

# Math 524: Linear Algebra

## Notes #3.1 — Linear Maps

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## Student Learning Targets, and Objectives

### Target Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps

Objective Know how to apply FTLM to relate the dimensions of the range- and null-spaces of a linear map in a vector space

### Target The Matrix of a Linear Map with Respect to Given Bases

Objective Know how to identify the matrix of a given Linear Map, given bases for the domain and range spaces.



## Introduction

*“So far our attention has focused on vector spaces. No one gets excited about vector spaces. The interesting part of linear algebra is the subject to which we now turn — linear maps.”*

— Sheldon Axler

## Notation

- $\mathbb{F}$  denotes either of the fields  $\mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$
- $U$ ,  $V$  and  $W$  are vector spaces over  $\mathbb{F}$

Time-Target: 3×75-minute lectures.



## Linear Maps

## Definition (Linear Map)

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

- **additivity** (for vectors)

$$T(u + v) = T(u) + T(v), \quad \forall u, v \in V$$

- **homogeneity** [of degree 1] (of scalar multiplication)

$$T(\lambda u) = \lambda T(u), \quad \forall u \in V, \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{F}$$

## Language:

Linear Map, Linear Mapping, Linear Transform, Linear Transformation... many names for the same operation.



## Notation and Examples

Notation (The Set of Linear Maps —  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ )

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

## 0, zero:

Let the symbol 0 denote the function that takes each element of some vector space to the additive identity of another vector space.

$0 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is defined by  $0v \equiv 0(v) = 0$ .

The 0 on the left side of the equation above is a function in  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , whereas the 0 on the right side is the additive identity in  $W$ . As usual, the meaning of “0” is “obvious from context.”

So far, we have 4 “zeros”:  $\in \mathbb{F}, V, W, \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ ...

**Note:**  $\mathcal{L}(V, W) \subset W^V$  (the space of all functions  $f : V \mapsto W$ ).

Examples — *Hello, Calculus!*

Where have you been, and why didn't you stay there?

## identity: (“one”)

The **identity map**, denoted  $I$ , is the function on some vector space that takes each element to itself.

$I \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$  is defined by  $Iv \equiv I(v) = v$ .

## differentiation:

Let  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F}), \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F}))$  be defined by  $Dp \equiv D(p) = p'$ .

This function is a linear map, since  $(f + g)' = f' + g'$ , and  $(\lambda f)' = \lambda f'$  for differentiable functions  $f, g$ , and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$

multiplication by  $z^q$ :

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F}), \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F}))$  be defined by  $Tp \equiv T(p) = z^q p(z)$ , for  $z \in \mathbb{F}$ .



## Examples

## integration:

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{R})$  be defined by

$$Tp \equiv T(p) = \int_0^1 p(x) dx$$

is a linear map since  $\int (f(x) + g(x)) dx = \int f(x) dx + \int g(x) dx$ ,

and  $\int (\lambda f(x)) dx = \lambda \int f(x) dx$ , for integrable functions  $f(x), g(x)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## backward shift:

$\mathbb{F}^\infty$  is the (infinite dimensional) vector space of all sequences of elements of  $\mathbb{F}$ . Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^\infty, \mathbb{F}^\infty)$  be defined by

$$T(z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots) = (z_2, z_3, z_4, \dots)$$



## Examples

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2:$$

Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^2)$  by

$$T(x, y, z) = (x - y + z, \pi x + e^\pi y + z)$$

$$\mathbb{F}^n \mapsto \mathbb{F}^m:$$

This is our (hopefully) familiar generalization of the previous example; here  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^n, \mathbb{F}^m)$  is defined by

$$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (a_{1,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{1,n}x_n, \dots, a_{m,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{m,n}x_n)$$

every linear map  $\mathbb{F}^n \mapsto \mathbb{F}^m$  can be written in this form.



## Linear Maps and Basis of Domain

Theorem (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  $T : V \mapsto W$  ( $\exists! T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ ) such that  $T(v_\ell) = w_\ell$ ,  $\ell = 1, \dots, n$ .



