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### (§ 3.1 Linear transformations)

Def'n Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces over the field  $F$ .

A linear transformation from  $V$  into  $W$

is a function  $T: V \rightarrow W$  such that

$$T(c\alpha + \beta) = c(T\alpha) + T\beta \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in V, \forall c \in F$$

Ex For any vector space  $V$ ,

the identity transformation  $I: \alpha \mapsto \alpha$

the zero transformation  $0: \alpha \mapsto 0$

- check both are linear

Ex Let  $V$  be the space of polynomials over field  $F$ ,  
 commonly denoted  $F[x]$ .

The differentiation transformation  $D$  takes derivatives:

$$\text{for } f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_nx^n,$$

$$(Df)(x) = c_1 + 2c_2x + \dots + nc_nx^{n-1}$$

- check linear

Ex Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix,

$$T: F^{n \times 1} \rightarrow F^{m \times 1} \text{ by } T\alpha = A\alpha$$

- check linear

Ex Let  $V =$  vector space of cont<sup>1</sup> functions  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\text{Define } (Tf)(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$$

- check linear

Note  $T(0) = 0$ :

$$T(0) = T(0+0) = T(0) + T(0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } T(a-a) &= T(0) \\ &= T(a) - T(a) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So  $T: x \mapsto ax+b$  for  $b \neq 0$

is not linear!

$\leadsto$  so watch out, this notion of linear may be slightly counterintuitive

Also note linear trans' preserve linear combinations:

$$T(c_1 \alpha_1 + \dots + c_n \alpha_n) = c_1 T(\alpha_1) + \dots + c_n T(\alpha_n)$$

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Thm Let  $V$  be a finite-dim'l vector space,  
 let  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  be an ordered basis for  $V$ ,  
 let  $W$  be a vector space over the same field,  
 & let  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$  be any vectors in  $W$ ,

Then there is precisely one linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow W$   
 st  $T\alpha_i = \beta_i \quad \forall i$

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Since  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  form a basis,  
 any vector  $\alpha \in V$  can be written  $\alpha = c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_n\alpha_n$ .

Define  $T\alpha = c_1\beta_1 + \dots + c_n\beta_n$

$\leadsto$  Check linear.

Furthermore, if  $U: V \rightarrow W$  is any other lin'l trans' st  $U\alpha_i = \beta_i$ ,

then, for  $\alpha = c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_n\alpha_n$ ,

$$U\alpha = c_1\beta_1 + \dots + c_n\beta_n \quad \text{by linearity}$$

$$= T\alpha$$

$$\text{so } U = T,$$

& the lin'l trans' is unique.

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The vectors

Ex ~~Find~~  $\alpha_1 = (1, 2)$ ,  $\alpha_2 = (8, 7)$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(Check: why LI?  $\rightarrow$  b/c not proportional)

$\exists!$  lin' trans  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  s.t.  $T\alpha_1 = (1, 2, 3)$   
 $T\alpha_2 = (0, 0, 1)$

What is  $T(1, 0)$ ?

1<sup>st</sup>, write  $(1, 0) = c_1(1, 2) + c_2(8, 7)$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + 8c_2 = 1, \quad 2c_1 + 7c_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = -\frac{2}{7}c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 - \frac{16}{7}c_1 = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 = -\frac{7}{9}, \quad c_2 = +\frac{2}{9}$$

$$\therefore T(1, 0) = -\frac{2}{9}(1, 2, 3) + \frac{2}{9}(0, 0, 1)$$

Ex Recall  $T$  is determined by images of a basis  
- so take standard basis.

Define  $\beta_i = T\varepsilon_i$ ,  $\varepsilon_i = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)$   
 $\varepsilon_i$ :  $i$ -th position

Then  $T$  can be represented by the matrix:

$$T(c_1\varepsilon_1 + \dots + c_n\varepsilon_n) = c_1\beta_1 + \dots + c_n\beta_n$$

It becomes

$$T \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \dots & \beta_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\sim T} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$\rightarrow$  will come back to this later.

