

# Linear Algebra: A Brief Overview

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# Chapter 1

## Vector Spaces

### 1.1 Fields

Fields are an important structure that come up in the study of linear algebra. We shall define them below.

**Definition 1.1.1** (Field). A field is a set of elements  $\mathbb{F}$  with two binary operations, addition  $+$  and multiplication  $\cdot$ , that satisfies the field axioms for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{F}$ ,

C1 (**Closure under addition**)  $x + y \in \mathbb{F}$

C2 (**Closure under multiplication**)  $x \cdot y \in \mathbb{F}$

A1 (**Commutativity of addition**)  $x + y = y + x$

A2 (**Associativity of addition**)  $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$

A3 (**Additive identity**) There exists  $0 \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $x + 0 = x$

A4 (**Additive inverse**) There exists  $-x \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $x + (-x) = 0$

A5 (**Commutativity of multiplication**)  $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$

A6 (**Associativity of multiplication**)  $(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$

A7 (**Multiplicative identity**) There exists  $1 \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $x \cdot 1 = x$

A8 (**Multiplicative inverse**) There exists  $x^{-1} \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $x \cdot x^{-1} = 1$

A9 (**Distributivity of multiplication over addition**)  $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$

A10 (**Distinct additive and multiplicative identities**)  $1 \neq 0$

Note that the final field axiom excludes one-element sets from being fields.

Many of the properties of a field are intuitive to our understanding of introductory mathematics. Here are a few properties of interest.

**Theorem 1.1.2** (Unique Identity). The additive identity 0 and the multiplicative identity 1 are both unique.

*Proof.* Additive identity: suppose 0 and  $0'$  are additive identities,

$$0 = 0 + 0' = 0' + 0 = 0' \quad (1.1.1)$$

Multiplicative identity: similarly, suppose 1 and  $1'$  are multiplicative identities,

$$1 = 1 \cdot 1' = 1' \cdot 1 = 1' \quad (1.1.2)$$

□

**Theorem 1.1.3** (Unique Inverse). For  $x \in \mathbb{F}$ , the additive inverse  $-x$  and multiplicative inverse  $x^{-1}$  are unique.

*Proof.* Additive inverse: suppose  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are both additive inverses of  $x \in \mathbb{F}$ ,

$$\alpha = \alpha + 0 = \alpha + (x + \beta) = (\alpha + x) + \beta = \beta \quad (1.1.3)$$

Multiplicative inverse: follows the same process as the proof above.

□

**Theorem 1.1.4.** For any  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{F}$ ,

1.  $x \cdot 0 = 0$
2.  $(-1) \cdot x = -x$
3.  $(-x) \cdot y = x \cdot (-y) = -(xy)$
4.  $(-x) \cdot (-y) = xy$
5. If  $x + z = y + z$ , then  $x = y$
6. If  $xz = yz$  and  $z \neq 0$ , then  $x = y$

Where  $xy$  is shorthand for  $x \cdot y$ .

*Proof.* (1) For any  $x \in \mathbb{F}$ ,

$$x \cdot 0 = x \cdot (0 + 0) = x \cdot 0 + x \cdot 0 \quad (1.1.4)$$

Thus,

$$x \cdot 0 = 0 \quad (1.1.5)$$

(2) For any  $x \in \mathbb{F}$ , we want to show that  $x + (-1) \cdot x = 0$ ,

$$x + (-1) \cdot x = 1 \cdot x + (-1) \cdot x = (1 + (-1)) \cdot x = 0 \cdot x = 0 \quad (1.1.6)$$

(3-6) is left as an exercise.

□

## 1.2 Lists

**Definition 1.2.1** (List). A list of length  $n$  (or  $n$ -tuple) is an ordered collection of  $n$  elements,

$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \quad (1.2.1)$$

Two lists are equal if and only if they have the same length and same elements in the same order. Unlike for a set, repeated elements in a list have meaning.

