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Notations and Conventions

\mathbb{F}^n	n -dimensional \mathbb{F} -valued space
$M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$	set of all $m \times n$ \mathbb{F} -valued matrices
\oplus	Direct Sum
$\ker(T)$	The null space of T
$V \cong W$	vector spaces V and W are isomorphic
$(T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}}$	Matrix representation of T w.r.t. \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B}
$\mathbf{v} + W$	coset of \mathbf{v} , i.e., $\{\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{w} \in W\}$
\mathbf{a}_i^T	i th row of matrix \mathbf{A}
V/W	Quotient space of V by the subspace W
V^*	Dual space of V , i.e., the set of linear transformations from V to \mathbb{F}
$\text{Ann}(S)$	The annihilator of $S \subseteq V$, i.e., $\{f \in V^* \mid f(s) = 0, \forall s \in S\}$
T^*	Adjoint map $T^* : W^* \rightarrow V^*$ for the mapping $T : V \rightarrow W$
\mathbf{A}^H	Hermitian transpose of \mathbf{A} , i.e, $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^H$ means $b_{ji} = \bar{a}_{ij}$ for all i, j
$\chi_T(x)$	characteristic polynomial of T
$m_T(x)$	Minimal polynomial of the linear operator T
$m_{T, \mathbf{v}}(x)$	Minimal polynomial of a vector \mathbf{v} relative to T
T'	Hermitian Adjoint map $T' : V \rightarrow V$ for the mapping $T : V \rightarrow V$
$\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$	Inner product between vectors \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w}
$V \otimes W$	Tensor product between vector spaces V and W
$V \wedge V$	Wedge product for vector space V

Chapter 1

Week1

1.1. Monday for MAT3040

1.1.1. Introduction to Advanced Linear Algebra

Advanced Linear Algebra is one of the most important course in MATH major, with pre-request MAT2040. This course will offer the really linear algebra knowledge.

What the content will be covered?.

- In MAT2040 we have studied the space \mathbb{R}^n ; while in MAT3040 we will study the general vector space V .
- In MAT2040 we have studied the *linear transformation* between Euclidean spaces, i.e., $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$; while in MAT3040 we will study the linear transformation from vector spaces to vector spaces: $T : V \rightarrow W$
- In MAT2040 we have studied the eigenvalues of $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} ; while in MAT3040 we will study the eigenvalues of a **linear operator** $T : V \rightarrow V$.
- In MAT2040 we have studied the dot product $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$; while in MAT3040 we will study the **inner product** $\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle$.

Why do we do the generalization? We are studying many other spaces, e.g., $C(\mathbb{R})$ is called the space of all functions on \mathbb{R} , $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ is called the space of all infinitely differentiable functions on \mathbb{R} , $\mathbb{R}[x]$ is the space of polynomials of one-variable.

- **Example 1.1** 1. Consider the Laplace equation $\Delta f = 0$ with linear operator Δ :

$$\Delta : C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3) \quad f \mapsto \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) f$$

The solution to the PDE $\Delta f = 0$ is the 0-eigenspace of Δ .

2. Consider the Schrödinger equation $\hat{H}f = Ef$ with the linear operator

$$\hat{H} : C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3), \quad f \mapsto \left[\frac{-\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + V(x, y, z) \right] f$$

Solving the equation $\hat{H}f = Ef$ is equivalent to finding the eigenvectors of \hat{H} . In fact, the eigenvalues of \hat{H} are **discrete**.

1.1.2. Vector Spaces

Definition 1.1 [Vector Space] A **vector space** over a field \mathbb{F} (in particular, $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C}) is a set of objects V equipped with vector addition and scalar multiplication such that

1. the vector addition $+$ is closed with the rules:
 - (a) **Commutativity**: $\forall \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in V, \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_1$.
 - (b) **Associativity**: $\mathbf{v}_1 + (\mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_3) = (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) + \mathbf{v}_3$.
 - (c) **Additive Identity**: $\exists \mathbf{0} \in V$ such that $\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}, \forall \mathbf{v} \in V$.
2. the **scalar multiplication** is closed with the rules:
 - (a) **Distributive**: $\alpha(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) = \alpha\mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha\mathbf{v}_2, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ and $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in V$
 - (b) **Distributive**: $(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1\mathbf{v} + \alpha_2\mathbf{v}$
 - (c) **Compatibility**: $a(b\mathbf{v}) = (ab)\mathbf{v}$ for $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ and $\mathbf{v} \in V$.
 - (d) $0\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}, 1\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$.

Here we study several examples of vector spaces:

■ **Example 1.2** For $V = \mathbb{F}^n$, we can define

1. Additive Identity:

$$\mathbf{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Scalar Multiplication:

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha x_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Vector Addition:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n + y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

■ **Example 1.3** 1. It is clear that the set $V = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ (the set of all $m \times n$ matrices) is a vector space as well.

2. The set $V = C(\mathbb{R})$ is a vector space:

(a) Vector Addition:

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x), \forall f, g \in V$$

(b) Scalar Multiplication:

$$(\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x), \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, f \in V$$

(c) Additive Identity is a zero function, i.e., $\mathbf{0}(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Definition 1.2 A sub-collection $W \subseteq V$ of a vector space V is called a **vector subspace** of V if W itself forms a vector space, denoted by $W \leq V$. ■

- **Example 1.4**
1. For $V = \mathbb{R}^3$, we claim that $W = \{(x, y, 0) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} \leq V$
 2. $W = \{(x, y, 1) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is not the vector subspace of V . ■

Proposition 1.1 $W \subseteq V$ is a **vector subspace** of V iff for $\forall \mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2 \in W$, we have $\alpha \mathbf{w}_1 + \beta \mathbf{w}_2 \in W$, for $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$.

- **Example 1.5**
1. For $V = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$, the subspace $W = \{A \in V \mid \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}\} \leq V$
 2. For $V = C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$, define $W = \{f \in V \mid \frac{d^2}{dx^2} f + f = 0\} \leq V$. For $f, g \in W$, we have

$$(\alpha f + \beta g)'' = \alpha f'' + \beta g'' = \alpha(-f) + \beta(-g) = -(\alpha f + \beta g),$$

which implies $(\alpha f + \beta g)'' + (\alpha f + \beta g) = 0$. ■

1.4. Wednesday for MAT3040

1.4.1. Review

1. Vector Space: e.g., $\mathbb{R}, M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}), C(\mathbb{R}^n), \mathbb{R}[x]$.
2. Vector Subspace: $W \leq V$, e.g.,
 - (a) $V = \mathbb{R}^2$, the set $W := \mathbb{R}_+^2$ is not a vector subspace since W is not closed under scalar multiplication;
 - (b) the set $W = \mathbb{R}_+^2 \cup \mathbb{R}_-^2$ is not a vector subspace since it is not closed under addition.
 - (c) For $V = M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$, the set of invertible 3×3 matrices is not a vector subspace, since we cannot define zero vector inside.
 - (d) Exercise: How about the set of all singular matrices? Answer: it is not a vector subspace since the vector addition does not necessarily hold.

1.4.2. Spanning Set

Definition 1.11 [Span] Let V be a vector space over \mathbb{F} :

1. A linear combination of a subset S in V is of the form

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{s}_i, \quad \alpha_i \in \mathbb{F}, \mathbf{s}_i \in S$$

Note that the summation should be finite.

2. The **span** of a subset $S \subseteq V$ is

$$\text{span}(S) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{s}_i \mid \alpha_i \in \mathbb{F}, \mathbf{s}_i \in S \right\}$$

3. S is a spanning set of V , or say S spans V , if

$$\text{span}(S) = V.$$

■ **Example 1.12** For $V = \mathbb{R}[x]$, define the set

$$S = \{1, x^2, x^4, \dots, x^6\},$$

then $2 + x^4 + \pi x^{106} \in \text{span}(S)$, while the series $1 + x^2 + x^4 + \dots \notin \text{span}(S)$.

It is clear that $\text{span}(S) \neq V$, but S is the spanning set of $W = \{p \in V \mid p(x) = p(-x)\}$. ■

■ **Example 1.13** For $V = M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$, let $W_1 = \{\mathbf{A} \in V \mid \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}\}$ and $W_2 = \{\mathbf{B} \in V \mid \mathbf{B}^T = -\mathbf{B}\}$ (the set of skew-symmetric matrices) be two vector subspaces. Define the set

$$\mathcal{S} := W_1 \cup W_2$$

Exercise: \mathcal{S} spans V . ■

Proposition 1.7 Let S be a subset in a vector space V .

1. $S \subseteq \text{span}(S)$
2. $\text{span}(S) = \text{span}(\text{span}(S))$
3. If $\mathbf{w} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \setminus \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$, then

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \setminus \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$$

Proof. 1. For each $\mathbf{s} \in S$, we have

$$\mathbf{s} = 1 \cdot \mathbf{s} \in \text{span}(S)$$

2. From (1), it's clear that $\text{span}(S) \subseteq \text{span}(\text{span}(S))$, and therefore suffices to show $\text{span}(\text{span}(S)) \subseteq \text{span}(S)$:

Pick $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i \in \text{span}(\text{span}(S))$, where $\mathbf{v}_i \in \text{span}(S)$. Rewrite

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \beta_{ij} \mathbf{s}_j, \quad \mathbf{s}_j \in S,$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \beta_{ij} \mathbf{s}_j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (\alpha_i \beta_{ij}) \mathbf{s}_j, \end{aligned}$$

i.e., \mathbf{v} is the finite combination of elements in S , which implies $\mathbf{v} \in \text{span}(S)$.

3. By hypothesis, $\mathbf{w} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n$ with $\alpha_1 \neq 0$, which implies

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = -\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \left(-\frac{1}{\alpha_1} \mathbf{w}\right)$$

which implies $\mathbf{v}_1 \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$. It suffices to show $\mathbf{v}_1 \notin \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$.

Suppose on the contrary that $\mathbf{v}_1 \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$. It's clear that $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$. (left as exercise). Therefore,

$$\emptyset = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \setminus \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\},$$

which is a contradiction. ■

1.4.3. Linear Independence and Basis

Definition 1.12 [Linear Independence] Let S be a (not necessarily finite) subset of V . Then S is **linearly independent** (l.i.) on V if for any finite subset $\{\mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_k\}$ in S ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \mathbf{s}_i = \mathbf{0} \iff \alpha_i = 0, \forall i$$

■ **Example 1.14** For $V = C(\mathbb{R})$,

1. let $S_1 = \{\sin x, \cos x\}$, which is l.i., since

$$\alpha \sin x + \beta \cos x = \mathbf{0} \text{ (means zero function)}$$

Taking $x = 0$ both sides leads to $\beta = 0$; taking $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ both sides leads to $\alpha = 0$.

2. let $S_2 = \{\sin^2 x, \cos^2 x, 1\}$, which is linearly dependent, since

$$1 \cdot \sin^2 x + 1 \cdot \cos^2 x + (-1) \cdot 1 = 0, \forall x$$

3. Exercise: For $V = \mathbb{R}[x]$, let $S = \{1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots\}$, which is l.i.:

Pick $x^{k_1}, \dots, x^{k_n} \in S$ with $k_1 < \dots < k_n$. Consider that the equation

$$\alpha_1 x^{k_1} + \dots + \alpha_n x^{k_n} = \mathbf{0}$$

holds for all x , and try to solve for $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ (one way is differentiation.)

Definition 1.13 [Basis] A subset S is a **basis** of V if

- (a) S spans V ;
- (b) S is l.i.

■ **Example 1.15** 1. For $V = \mathbb{R}^n$, $S = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ is a basis of V

2. For $V = \mathbb{R}[x]$, $S = \{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$ is a basis of V

3. For $V = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$,

$$S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

is a basis of V

R Note that there can be many basis for a vector space V .

Proposition 1.8 Let $V = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$, then there exists a subset of $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$, which is a basis of V .

Proof. If $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ is l.i., the proof is complete.

Suppose not, then $\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \mathbf{v}_m = \mathbf{0}$ has a non-trivial solution. w.l.o.g., $\alpha_1 \neq 0$, which implies

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = -\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \left(\frac{\alpha_m}{\alpha_1}\right) \mathbf{v}_m \implies \mathbf{v}_1 \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$$

By the proof in (c), Proposition (1.7),

$$\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\} = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\},$$

which implies $V = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$.

Continue this argument finitely many times to guarantee that $\{\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_{i+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ is l.i., and spans V . The proof is complete. ■

Corollary 1.1 If $V = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ (i.e., V is finitely generated), then V has a basis. (The same holds for non-finitely generated V).

Proposition 1.9 If $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis of V , then every $\mathbf{v} \in V$ can be expressed uniquely as

$$\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

Proof. Since $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ spans V , so $\mathbf{v} \in V$ can be written as

$$\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n \tag{1.1}$$

Suppose further that

$$\mathbf{v} = \beta_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \beta_n \mathbf{v}_n, \tag{1.2}$$

it suffices to show that $\alpha_i = \beta_i$ for $\forall i$:

Subtracting (1.1) into (1.2) leads to

$$(\alpha_1 - \beta_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + (\alpha_n - \beta_n)\mathbf{v}_n = 0.$$

By the hypothesis of linear independence, we have $\alpha_i - \beta_i = 0$ for $\forall i$, i.e., $\alpha_i = \beta_i$. ■

Chapter 2

Week2

2.1. Monday for MAT3040

Reviewing.