## Proof :: Linear Maps and Basis of Domain

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Proof (Linear Maps and Basis of Domain — Existence)

Define  $T : V \mapsto W$  by

[EXISTENCE]

$$T(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n) = c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_n w_n$$

where  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$ . The list  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ , so the equation above does indeed define a function  $T$  from  $V$  to  $W$  (each element of  $V$  can be uniquely written in the form  $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$ ).

For each  $\ell$ , let  $c_i = \delta_{i\ell}$ , this shows  $T(v_\ell) = w_\ell$ .

If  $u, v \in V$ , with  $u = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$ , and  $v = b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_n v_n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} T(u + v) &= T((a_1 + b_1)v_1 + \dots + (a_n + b_n)v_n) \\ &= (a_1 + b_1)w_1 + \dots + (a_n + b_n)w_n \\ &= (a_1 w_1 + \dots + a_n w_n) + (b_1 w_1 + \dots + b_n w_n) \\ &= T(u) + T(v) \end{aligned}$$



## Proof :: Linear Maps and Basis of Domain

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Proof (Linear Maps and Basis of Domain — Existence)

Similarly,  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ , and  $v \in V$ , with  $v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(\lambda v) &= T(\lambda c_1 v_1 + \dots + \lambda c_n v_n) \\ &= \lambda c_1 w_1 + \dots + \lambda c_n w_n \\ &= \lambda(c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_n w_n) \\ &= \lambda T(v) \end{aligned}$$

This shows that we have a linear map from  $V$  to  $W$ .

Next, uniqueness  $\rightarrow$



Proof :: Linear Maps and Basis of Domain

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Proof (Linear Maps and Basis of Domain — Uniqueness)

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , and  $T(v_\ell) = w_\ell$ ,  $\ell = 1, \dots, n$ . [UNIQUENESS]

Let  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$ .

Homogeneity of  $T \Rightarrow T(c_\ell v_\ell) = c_\ell T(v_\ell) = c_\ell w_\ell$  for  $\ell = 1, \dots, n$ .

Additivity of  $T \Rightarrow$

$$T(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n) = c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_n w_n.$$

which means that  $T$  is uniquely determined on  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  by the equation above. Since  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V \Rightarrow T$  is uniquely determined on  $V$ .



Algebraic Operations on  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$

Definition (Addition and Scalar Multiplication on  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ )

Let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . The **sum**  $S + T$ , and **product**  $\lambda T$  are linear maps from  $V$  to  $W$  defined by

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

$\forall v \in V$ .

Theorem ( $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is a Vector Space)

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

**Note:** the additive identity is the zero linear map defined earlier.



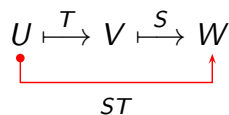
Product (Composition) of Linear Maps

Definition (Product (Composition) 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

$$(ST)(u) = S(T(u))$$

$\forall u \in U$ .



Product (Composition) of Linear Maps — Properties

Theorem (Algebraic Properties of Products of Linear Maps)

- **Associativity**

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

assuming each product is well-defined.

- **Identity**

$$T I_V = I_W T = T$$

$T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  ( $I_V$  is the identity on  $V$ , and  $I_W$  the identity on  $W$ )

- **Distributive Properties**

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

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



## Multiplication of Linear Maps is not Commutative

It is not necessarily true that  $ST = TS$ , even if both compositions are well-defined.

### Example (Multiplication of Linear Maps is not Commutative)

Let  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F}), \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F}))$  be the differentiation map, and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F}), \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F}))$  be the “multiplication by  $z^q$ ” map; then

$$\begin{aligned} ((TD(p))(z) &= T(p'(z)) = z^q p'(z), \\ ((DT(p))(z) &= D(z^q p(z)) = qz^{q-1}p(z) + z^q p'(z) \end{aligned}$$



## Linear Maps Take 0 to 0

Theorem (Linear Maps Take 0 to 0)

Suppose  $T$  is a linear map from  $V$  to  $W$ . Then  $T(0) = 0$ .