**Definition 1.2.2.**  $\mathbb{F}^n$  is the set of all lists of length  $n$  containing elements of  $\mathbb{F}$ ,

$$\mathbb{F}^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_j \in \mathbb{F} \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n\} \quad (1.2.2)$$

For example, we can think of  $\mathbb{F}^2$  as a plane in  $\mathbb{F}$ .

**Definition 1.2.3** (0 in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ ). We denote 0 as the list of length  $n$  with coordinates,

$$0 = (0, \dots, 0) \quad (1.2.3)$$

**Definition 1.2.4** (Addition in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ ). We define coordinate-wise addition in  $\mathbb{F}^n$  as,

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) + (y_1, \dots, y_n) = (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n) \quad (1.2.4)$$

**Definition 1.2.5** (Scalar Multiplication in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ ). The product of a scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  and a list in  $\mathbb{F}^n$  is computed by multiplying each coordinate of the vector by  $\lambda$ ,

$$\lambda \cdot (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\lambda \cdot x_1, \dots, \lambda \cdot x_n) \quad (1.2.5)$$

## 1.3 Vector Space

**Definition 1.3.1** (Vector Space). A vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  is a set with the following operations and satisfying the following closure and vector-space axioms, for all  $x, y, z \in V$  and  $\lambda, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$ ,

O1 (**Vector addition operation**)  $+$  :  $V \times V \rightarrow V$

O2 (**Scalar multiplication operation**)  $\cdot$  :  $F \times V \rightarrow V$

C1 (**Closed under vector addition**)  $x + y \in V$

C2 (**Closed under scalar multiplication**)  $\lambda \cdot x \in V$

A1 (**Commutativity of vector addition**)  $x + y = y + x$

A2 (**Associativity of vector addition**)  $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$

A3 (**Vector additive identity**) There exists  $0 \in V$  such that  $x + 0 = x$

A4 (**Vector additive inverse**) There exists  $-x \in V$  such that  $x + (-x) = 0$

A5 (**Distributivity of vector addition over scalar multiplication**)

$$(\alpha + \beta) \cdot x = \alpha x + \beta x$$

A6 (**Associativity of scalar multiplication**)  $(\alpha\beta) \cdot x = \alpha \cdot (\beta x)$

A7 (**Scalar multiplicative identity**) For  $1 \in F$ ,  $1 \cdot x = x$

A8 (**Distributivity of scalar multiplication over vector addition**)

$$\lambda(x + y) = \lambda x + \lambda y$$

Notice that the field over which a vector space is defined only serves to specify the set of scalars. Also note that the simplest vector space is the zero vector space,  $\{0\}$ , which contains only the zero vector over an arbitrary field.

**Definition 1.3.2** (Vector). A vector is an element of a vector space.

**Proposition 1.3.3.**  $\mathbb{F}^n$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$

*Proof.* We can show that  $\mathbb{F}^n$  satisfies the conditions for a vector space (definition 1.3.1) with definitions of addition and scalar multiplication over  $\mathbb{F}^n$  (1.2.4 and 1.2.5) and the field axioms (definition 1.1.1). The full exercise is left for the reader.  $\square$

Note that while all  $\mathbb{F}^n$  are vector spaces, the converse is not true: a vector space does not have to be  $\mathbb{F}^n$ . The zero vector space is a simple counterexample—though we can devise all manners of interesting and exotic vector spaces.<sup>1</sup>

The properties of a vector space follow very closely from the properties of a field. Thus, we shall omit the proofs and state some of the highlights,

**Theorem 1.3.4.** For a vector space  $V$  over  $\mathbb{F}$ ,

1.  $V$  has a unique additive identity,  $0$
2. Each element in  $V$  has a unique additive inverse.
3.  $0 \cdot v = 0$  for all  $v \in V$
4.  $\lambda \cdot 0 = 0$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$
5.  $(-1) \cdot v = -v$  for all  $v \in V$

## 1.4 Subspaces

**Definition 1.4.1** (Subspace). A subset  $U$  of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if  $U$  is also a vector space using the same addition and scalar multiplication as defined on  $V$ .

