for all  $z \in \mathbf{F}$ .  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})$  is the set of all polynomials with coefficients in  $\mathbf{F}$ .

**degree of a polynomial:** A polynomial  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})$  is said to have degree  $m$  if there exist scalars  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbf{F}$  with  $a_m \neq 0$  such that

$$p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_m z^m$$

for all  $z \in \mathbf{F}$ . If  $p$  has degree  $m$ , we write  $\deg p = m$ .

The polynomial that is identically 0 is said to have degree  $-\infty$ .

**$\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbf{F})$ :** For  $m$  a nonnegative integer,  $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbf{F})$  denotes the set of all polynomials with coefficients in  $\mathbf{F}$  and degree at most  $m$ .

**infinite-dimensional vector space:** A vector space is called infinite-dimensional if it is not finite-dimensional.

**linearly independent:** A list  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  of vectors in  $V$  is called linearly independent if the only choice of  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbf{F}$  that makes  $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m$  equal o is  $a_1 = \dots = a_m = 0$

The empty list  $()$  is also declared to be linearly independent.

**linearly dependent:** A list of vectors in  $V$  is called linearly dependent if it is not linearly independent.

In other words, a list  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  of vectors in  $V$  is linearly dependent if there exist  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbf{F}$ , not all 0, such that  $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m = 0$

**Linear Dependence Lemma:** Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is a linearly dependent list in  $V$ . Then there exists  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that the following hold: (a)  $v_j \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{j-1})$  (b) if the  $j^{\text{th}}$  term is removed from  $v_1, \dots, v_m$ , the span of the remaining list equals  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$

**Length of linearly independent list  $\leq$  length of spanning list:** In a finite-dimensional vector space, the length of every linearly independent list of vectors is less than or equal to the length of every spanning list of vectors.

**Finite-dimensional subspaces:** Every subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space is finite-dimensional.

**Section 2.B Bases**

**basis:** A basis of  $V$  is a list of vectors in  $V$  that is linearly independent and spans  $V$

**Criterion for basis:** A list  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  of vectors in  $V$  is a basis of  $V$  if and only if every  $v \in V$  can be written uniquely in the form  $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$  where  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbf{F}$

**Spanning list contains a basis:** Every spanning list in a vector space can be reduced to a basis of the vector space.

**Linearly independent list extends to a basis:** Every linearly independent list of vectors in a finite-dimensional vector space can be extended to a basis of the vector space.

**Every subspace  $V$  is part of a direct sum equal to  $V$ :** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Then there is a subspace  $W$  of  $V$  such that  $V = U \oplus W$

**Section 2.C Dimension**

**dimension,  $\dim V$ :** The dimension of a finite-dimensional vector space is the length of any basis of the vector space. The dimension of  $V$  (if  $V$  is finite-dimensional) is denoted by  $\dim V$ .

**Dimension of subspace:** If  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then  $\dim U \leq \dim V$

**Linearly independent list of the right length is a basis:** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional. Then every linearly independent list of vectors in  $V$  with length  $\dim V$  is a basis of  $V$

**Spanning list of the right length is a basis:** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional. Then every spanning list of vectors in  $V$  with length  $\dim V$  is a basis of  $V$

**Dimension of a sum:** If  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are subspaces of a finite-dimensional vector space, then

$$\dim(U_1 + U_2) = \dim U_1 + \dim U_2 - \dim(U_1 \cap U_2)$$

**Section 3.A The Vector Space of Linear Maps**

**linear map:** A linear map from  $V$  to  $W$  is a function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  with the following properties: additivity

$$T(u + v) = Tu + Tv \text{ for all } u, v \in V$$

homogeneity

$$T(\lambda v) = \lambda(Tv) \text{ for all } \lambda \in \mathbf{F} \text{ and all } v \in V$$

**Notation  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ :** The set of all linear maps from  $V$  to  $W$  is denoted  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$

**Linear maps and basis of domain:** Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in W$ . Then there exists a unique linear map  $T : V \rightarrow W$  such that

$$T v_j = w_j$$

for each  $j = 1, \dots, n$

**additional nd scalar multiplication on linear maps:** Suppose  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$ . The sum  $S + T$  and the product  $\lambda T$  are the linear maps from  $V$  to  $W$  defined by

$$(S + T)(v) = Sv + Tv \quad \text{and} \quad (\lambda T)(v) = \lambda(Tv)$$

for all  $v \in V$

**$\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is a vector space:** With the operations of addition and scalar multiplication as defined above,  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is a vector space.