Proof (Linear Maps Take 0 to 0)

By additivity, we have

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

adding  $-T(0)$  (the additive inverse of  $T(0)$ ) on both sides shows that  $0 = T(0)$ .



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e.g. 3A- $\{1, 5^+, 6^+, 8^a, 9^a, 11\}$

<sup>a</sup>-marked problems have an “analysis flavor”  
(if that’s your thing!)

Solutions to <sup>+</sup>-marked problems are longer/more challenging.



## Live Math :: Covid-19 Version

3A-1

**3A-1:** Suppose  $b, c \in \mathbb{F}$ , and define  $T : \mathbb{F}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{F}^2$  by

$$T(x, y, z) = (2x - 4y + 3z + b, 6x + cxyz).$$

Show that  $T$  is linear if and only if  $b = c = 0$ .

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### The Straight-Forward Direction

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Suppose  $b = c = 0$ , then  $T(x, y, z) = (2x - 4y + 3z, 6x)$  which is “obviously” linear.



## \* The Less Obvious Direction \*

We suppose that  $T$  is linear; since

$$T(0, 0, 0) = (b, 0)$$

we must have  $b = 0$  due to [LINEAR MAPS TAKE 0 TO 0].

Next consider  $T(1, 1, 1) = (1, 6 + c)$ , and  
 $T(1 + \epsilon, 1 + \epsilon, 1 + \epsilon) = ((1 + \epsilon), 6(1 + \epsilon) + c(1 + \epsilon)^3)$  where  $\epsilon \neq 0$ ; we must have

$$(1 + \epsilon)T(1, 1, 1) = T(1 + \epsilon, 1 + \epsilon, 1 + \epsilon),$$

which gives the equation

$$c(1 + \epsilon) = c(1 + \epsilon)^3$$

which implies that  $c = 0$ .



Definition (null space,  $\text{null}(T)$  a.k.a kernel,  $\ker(T)$ )

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 0

$$\text{null}(T) = \{v \in V : T(v) = 0\}.$$

- If  $T$  is the zero map from  $V$  to  $W$ , then  $\text{null}(T) = V$
- For the differentiation map,  $Dp = p'$ ,  
 $\text{null}(D) = \{\text{constant polynomials}\}$ .
- For the multiplication-by- $z^q$  map,  $T(p)(z) = z^q p(z)$ , only  $p(z) \equiv 0$  is in the nullspace, so  $\text{null}(T) = \{0\}$



Theorem (The Null Space is a Subspace)

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then  $\text{null}(T)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Proof (The Null Space is a Subspace)

Since  $T$  is a linear map  $T(0) = 0$ , so  $0 \in \text{null}(T)$ .

Let  $u, v \in \text{null}(T)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ :

$$T(u + v) = T(u) + T(v) = 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$T(\lambda u) = \lambda T(u) = \lambda 0 = 0$$

This shows that  $\text{null}(T)$  is closed under <sup>2</sup>linear combinations (addition and scalar multiplications).

<sup>1,2</sup> show that  $\text{null}(T)$  is a subspace.



Definition (Injective (One-to-One))

A function  $T : V \mapsto W$  is called **injective** if

$$T(u) = T(v) \Rightarrow u = v.$$

Definition (Injective (One-to-One) :: Contrapositive Statement)

A function  $T : V \mapsto W$  is called **injective** if

$$u \neq v \Rightarrow T(u) \neq T(v).$$

*“Distinct inputs go to distinct outputs.”*



## Injectivity

Theorem (Injectivity  $\Leftrightarrow$  null space equals  $\{0\}$ )

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

Proof (Injectivity  $\Leftrightarrow$  null space equals  $\{0\}$ )

$\Rightarrow$  First suppose  $T$  is injective. We want to prove that  $\text{null}(T) = \{0\}$ . From [THE NULL SPACE IS A SUBSPACE] we know that  $\{0\} \subset \text{null}(T)$ ; to show inclusion in the other direction: let  $v \in \text{null}(T)$ :

$$T(v) = 0 \stackrel{?}{=} T(0), \quad \text{where } \stackrel{?}{=} \text{ is due to [LINEAR MAPS TAKE 0 TO 0].}$$

Since  $T$  is injective  $\Rightarrow v = 0$ , therefore  $\text{null}(T) \subset \{0\}$ , and  $\text{null}(T) = \{0\}$ .