1. Linear Combination and Span
2. Linear Independence
3. Basis: a set of vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is called a **basis** for V if $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is linearly independent, and $V = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$.

Lemma: Given $V = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$, we can find a basis for this set. Here V is said to be **finitely generated**.

4. Lemma: The vector $\mathbf{w} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \setminus \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ implies that

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \setminus \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$$

2.1.1. Basis and Dimension

Theorem 2.1 Let V be a finitely generated vector space. Suppose $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ and $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ are two basis of V . Then $m = n$. (where m is called the **dimension**)

Proof. Suppose on the contrary that $m \neq n$. Without loss of generality (w.l.o.g.), assume that $m < n$. Let $\mathbf{v}_1 = \alpha_1 \mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{w}_n$, with some $\alpha_i \neq 0$. w.l.o.g., assume $\alpha_1 \neq 0$. Therefore,

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\} \setminus \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\} \quad (2.1)$$

which implies that $\mathbf{w}_1 \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\} \setminus \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$.

Then we claim that $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ is a basis of V :

1. Note that $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ is a spanning set:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}_1 \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\} &\implies \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\} \subseteq \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\} \\ &\implies \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\} \subseteq \text{span}\{\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}\} \subseteq \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\} \end{aligned}$$

Since $V = \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$, we have $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\} = V$.

2. Then we show the linear independence of $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$. Consider the equation

$$\beta_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \beta_n \mathbf{w}_n = \mathbf{0}$$

(a) When $\beta_1 \neq 0$, we imply

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \left(-\frac{\beta_2}{\beta_1}\right) \mathbf{w}_2 + \dots + \left(-\frac{\beta_n}{\beta_1}\right) \mathbf{w}_n \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\},$$

which contradicts (2.1).

(b) When $\beta_1 = 0$, then $\beta_2 \mathbf{w}_2 + \dots + \beta_n \mathbf{w}_n = \mathbf{0}$, which implies $\beta_2 = \dots = \beta_n = 0$, due to the independence of $\{\mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$.

Therefore, $\mathbf{v}_2 \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \gamma_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \gamma_n \mathbf{w}_n,$$

where $\gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n$ cannot be all zeros, since otherwise $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ are linearly dependent, i.e., $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ cannot form a basis. w.l.o.g., assume $\gamma_2 \neq 0$, which implies

$$\mathbf{w}_2 \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}_3, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\} \setminus \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_3, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}.$$

Following the similar argument above, $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}_3, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ forms a basis of V .

Continuing the argument above, we imply $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m, \mathbf{w}_{m+1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ is a basis of V .

Since $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ is a basis as well, we imply

$$\mathbf{w}_{m+1} = \delta_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \delta_m \mathbf{v}_m$$

for some $\delta_i \in \mathbb{F}$, i.e., $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m, \mathbf{w}_{m+1}\}$ is linearly dependent, which is a contradiction. ■

■ **Example 2.1** A vector space may have more than one basis.

Suppose $V = \mathbb{F}^n$, it is clear that $\dim(V) = n$, and

$\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ is a basis of V , where \mathbf{e}_i denotes a unit vector.

There could be other basis of V , such as

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Actually, the columns of any invertible $n \times n$ matrix forms a basis of V . ■

■ **Example 2.2** Suppose $V = M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, we claim that $\dim(V) = mn$:

$$\left\{ E_{ij} \mid \begin{matrix} 1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq j \leq n \end{matrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis of } V,$$

where E_{ij} is $m \times n$ matrix with 1 at (i, j) -th entry, and 0s at the remaining entries. ■

■ **Example 2.3** Suppose $V = \{\text{all polynomials of degree } \leq n\}$, then $\dim(V) = n + 1$. ■

■ **Example 2.4** Suppose $V = \{\mathbf{A} \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \mid \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}\}$, then $\dim(V) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$. ■

■ **Example 2.5** Let $W = \{\mathbf{B} \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \mid \mathbf{B}^T = -\mathbf{B}\}$, then $\dim(V) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$. ■

R Sometimes it should be classified the field \mathbb{F} for the scalar multiplication to define a vector space. Consider the example below:

1. Let $V = \mathbb{C}$, then $\dim(\mathbb{C}) = 1$ for the scalar multiplication defined under the field \mathbb{C} .
2. Let $V = \text{span}\{1, i\} = \mathbb{C}$, then $\dim(\mathbb{C}) = 2$ for the scalar multiplication defined under the field \mathbb{R} , since all $z \in V$ can be written as $z = a + bi$, $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.
3. Therefore, to avoid confusion, it is safe to write

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}) = 1, \quad \dim_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{C}) = 2.$$

2.1.2. Operations on a vector space

Note that the basis for a vector space is characterized as the **maximal linearly independent set**.

Theorem 2.2 — Basis Extension. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space, and $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ be a linearly independent set on V , Then we can extend it to the basis $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ of V .

Proof. • Suppose $\dim(V) = n > k$, and $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ is a basis of V . Consider the set $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\} \cup \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$, which is linearly dependent, i.e.,

$$\alpha_1 \mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{w}_n + \beta_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \beta_k \mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{0},$$

with some $\alpha_i \neq 0$, since otherwise this equation will only have trivial solution. w.l.o.g., assume $\alpha_1 \neq 0$.

- Therefore, consider the set $\{\mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\} \cup \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$. We keep removing elements from $\{\mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ until we first get the set

$$S \cup \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\},$$

with $S \subseteq \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ and $S \cup \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is linearly independent, i.e., S is a maximal subset of $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ such that $S \cup \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is linearly independent.

- Rewrite $S = \{\mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ and therefore $S' = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ are linearly independent. It suffices to show S' spans V .

– Indeed, for all $\mathbf{w}_i \in \{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$, $\mathbf{w}_i \in \text{span}(S')$, since otherwise the equation

$$\alpha \mathbf{w}_i + \beta_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \beta_m \mathbf{v}_m = \mathbf{0} \implies \alpha = 0,$$

which implies that $\beta_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \beta_m \mathbf{v}_m = \mathbf{0}$ admits only trivial solution, i.e.,

$$\{\mathbf{w}_i\} \cup S' = \{\mathbf{w}_i\} \cup S \cup \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\} \text{ is linearly independent,}$$

which violates the maximality of S .

Therefore, all $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\} \subseteq \text{span}(S')$, which implies $\text{span}(S') = V$.

Therefore, S' is a basis of V . ■

- R** Start with a spanning set, we keep removing something to form a basis; start with independent set, we keep adding something to form a basis.

In other words, the basis is both the minimal spanning set, and the maximal linearly independent set.

Definition 2.1 [Direct Sum] Let W_1, W_2 be two vector subspaces of V , then

1. $W_1 \cap W_2 := \{\mathbf{w} \in V \mid \mathbf{w} \in W_1, \text{ and } \mathbf{w} \in W_2\}$
2. $W_1 + W_2 := \{\mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{w}_2 \mid \mathbf{w}_i \in W_i\}$
3. If furthermore that $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{\mathbf{0}\}$, then $W_1 + W_2$ is denoted as $W_1 \oplus W_2$, which is called **direct sum**. ■

Proposition 2.1 $W_1 \cap W_2$ and $W_1 + W_2$ are vector subspaces of V .

2.4. Wednesday for MAT3040

Reviewing.

- Basis, Dimension
- Basis Extension
- $W_1 \cap W_2 = \emptyset$ implies $W_1 \oplus W_2 = W_1 + W_2$ (Direct Sum).

2.4.1. Remark on Direct Sum

Proposition 2.13 The set $W_1 + W_2 = W_1 \oplus W_2$ iff any $\mathbf{w} \in W_1 + W_2$ can be uniquely expressed as

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{w}_2,$$

where $\mathbf{w}_i \in W_i$ for $i = 1, 2$.

R We can also define addition among finite set of vector spaces $\{W_1, \dots, W_k\}$.

If $\mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{w}_k = \mathbf{0}$ implies $\mathbf{w}_i = \mathbf{0}, \forall i$, then we can write $W_1 + \dots + W_k$ as

$$W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$$

Proposition 2.14 — Complementation. Let $W \leq V$ be a vector subspace of a finite dimension vector space V . Then there exists $W' \leq V$ such that

$$W \oplus W' = V.$$

Proof. It's clear that $\dim(W) := k \leq n := \dim(V)$. Suppose $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is a basis of W .

By the basis extension proposition, we can extend it into $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$, which is a basis of V .

Therefore, we take $W' = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$, which follows that

1. $W + W' = V$: $\forall \mathbf{v} \in V$ has the form

$$\mathbf{v} = (\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + \alpha_k \mathbf{v}_k) + (\alpha_{k+1} \mathbf{v}_{k+1} + \cdots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n),$$

where $\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + \alpha_k \mathbf{v}_k \in W$ and $\alpha_{k+1} \mathbf{v}_{k+1} + \cdots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n \in W'$.

2. $W \cap W' = \{\mathbf{0}\}$: Suppose $\mathbf{v} \in W \cap W'$, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= (\beta_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + \beta_k \mathbf{v}_k) + (0 \mathbf{v}_{k+1} + \cdots + 0 \mathbf{v}_n) \in W \\ &= (0 \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + 0 \mathbf{v}_k) + (\beta_{k+1} \mathbf{v}_{k+1} + \cdots + \beta_n \mathbf{v}_n) \in W'. \end{aligned}$$

By the uniqueness of coordinates, we imply $\beta_1 = \cdots = \beta_n = 0$, i.e., $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.

Therefore, we conclude that $W \oplus W' = V$. ■

2.4.2. Linear Transformation

Definition 2.7 [Linear Transformation] Let V, W be vector spaces. Then $T : V \rightarrow W$ is a linear transformation if

$$T(\alpha \mathbf{v}_1 + \beta \mathbf{v}_2) = \alpha T(\mathbf{v}_1) + \beta T(\mathbf{v}_2),$$

for $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$ and $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in V$. ■

Proposition 2.15 1. Suppose that $S : V \rightarrow W$ and $T : W \rightarrow U$ are linear transformations, then so is $T \circ S : V \rightarrow U$.

2. For any linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$, we have

$$T(\mathbf{0}_V) = \mathbf{0}_W$$

Proof. Simply apply the definition of the linear transformation. ■

■ **Example 2.12** 1. The transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ defined as $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ (where $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$) is a linear transformation.

2. The transformation $T : \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}[x]$ defined as

$$p(x) \mapsto T(p(x)) = p'(x), \quad p(x) \mapsto T(p(x)) = \int_0^x p(t) dt$$

is a linear transformation

3. The transformation $T : M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as

$$\mathbf{A} \mapsto \text{trace}(\mathbf{A}) := \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

is a linear transformation.

However, the transformation

$$\mathbf{A} \mapsto \det(\mathbf{A})$$

is not a linear transformation.

Definition 2.8 [Kernel/Image] Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation.

1. The **kernel** of T is

$$\ker(T) = T^{-1}(\mathbf{0}) = \{\mathbf{v} \in V \mid T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}\}$$

2. The **image** (or range) of T is

$$\text{Im}(T) = T(V) = \{T(\mathbf{v}) \in W \mid \mathbf{v} \in V\}$$

■ **Example 2.13** 1. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation with $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$, then

$$\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\} = \text{Null}(\mathbf{A}) \quad \text{Null Space}$$

and

$$\text{Im}(T) = \{\mathbf{Ax} \mid \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\} = \text{Col}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{span}\{\text{columns of } \mathbf{A}\} \quad \text{Column Space}$$

2. For $T(p(x)) = p'(x)$, $\ker(T) = \{\text{constant polynomials}\}$ and $\text{Im}(T) = \mathbb{R}[x]$.

Proposition 2.16 The kernel or image for a linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ also forms a vector subspace:

$$\ker(T) \leq V, \quad \text{Im}(T) \leq W$$

Proof. For $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in \ker(T)$, we imply

$$T(\alpha\mathbf{v}_1 + \beta\mathbf{v}_2) = \mathbf{0},$$

which implies $\alpha\mathbf{v}_1 + \beta\mathbf{v}_2 \in \ker(T)$.

The remaining proof follows similarly. ■

Definition 2.9 [Rank/Nullity] Let V, W be finite dimensional vector spaces and $T : V \rightarrow W$ a linear transformation. Then we define

$$\text{rank}(T) = \dim(\text{im}(T))$$

$$\text{nullity}(T) = \dim(\ker(T))$$

Ⓡ Let

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}}(V, W) = \{\text{all linear transformations } T : V \rightarrow W\},$$

and we can define the addition and scalar multiplication to make it a vector space:

1. For $T, S \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}}(V, W)$, define

$$(T + S)(\mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{v}) + S(\mathbf{v}),$$

which implies $T + S \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}}(V, W)$.

2. Also, define

$$(\gamma T)(\mathbf{v}) = \gamma T(\mathbf{v}), \quad \text{for } \forall \gamma \in \mathbb{F},$$

which implies $\gamma T \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}}(V, W)$.

In particular, if $V = \mathbb{R}^n, W = \mathbb{R}^m$, then

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}}(V, W) = M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R}).$$

Proposition 2.17 If $\dim(V) = n, \dim(W) = m$, then $\dim(\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}}(V, W)) = mn$.