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<sup>1</sup>Another counterexample that comes to mind: the vector space of  $2 \times 2$  real matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$  with element-wise vector addition and scalar multiplication. Somewhat confusingly, here we say that a matrix is a “vector” because it is an element of the vector space.

**Proposition 1.4.2** (Conditions for a subspace). A subset  $U$  of  $V$  is a subspace if and only if  $U$  satisfies the conditions,

1.  $U$  contains the additive identity,  $0$
2.  $U$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication

**Example 1.4.3.** The subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are precisely  $\{0\}$ , all lines in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that pass through the origin, and all planes in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that intersect the origin.

### 1.4.1 Sum of Subspaces

**Definition 1.4.4** (Sum of Subsets). Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  are subsets of  $V$ . The sum of the subsets is the set of all possible sums of an element from each subset,

$$(U_1 + \dots + U_n) = \{(u_1 + \dots + u_n) : u_j \in U_j\} \quad (1.4.1)$$

**Theorem 1.4.5.** Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Then their sum  $(U_1 + \dots + U_n)$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Furthermore, it is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing  $U_1, \dots, U_n$ .

*Proof.* It is simple to show that  $0 \in (U_1 + \dots + U_n)$  and that  $(U_1 + \dots + U_n)$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication. Thus,  $(U_1 + \dots + U_n)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

$U_1, \dots, U_n$  are all contained in  $(U_1 + \dots + U_n)$  because the zero vector exists in each subset.<sup>2</sup> Conversely, every subspace of  $V$  containing  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  must contain all elements of  $(U_1 + \dots + U_n)$ . Thus,  $(U_1 + \dots + U_n)$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing  $U_1, \dots, U_n$ .  $\square$

**Definition 1.4.6** (Direct Sum). Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Then the sum  $(U_1 + \dots + U_n)$  is a direct sum if each element can be written in only one way as a sum  $(u_1 + \dots + u_n)$  where  $u_j \in U_j$ . A sum that satisfies this condition is denoted  $(U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_n)$ .

**Theorem 1.4.7** (Condition for a Direct Sum). Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Then  $(U_1 + \dots + U_n)$  is a direct sum if and only if the only way to write,

$$u_1 + \dots + u_n = 0 \quad \text{for } u_j \in U_j \quad (1.4.2)$$

is by taking each  $u_j = 0$ .

*Proof.* First suppose  $(U_1 + \dots + U_n)$  is a direct sum. Clearly, we can write  $(0 + \dots + 0) = 0$ . And by the definition of a direct sum, this must be the only way to write  $0$  as a sum  $(u_1 + \dots + u_n)$ .

Now suppose the only way to write  $0$  as a sum  $(u_1 + \dots + u_n)$  is by taking each  $u_j = 0$ . Let  $v \in (U_1 + \dots + U_n)$  and suppose that we can write  $v$  as,

$$v = u_1 + \dots + u_n = u'_1 + \dots + u'_n \quad (1.4.3)$$

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<sup>2</sup>In the sum  $(u_1 + \dots + u_n)$ , we can set all but one of the  $u$ 's to be the zero vector.

Then,

$$0 = (u_1 - u'_1) + \cdots + (u_n - u'_n) \tag{1.4.4}$$

But we know that each  $(u_j - u'_j) = 0$ . Thus,  $u_j = u'_j$  and each  $v \in (U_1 + \cdots + U_n)$  has a unique representation.  $\square$



# Chapter 2

## Finite-Dimensional Vector Spaces

A large portion of linear algebra focuses on a subset of all possible vector spaces that are finite-dimensional—which we shall define more formally later in the chapter.

Notation: note that from now on, it will be implicit that  $V$  is a vector space over a field  $\mathbb{F}$ .