Proof :: Injectivity  $\Leftrightarrow$  Null Space Equals  $\{0\}$ 

Proof (Injectivity  $\Leftrightarrow$  Null Space Equals  $\{0\}$ )

$\Leftarrow$  Now suppose  $\text{null}(T) = \{0\}$ . We need to show that  $T$  is injective.

Let  $u, v \in V$  such that  $T(u) = T(v)$ :

$$0 = T(u) - T(v) = T(u - v)$$

$\Rightarrow (u - v) \in \text{null}(T)$ . But  $\text{null}(T) = \{0\} \Rightarrow (u - v) = 0 \Rightarrow u = v$ ; and  $T$  is injective.



## Range (Image) and Surjectivity

Definition (Range (Image))

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  $T(v)$  for some  $v \in V$ :

$$\text{range}(T) = \{T(v) : v \in V\}.$$

- If  $T$  is the zero map from  $V$  to  $W$ , then  $\text{range}(T) = 0$ .
- For the differentiation map,  $Dp = p'$ ,  $\text{range}(D) = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ , since  $\forall q \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \exists p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) : q = p'$ .



## The Range is a Subspace

Theorem (The Range is a Subspace)

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

Proof (The Range is a Subspace)

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then  $T(0) = 0$  from [THE NULL SPACE IS A SUBSPACE], so  $0 \in \text{range}(T)$ . If  $w_1, w_2 \in \text{range}(T)$ , then there exist  $v_1, v_2 \in V : T(v_1) = w_1, T(v_2) = w_2$ ;

$$T(v_1 + v_2) = T(v_1) + T(v_2) = w_1 + w_2$$

$\Rightarrow (w_1 + w_2) \in \text{range}(T) \Rightarrow \text{range}(T)$  is **closed under addition**.

If  $w \in \text{range}(T)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ , then  $\exists v \in V : T(v) = w$ ;

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

$\Rightarrow \lambda w \in \text{range}(T) \Rightarrow \text{range}(T)$  is **closed under scalar multiplication**.

We have demonstrated the three subspace properties.



Surjectivity

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Definition (Surjective (Onto))

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

Example (Surjective (Onto))

The differentiation map  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}_5(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{P}_5(\mathbb{R}))$  defined by  $Dp = p'$  is not surjective, because the polynomial  $x^5$  is not in the range of  $D$ .

However, the differentiation map  $S \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}_5(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{P}_4(\mathbb{R}))$  defined by  $Sp = p'$  is surjective, because its range equals  $\mathcal{P}_4(\mathbb{R})$ , which is now the vector space into which  $S$  maps.



Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps

Theorem (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



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



Proof :: Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps

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Proof (Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps)

Let  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  be a basis for  $\text{null}(T)$ ; thus  $\dim(\text{null}(T)) = m$ . We can extend the linearly independent  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  to a basis

$$u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n$$

of  $V$ . Thus  $\dim(V) = m + n$ . We need to show  $\dim(\text{range}(T)) = n$ . We achieve this by showing that  $T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)$  is a basis of  $\text{range}(T)$ .

Let  $v \in V$ , since  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n$  spans  $V$ , we can write

$$v = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m + b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_n v_n$$

where  $a_*, b_* \in \mathbb{F}$ . We apply  $T$  on both sides, and get

$$T(v) = \underbrace{T(a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m)}_0 + T(b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_n v_n) = b_1 T(v_1) + \dots + b_n T(v_n)$$

$\Rightarrow T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)$  spans  $\text{range}(T)$ , and  $\text{range}(T)$  is finite-dimensional.