Proposition 2.18 There are alternative characterizations for the injectivity and surjectivity of linear transformation T :

1. The linear transformation T is injective if and only if

$$\ker(T) = \mathbf{0}, \iff \text{nullity}(T) = 0.$$

2. The linear transformation T is surjective if and only if

$$\text{im}(T) = W, \iff \text{rank}(T) = \dim(W).$$

3. If T is bijective, then T^{-1} is a linear transformation.

Proof. 1. (a) For the forward direction of (1),

$$\mathbf{x} \in \ker(T) \implies T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} = T(\mathbf{0}) \implies \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

(b) For the reverse direction of (1),

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = T(\mathbf{y}) \implies T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{0} \implies \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \in \ker(T) = \mathbf{0} \implies \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$$

2. The proof follows similar idea in (1).

3. Let $T^{-1} : W \rightarrow V$. For all $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2 \in W$, there exists $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in V$ such that $T(\mathbf{v}_i) = \mathbf{w}_i$, i.e.,

$$T^{-1}(\mathbf{w}_i) = \mathbf{v}_i \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Consider the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} T(\alpha\mathbf{v}_1 + \beta\mathbf{v}_2) &= \alpha T(\mathbf{v}_1) + \beta T(\mathbf{v}_2) \\ &= \alpha\mathbf{w}_1 + \beta\mathbf{w}_2, \end{aligned}$$

which implies $\alpha\mathbf{v}_1 + \beta\mathbf{v}_2 = T^{-1}(\alpha\mathbf{w}_1 + \beta\mathbf{w}_2)$, i.e.,

$$\alpha T^{-1}(\mathbf{w}_1) + \beta T^{-1}(\mathbf{w}_2) = T^{-1}(\alpha\mathbf{w}_1 + \beta\mathbf{w}_2).$$

■

Definition 2.10 [isomorphism] We say that the vector subspaces V and W are isomorphic if there exists a bijective linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$. ($V \cong W$)

This mapping T is called an **isomorphism** from V to W . ■

R If $\dim(V) = \dim(W) = n < \infty$, then $V \cong W$:

Take $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}, \{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ as basis of V and W , respectively. Then one can construct $T : V \rightarrow W$ satisfying $T(\mathbf{v}_i) = \mathbf{w}_i$ for $\forall i$ as follows:

$$T(\alpha_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n\mathbf{v}_n) = \alpha_1\mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n\mathbf{w}_n \quad \forall \alpha_i \in \mathbb{F}$$

It's clear that our constructed T is a linear transformation.

R $V \cong W$ doesn't imply any linear transformations $T : V \rightarrow W$ is an isomorphism. e.g., $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$ is not an isomorphism if $W \neq \{\mathbf{0}\}$.

Theorem 2.3 — **Rank-Nullity Theorem.** Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation with $\dim(V) < \infty$. Then

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

Proof. Since $\ker(T) \leq V$, by proposition (2.14), there exists $V_1 \leq V$ such that

$$V = \ker(T) \oplus V_1.$$

1. Consider the transformation $T|_{V_1}: V_1 \rightarrow T(V_1)$, which is an isomorphism, since:

- Surjectivity is immediate
- For $\mathbf{v} \in \ker(T|_{V_1})$,

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0} \implies \mathbf{v} \in \ker(T),$$

which implies $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ since $\mathbf{v} \in \ker(T) \cap V_1 = \{0\}$, i.e., the injectivity follows.

Therefore, $\dim(V_1) = \dim(T(V_1))$.

2. Secondly, given an isomorphism T from X to Y with $\dim(X) < \infty$, then $\dim(X) = \dim(T(X))$. The reason follows from assignment 1 questions (8-9):

$$\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\} \text{ is a basis of } X \implies \{T(\mathbf{v}_1), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_k)\} \text{ is a basis of } Y$$

3. Note that $T(V_1) = T(V) = \text{im}(T)$, since:

- for $\forall \mathbf{v} \in V$, $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_k + \mathbf{v}_1$, where $\mathbf{v}_k \in \ker(T)$, $\mathbf{v}_1 \in V_1$, which implies

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{v}_k) + T(\mathbf{v}_1) = \mathbf{0} + T(\mathbf{v}_1),$$

i.e., $T(V) \subseteq T(V_1) \subseteq T(V)$, i.e., $T(V) = T(V_1)$.

4. We can show that $\dim(V) = \dim(\ker(T)) + \dim(V_1)$: Let $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ be a basis of $\ker(T)$, and $\{v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}$ be a basis of V_1 , then by the proof of complementation proposition (2.14), we imply $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis of V , i.e., $\dim(V) = n = k + (n - k) = \dim(\ker(T)) + \dim(V_1)$.

Therefore, we imply

$$\begin{aligned}\dim(V) &= \dim(\ker(T)) + \dim(V_1) \\ &= \text{nullity}(T) + \dim(T(V_1)) \\ &= \text{nullity}(T) + \dim(T(V)) \\ &= \text{nullity}(T) + \dim(\text{im}(T)) \\ &= \text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T).\end{aligned}$$

■

Chapter 3

Week3

3.1. Monday for MAT3040

Reviewing.

1. Complementation. Suppose $\dim(V) = n < \infty$, then $W \leq V$ implies that there exists W' such that

$$W \oplus W' = V.$$

2. Given the linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$, define the set $\ker(T)$ and $\text{Im}(T)$.
3. Isomorphism of vector spaces: $T : V \cong W$
4. Rank-Nullity Theorem

3.1.1. Remarks on Isomorphism

Proposition 3.1 If $T : V \rightarrow W$ is an isomorphism, then

1. the set $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is linearly independent in V if and only if $\{T\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, T\mathbf{v}_k\}$ is linearly independent.
2. The same goes if we replace the linearly independence by spans.
3. If $\dim(V) = n$, then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ forms a basis of V if and only if $\{T\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, T\mathbf{v}_n\}$ forms a basis of W . In particular, $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$.
4. Two vector spaces with finite dimensions are isomorphic if and only if they have the same dimension:

Proof. It suffices to show the reverse direction. Let $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ and $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ be two

basis of V, W , respectively. Define the linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ by

$$T(a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + a_n\mathbf{v}_n) = a_1\mathbf{w}_1 + \cdots + a_n\mathbf{w}_n$$

Then T is surjective since $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ spans W ; T is injective since $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ is linearly independent. ■

3.1.2. Change of Basis and Matrix Representation

Definition 3.1 [Coordinate Vector] Let V be a finite dimensional vector space and $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ an **ordered** basis of V . Any vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$ can be uniquely written as

$$\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n\mathbf{v}_n,$$

Therefore we define the map $[\cdot]_{\mathcal{B}} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^n$, which maps any vector in \mathbf{v} into its **coordinate vector**:

$$[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$$

R Note that $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ and $\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ are distinct ordered basis.

■ **Example 3.1** Given $V = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{F})$ and the ordered basis

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Any matrix has the coordinate vector w.r.t. \mathcal{B} , i.e.,

$$\left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \right]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

However, if given another ordered basis

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

the matrix may have the different coordinate vector w.r.t. \mathcal{B}_1 :

$$\left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \right]_{\mathcal{B}_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Theorem 3.1 The mapping $[\cdot]_{\mathcal{B}} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^n$ is an isomorphism.

Proof. 1. First show the operator $[\cdot]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is well-defined, i.e., the same input gives the same output. Suppose that

$$[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} \quad [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha'_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha'_n \end{pmatrix},$$

then we imply

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n \\ &= \alpha'_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + \alpha'_n \mathbf{v}_n. \end{aligned}$$

By the uniqueness of coordinates, we imply $\alpha_i = \alpha'_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

2. It's clear that the operator $[\cdot]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is a linear transformation, i.e.,

$$[p\mathbf{v} + q\mathbf{w}]_{\mathcal{B}} = p[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} + q[\mathbf{w}]_{\mathcal{B}} \quad \forall p, q \in \mathbb{F}$$

3. The operator $[\cdot]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is surjective:

$$[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies \mathbf{v} = 0\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + 0\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}.$$

4. The injective is clear, i.e., $[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [\mathbf{w}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ implies $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}$.

Therefore, $[\cdot]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is an isomorphism. ■

We can use the Theorem (3.1) to simplify computations in vector spaces:

■ **Example 3.2** Given a vector space $V = P_3[x]$ and its basis $B = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$.

To check if the set $\{1 + x^2, 3 - x^3, x - x^3\}$ is linearly independent, by part (1) in Proposition (3.1) and Theorem (3.1), it suffices to check whether the corresponding coordinate vectors

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

is linearly independent, i.e., do Gaussian Elimination and check the number of pivots. ■

Here gives rise to the question: if $\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2$ form two basis of V , then how are $[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}_1}, [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}_2}$ related to each other?

Here we consider an easy example first:

■ **Example 3.3** Consider $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ and its basis $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$. For any $\mathbf{v} \in V$,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{e}_n \implies [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}_1} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Also, we can construct a different basis of V :

$$\mathcal{B}_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

which gives a different coordinate vector of \mathbf{v} :

$$[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}_2} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_2 - \alpha_3 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{n-1} - \alpha_n \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Proposition 3.2 — Change of Basis. Let $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ and $\mathcal{A}' = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ be two ordered basis of a vector space V . Define the **change of basis** matrix from \mathcal{A} to \mathcal{A}' , say $C_{\mathcal{A}', \mathcal{A}} := [\alpha_{ij}]$, where

$$\mathbf{v}_j = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{w}_i$$

Then for any vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$, the *change of basis amounts to left-multiplying the change of basis matrix*:

$$C_{\mathcal{A}', \mathcal{A}}[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{A}} = [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{A}'} \quad (3.1)$$

Define matrix $C_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}'} := [\beta_{ij}]$, where

$$\mathbf{w}_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ij} \mathbf{v}_i$$

Then we imply that

$$(C_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}'})^{-1} = C_{\mathcal{A}',\mathcal{A}}$$

Proof. 1. First show (3.1) holds for $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_j, j = 1, \dots, n$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS of (3.1)} &= [\alpha_{ij}] \mathbf{e}_j = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{nj} \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{RHS of (3.1)} &= [\mathbf{v}_j]_{\mathcal{A}'} = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{w}_i \right]_{\mathcal{A}'} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{nj} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$C_{\mathcal{A}',\mathcal{A}}[\mathbf{v}_j]_{\mathcal{A}} = [\mathbf{v}_j]_{\mathcal{A}'}, \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n. \quad (3.2)$$

2. Then for any $\mathbf{v} \in V$, we imply $\mathbf{v} = r_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + r_n \mathbf{v}_n$, which implies that

$$C_{\mathcal{A}',\mathcal{A}}[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{A}} = C_{\mathcal{A}',\mathcal{A}}[r_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + r_n \mathbf{v}_n]_{\mathcal{A}} \quad (3.3a)$$

$$= C_{\mathcal{A}',\mathcal{A}}(r_1 [\mathbf{v}_1]_{\mathcal{A}} + \dots + r_n [\mathbf{v}_n]_{\mathcal{A}}) \quad (3.3b)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n r_j C_{\mathcal{A}',\mathcal{A}}[\mathbf{v}_j]_{\mathcal{A}} \quad (3.3c)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n r_j [\mathbf{v}_j]_{\mathcal{A}'} \quad (3.3d)$$

$$= \left[\sum_{j=1}^n r_j \mathbf{v}_j \right]_{\mathcal{A}'} \quad (3.3e)$$

$$= [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{A}'} \quad (3.3f)$$

where (3.3a) and (3.3e) is by applying the linearity of $[\cdot]_{\mathcal{A}}$ and $[\cdot]_{\mathcal{A}'}$; (3.3d) is by applying the result (3.12). Therefore (3.1) is shown for $\forall \mathbf{v} \in V$.

3. Now we show that $(C_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}'}C_{\mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A}}) = \mathbf{I}_n$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v}_j &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{w}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{ij} \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_{ki} \mathbf{v}_k \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ki} \alpha_{ij} \right) \mathbf{v}_i\end{aligned}$$

By the uniqueness of coordinates, we imply

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ki} \alpha_{ij} \right) = \delta_{jk} := \begin{cases} 1, & j = k \\ 0, & j \neq k \end{cases}$$

By the matrix multiplication, the (k, j) -th entry for $C_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}'}C_{\mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A}}$ is

$$[C_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}'}C_{\mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A}}]_{kj} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ki} \alpha_{ij} \right) = \delta_{jk} \implies (C_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}'}C_{\mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A}}) = \mathbf{I}_n$$

Now, suppose

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v}_j &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{w}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{ij} \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_{ki} \mathbf{v}_k \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ki} \alpha_{ij} \right) \mathbf{v}_i\end{aligned}$$

By the uniqueness of coordinates, we imply

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ki} \alpha_{ij} \right) = \begin{cases} 1, & j = k \\ 0, & j \neq k \end{cases}$$

where

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ki} \alpha_{ij} \right) = (C_{AA'}C_{A'A}).$$

Therefore, $(C_{AA'}C_{A'A}) = \mathbf{I}_n$. ■

■ **Example 3.4** Back to Example (3.3), write $\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2$ as

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}, \quad \mathcal{B}_2 = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$$

and therefore $\mathbf{w}_i = \mathbf{e}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{e}_i$. The change of basis matrix is given by

$$C_{\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

which implies that for \mathbf{v} in the example,

$$C_{\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2} [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{n-1} - \alpha_n \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} = [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}_1}$$

■ **Definition 3.2** Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation, and

$$\mathcal{A} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}, \quad \mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m\}$$

be basis of V and W , respectively. The **matrix representation** of T with respect to (w.r.t.) \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} is defined as $(T)_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{A}} := (\alpha_{ij}) \in M_{m \times m}(\mathbb{F})$, where

$$T(\mathbf{v}_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{w}_i$$

3.4. Wednesday for MAT3040

3.4.1. Remarks for the Change of Basis

Reviewing.