If  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation,  
 then,  $\text{im } T$  is a subspace of  $W$ : (called range)

since  $\alpha, \beta \in \text{im } T$ ,  $\exists a, b \in V$  s.t.  $\alpha = Ta, \beta = Tb$ .  
 then  $c\alpha + \beta = cTa + Tb = T(ca + b) \in \text{im } T$   
 & nonempty  $\forall c$   $T(0) = 0$ .

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The null space of a linear trans'  $T: V \rightarrow W$   
 is the set of vectors  $\alpha \in V$  s.t.  $T\alpha = 0$ .

Claim the null space is a subspace of  $V$ :

• nonempty since  $T(0) = 0$

• if  $\alpha, \beta \in \text{null space}$ ,

then  $c\alpha + \beta \in \text{null space}$  since  $T(c\alpha + \beta) = 0$ .

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Define rank of a linear trans'  $T = \dim \text{range}$

nullity  $n_1 \quad n_2 \quad \dots \quad = \dim \text{null space}$ .

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~~Homework~~

Thm Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces over field  $F$   
and let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation.  
Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional.

Then

$$\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim V$$

pf Let  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$  be a basis for the null space of  $T$ .  
There are vectors  $\alpha_{k+1}, \dots, \alpha_n$  s.t.  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ .  
Claim  $\{T\alpha_{k+1}, \dots, T\alpha_n\}$  is a basis for the range of  $T$ .

Certainly  $T\alpha_1, \dots, T\alpha_n$  span the range of  $T$ ,  
& since  $T\alpha_i = 0$  for  $i \leq k$ ,  $T\alpha_{k+1}, \dots, T\alpha_n$  span the range of  $T$ .  
Now, show LI.

Suppose  $c_{k+1}T\alpha_{k+1} + \dots + c_nT\alpha_n = 0$

$$\Rightarrow T(c_{k+1}\alpha_{k+1} + \dots + c_n\alpha_n) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_{k+1}\alpha_{k+1} + \dots + c_n\alpha_n \in \text{null space of } T.$$

Since  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  form a basis for the null space,  
 $\exists b_i$  s.t.

$$c_{k+1}\alpha_{k+1} + \dots + c_n\alpha_n = b_1\alpha_1 + \dots + b_k\alpha_k$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1\alpha_1 + \dots + b_k\alpha_k - c_{k+1}\alpha_{k+1} - \dots - c_n\alpha_n = 0$$

But the  $\alpha_i$  are LI  $\Rightarrow \underline{b_i = c_i = 0}$

$\Rightarrow T\alpha_{k+1}, \dots, T\alpha_n$  are LI, hence form a basis.

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Thm Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix.

Then: row rank  $(A) =$  column rank  $(A)$ .

pf

Let  $T$  be the linear transformation  $F^{n \times 1} \rightarrow F^{m \times 1}$  defined by  $T(x) = Ax$ .

Null space of  $T = \{x \mid Ax = 0\}$ .

If  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are the columns of  $A$ , then  $Ax = x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_n A_n$ .

$\Rightarrow$  range  $T =$  column space of  $A$

$\Rightarrow$  rank  $T =$  column rank  $A$

(see p. 42  
then  $\rightarrow$  72)

Now, ~~consider putting  $A$  in row-echelon form.~~

~~row rank  $(A) +$  (# zero rows) =~~

Let  $S$  be the solution space of the system  $\{Ax = 0\}$ . (= null space)

~~row rank = #~~

Put  $A$  in row reduced echelon form, call it  $R$ .

(same sol'n space  $S$ .)

row rank = # <sup>non-zero</sup> eqns (others identically zero)

$n =$  # unknowns

no  $\dim S = n - \text{row rank}(A)$

Also, since  $S =$  null spaces of  $T$ ,

$\dim S + \text{rank } T = n$   
 $=$  nullity  $T$

no  $\dim S = n - \text{rank } T = n - \text{row rank } A$

Since  $\text{rank } T =$  column rank  $A$ ,

we see

column rank  $A =$  row rank  $A$

(§ 3.2 Algebra of linear transformations)

Thm Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces over a field.