Proof :: Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps

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Proof (Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps)

To show  $T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)$  is linearly independent, suppose  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$  and

$$c_1 T(v_1) + \dots + c_n T(v_n) = 0,$$

then

$$T(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n \in \text{null}(T)$ ; we must have

$$c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n = d_1 u_1 + \dots + d_m u_m$$

$$(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n) - (d_1 u_1 + \dots + d_m u_m) = 0$$

but since  $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n$  is linearly independent, we must have  $c_1 = \dots = c_n = d_1 = \dots = d_m = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)$  is linearly independent

$\Rightarrow$  a basis of  $\text{range}(T)$ .





## A Map to a Smaller Dimensional Space is not Injective

**Theorem (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 (One-to-One).*

## Comment

No linear map from a finite-dimensional vector space to a “smaller” vector space can be injective.



## Proof :: A Map to a Smaller Dimensional Space is not Injective

**Proof (A Map to a Smaller Dimensional Space is not Injective)**

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\text{null}(T)) &= \dim(V) - \dim(\text{range}(T)) \\ &\geq \dim(V) - \dim(W) \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

where the equality above comes from [FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF LINEAR MAPS]. The inequality above states that  $\dim(\text{null}(T)) > 0$ . This means that  $\text{null}(T)$  contains vectors other than 0. Thus  $T$  is not injective by [INJECTIVITY  $\Leftrightarrow$  NULL SPACE EQUALS  $\{0\}$ ]



## A Map to a Larger Dimensional Space is not Surjective

**Theorem (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 (onto).*

## Comment

No linear map from a finite-dimensional vector space to a “bigger” vector space can be surjective.



## Proof :: A Map to a Larger Dimensional Space is not Surjective

**Proof (A Map to a Larger Dimensional Space is not Surjective)**

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\text{range}(T)) &= \dim(V) - \dim(\text{null}(T)) \\ &\leq \dim(V) \\ &< \dim(W) \end{aligned}$$

where the equality above comes from [FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF LINEAR MAPS]. The inequality above states that  $\dim(\text{range}(T)) < \dim(W)$ . This means that  $\text{range}(T)$  cannot equal  $W$ . Thus  $T$  is not surjective.



## From Linear Maps to Linear Equations

Shortly, we will formally define how we specify the Linear Map  $T : \mathbb{F}^n \mapsto \mathbb{F}^m$  by a matrix; for now, we appeal to previous knowledge and the promise of a formal definition, and consider the map in matrix-vector notation

$$T(x) = Ax,$$

and ponder the questions whether linear systems have solutions:

- $Ax = 0$  (Homogeneous System of Linear Equations)
  - We always have one solution since  $0 \in \text{null}(T)$ , but if  $\dim(\text{null}(T)) \geq 1$  we will have more solutions.
- $Ax = b$  (Inhomogeneous System of Linear Equations)
  - When  $b \in \text{range}(T)$ , we definitely have a solution; and if we can guarantee  $\text{range}(T) = \mathbb{F}^m$ , we would have solutions  $\forall b \in \mathbb{F}^m$ ; but when  $\dim(\text{range}(T)) < m$ , there will be some  $b \in \mathbb{F}^m$  for which we have no solutions.



## Homogeneous System of Linear Equations

### Theorem (Homogeneous System of Linear Equations)

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

$$\{T : \mathbb{F}^n \mapsto \mathbb{F}^m, n > m\}$$

### Proof (Homogeneous System of Linear Equations)

$T : \mathbb{F}^n \mapsto \mathbb{F}^m$  is a linear map from  $\mathbb{F}^n$  to  $\mathbb{F}^m$ , and we have a homogeneous system of  $m$  linear equations with  $n$  variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . From [A MAP TO A SMALLER DIMENSIONAL SPACE IS NOT INJECTIVE] we see that  $T$  is not injective (one-to-one) if  $n > m$ .