- $[\cdot]_{\mathcal{A}} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^n$ denotes coordinate vector mapping
- Change of Basis matrix: $C_{\mathcal{A}', \mathcal{A}}$
- $T : V \rightarrow W$, $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ and $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m\}$.

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}}(V, W) \rightarrow M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$$

■ **Example 3.10** Let $V = \mathbb{P}_3[x]$ and $\mathcal{A} = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$.

Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ defined as $p(x) \mapsto p'(x)$:

$$\begin{cases} T(1) = 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x^2 + 0 \cdot x^3 \\ T(x) = 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x^2 + 0 \cdot x^3 \\ T(x^2) = 0 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x^2 + 0 \cdot x^3 \\ T(x^3) = 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot x + 3 \cdot x^2 + 0 \cdot x^3 \end{cases}$$

We can define the change of basis matrix for a linear transformation T as well, w.r.t. \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{A} :

$$C_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Also, we can define a different basis $\mathcal{A}' = \{x^3, x^2, x, 1\}$ for the output space for T , say $T : V_{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow V_{\mathcal{A}'}$:

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Our observation is that the corresponding coordinate vectors before and after linear transformation admits a matrix multiplication:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2x^2 + 4x^3) &\xrightarrow{T} (4x + 12x^2) \\
 (2x^2 + 4x^3)_{\mathcal{A}} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} & (4x + 12x^2)_{\mathcal{A}} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 12 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 12 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 C_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}} \cdot (2x^2 + 4x^3)_{\mathcal{A}} &= (4x + 12x^2)_{\mathcal{A}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.3 — Matrix Representation. Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation of finite dimensional vector spaces. Let \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} the ordered basis of V, W , respectively. Then the following diagram holds:

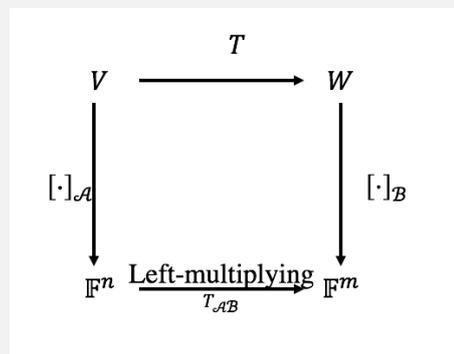


Figure 3.2: Diagram for the matrix representation, where $n := \dim(V)$ and $m := \dim(W)$

namely, for any $\mathbf{v} \in V$,

$$(T)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{v})_{\mathcal{A}} = (T\mathbf{v})_{\mathcal{B}}$$

Therefore, we can compute $T\mathbf{v}$ by matrix multiplication.

Therefore, linear transformation corresponds to coordinate matrix multiplication.

Proof. Suppose $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ and $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m\}$. The proof of this theorem follows the same procedure of that in Theorem (3.1)

1. We show this result for $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_j$ first:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= [\alpha_{ij}] \mathbf{e}_j = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{mj} \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{RHS} &= (T\mathbf{v}_j)_{\mathcal{B}} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{w}_i \right)_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{mj} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

2. Then we show the theorem holds for any $\mathbf{v} := \sum_{j=1}^n r_j \mathbf{v}_j$ in V :

$$(T)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{v})_{\mathcal{A}} = (T)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{A}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n r_j \mathbf{v}_j \right)_{\mathcal{A}} \quad (3.8a)$$

$$= (T)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{A}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n r_j (\mathbf{v}_j)_{\mathcal{A}} \right) \quad (3.8b)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n r_j (T)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{v}_j)_{\mathcal{A}} \quad (3.8c)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n r_j (T\mathbf{v}_j)_{\mathcal{B}} \quad (3.8d)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{j=1}^n r_j (T\mathbf{v}_j) \right)_{\mathcal{B}} \quad (3.8e)$$

$$= \left[T \left(\sum_{j=1}^n r_j \mathbf{v}_j \right) \right]_{\mathcal{B}} \quad (3.8f)$$

$$= (T\mathbf{v})_{\mathcal{B}} \quad (3.8g)$$

The justification for (3.8a) is similar to that shown in Theorem (3.1). The proof is complete. ■

- R** Consider a special case for Theorem (3.3), i.e., $T = \text{id}$ and $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'$ are two ordered basis for the input and output space, respectively. Then the result in Theorem (3.3) implies

$$C_{\mathcal{A}', \mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{v})_{\mathcal{A}} = (\mathbf{v})_{\mathcal{A}'}$$

i.e., the matrix representation theorem (3.3) is a general case for the change of basis theorem (3.1)

Proposition 3.6 — Functoriality. Suppose V, W, U are finite dimensional vector spaces, and let $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$ be the ordered basis for V, W, U , respectively. Suppose that

$$T : V \rightarrow W, \quad S : W \rightarrow U$$

are given two linear transformations, then

$$(S \circ T)_{\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{A}} = (S)_{\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}}(T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}}$$

Composition of linear transformation corresponds to the multiplication of change of basis matrices.

Proof. Suppose the ordered basis $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$, $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m\}$, $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$. By definition of change of basis matrices,

$$T(\mathbf{v}_j) = \sum_i (T_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}})_{ij} \mathbf{w}_i$$

$$S(\mathbf{w}_i) = \sum_k (S_{\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}})_{ki} \mathbf{u}_k$$

We start from the j -th column of $(S \circ T)_{C, \mathcal{A}}$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$, namely

$$(S \circ T)_{C, \mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{v}_j)_{\mathcal{A}} = (S \circ T(\mathbf{v}_j))_C \quad (3.9a)$$

$$= \left[S \circ \left(\sum_i (T_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}})_{ij} \mathbf{w}_i \right) \right]_C \quad (3.9b)$$

$$= \sum_i (T_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}})_{ij} (S(\mathbf{w}_i))_C \quad (3.9c)$$

$$= \sum_i (T_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}})_{ij} \left(\sum_k (S_{C, \mathcal{B}})_{ki} \mathbf{u}_k \right)_C \quad (3.9d)$$

$$= \sum_k \sum_i (S_{C, \mathcal{B}})_{ki} (T_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}})_{ij} (\mathbf{u}_k)_C \quad (3.9e)$$

$$= \sum_k (S_{C, \mathcal{B}} T_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}})_{kj} (\mathbf{u}_k)_C \quad (3.9f)$$

$$= \sum_k (S_{C, \mathcal{B}} T_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}})_{kj} \mathbf{e}_k \quad (3.9g)$$

$$= j\text{-th column of } [S_{C, \mathcal{B}} T_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}}] \quad (3.9h)$$

where (3.9a) is by the result in theorem (3.3); (3.9b) and (3.9d) follows from definitions of $T(\mathbf{v}_j)$ and $S(\mathbf{w}_i)$; (3.9c) and (3.9e) follows from the linearity of C ; (3.9f) follows from the matrix multiplication definition; (3.9g) is because $(\mathbf{u}_k)_C = \mathbf{e}_k$.

Therefore, $(S \circ T)_{C, \mathcal{A}}$ and $(S_{C, \mathcal{B}})_{\mathcal{A}}$ share the same j -th column, and thus equal to each other. ■

Corollary 3.2 Suppose that S and T are two identity mappings $V \rightarrow V$, and consider $(S)_{\mathcal{A}', \mathcal{A}}$ and $(T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'}$ in proposition (3.6), then

$$(S \circ T)_{\mathcal{A}', \mathcal{A}'} = (S)_{\mathcal{A}', \mathcal{A}} (T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'}$$

Therefore,

$$\text{Identity matrix} = C_{\mathcal{A}', \mathcal{A}} C_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'}$$

Proposition 3.7 Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ with $\dim(V) = n, \dim(W) = m$, and let

- $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'$ be ordered basis of V

- $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}'$ be ordered basis of W

then the change of basis matrices admit the relation

$$(T)_{\mathcal{B}', \mathcal{A}'} = C_{\mathcal{B}', \mathcal{B}}(T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}}C_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'} \quad (3.10)$$

Here note that $(T)_{\mathcal{B}', \mathcal{A}'}, (T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}} \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$; $C_{\mathcal{B}', \mathcal{B}} \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times m}$; and $C_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'} \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$.

Proof. Let $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}, \mathcal{A}' = \{\mathbf{v}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}'_n\}$. Consider simplifying the j -th column for the LHS and RHS of (3.10) and showing they are equal:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= (T)_{\mathcal{B}', \mathcal{A}'} \mathbf{e}_j \\ &= (T)_{\mathcal{B}', \mathcal{A}'}(\mathbf{v}'_j)_{\mathcal{A}'} \\ &= (T\mathbf{v}'_j)_{\mathcal{B}'} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= C_{\mathcal{B}', \mathcal{B}}(T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}}C_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'} \mathbf{e}_j \\ &= C_{\mathcal{B}', \mathcal{B}}(T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}}C_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'}(\mathbf{v}'_j)_{\mathcal{A}'} \\ &= C_{\mathcal{B}', \mathcal{B}}(T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{v}'_j)_{\mathcal{A}} \\ &= C_{\mathcal{B}', \mathcal{B}}(T\mathbf{v}'_j)_{\mathcal{B}} \\ &= (T\mathbf{v}'_j)_{\mathcal{B}'} \end{aligned}$$

■

- R** Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator with $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'$ being two ordered basis of V , then

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A}', \mathcal{A}'} = C_{\mathcal{A}', \mathcal{A}}(T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}}C_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'} = (C_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'})^{-1}(T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}}C_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'}$$

Therefore, the change of basis matrices $(T)_{\mathcal{A}', \mathcal{A}'}$ and $(T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}}$ are similar to each other, which means they share the same eigenvalues, determinant, trace.

Therefore, two similar matrices corresponds to same linear transformation using different basis.

Chapter 4

Week 4

4.1. Monday for MAT3040

4.1.1. Quotient Spaces

Now we aim to divide a big **vector space** into many pieces of slices.

- For example, the Cartesian plane can be expressed as union of set of vertical lines as follows:

$$\mathbb{R}^2 = \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} m \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \text{span}\{(0, 1)\} \right\}$$

- Another example is that the set of integers can be expressed as union of three sets:

$$\mathbb{Z} = Z_1 \cup Z_2 \cup Z_3,$$

where Z_i is the set of integers z such that $z \bmod 3 = i$.

Definition 4.1 [Coset] Let V be a vector space and $W \leq V$. For any element $\mathbf{v} \in V$, the (right) coset determined by \mathbf{v} is the set

$$\mathbf{v} + W := \{\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{w} \in W\}$$

For example, consider $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ and $W = \text{span}\{(1, 2, 0)\}$. Then the coset determined by

$\mathbf{v} = (5, 6, -3)$ can be written as

$$\mathbf{v} + W = \{(5 + t, 6 + 2t, -3) \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

It's interesting that the coset determined by $\mathbf{v}' = (4, 4, -3)$ is exactly the same as the coset shown above:

$$\mathbf{v}' + W = \{(4 + t, 4 + 2t, -3) \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\} = \mathbf{v} + W.$$

Therefore, write the exact expression of $\mathbf{v} + W$ may sometimes become tedious and hard to check the equivalence. We say \mathbf{v} is a **representative** of a coset $\mathbf{v} + W$.

Proposition 4.1 Two cosets are the same iff the subtraction for the corresponding representatives is in W , i.e.,

$$\mathbf{v}_1 + W = \mathbf{v}_2 + W \iff \mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 \in W$$

Proof. Necessity. Suppose that $\mathbf{v}_1 + W = \mathbf{v}_2 + W$, then $\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{w}_2$ for some $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2 \in W$, which implies

$$\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{w}_2 - \mathbf{w}_1 \in W$$

Sufficiency. Suppose that $\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{w} \in W$. It suffices to show $\mathbf{v}_1 + W \subseteq \mathbf{v}_2 + W$. For any $\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{w}' \in \mathbf{v}_1 + W$, this element can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{w}' = (\mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{w}) + \mathbf{w}' = \mathbf{v}_2 + \underbrace{(\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w}')}_{\text{belong to } W} \in \mathbf{v}_2 + W.$$

Therefore, $\mathbf{v}_1 + W \subseteq \mathbf{v}_2 + W$. Similarly we can show that $\mathbf{v}_2 + W \subseteq \mathbf{v}_1 + W$. ■

Exercise: Two cosets with representatives $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ have no intersection iff $\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 \notin W$.

Definition 4.2 [Quotient Space] The **quotient space** of V by the subspace W , is the collection of all cosets $\mathbf{v} + W$, denoted by V/W . ■

To make the quotient space a vector space structure, we define the addition and scalar

multiplication on V/W by:

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{v}_1 + W) + (\mathbf{v}_2 + W) &:= (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) + W \\ \alpha \cdot (\mathbf{v} + W) &:= (\alpha \cdot \mathbf{v}) + W\end{aligned}$$

For example, consider $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ and $W = \text{span}\{(0,1)\}$. Then note that

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + W\right) + \left(\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + W\right) &= \left(\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + W\right) \\ \pi \cdot \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + W\right) &= \left(\begin{pmatrix} \pi \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + W\right)\end{aligned}$$

Proposition 4.2 The addition and scalar multiplication is well-defined.