Let  $T, U$  be linear transformations  $V \rightarrow W$ .

- The function  $(T+U)$  defined by

$$(T+U)(\alpha) = \cancel{T\alpha + U\alpha} \\ = T\alpha + U\alpha$$

is a linear transformation  $V \rightarrow W$ .

- If  $c$  is a scalar, the function  $(cT)$  defined by  $(cT)(\alpha) = c(T\alpha)$  is a linear transformation.

- The set of all linear transformations  $V \rightarrow W$  is a vector space.

Pf

- Check  $(T+U)(c\alpha + \beta) = c(T+U)(\alpha) + (T+U)(\beta)$

- Hint for  $cT$

• Vector space: must check (outline some on board).

Zero vector = zero transformation:  $0: \alpha \mapsto 0$

Notation  $L(V, W)$  = vector space of all linear trans'  $V \rightarrow W$ .



Thm Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dim'l vector space over  $F$ ,  
 $\&$   $W$  an  $m$ -dim'l " " "  
 Then the space  $L(V, W)$  is finite-dim'l & of dimension  $mn$ .

PF

Let  $B = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ ,  $B' = \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m\}$   
 be ordered bases for  $V, W$ , resp'.

For each pair of integers  $(p, q)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq m$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq n$ ,  
 define a linear transformation  $E^{p,q}: V \rightarrow W$  by

$$E^{p,q}(\alpha_i) = \delta_{iq} \beta_p$$

(Here is 'lin' trans' of this property.)

Claim the  $E^{p,q}$  form a basis for  $L(V, W)$ .

Check span:

Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation.

For each  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , let  $A_{1j}, \dots, A_{mj}$  be the coord's of  $T\alpha_j$  in basis  $B'$ ,  
 i.e.,  $T\alpha_j = \sum_p A_{pj} \beta_p$

Claim  $T = \sum_p \sum_q A_{pq} E^{p,q}$

$$\text{Check: } \sum_p \sum_q A_{pq} E^{p,q}(\alpha_j) = \sum_{p,q} A_{pq} \delta_{jq} \beta_p = \sum_p A_{pj} \beta_p = T\alpha_j$$

$$\& \text{ so } T = \sum_{j=1}^n A_{pj} E^{p,q}$$

$$\Rightarrow E^{p,q} \text{ span } L(V, W)$$

Need to show LI:

Suppose  $\sum_{p,q} A_{pq} E^{p,q} = 0$  transformation

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{p,q} A_{pq} E^{p,q}(\alpha_j) = 0 \quad \forall j \Rightarrow \sum_p A_{pj} \beta_p = 0$$

$$\text{Since } \beta_j \text{ are LI, } \Rightarrow A_{pj} = 0 \quad \forall p, j.$$

Thm Let  $V, W, Z$  be vector spaces over a field  $F$ .

Let  $T$  be a linear transformation  $V \rightarrow W$ ,  $U: W \rightarrow Z$  a lin' trans'.

Define the composition  $(UT)(x) = U(T(x))$ .

Then  $UT$  is a linear trans'  $V \rightarrow Z$ .

- check on board.

Def'n A lin' trans'  $V \rightarrow V$  is called a linear operator on  $V$ .

Lemma Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$ ,

let  $U, T_1, T_2$  be linear operators on  $V$ , let  $c \in F$ .

- $IU = UI = U$
- $U(T_1 + T_2) = UT_1 + UT_2$
- $(T_1 + T_2)U = T_1U + T_2U$
- $c(UT_1) = (cU)T_1 = U(cT_1)$

Check parts of proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 U(T_1 + T_2)(\alpha) &= U(T_1\alpha + T_2\alpha) && \text{by def'n of } + \\
 &= U(T_1\alpha) + U(T_2\alpha) && \text{by linearity of } U \\
 &= (UT_1)(\alpha) + (UT_2)(\alpha) && \text{by def'n of product.}
 \end{aligned}$$

& so forth.