## Inhomogeneous System of Linear Equations

### Theorem (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.*

$$\{T : \mathbb{F}^n \mapsto \mathbb{F}^m, m > n\}$$

### Proof (Inhomogeneous System of Linear Equations)

$T : \mathbb{F}^n \mapsto \mathbb{F}^m$  is a linear map from  $\mathbb{F}^n$  to  $\mathbb{F}^m$ , and we have a homogeneous system of  $m$  linear equations with  $n$  variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . From [A MAP TO A LARGER DIMENSIONAL SPACE IS NOT SURJECTIVE] we see that  $T$  is not surjective (onto) if  $n < m$ .

Therefore  $\exists w \in \mathbb{F}^m : T(v) \neq w, \forall v \in V$ .



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e.g. 3B-**{1, 2, 17<sup>+</sup>, 18<sup>+</sup>, 31}**

Solutions to <sup>+</sup>-marked problems are longer/more challenging.



**3B-1:** Give an example of a linear map  $T$  such that  $\dim(\text{null}(T)) = 3$  and  $\dim(\text{range}(T)) = 2$

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**Solution**

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By [FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF LINEAR MAPS] we have  $T : V \mapsto W$ , and  $\dim(V) = 5$ ; also, we must have  $\dim(W) \geq 2$  (since the  $\text{range}(T) \subset W$ ).

To generate an example building on our previous knowledge and intuition, let  $V = \mathbb{R}^5$ , and  $W = \mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $e.g.$

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = (\sqrt{\pi} x_2, \hbar x_4),$$

with

$$\text{null}(T) = \{(x_1, 0, x_3, 0, x_5) : x_1, x_3, x_5 \in \mathbb{R}\}, \quad \text{range}(T) = \mathbb{R}^2$$



## Representing a Linear Map by a Matrix

## Rewind (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  $T : V \mapsto W$  such that  $T(v_j) = w_j, j = 1, \dots, n$ .

We now formally introduce matrices, which is an efficient method of recording the values of the  $T(v_j)$  in terms of a basis of  $W$ .



## Representing a Linear Map by a Matrix

Definition (Matrix; matrix element  $a_{k,\ell}$ )

Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , an  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix  $A$  is a rectangular array of elements of  $\mathbb{F}$  with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns ( $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$ ):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & \cdots & a_{m,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $a_{k,\ell}$  refers to the entry in row  $\#k$ , column  $\#\ell$  of  $A$ .

Notation ( $\mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$ , or  $\mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ )

For  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$  is the set of all  $m$ -by- $n$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{F}$



## Representing a Linear Map by a Matrix

## Warning (Notation)

- (1) The book uses  $A_{k,\ell}$  to denote the elements; I prefer  $a_{k,\ell}$ . In a large part of the linear algebra literature  $A_{k,\ell}$  denotes the submatrix formed from  $A$  by deleting row- $k$  and column- $\ell$ .
- (2) In [MATH 254], we consistently define matrices  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ , here we follow Axler's notation and  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$  (in both settings, the first letter is always the number of rows (here  $m$ ), and the second the number of columns (here  $n$ )).

The matrix-vector product  $Ax$  will define a linear map  $T : \mathbb{F}^n \mapsto \mathbb{F}^m$



## Representing a Linear Map by a Matrix

Definition (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 are defined by

$$T(v_k) = \sum_{j=1}^m a_{j,k} w_j$$

When the bases are not “obvious from context”, we use the notation  $\mathcal{M}(T, (v_1, \dots, v_n), (w_1, \dots, w_m))$ .

Rewind ( $\mathfrak{W}$ -Coordinates) ([MATH 254 (NOTES#3.4)])

In Math 254 notation we have  $(a_{1,k}, \dots, a_{m,k}) = [T(v_k)]_{\mathfrak{W}}$



## Polynomial Differentiation

Definition (Standard Basis for  $\mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$ )

The standard basis for  $\mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$  is  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$ .