Proof. 1. Suppose that

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{v}_1 + W = \mathbf{v}'_1 + W \\ \mathbf{v}_2 + W = \mathbf{v}'_2 + W \end{cases}, \quad (4.1)$$

and we need to show that $(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) + W = (\mathbf{v}'_1 + \mathbf{v}'_2) + W$.

From (4.1) and proposition (4.1), we imply

$$\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}'_1 \in W, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}'_2 \in W$$

which implies

$$(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}'_1) + (\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}'_2) = (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) - (\mathbf{v}'_1 + \mathbf{v}'_2) \in W$$

By proposition (4.1) again we imply $(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) + W = (\mathbf{v}'_1 + \mathbf{v}'_2) + W$

2. For scalar multiplication, similarly, we can show that $\mathbf{v}_1 + W = \mathbf{v}'_1 + W$ implies $\alpha \mathbf{v}_1 + W = \alpha \mathbf{v}'_1 + W$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$.

■

Proposition 4.3 The canonical projection mapping

$$\pi_W : V \rightarrow V/W,$$

$$\mathbf{v} \mapsto \mathbf{v} + W,$$

is a **surjective linear transformation** with $\ker(\pi_W) = W$.

Proof. 1. First we show that $\ker(\pi_W) = W$:

$$\pi_W(\mathbf{v}) = 0 \implies \mathbf{v} + W = \mathbf{0}_{V/W} \implies \mathbf{v} + W = \mathbf{0} + W \implies \mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{0}) \in W$$

Here note that the zero element in the quotient space V/W is the coset with representative $\mathbf{0}$.

2. For any $\mathbf{v}_0 + W \in V/W$, we can construct $\mathbf{v}_0 \in V$ such that $\pi_W(\mathbf{v}_0) = \mathbf{v}_0 + W$. Therefore the mapping π_W is surjective.
3. To show the mapping π_W is a linear transformation, note that

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_W(\alpha\mathbf{v}_1 + \beta\mathbf{v}_2) &= (\alpha\mathbf{v}_1 + \beta\mathbf{v}_2) + W \\ &= (\alpha\mathbf{v}_1 + W) + (\beta\mathbf{v}_2 + W) \\ &= \alpha(\mathbf{v}_1 + W) + \beta(\mathbf{v}_2 + W) \\ &= \alpha\pi_W(\mathbf{v}_1) + \beta\pi_W(\mathbf{v}_2) \end{aligned}$$

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4.1.2. First Isomorphism Theorem

The key of linear algebra is to solve the linear system $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ with $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. The general step for solving this linear system is as follows:

1. Find the solution set for $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$, i.e., the set $\ker(\mathbf{A})$
2. Find a particular solution \mathbf{x}_0 such that $\mathbf{Ax}_0 = \mathbf{b}$.

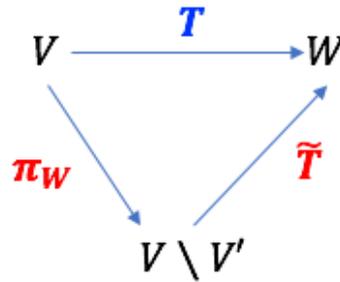
Then the general solution set to this linear system is $\mathbf{x}_0 + \ker(\mathbf{A})$, which is a coset in

the space $\mathbb{R}^n/\ker(\mathbf{A})$. Therefore, to solve the linear system $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ suffices to study the quotient space $\mathbb{R}^n/\ker(\mathbf{A})$:

Proposition 4.4 — Universal Property I. Suppose that $T : V \rightarrow W$ is a linear transformation, and that $V' \leq \ker(T)$. Then the mapping

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{T} : V/V' &\rightarrow W \\ \mathbf{v} + V' &\mapsto T(\mathbf{v})\end{aligned}$$

is a well-defined linear transformation. As a result, the diagram below commutes:



In other words, we have $T = \tilde{T} \circ \pi_W$.

Proof. First we show the well-definedness. Suppose that $\mathbf{v}_1 + V' = \mathbf{v}_2 + V'$ and suffices to show $\tilde{T}(\mathbf{v}_1 + V') = \tilde{T}(\mathbf{v}_2 + V')$, i.e., $T(\mathbf{v}_1) = T(\mathbf{v}_2)$. By proposition (4.1), we imply

$$\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 \in V' \leq \ker(T) \implies T(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2) = \mathbf{0} \implies T(\mathbf{v}_1) - T(\mathbf{v}_2) = \mathbf{0}.$$

Then we show \tilde{T} is a linear transformation:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{T}(\alpha(\mathbf{v}_1 + V') + \beta(\mathbf{v}_2 + V')) &= \tilde{T}((\alpha\mathbf{v}_1 + \beta\mathbf{v}_2) + V') \\ &= T(\alpha\mathbf{v}_1 + \beta\mathbf{v}_2) \\ &= \alpha T(\mathbf{v}_1) + \beta T(\mathbf{v}_2) \\ &= \alpha\tilde{T}(\mathbf{v}_1 + V') + \beta\tilde{T}(\mathbf{v}_2 + V')\end{aligned}$$

■

Actually, if we let $V' = \ker(T)$, the mapping $\tilde{T} : V/V' \rightarrow T(V)$ forms an isomorphism, In particular, if further T is surjective, then $T(V) = W$, i.e., the mapping $\tilde{T} : V/V' \rightarrow W$ forms an isomorphism.

Theorem 4.1 — First Isomorphism Theorem. Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a surjective linear transformation. Then the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T} : V/\ker(T) &\rightarrow W \\ \mathbf{v} + \ker(T) &\mapsto T(\mathbf{v}) \end{aligned}$$

is an isomorphism.

Proof. Injectivity. Suppose that $\tilde{T}(\mathbf{v}_1 + \ker(T)) = \tilde{T}(\mathbf{v}_2 + \ker(T))$, then we imply

$$T(\mathbf{v}_1) = T(\mathbf{v}_2) \implies T(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2) = \mathbf{0}_W \implies \mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 \in \ker(T),$$

i.e., $\mathbf{v}_1 + \ker(T) = \mathbf{v}_2 + \ker(T)$.

Surjectivity. For $\mathbf{w} \in W$, due to the surjectivity of T , we can find a \mathbf{v}_0 such that $T(\mathbf{v}_0) = \mathbf{w}$. Therefore, we can construct a set $\mathbf{v}_0 + \ker(T)$ such that

$$\tilde{T}(\mathbf{v}_0 + \ker(T)) = \mathbf{w}.$$

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4.4. Wednesday for MAT3040

Reviewing.

- Quotient Space:

$$V/W = \{\mathbf{v} + W \mid \mathbf{v} \in V\}$$

The elements in V/W are cosets. Note that V/W does not mean a subset of V .

- Define the canonical projection mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_W : V &\rightarrow V/W, \\ \text{with } \mathbf{v} &\mapsto \mathbf{v} + W, \end{aligned}$$

then we imply π_W is a surjective linear transformation with $\ker(\pi_W) = W$.

If $\dim(V) < \infty$, then by Rank-Nullity Theorem (2.3), we imply that

$$\dim(V) = \dim(W) + \dim(V/W),$$

i.e., $\dim(V/W) = \dim(V) - \dim(W)$.

- **(Universal Property I)** Every linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ with $V' \leq \ker(T)$ can be descended to the composition of the canonical projection mapping $\pi_{V'}$ and the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T} : V/V' &\rightarrow W \\ \text{with } \mathbf{v} + V' &\mapsto T(\mathbf{v}). \end{aligned}$$

In other words, the diagram (2.1) commutes:

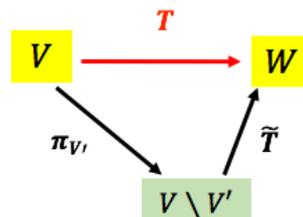


Diagram (2.1)

In other words, the mapping starting from either the black or red line gives the same result, i.e., $T(\mathbf{v}) = \tilde{T} \circ \pi_{V'}(\mathbf{v}) = \tilde{T}(\mathbf{v} + V')$ for any $\mathbf{v} \in V$.

- **(First Isomorphism Theorem)** Under the setting of Universal Property I (UPI), if T is a surjective linear transformation with $V' = \ker(T)$, then the \tilde{T} is an isomorphism.

■ **Example 4.2** Suppose that $U, W \leq V$ with $U \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$, then define the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : U \oplus W &\rightarrow U \\ \text{with } \phi(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}) &= \mathbf{u} \end{aligned}$$

Ⓡ Exercise: if $U, W \leq V$ but $U \cap W \neq \{\mathbf{0}\}$, then the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : U + W &\rightarrow U \\ \text{with } \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} &\mapsto \mathbf{u} \end{aligned} \quad \text{is not well-defined:}$$

Suppose that $\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{v} \in U \cap W$ and for any $\mathbf{u} \in U, \mathbf{w} \in W$, we construct

$$\mathbf{u}' = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} \in U, \quad \mathbf{w}' = \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v} \in W \implies \phi(\mathbf{u}' + \mathbf{w}') = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$$

Therefore we get $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u}' + \mathbf{w}'$ but $\phi(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}) \neq \phi(\mathbf{u}' + \mathbf{w}')$.

Back to the situation $U \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$, then it's clear that $\phi : U \oplus W \rightarrow U$ is surjective linear transformation with $\ker(\phi) = W$. Therefore, construct the new mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\phi} : U \oplus W / W &\rightarrow U \\ \text{with } \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} + W &\mapsto \phi(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}) \end{aligned}$$

We imply $\tilde{\phi}$ is an isomorphism by First Isomorphism Theorem. ■

Now we study the generalized quotients, which is defined to satisfy the generalized version of universal property I.

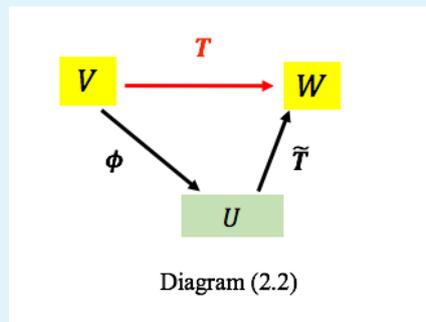
Definition 4.7 [Universal Property for Quotients] Let V be a vector space and $V' \leq V$. Consider the collection of linear transformations

$$\text{Obj} = \left\{ T : V \rightarrow W \left| \begin{array}{l} T \text{ is a linear transformation} \\ V' \leq \ker(T) \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

(For example, $\pi_{V'} : V \rightarrow V/V'$ is an element from the set Obj.)

An element $(\phi : V \rightarrow U) \in \text{Obj}$ is said to satisfy the **universal property** if it satisfies the following:

Given any element $(T : V \rightarrow W) \in \text{Obj}$, we can extend the transformation ϕ with a **uniquely existing** $\tilde{T} : U \rightarrow W$ so that the diagram (2.2) commutes:



Or equivalently, for given $(T : V \rightarrow W) \in \text{Obj}$, there exists the **unique** mapping $\tilde{T} : U \rightarrow W$ such that $T = \tilde{T} \circ \phi$.

Theorem 4.3 — Universal Property II.

1. The mapping $(\pi_{V'} : V \rightarrow V/V') \in \text{Obj}$ is a universal object, i.e., it satisfies the universal property.
2. If $(\phi : V \rightarrow U)$ is a universal object, then $U \cong V/V'$, i.e., there is intrinsically “one” element in the set of universal objects.

Proof. 1. Consider any linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ such that $V' \leq \ker(T)$, then define (construct) the same $\tilde{T} : V/V' \rightarrow W$ as that in UPI. Therefore, for given T , applying the result of UPI, we imply $T = \tilde{T} \circ \pi_{V'}$, i.e., $\pi_{V'}$ satisfies the diagram (2.2).

To show the uniqueness of \tilde{T} , suppose there exists $\tilde{S} : V/V' \rightarrow W$ such that the diagram (2.3) commutes.

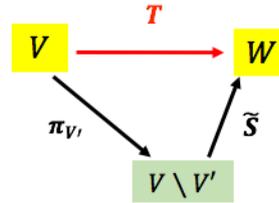


Diagram (2.3)

It suffices to show the mapping $\tilde{S} = \tilde{T}$: for any $\mathbf{v} + V' \in V/V'$, we have

$$\tilde{S}(\mathbf{v} + V') := \tilde{S} \circ \pi_{V'}(\mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{v}),$$

where the first equality is due to the surjectivity of $\pi_{V'}$. By the result of UPI, $T(\mathbf{v}) = \tilde{T}(\mathbf{v} + V')$. Therefore $\tilde{T}(\mathbf{v} + V') = \tilde{S}(\mathbf{v} + V')$ for all $\mathbf{v} + V' \in V/V'$. The proof is complete.