### 2.1 Span

**Definition 2.1.1** (Linear Combination). A linear combination of vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  is a vector of the form,

$$v = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n \quad \text{where } a_j \in \mathbb{F} \quad (2.1.1)$$

**Definition 2.1.2** (Span). The set of all possible linear combinations of a list of vectors is its span,

$$\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n) = \{(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n) : a_j \in \mathbb{F}\} \quad (2.1.2)$$

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

**Theorem 2.1.3.** The span of a list of vectors in  $V$  is a subspace. Furthermore, it is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing all the vectors in the list.

*Proof.* First, we wish to show that  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is a subspace of  $V$ . We know that,

$$0 = 0 \cdot v_1 + \dots + 0 \cdot v_n \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n) \quad (2.1.3)$$

Furthermore,  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication because,

$$(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n) + (b_1v_1 + \dots + b_nv_n) = (a_1 + b_1)v_1 + \dots + (a_n + b_n)v_n \quad (2.1.4)$$

$$\lambda(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n) = \lambda a_1v_1 + \dots + \lambda a_nv_n \quad (2.1.5)$$

Thus,  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

It is clear that  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  contains  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ . Conversely, because subspaces are closed under addition and scalar multiplication, every subspace containing  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  must also

contain  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ . Thus, the span is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing all of the vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.1.4** (Finite-Dimensional Vector Space). A vector space is finite-dimensional if it is spanned by a finite list of vectors. A vector space is infinite-dimensional if it is not finite-dimensional.

## 2.2 Linear Independence

**Definition 2.2.1** (Linearly Independent). A list of vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is linearly independent if and only if each vector in  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  has a unique representation as a linear combination of  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ . The empty list  $()$  is also defined to be linearly independent.

**Theorem 2.2.2** (Condition for Linear Independence). A list of vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is linearly independent if and only if,

$$a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n = 0 \quad \text{for } a_j \in \mathbb{F} \quad (2.2.1)$$

implies  $a_j = 0$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proof of theorem 1.4.7.  $\square$

**Definition 2.2.3** (Linearly Dependent). A list of vectors in  $V$  is linearly dependent if it is not linearly independent. In other words, there exists  $a_j \in \mathbb{F}$  that are not all zero, such that,

$$a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n = 0 \quad (2.2.2)$$

**Lemma 2.2.4** (Linear Dependence Lemma). Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a linearly dependent list in  $V$ . Then there exists  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that,

1.  $v_k \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$
2. The span of the list is unchanged if  $v_k$  is removed.

*Proof.* Left for the reader.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.5.** 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.

*Proof.* This follows from the linear dependence lemma 2.2.4.  $\square$

## 2.3 Bases

**Definition 2.3.1** (Basis). A basis of  $V$  is a list of vectors in  $V$  that are linearly independent and spans  $V$ .

**Proposition 2.3.2** (Criterion for Basis). If  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ , then every vector in  $V$  can be uniquely represented as a linearly combination of  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ .

*Proof.* The proof is closely related to the ideas of linear independence (definition 2.2.1) and is left for the reader.  $\square$

## 2.4 Dimension

**Theorem 2.4.1.** Any two bases of a finite-dimensional vector space have the same length. This theorem serves as the motivation for our definition of “dimension.”

*Proof.* Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are two bases of  $V$ . We know  $B_1$  is linearly independent in  $V$  and  $B_2$  spans  $V$ . Thus, by theorem 2.2.5, the length of  $B_2$  is less than or equal to the length of  $B_1$ . Interchanging  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ , we also see that the length of  $B_2$  is less than or equal to the length of  $B_1$ . Thus, the length of  $B_1$  is equal to the length of  $B_2$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.4.2** (Dimension). The dimension of a finite-dimensional vector space (definition 2.1.4) is the length of any basis of the vector space.

**Theorem 2.4.3.** The following are a few theorems that follow from the definition of a dimension. We shall state them here without proof.