Example (Polynomial Differentiation)

(Q) Let  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  is the differentiation defined by  $Dp = p'$ . Find the matrix of  $D$  with respect to the standard bases of  $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ :

(A) Hopefully, we know  $D(x^k) = kx^{k-1}$ ; that gives us

$$\mathcal{M}(D, \mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})) = \mathcal{M}(D) = \begin{array}{c|cccc} & 1 & x & x^2 & x^3 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ x^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{array}$$



## Example :: Polynomial Differentiation

Example (Polynomial Differentiation (continued))

$$\mathcal{M}(D, \mathfrak{B}_{\mathcal{P}_3}, \mathfrak{B}_{\mathcal{P}_2}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{rref}(\mathcal{M}(D)) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dim(\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})) = 4, \quad \dim(\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})) = 3$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dim(\text{null}(\mathcal{M}(D))) = 1 \\ \text{null}(\mathcal{M}(D)) = \{(x_1, 0, 0, 0) : x_1 \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ \text{null}(D) = \text{span}(1) \end{array} \right. \quad \leftarrow \text{Not Injective}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dim(\text{range}(\mathcal{M}(D))) = 3 \\ \text{range}(\mathcal{M}(D)) = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) : x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ \text{range}(D) = \text{span}(1, x, x^2) \end{array} \right.$$



## Matrix Addition

Definition (Matrix Addition)

The sum of  $A, B \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$  produces  $C \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$ , with

$$c_{i,j} = a_{i,j} + b_{i,j}, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

Theorem (The Matrix of the Sum of Linear Maps)

Let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then

$$\mathcal{M}(S + T) = \mathcal{M}(S) + \mathcal{M}(T)$$



## Scalar Multiplication of a Matrix

## Definition (Scalar Multiplication of a Matrix)

The product of a scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ , and a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$  produces  $C \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$ , with

$$c_{i,j} = \lambda a_{i,j}, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

## Theorem (The Matrix of a Scalar Times a Linear Maps)

Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ , and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then

$$\mathcal{M}(\lambda T) = \lambda \mathcal{M}(T)$$

The Vector Space  $\mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$ Theorem (Dimension of  $\mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$ )

With addition and scalar multiplication defined as above,  $\mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$  is a vector space with  $\dim(\mathbb{F}^{m \times n}) = mn$ .

The additive identity in  $\mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$  is the  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix with all zero entries.

Closure under addition and scalar multiplication of  $\mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$  follows from the closures of  $\mathbb{F}$  and the definitions.



## Matrix Multiplication

## Rewind (Product (Composition) 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

$$(ST)(u) = S(T(u))$$

$\forall u \in U$ .

Rewind (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 are defined by

$$T(v_k) = \sum_{j=1}^m a_{j,k} w_j$$

When the bases are not "obvious from context", we use the notation  $\mathcal{M}(T, (v_1, \dots, v_n), (w_1, \dots, w_m))$ .

**Matrix Multiplication** is defined so that  $\mathcal{M}(ST) = \mathcal{M}(S)\mathcal{M}(T)$ ...



## Matrix Multiplication

## Definition (Matrix Multiplication)

Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times p}$ , then  $C = AB \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times p}$  where the  $(j, k)$ -element is given by

$$c_{j,k} = \sum_{s=1}^n a_{j,s} b_{s,k}, \quad \text{Dot product of } A\text{-row-}j \text{ and } B\text{-col-}k$$

## Theorem (The Matrix of the Product of Linear Maps)

If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ , and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then  $\mathcal{M}(ST) = \mathcal{M}(S)\mathcal{M}(T)$ .