2. Suppose that $(\phi : V \rightarrow U)$ satisfies the universal property. In particular, the following two diagrams hold:

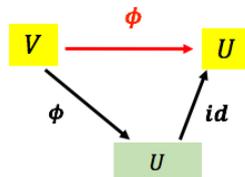


Diagram (2.4)

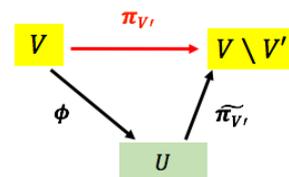


Diagram (2.5)

Since $(\pi_{V'})$ satisfies the universal property, in particular, the following two diagrams hold:

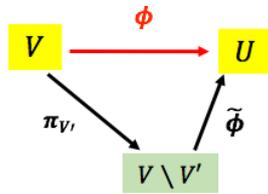


Diagram (2.6)

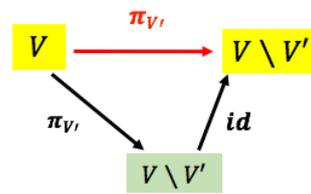


Diagram (2.7)

Then we claim that: Combining Diagram (2.5) and (2.6), we imply the diagram (2.8):

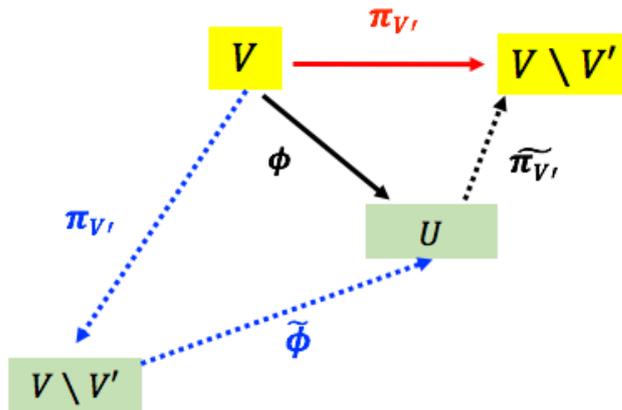


Diagram (2.8)

Graph Description: Note that this diagram commutes, i.e., the mapping starting from either the red line or the dash line gives the same result, i.e., $\pi_{V'} = \tilde{\pi}_{V'} \circ \tilde{\phi} \circ \pi_{V'}$. Comparing Diagram (2.7) and Diagram (2.8), we have $\tilde{\pi}_{V'} \circ \tilde{\phi} = id$, by the **uniqueness** of the universal object.

Therefore, $\tilde{\pi}_{V'} \circ \tilde{\phi} = id$ implies $\tilde{\pi}_{V'}$ is surjective and $\tilde{\phi}$ is injective.

Also, combining Diagram (2.6) and (2.5), we imply diagram (2.9):

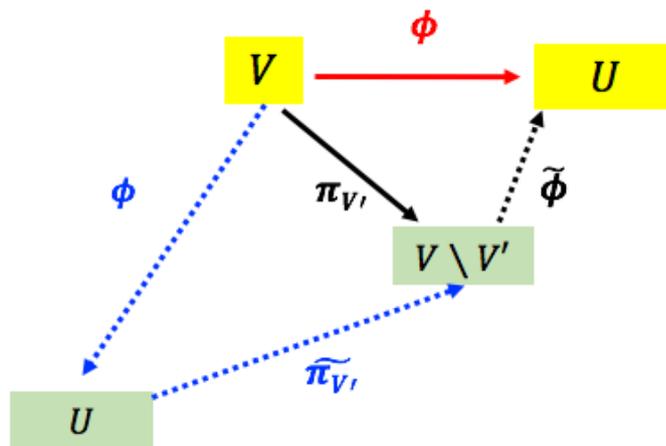


Diagram (2.9)

Graph Description: Note that this diagram commutes, i.e., the mapping starting from either the red line or the dash line gives the same result, i.e., $\phi = \tilde{\phi} \circ \tilde{\pi}_{V'} \circ \phi$. Comparing Diagram (2.9) and Diagram (2.4), we have $\tilde{\phi} \circ \tilde{\pi}_{V'} = id$, by the **uniqueness** of the universal object

Therefore, $\tilde{\phi} \circ \tilde{\pi}_{V'} = id$ implies $\tilde{\phi}$ is surjective and $\tilde{\pi}_{V'}$ is injective.

Therefore, both $\tilde{\phi} : U \rightarrow V/V'$ and $\tilde{\pi}_{V'} : V/V' \rightarrow U$ are bijective, i.e., $U \cong V/V'$. The proof is complete. ■

4.4.1. Dual Space

Definition 4.8 Let V be a vector space over a field \mathbb{F} . The **dual vector space** V^* is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}
 V^* &= \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}}(V, \mathbb{F}) \\
 &= \{f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F} \mid f \text{ is a linear transformation}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Example 4.3** 1. Consider $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ and define $\phi_i : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as the i -th component of input:

$$\phi_i \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = x_i,$$

Then we imply $\phi_i \in V^*$. On the contrary, $\phi_i^2 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = x_i^2$ is not in V^*

2. Consider $V = \mathbb{F}[x]$ and define $\phi : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ as:

$$\phi(p(x)) = p(1),$$

It's clear that $\phi \in V^*$:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(ap(x) + bq(x)) &= ap(1) + bq(1) \\ &= a\phi(p(x)) + b\phi(q(x)) \end{aligned}$$

3. Also, $\psi : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ by $\psi(p(x)) = \int_0^1 p(x) dx$ is in V^* .
 4. Also, for $V = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$, the mapping $\text{tr} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ by $\text{tr}(M) = \sum_{i=1}^n M_{ii}$ is in V^* . However, the $\det : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ is not in V^*

Definition 4.9 Let V be a vector space, with basis $B = \{v_i \mid i \in I\}$ (I can be finite or countable, or uncountable). Define

$$B^* = \{f_i : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F} \mid i \in I\},$$

where f_i 's are defined on the basis B :

$$f_i(v_j) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Then we extend f_i 's linearly, i.e., for $\sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j v_j \in V$,

$$f_i\left(\sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j v_j\right) = \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j f_i(v_j).$$

It's clear that $f_i \in V^*$ is well-defined. ■

Our question is that whether the B^* can be the basis of V^* ?

Chapter 5

Week5

5.1. Monday for MAT3040

Reviewing.

- Dual space: the set of linear transformations from V to \mathbb{F} , denoted as $\text{Hom}(V, \mathbb{F})$.
- Suppose $B = \{\mathbf{v}_i \mid i \in I\}$ is the basis of V , define $B^* = \{f_i \mid i \in I\}$ by

$$f_i(\mathbf{v}_j) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Actually, the above recipe uniquely defines a linear transformation $f_i : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$:

For any $\mathbf{v} \in V$, it can be written as $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i$, and therefore

$$f_i(\mathbf{v}) = f_i\left(\sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i\right) = \sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i f_i(\mathbf{v}_i).$$

■ **Example 5.1** Consider $V = \mathbb{R}^n, B = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$. Then we imply $B^* = \{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^n$, where ϕ_i is the mapping $V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$\phi_i \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \phi(x_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + \dots + x_n \mathbf{e}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \phi_i(\mathbf{e}_j) = x_i$$

5.1.1. Remarks on Dual Space

- Proposition 5.1**
1. B^* is always linearly independent, i.e., any finite subset of B^* is linearly independent.
 2. If V has finite dimension, then B^* is a basis of V^* .

Proof. 1. Suppose that

$$\alpha_1 f_{i_1} + \alpha_2 f_{i_2} + \cdots + \alpha_k f_{i_k} = \mathbf{0}_{V^*}.$$

In particular, let the input of these linear transformations be \mathbf{v}_{i_1} , we imply

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 f_{i_1}(\mathbf{v}_{i_1}) + \alpha_2 f_{i_2}(\mathbf{v}_{i_1}) + \cdots + \alpha_k f_{i_k}(\mathbf{v}_{i_1}) &= \mathbf{0}(\mathbf{v}_{i_1}) \equiv \mathbf{0} \\ &= \alpha_1 \cdot 1 + \cdots + 0 \\ &= \alpha_1 \end{aligned}$$

Applying the same trick, one can show that $\alpha_2 = \cdots = \alpha_k = 0$. Therefore, $\{f_{i_1}, \dots, f_{i_k}\}$ is linearly independent.

2. Suppose that $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ and $B^* = \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$. For any $f \in V^*$, construct the linear transformation

$$g := \sum_{i=1}^n f(\mathbf{v}_i) \cdot f_i \in \text{span}\{B^*\}.$$

It follows that for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

$$g(\mathbf{v}_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(\mathbf{v}_i) \cdot f_i(\mathbf{v}_j) = f(\mathbf{v}_j).$$

It's clear that $g(\mathbf{v}) = f(\mathbf{v})$ for all $\mathbf{v} \in V$, i.e., $f \equiv g \in \text{span}(B^*)$. Therefore B^* spans V^* , i.e., forms a basis of V^* . ■

Corollary 5.1 If $\dim(V) = n$, then $\dim(V^*) = n$.

Proof. It's easy to show the mapping defined as

$$V \rightarrow V^*$$

with $v_i \mapsto f_i$

is an isomorphism from $V \rightarrow V^*$. Note that this constructed isomorphism depends on **the choice of basis B** in V . (We say this is not a **natural isomorphism**.) ■

- Ⓡ The part 2 for proposition (5.1) does not hold for V with infinite dimension. The reason is that the spanning set is defined with **finite** linear combinations. Check the example below for a counter-example.

■ **Example 5.2** Suppose that $V = \mathbb{F}[x]$, and $B^* = \{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$ forms a basis of V . We imply that $B^* = \{\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots\}$, where ϕ_i is the mapping defined as

$$\phi_i(x^j) = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Consider a special element $\phi \in V^*$ with $f(p(x)) = p(1)$:

$$\phi(1) = 1, \quad \phi(x) = 1, \quad \phi(x^2) = 1, \quad \dots \quad \phi(x^n) = 1, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

If following the proof in proposition (5.1), we expect that

$$g := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(x^n)\phi_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi_n \in \text{span}\{B^*\},$$

which is a contradiction, since $\text{span}\{B^*\}$ consists of finite sum of ϕ_i 's only. ■

- Ⓡ Therefore, if V is not finite-dimensional, we can say the cardinality of V is strictly less than the cardinality of V^* .

Any subspace of a given vector space has some gap. Now we want to describe this gap formally from the perspective of the dual space.

5.1.2. Annihilators

Definition 5.1 Let V be a vector space, $S \subseteq V$ be a subset. The **annihilator** of S is defined as

$$\text{Ann}(S) = \{f \in V^* \mid f(s) = 0, \forall s \in S\}$$

■ **Example 5.3** Consider $V = \mathbb{R}^4$, $B = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_4\}$. Let $B^* = \{f_1, \dots, f_4\}$, $S = \{\mathbf{e}_3, \mathbf{e}_4\}$.

- Then $f_1 \in \text{Ann}(S)$, since

$$f_1(\mathbf{e}_3) = 0, \quad f_1(\mathbf{e}_4) = 0$$

Indeed, any $a \cdot f_1 + b \cdot f_2 \in V^*$ is in $\text{Ann}(S)$. ■

- Proposition 5.2**
1. The set $\text{Ann}(S)$ is a vector subspace of V^*
 2. The mapping $\text{Ann}(\cdot)$ is **inclusion-reversing**, i.e., if $W_1 \subseteq W_2 \subseteq V$, then

$$\text{Ann}(W_1) \supseteq \text{Ann}(W_2)$$

3. The mapping $\text{Ann}(\cdot)$ is **idempotent**, i.e., $\text{Ann}(S) = \text{Ann}(\text{span}(S))$.
4. If V has finite dimension, and $W \leq V$, then $\text{Ann}(W)$ fills in the gap, i.e.,

$$\dim(W) + \dim(\text{Ann}(W)) = \dim(V)$$

Proof. 1. Suppose that $f, g \in \text{Ann}(S)$, i.e., $f(s) = g(s) = 0, \forall s \in S$. It's clear that $(af + bg) \in \text{Ann}(S)$.

2. Suppose that $f \in \text{Ann}(W_2)$, we imply $f(\mathbf{w}) = 0$ for any $\mathbf{w} \in W_2$. Therefore, $f(\mathbf{w}_1) = 0$ for any $\mathbf{w}_1 \in W_1 \subseteq W_2$, i.e., $f \in \text{Ann}(W_1)$.

3. Note that $S \subseteq \text{span}(S)$. Therefore we imply $\text{Ann}(S) \supseteq \text{Ann}(\text{span}(S))$ from part (b). It suffices to show $\text{Ann}(S) \subseteq \text{Ann}(\text{span}(S))$:

For any $f \in \text{Ann}(S)$ and any $\sum_{i=1}^n k_i \mathbf{s}_i \in \text{span}(S)$, we imply

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n k_i \mathbf{s}_i\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^n k_i f(\mathbf{s}_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \cdot 0 \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

i.e., $f \in \text{Ann}(\text{span}(S))$.

4. Let $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ be a basis of W . By basis extension, we construct a basis of V :

$$B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}.$$

Let $B^* = \{f_1, \dots, f_k, f_{k+1}, \dots, f_n\}$ be a basis of V^* . We claim that $\{f_{k+1}, \dots, f_n\}$ is a basis of $\text{Ann}(W)$:

- Firstly, f_j 's are the elements in $\text{Ann}(W)$ for $j = k + 1, \dots, n$, since for any $\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i(\mathbf{v}_i) \in W$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_j(\mathbf{w}) &= \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i f_j(\mathbf{v}_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \cdot 0 \\ &= 0, \quad j = k + 1, k + 2, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

- Secondly, the set $\{f_{k+1}, \dots, f_n\}$ is linearly independent, since the set $B^* = \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$ is linearly independent.