1. If  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then  $\dim(U) \leq \dim(V)$
2. If  $V$  is finite-dimensional, then every linearly independent list of vectors in  $V$  with length  $\dim(V)$  is a basis for  $V$
3. If  $V$  is finite-dimensional, then every spanning list of vectors in  $V$  with length  $\dim(V)$  is a basis for  $V$
4. If  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are subspaces of a finite-dimensional vector space, then,

$$\dim(U_1 + U_2) = \dim(U_1) + \dim(U_2) - \dim(U_1 \cap U_2) \quad (2.4.1)$$

# Chapter 3

## Linear Maps

**Definition 3.0.1** (Linear Maps). A linear map, or linear transformation, from vector space  $V$  to vector space  $W$ <sup>1</sup> is an operation  $T : V \rightarrow W$  with the properties, for any  $v, v_1, v_2 \in V$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$

$$\text{P1 (Additivity)} \quad T(v_1 + v_2) = T(v_1) + T(v_2)$$

$$\text{P2 (Homogeneity)} \quad T(\lambda \cdot v) = \lambda \cdot T(v)$$

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

**Theorem 3.0.2** (Linear Maps take 0 to 0). Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then,  $T(0) = 0$ .

*Proof.* By additivity,

$$T(0) = T(0 + 0) = T(0) + T(0) \tag{3.0.1}$$

Thus,

$$T(0) = 0 \tag{3.0.2}$$

□

**Definition 3.0.3** (Algebraic Operations on  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ ). Suppose  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . For all  $v \in V$ ,

1. The sum is defined as  $(S + T)v = Sv + Tv$
2. The scalar product is defined as  $(\lambda S)v = \lambda \cdot Sv$

Notice that these two conditions are sufficient to show that  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is a vector space. Finally,

3. The product of linear maps is defined as  $(ST)u = S(Tu)$  for  $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ ,  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , and  $u \in U$

**Theorem 3.0.4** (Algebraic Properties of Linear Maps). For  $T, T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$  and  $S, S_1, S_2 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ ,

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<sup>1</sup>It is implicit that both vector spaces are over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

1. **Associativity:**  $(T_1T_2)T_3 = T_1(T_2T_3)$
2. **Identity:**  $TI = IT = T$  (notice the first  $I$  is the identity map on  $V$  while the second  $I$  is the identity map on  $W$ )
3. **Distributive:**  $(S_1 + S_2)T = S_1T + S_2T$  and  $S(T_1 + T_2) = ST_1 + ST_2$

### 3.1 Null Spaces and Ranges

**Definition 3.1.1.** For  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , the null space of  $T$ ,  $\text{null } T$ , is the subset of  $V$  consisting of vectors that  $T$  maps to 0,

$$\text{null } T = \{v \in V : Tv = 0\} \quad (3.1.1)$$

**Theorem 3.1.2.** For  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ ,  $\text{null } T$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

*Proof.*  $T$  is a linear map, so  $T(0) = 0$  (theorem 3.0.2). Thus,  $0 \in \text{null } T$ .

Suppose  $u, v \in \text{null } T$ . Then,  $T(u + v) = T(u) + T(v) = 0 + 0 = 0$ . Thus,  $\text{null } T$  is closed under addition.

Suppose  $u \in \text{null } T$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then,  $T(\lambda u) = \lambda T(u) = \lambda 0 = 0$ . This,  $\text{null } T$  is closed under scalar multiplication.

The conditions of a subspace are met (1.4.2). □

**Definition 3.1.3.** For  $T$ , a function from  $V$  to  $W$ , the range of  $T$  is,

$$\text{range } T = \{Tv : v \in V\} \quad (3.1.2)$$

**Theorem 3.1.4.** If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then  $\text{range } T$  is a subspace of  $W$ .

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is a linear map,  $T(0) = 0$ . Thus,  $0 \in \text{range } T$

If  $w_1, w_2 \in \text{range } T$ , then there must exist  $v_1, v_2 \in V$  such that  $Tv_i = w_i$ . Thus, =

$$T(v_1 + v_2) = T(v_1) + T(v_2) = w_1 + w_2 \quad (3.1.3)$$

Hence,  $w_1 + w_2 \in \text{range } T$ ;  $\text{range } T$  is closed under addition.