## Rewind (Dot Product of Vectors)

([MATH 254 (NOTES#1.3)])

Consider two vectors  $v, w \in \mathbb{F}^n$ . The **dot product** is defined as the sum of the element-wise products:

$$v \cdot w = v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 + \dots + v_n w_n = \sum_{k=1}^n v_k w_k$$



## Matrix-Matrix and Matrix-Vector Multiplication

This should be familiar territory [\[http://terminus.sdsu.edu/SDSU/Math254\]](http://terminus.sdsu.edu/SDSU/Math254), we sweep some of Axler's notation under the rug, and remind ourselves:

- We can think of  $x \in \mathbb{F}^n$  as a matrix  $\in \mathbb{F}^{n \times 1}$ .
- We often consider a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$  in terms of its columns  $a_j \in \mathbb{R}^m, j = 1, \dots, n$

Theorem (Linear Combination of Columns)

Let  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$ , and  $x \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , then

$$Ax = \sum_{s=1}^n x_s a_s \in \mathbb{F}^m$$

The matrix-vector product is a **linear combination** of the columns of  $A$ , with the scalars multiplying the columns coming from the elements of  $x$ .



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e.g. 3C-**{1, 4, 5, 12}**



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3C-1

**3C-1:** Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Show that wrt. each choice of bases of  $V$  —  $\mathfrak{B}_V$ , and  $W$  —  $\mathfrak{B}_W$ , the matrix of  $T$  —  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathfrak{B}_V, \mathfrak{B}_W)$  has at least  $\dim(\text{range}(T))$  non-zero entries.

### ✱ Solution ✱

Let  $\mathfrak{B}_V = v_1, \dots, v_n$  be a basis of  $V$  —  $\dim(V) = n$ , and  $\mathfrak{B}_W = w_1, \dots, w_m$  be a basis of  $W$ .

Suppose the columns  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathfrak{B}_V, \mathfrak{B}_W)_\ell, \ell = 1, \dots, k$  are zero-vectors  $\Leftrightarrow T(v_\ell) = 0$ , for  $\ell = 1, \dots, k$ ; and  $T(v_\ell) \neq 0$  when  $\ell > k$ .

Since  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent (being a basis), we have  $\dim(\text{null}(T)) \geq k$ .



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3C-1

Now, we use [FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF LINEAR MAPS]

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

FTLM

$$n = \dim(\text{range}(T)) + \dim(\text{null}(T))$$

$$\dim(V) = n$$

$$n - k = \dim(\text{range}(T)) + \dim(\text{null}(T)) - k$$

subtract  $k$

$$n - k \geq \dim(\text{range}(T))$$

$$\dim(\text{null}(T)) - k \geq 0$$

Since  $k$  is the count of zero-columns in  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathfrak{B}_V, \mathfrak{B}_W)$ , the matrix has at least one non-zero entry in  $(n - k)$  columns; and by the above relation  $(n - k) \geq \dim(\text{range}(T))$ ...

Hence,  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathfrak{B}_V, \mathfrak{B}_W)$  has at least  $\dim(\text{range}(T))$  non-zero entries.



## Suggested Problems

**3.A**—1, 4, 5<sup>+</sup>, 6<sup>+</sup>, 8<sup>a</sup>, 9<sup>a</sup>, 11, 14

**3.B**—1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 17<sup>+</sup>, 18<sup>+</sup>, 31

**3.C**—1, 2–3–4–5, 12

<sup>a</sup>-marked problems have an “analysis flavor” (if that’s your thing!)

Solutions to <sup>+</sup>-marked problems are longer/more challenging.



## Assigned Homework

HW#3.1, Due Date in Canvas/Gradescope

**3.A**—4, 14

**3.B**—5, 6, 9

**3.C**—2, 3

**Note:** Assignment problems are not official and subject to change until the first lecture on the chapter has been delivered (or virtually “scheduled.”)

Upload homework to [www.Gradescope.com](http://www.Gradescope.com)



## General Definition of Homogeneity

Definition (Homogeneity of Degree  $k$ )

If  $f : V \mapsto W$  is a function over a field  $\mathbb{F}$ , and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $f$  is said to be homogeneous of degree  $k$  if

$$f(\alpha v) = \alpha^k f(v)$$

$\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F} \setminus \{0\}, v \in V.$