- Thirdly, $\{f_{k+1}, \dots, f_n\}$ spans $\text{Ann}(W)$: for any $g \in \text{Ann}(W) \subseteq V^*$, it can be

expressed as $g = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i f_i$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} g(\mathbf{v}_1) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i f_i(\mathbf{v}_1) = 0 \implies \beta_1 = 0 \\ &\vdots \\ g(\mathbf{v}_k) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i f_i(\mathbf{v}_k) = 0 \implies \beta_k = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting $\beta_1 = \dots = \beta_k = 0$ into $g = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i f_i$, we imply

$$g = \beta_{k+1} f_{k+1} + \dots + \beta_n f_n \in \text{span}\{f_{k+1}, \dots, f_n\}.$$

Therefore, $\{f_{k+1}, \dots, f_n\}$ forms a basis for $\text{Ann}(W)$, i.e., $\dim(\text{Ann}(W)) = n - k$. ■

R Let $W \leq V$, where V has finite dimension, recall that we have obtained two relations below:

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\text{Ann}(W)) &= \dim(V) - \dim(W) \\ \dim((V/W)^*) &= \dim(V/W) = \dim(V) - \dim(W) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\dim((V/W)^*) = \dim(\text{Ann}(W))$, i.e.,

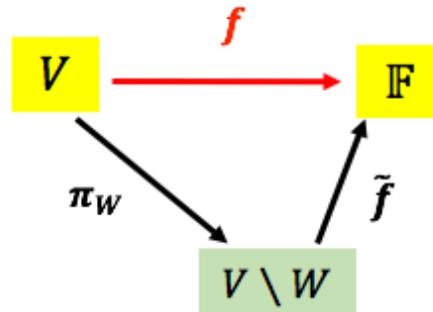
$$(V/W)^* \cong \text{Ann}(W).$$

The question is that can we construct an isomorphism explicitly? We claim that the mapping defined below is an isomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ann}(W) &\rightarrow (V/W)^* \\ \text{with } f &\mapsto \tilde{f}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{f}: V/W \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ is constructed from the **universal property I**, i.e., given

the mapping $f \in \text{Ann}(W)$, since $W \leq \ker(f)$, there exists $\tilde{f} : V/W \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ such that the diagram below commutes:



i.e., $\tilde{f}(\mathbf{v} + W) = f(\mathbf{v})$.

5.4. Wednesday for MAT3040

There will be a quiz on next Monday.

Scope : From Week 1 up to (including) the definition of B^* .

Reviewing.

1. If V is finite dimensional, and B a basis of V , then B^* is a basis of the dual space V^* .
2. Define the Annihilator $\text{Ann}(S) \leq V^*$:

$$\text{Ann}(S) = \{f \in V^* \mid f(s) = 0, \forall s \in S\}$$

3. If V is finite dimensional, and $W \leq V$, then $\text{Ann}(W)$ fills the gap, i.e.,

$$\dim(\text{Ann}(W)) = \dim(V) - \dim(W)$$

4. Define a map

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi : \text{Ann}(W) &\rightarrow (V/W)^* \\ f &\mapsto \tilde{f} \end{aligned}$$

where \tilde{f} is defined such that the diagram (5.1) below commutes

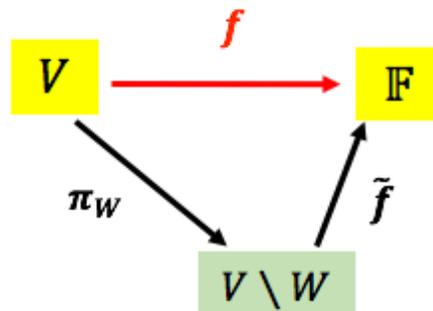


Figure 5.1: Construction of \tilde{f}

Or equivalently, $\tilde{f} : V/W \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ is such that $\tilde{f}(\mathbf{v} + W) = f(\mathbf{v})$.

5.4.1. Adjoint Map

The natural question is that whether Φ is the isomorphism between $\text{Ann}(W)$ and $(V/W)^*$:

Proposition 5.4 Φ is a linear transformation, i.e.,

$$\Phi(af + bg) = a \cdot \Phi(f) + b \cdot \Phi(g).$$

Proof. It suffices to show that

$$\overline{af + bg} = a\bar{f} + b\bar{g}$$

■

Therefore, we need to answer whether Φ a bijective map. We will show this conjecture at the end of this lecture. The definition of Φ is **natural**, i.e., we do not need to specify any basis to define this Φ . However, as studied in Monday, the constructed isomorphism $V \rightarrow V^*$ with $v_i \mapsto f_i$ is not natural.

Definition 5.3 [Adjoint Map] Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. Define the **adjoint** of T by

$$T^* : W^* \rightarrow V^*$$

such that for any $f \in W^*$,

$$[T^*(f)](\mathbf{v}) := f(T(\mathbf{v})), \forall \mathbf{v} \in V.$$

■



1. In other words, $T^*(f) = f \circ T$, i.e., a linear transformation from V to \mathbb{F} , i.e., belongs to V^* .
2. Moreover, the mapping T^* itself is a linear transformation: For $f, g \in W^*$,

and $\forall \mathbf{v} \in V$,

$$\begin{aligned}
[T^*(af + bg)](\mathbf{v}) &= (af + bg)[T(\mathbf{v})] \\
&= af(T(\mathbf{v})) + bg(T(\mathbf{v})) && \text{definition of } W^* \text{ as a vector space} \\
&= a[T^*(f)](\mathbf{v}) + b[T^*(g)](\mathbf{v}) \\
&= [aT^*(f) + bT^*(g)](\mathbf{v}) && \text{definition of } V^* \text{ as a vector space}
\end{aligned}$$

Proposition 5.5 Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation.

1. If T is **injective**, then T^* is **surjective**.
2. If T is **surjective**, then T^* is **injective**.

This statement is quite intuitive, since T^* reverses the dual of output into the dual of input:

$$T : V \rightarrow W$$

$$T^* : W^* \rightarrow V^*$$

Proof. We only give a proof of (2), i.e., suffices to show $\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$.

Consider any $g \in W^*$ such that $T^*(g) = \mathbf{0}_{V^*}$. It follows that

$$[T^*(g)](\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}_{V^*}(\mathbf{v}), \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V. \iff g(T(\mathbf{v})) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V. \quad (5.4)$$

To show $g = \mathbf{0}_{W^*}$, it suffices to show $g(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{0}$ for $\forall \mathbf{w} \in W$. For all $\mathbf{w} \in W$, by the surjectivity of T , there exists $\mathbf{v}' \in V$ such that

$$\mathbf{w} = T(\mathbf{v}').$$

By substituting \mathbf{w} with $T(\mathbf{v}')$ and (5.4), we imply

$$g(\mathbf{w}) = g(T(\mathbf{v}')) = \mathbf{0}.$$

The proof is complete. ■

Proposition 5.6 Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation, and $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}, \mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m\}$ be the bases of V and W , respectively. Let $\mathcal{A}^* = \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}, \mathcal{B}^* = \{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$

be bases of dual spaces V^* and W^* , respectively. Then $T^* : W^* \rightarrow V^*$ admits a matrix representation

$$(T^*)_{\mathcal{A}^* \mathcal{B}^*} = \text{transpose}((T)_{\mathcal{B} \mathcal{A}})$$

where $(T^*)_{\mathcal{A}^* \mathcal{B}^*} \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times m}$ and $(T)_{\mathcal{B} \mathcal{A}} \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$

Proof. Let $(T)_{\mathcal{B} \mathcal{A}} = (\alpha_{ij})$ and $(T^*)_{\mathcal{A}^* \mathcal{B}^*} = (\beta_{ij})$. By definition of matrix representation,

$$T(\mathbf{v}_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{w}_i, \quad T^*(g_i) = \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_{ki} f_k \in V^*$$

As a result,

$$\begin{aligned} [T^*(g_i)](\mathbf{v}_j) &= g_i(T(\mathbf{v}_j)) \\ &= g_i\left(\sum_{\ell=1}^m \alpha_{\ell j} \mathbf{w}_\ell\right) \\ &= \sum_{\ell=1}^m \alpha_{\ell j} g_i(\mathbf{w}_\ell) \\ &= \alpha_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [T^*(g_i)](\mathbf{v}_j) &= \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \beta_{ki} f_k\right)(\mathbf{v}_j) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_{ki} f_k(\mathbf{v}_j) \\ &= \beta_{ji} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\beta_{ji} = \alpha_{ij}$. The proof is complete. ■

5.4.2. Relationship between Annihilator and dual of quotient spaces

■ **Example 5.5** Consider the canonical projection mapping $\pi_W : V \rightarrow V/W$ with its **adjoint** mapping:

$$(\pi_W)^* : (V/W)^* \rightarrow V^*$$

The understanding of $(\pi_W)^*$ is as follows:

1. Take $h \in (V/W)^*$ and study $(\pi_W)^*(h) \in V^*$
2. Take $\mathbf{v} \in V$ and understand

$$[(\pi_W)^*(h)](\mathbf{v}) = h(\pi_W(\mathbf{v})) = h(\mathbf{v} + W)$$

(a) In particular, for all $\mathbf{w} \in W \leq V$, we have

$$[(\pi_W)^*(h)](\mathbf{w}) = h(\mathbf{w} + W) = h(\mathbf{0}_{V/W}) = \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}}$$

Therefore,

$$(\pi_W)^*(h) \in \text{Ann}(W).$$

i.e., $(\pi_W)^*$ is a mapping from $(V/W)^*$ to $\text{Ann}(W)$.

(b) By proposition (5.5), π_W is surjective implies $(\pi_W)^*$ is injective.

Combining (a) and (b), it's clear that (i.e., left as homework problem)

$$\Phi \circ \pi_W^* = \text{id}_{(V/W)^*} \text{ and } \pi_W^* \circ \Phi = \text{id}_{\text{Ann}(W)}$$

This relationship implies Φ is an isomorphism. ■

Chapter 6

Week 6

6.1. Monday for MAT3040

6.1.1. Polynomials

We recall some useful properties of polynomial before studying eigenvalues/eigenvectors.

Definition 6.1 [Polynomial]

1. A polynomial over \mathbb{F} has the form

$$p(z) = a_m z^m + \cdots + a_1 z + a_0, \quad (a_m \neq 0).$$

Here $a_m z^m$ is called the **leading term** of $p(z)$; m is called the **degree**; a_m is called the **leading coefficient**; a_m, \dots, a_0 are called the **coefficients** of this polynomial.

2. A polynomial over \mathbb{F} is **monic** if its leading coefficient is $1_{\mathbb{F}}$.
3. A polynomial $p(z) \in \mathbb{F}[z]$ is **irreducible** if for any $a(z), b(z) \in \mathbb{F}[z]$,

$$p(z) = a(z)b(z) \implies \text{either } a(z) \text{ or } b(z) \text{ is a constant polynomial.}$$

Otherwise $p(z)$ is **reducible**.

■ **Example 6.1** For example, the polynomial $p(x) = x^2 + 1$ is irreducible over \mathbb{R} ; but $p(x) = (x - i)(x + i)$ is **reducible** over \mathbb{C} . ■

Theorem 6.1 — Division Theorem. For all $p, q \in \mathbb{F}[z]$ such that $p \neq 0$, there exists unique $s, r \in \mathbb{F}[z]$ satisfying $\deg(r) < \deg(p)$, such that

$$p(z) = s(z) \cdot q(z) + r(z).$$

Here $r(z)$ is called the **remainder**.

■ **Example 6.2** Given $p(x) = x^4 + 1$ and $q(x) = x^2 + 1$, the junior school knowledge tells us that uniquely

$$x^4 + 1 = (x^2 - 1)(x^2 + 1) + 2.$$

Theorem 6.2 — Root Theorem. For $p(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$, and $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$, $x - \lambda$ divides p if and only if $p(\lambda) = 0$.

Proof. 1. If $(x - \lambda)$ divides p , then $p = (x - \lambda)q$ for some $q \in \mathbb{F}[x]$. Thus clearly $p(\lambda) = 0$.
 2. For the other direction, suppose that $p(\lambda) = 0$. By division theorem, there exists $s, r \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ such that

$$p = (x - \lambda)s + r \quad \text{with } \deg(r) < \deg(x - \lambda) = 1. \quad (6.1)$$

Therefore, the polynomial r must be constant.

Substituting λ into x both sides in (6.1), we have

$$0 = p(\lambda) = 0 \cdot s + r \implies r = 0.$$

Therefore, $p = (x - \lambda) \cdot s$, i.e., $(x - \lambda)$ divides p . ■

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Reviewing: Root Theorem: $p(\lambda) = 0$ iff $(x - \lambda)$ divides $p(x)$.

Corollary 6.2 A polynomial with degree n has at most n roots counting multiplicity.

For example, the polynomial $(x - 3)^2$ has one root $x = 3$ with multiplicity 2. When counting multiplicity, we say the polynomial $(x - 3)^2$ has two roots.

Definition 6.5 [Algebraically Closed] A field \mathbb{F} is called **algebraically closed** if every non-constant polynomial $p(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ has a root $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$. ■

Theorem 6.5 — Fundamental Theorem of Algebra. The set of complex numbers \mathbb{C} is algebraically closed.

Proof. One way is by complex analysis; Another way is by the topology on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$. ■

R By induction, we can show that every polynomial with degree n on algebraically closed field \mathbb{F} has **exactly** n roots, counting multiplicity. Therefore, for any $p(x)$ on algebraically closed field \mathbb{F} ,

$$p(x) = c(x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_n) \quad (6.3)$$

for $c, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{F}$.