**Product of Linear Maps:** If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then the product  $ST \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$  is defined by

$$(ST)(u) = S(Tu)$$

for  $u \in U$

**Algebraic Properties of products of linear maps: associativity**

$$(T_1 T_2) T_3 = T_1 (T_2 T_3)$$

whenever  $T_1, T_2$ , and  $T_3$  are linear maps such that the products make sense (meaning that  $T_3$  maps into the domain of  $T_2$ , and  $T_2$  maps into the domain of  $T_1$ ). **identity**

$$TI = IT = T$$

whenever  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  (the first  $I$  is the identity map on  $V$ , and the second  $I$  is the identity map on  $W$ ). **distributive properties**

$$(S_1 + S_2) T = S_1 T + S_2 T \quad \text{and} \quad S (T_1 + T_2) = S T_1 + S T_2$$

whenever  $T, T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$  and  $S, S_1, S_2 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$

**Linear maps take  $o$  to  $o$ :** Suppose  $T$  is a linear map from  $V$  to  $W$ . Then  $T(0) = 0$

**Section 3.B Null Spaces and Ranges**

**null space:** For  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , the null space of  $T$ , denoted  $\text{null } T$ , is the subset of  $V$  consisting of those vectors that  $T$  maps to  $o$ :

$$\text{null } T = \{v \in V : Tv = 0\}$$

**injective:** A function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is called injective if  $Tu = Tv$  implies  $u = v$

**Injectivity is equivalent to null space equals  $\{0\}$ :** Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then  $T$  is injective if and only if  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$

**range:** For  $T$  a function from  $V$  to  $W$ , the range of  $T$  is the subset of  $W$  consisting of those vectors that are of the form  $Tv$  for some  $v \in V$ :

$$\text{range } T = \{Tv : v \in V\}$$

**The range is subspace:** If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then  $\text{range } T$  is a subspace of  $W$

**surjective:** A function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is called surjective if its range equals  $W$

**Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps:** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then  $\text{range } T$  is finite-dimensional and

$$\dim V = \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T$$

**A map to a smaller dimensional space is not injective:** Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are finite-dimensional vector spaces such that  $\dim V > \dim W$ . Then no linear map from  $V$  to  $W$  is injective.

**A map to a larger dimensional space is not surjective:** Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are finite-dimensional vector spaces such that  $\dim V < \dim W$ . Then no linear map from  $V$  to  $W$  is surjective.

**Homogeneous system of linear equations:** A homogeneous system of linear equations with more variables than equations has nonzero solutions.

**Inhomogeneous system of linear equations:** An inhomogeneous system of linear equations with more equations than variables has no solution for some choice of the constant terms.

**Section 3.C Matrices**

**matrix,  $A_{j,k}$ :** Let  $m$  and  $n$  denote positive integers. An  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix  $A$  is a rectangular array of elements of  $\mathbf{F}$  with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

The notation  $A_{j,k}$  denotes the entry in row  $j$ , column  $k$  of  $A$ . In other words, the first index refers to the row number and the second index refers to the column number.

**matrix of a linear map,  $\mathcal{M}(T)$ :** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  is a basis of  $W$ . The matrix of  $T$  with respect to these bases is the  $m - by - n$  matrix  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  whose entries  $A_{j,k}$  are defined by

$$T v_k = A_{1,k} w_1 + \dots + A_{m,k} w_m$$

If the bases are not clear from the context, then the notation  $\mathcal{M}(T, (v_1, \dots, v_n), (w_1, \dots, w_m))$  is used.

**$\mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ :** For  $m$  and  $n$  positive integers, the set of all  $m - by - n$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbf{F}$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{F}^{m,n}$

**$\dim \mathbb{F}^{m,n} = mn$ :** Suppose  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers. With addition and scalar multiplication defined as above,  $\mathbf{F}^{m,n}$  is a vector space with dimension  $mn$

**matrix multiplication:** Suppose  $A$  is an  $m - by - n$  matrix and  $C$  is an  $n$ -by- $p$  matrix. Then  $AC$  is defined to be the  $m$ -by- $p$  matrix whose entry in row  $j$ , column  $k$ , is given by the following equation:

$$(AC)_{j,k} = \sum_{r=1}^n A_{j,r} C_{r,k}$$

In other words, the entry in row  $j$ , column  $k$ , of  $AC$  is computed by taking row  $j$  of  $A$  and column  $k$  of  $C$ , multiplying together corresponding entries, and then summing.

**$A_{j,}, A_{,k}$ :** Suppose  $A$  is an  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix. If  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , then  $A_{j,}$  denotes the  $1 - by - n$  matrix consisting of row  $j$  of  $A$ . If  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , then  $A_{,k}$  denotes the  $m - by - 1$  matrix consisting of column  $k$  of  $A$

**Entry of matrix product equals row times column:** Suppose  $A$  is an  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix and  $C$  is an  $n$ -by- $p$  matrix. Then

$$(AC)_{j,k} = A_{j,} C_{,k}$$

for  $1 \leq j \leq m$  and  $1 \leq k \leq p$

**Column of matrix product equals matrix times column:** Suppose  $A$  is an  $m - by - n$  matrix and  $C$  is an  $n$ -by- $p$  matrix. Then

$$(AC)_{,k} = A C_{,k}$$

for  $1 \leq k \leq p$

**Linear combination of columns:** Suppose  $A$  is an  $m - by - n$  matrix and  $c = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$

is an  $n$ -by-1 matrix. Then

$$Ac = c_1 A_{,1} + \dots + c_n A_{,n}$$

In other words,  $Ac$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ , with the scalars that multiply the columns coming from  $c$ .