If  $w \in \text{range } T$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ , then there exists  $v \in V$  such that  $T(v) = w$ . Thus,

$$T(\lambda v) = \lambda T(v) = \lambda w \quad (3.1.4)$$

Thus,  $\text{range } T$  is closed under scalar multiplication. □

**Definition 3.1.5 (Injective).** A function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is injective if  $T(u) = T(v)$  implies  $u = v$ . In other words, distinct inputs are mapped to distinct outputs.

**Theorem 3.1.6.** Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .  $T$  is injective if and only if  $\text{null } T = \{0\}$

**Definition 3.1.7** (Surjective). A function  $T$  from  $V$  to  $W$  is surjective if its range equals  $W$ ,

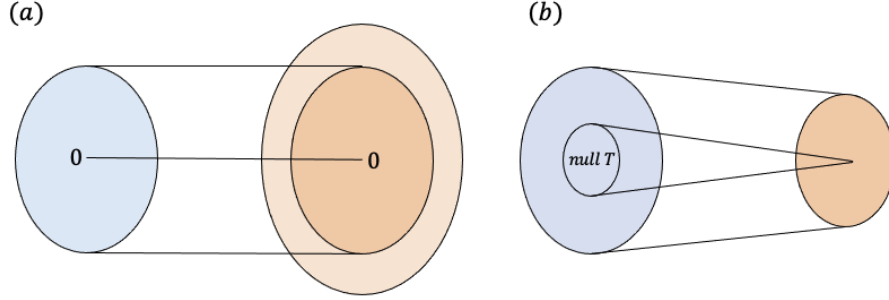


Figure 3.1: Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is a linear map from  $V$  (blue) to  $W$  (orange) with some range  $T$  (darker orange). (a)  $T$  is injective. (b)  $T$  is surjective. Notice, a map to a smaller dimensional space can not be injective and a map to a larger dimensional space can not be surjective. We can also show this with the fundamental theorem of linear maps.

## 3.2 Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps

**Theorem 3.2.1.** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then  $\text{range } T$  is finite-dimensional and,

$$\dim V = \dim(\text{null } T) + \dim(\text{range } T) \quad (3.2.1)$$

*Proof.* Let  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  be a basis of  $\text{null } T$ . This can be extended to a basis for  $V$ ,

$$u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n \quad (3.2.2)$$

Thus,  $\dim V = m + n$ . To finish, we need to show that  $\dim(\text{range } T) = n$ . We first prove that  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n$  is a basis of  $\text{range } T$ . For  $a_i, b_j \in \mathbb{F}$ ,

$$v = a_1u_1 + \dots + a_mu_m + b_1v_1 + \dots + b_nv_n \quad (3.2.3)$$

$$Tv = T(a_1u_1) + \dots + T(a_mu_m) + T(b_1v_1) + \dots + T(b_nv_n) \quad (3.2.4)$$

$$= b_1T(v_1) + \dots + b_nT(v_n) \quad (3.2.5)$$

Thus,  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n$  spans  $\text{range } T$ . Now, to show that they are linearly independent, suppose  $c_i \in \mathbb{F}$  and,

$$c_1T(v_1) + \dots + c_nT(v_n) = 0 \quad (3.2.6)$$

Then,

$$T(c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n) = 0 \quad (3.2.7)$$

$$c_1v_2 + \cdots + c_nv_n \in \text{null } T \quad (3.2.8)$$

Because  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  spans  $\text{null } T$ ,

$$c_1v_2 + \cdots + c_nv_n = d_1u_1 + \cdots + d_mu_m \quad (3.2.9)$$

But  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent, so  $c_i = d_j = 0$ . Thus,  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n$  are linearly independent and span  $\text{range } T$ . Hence,  $\dim(\text{range } T) = n$   $\square$

We have shown that  $\dim V = \dim(\text{null } T) + \dim(\text{range } T)$

### 3.3 Matrices

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