The polynomials on general field \mathbb{F} may not necessarily be factorized as in (6.3), but still admit unique factorization property:

Theorem 6.6 — Unique Factorization. Every $f(x) = a_n x^n + \cdots + a_0$ in $\mathbb{F}[x]$ can be factorized as

$$f(x) = a_n [p_1(x)]^{e_1} \cdots [p_k(x)]^{e_k}$$

where p_i 's are **monic, irreducible, distinct**. Furthermore, this expression is unique up to the permutation of factors.

Definition 6.6 [Factor] If $p(x) = q(x)s(x)$ with $p, q, s \in \mathbb{F}[x]$, then we say

- $p(x)$ is **divisible** by $s(x)$;
- $s(x)$ is a **factor** of $p(x)$;
- $s(x)|p(x)$
- $s(x)$ **divides** $p(x)$
- $p(x)$ is **multiple** of $s(x)$

Definition 6.7 [Common Factor]

1. The polynomial $g(x)$ is said to be a **common factor** of $f_1, \dots, f_k \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ if

$$g|f_i, i = 1, \dots, k$$

2. The polynomial $g(x)$ is said to be a **greatest common divisor** of f_1, \dots, f_k if
 - g is **monic**.
 - g is common factor of f_1, \dots, f_k
 - g is of largest possible (maximal) degree.

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- $\gcd(f_1, \dots, f_k) = \gcd(\gcd(f_1, f_2), f_3, \dots, f_k) = \gcd(\gcd(f_1, f_2, f_3), \dots, f_k)$
- $\gcd(f_1, \dots, f_k)$ is unique.
- If $\gcd(f_1, \dots, f_k) = 1$, we say f_1, \dots, f_k is **relatively prime**
- Polynomials f_1, \dots, f_k are relatively prime does not necessarily mean $\gcd(f_i, f_j) = 1$ for any $i \neq j$.

Counter-example: Let a_1, \dots, a_n distinct irreducible polynomials, and

$$f_i(x) = a_1(x) \cdots \hat{a}_i(x) \cdots a_n(x) := a_1 \cdots a_{i-1} a_{i+1} \cdots a_n,$$

then $\gcd(f_1, \dots, f_n) = 1$, but $\gcd(f_i, f_j) = a_1 \cdots \hat{a}_i \cdots \hat{a}_j \cdots a_n$, which does not necessarily equal to 1.

■ **Example 6.6** The $\gcd(f_1, f_2)$ is easy to compute for factorized polynomials. For example, let $f_1(x) = (x^2 + x + 1)^3(x - 3)^2x^4$ and $f_2(x) = (x^2 + 1)(x - 3)^4x^2$ in $\mathbb{R}[x]$, then

$$\gcd(f_1, f_2) = (x - 3)^2x^2$$

The question is how to find $\gcd(f_1, f_2)$ for given un-factorized polynomials?

Theorem 6.7 — Bezout. Let $g = \gcd(f_1, f_2)$, then there exists $r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ such that

$$g(x) = r_1(x)f_1(x) + r_2(x)f_2(x)$$

More generally, $g = \gcd(f_1, \dots, f_k)$ implies there exists r_1, \dots, r_k such that

$$g = r_1f_1 + \cdots + r_kf_k$$

The derivation of r_i 's is by applying **Euclidean algorithm**. For example, given $x^3 + 6x + 7$ and $x^2 + 3x + 2$, we imply

$$x^3 + 6x + 7 - (x - 3)(x^2 + 3x + 2) = 13x + 13$$

and

$$x^2 + 3x + 2 - \frac{x + 2}{13}(13x + 13) = 0$$

Therefore, $\gcd(x^3 + 6x + 7, x^2 + 3x + 2) = \gcd(x^2 + 3x + 2, 13x + 13) = x + 2$.

6.4.1. Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors

Definition 6.8 [Eigenvalues] Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator.

1. We say $\mathbf{v} \in V \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ is an eigenvector of T with eigenvalue λ if $T(\mathbf{v}) = \lambda\mathbf{v}$;
2. Or equivalently, $\mathbf{v} \in \ker(T - \lambda I)$, the λ -eigenspace of T . Here the mapping $I : V \rightarrow V$ denotes identity map, i.e., $I(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}, \forall \mathbf{v} \in V$.

Definition 6.9 A vector $\mathbf{v} \in V \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ is a **generalized eigenvector** of T with **generalized eigenvalue** λ if $\mathbf{v} \in \ker((T - \lambda I)^k)$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$.

Note that an eigenvector is a generalized eigenvector of T ; while the converse does not necessarily hold.

■ **Example 6.7** Consider the linear transformation $A : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ with

$$\begin{aligned} A : \quad & \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \text{with} \quad & \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ax} \\ \text{where} \quad & \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

1. Note that $[1, 0]^T$ is an eigenvector with eigenvalue 1, since

$$A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. However, $[0, 1]^T$ is not an eigenvector, since

$$A \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that

$$(A - I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (A - I)^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and therefore

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \ker(A - I)^2,$$

i.e., a generalized eigenvector with generalized eigenvalue 1. ■

■ **Example 6.8** Consider $V = C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$, which is a set of all infinitely differentiable functions.

Define the linear operator $T : V \rightarrow V$ as $T(f) = f''$. Then the (-1) -eigenspace of T has $f \in V$ satisfying

$$f'' = -f$$

From ODE course, we imply $\{\sin x, \cos x\}$ forms a basis of (-1) -eigenspace. ■

Assumption. From now on, we assume V has finite dimension by default.

Definition 6.10 [Determinant] Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator. The **determinant** of T is given by

$$\det(T) = \det((T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}})$$

where \mathcal{A} is some basis of V . ■

Ⓡ Assume we have complete knowledge about $\det(M)$ for matrices for now. The determinant is well-defined, i.e., independent of the choice of basis \mathcal{A} . For another basis \mathcal{B} , we imply

$$\det(T_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}}) = \det(C_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{A}} T_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} C_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{B}}) = \det(C_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{A}}) \det(T_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}}) \det(C_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{B}}) = \det(T_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}})$$

Definition 6.11 [characteristic polynomial] The **characteristic polynomial** $\chi_T(x)$ of $T : V \rightarrow V$ is defined as

$$\chi_T(x) = \det((T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} - xI)$$

for any basis \mathcal{A} ■

In the next few lectures, we will study

- Cayley-Hamilton Theorem
- Jordan Canonical Form

These theorems can be stated using matrices, and they both hold up to change of basis. We have a unified statement of these theorem using vecotor space rather than \mathbb{R}^n .

Chapter 7

Week 7

7.1. Monday for MAT3040

Reviewing. Define the characteristic polynomial for an linear operator T :

$$\chi_T(x) = \det((T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} - xI)$$

We will use the notation “ I/I ” in two different occasions:

1. I denotes the identity transformation from V to V with $I(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}, \forall \mathbf{v} \in V$
2. I denotes the identity matrix $(I)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}}$, defined based on any basis \mathcal{A} .

7.1.1. Minimal Polynomial

Definition 7.1 [Linear Operator Induced From Polynomial] Let $f(x) := a_m x^m + \dots + a_0$ be a polynomial in $\mathbb{F}[x]$, and $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator. Then the mapping

$$f(T) = a_m T^m + \dots + a_1 T + a_0 I : V \rightarrow V,$$

is called a linear operator induced from the polynomial $f(x)$. ■



1. The composition of linear operators is not abelian, e.g., in general $S \circ T = T \circ S$ does not hold. The reason follows similarly from the fact that square-matrix multiplication is not abelian in general.

2. However, we always have $f(T)T = Tf(T)$, where $f(T)$ is a linear operator induced from the polynomial $f(x)$:

Proof. We can show that $T^nT = TT^n, \forall n$ by induction. Suppose that $f(x) = \sum_i a_i x^i$, which follows that

$$f(T)T = \sum_i a_i T^i T = \sum_i a_i T T^i = T \sum_i a_i T^i = Tf(T).$$

■

3. We can generalize the statement in (2) into the fact that the composition of linear operators induced from polynomials is abelian, i.e.,

$$f(T)g(T) = g(T)f(T)$$

for any polynomials $f(x), g(x)$.

Definition 7.2 [Minimal Polynomial] Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator. The **minimal polynomial** $m_T(x)$ is a **nonzero monic polynomial** of least (minimal) degree such that

$$m_T(T) = \mathbf{0}_{V \rightarrow V}.$$

where $\mathbf{0}_{V \rightarrow V}$ denotes the zero vector in $\text{Hom}(V, V)$. ■

■ **Example 7.1** 1. Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, then \mathbf{A} defines a linear operator:

$$A : \mathbb{F}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^2$$

$$\text{with } \mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$$

Here $\chi_{\mathbf{A}}(x) = (x - 1)^2$ and $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$, which gives $m_{\mathbf{A}}(x) = x - 1$.

2. Let $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, which implies

$$\chi_{\mathbf{B}}(x) = (x - 1)^2,$$

The question is that can we get the minimal polynomial with degree 1?

The answer is no, since $\mathbf{B} - k\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-k & 1 \\ 0 & 1-k \end{pmatrix} \neq \mathbf{0}$.

In fact, $m_{\mathbf{B}}(x) = (x - 1)^2$, since

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{I})^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Two questions naturally arises:

1. Does $m_T(x)$ exist? If exists, is it unique?
2. What's the relationship between $m_T(x)$ and $\chi_T(x)$?

Regarding to the first question, the minimal polynomial $m_T(x)$ may not exist, if V has infinite dimension:

■ **Example 7.2** Consider $V = \mathbb{R}[x]$ and the mapping

$$T: V \rightarrow V$$

$$p(x) \mapsto \int_0^x p(t) dt$$

In particular, $T(x^n) = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1}$. Suppose $m_T(x)$ is with degree n , i.e.,

$$m_T(x) = x^n + \cdots + a_1x + a_0,$$

then

$$m_T(T) = T^n + \cdots + a_0I \text{ is a zero linear transformation}$$

It follows that

$$[m_T(T)](x) = \frac{1}{n!}x^n + a_{n-1}\frac{1}{(n-1)!}x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1x + a_0 = 0_{\mathbb{F}},$$

which is a contradiction since the coefficients of x^k is nonzero on LHS for $k = 1, \dots, n$, but zero on the RHS. ■

Proposition 7.1 The minimal polynomial $m_T(x)$ always exists for $\dim(V) = n < \infty$.

Proof. It's clear that $\{I, T, \dots, T^n, T^{n+1}, \dots, T^{n^2}\} \subseteq \text{Hom}(V, V)$. Since $\dim(\text{Hom}(V, V)) = n^2$, we imply $\{I, T, \dots, T^n, T^{n+1}, \dots, T^{n^2}\}$ is linearly dependent, i.e., there exists a_i 's that are not all zero such that

$$a_0I + a_1T + \cdots + a_{n^2}T^{n^2} = 0$$

i.e., there is a polynomial $g(x)$ of degree less than n^2 such that $g(T) = 0$.

The proof is complete. ■

Proposition 7.2 The minimal polynomial $m_T(x)$, if exists, then it exists uniquely.

Proof. Suppose f_1, f_2 are two distinct minimal polynomials with $\deg(f_1) = \deg(f_2)$. It follows that

- $\deg(f_1 - f_2) < \deg(f_1)$.
- $f_1 - f_2 \neq 0$
- $(f_1 - f_2)(T) = f_1(T) - f_2(T) = 0_{V \rightarrow V}$

By scaling $f_1 - f_2$, there is a monic polynomial g with lower degree satisfying $g(T) = 0$, which contradicts the definition for minimal polynomial. ■

Proposition 7.3 Suppose $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ satisfying $f(T) = \mathbf{0}$, then

$$m_T(x) \mid f(x).$$

Proof. It's clear that $\deg(f) \geq \deg(m_T)$. The division algorithm gives

$$f(x) = q(x)m_T(x) + r(x).$$

Therefore, for any $\mathbf{v} \in V$

$$[r(T)](\mathbf{v}) = [f(T)](\mathbf{v}) - [q(T)m_T(T)](\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}_V - q(T)\mathbf{0}_V = \mathbf{0}_V - \mathbf{0}_V = \mathbf{0}_V$$

Therefore, $r(T) = \mathbf{0}_{V \rightarrow V}$. By definition of minimal polynomial, we imply $r(x) \equiv 0$. ■

Proposition 7.4 If $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$ are similar to each other, then $m_A(x) = m_B(x)$.

Proof. Suppose that $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}$, and that

$$m_A(x) = x^k + \cdots + a_1x + a_0, \quad m_B(x) = x^\ell + \cdots + b_0.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} m_A(\mathbf{B}) &= \mathbf{B}^k + \cdots + a_0\mathbf{I} \\ &= \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^k\mathbf{P} + \cdots + a_0\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{P} \\ &= \mathbf{P}^{-1}(\mathbf{A}^k + \cdots + a_0\mathbf{I})\mathbf{P} \\ &= \mathbf{P}^{-1}(m_A(\mathbf{A}))\mathbf{P} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $m_A(\mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{0}$ since $m_A(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{0}$. By proposition (7.3), we imply $m_B(x) \mid m_A(x)$.

Similarly, $m_A(x) \mid m_B(x)$. Since $m_A(x)$ and $m_B(x)$ are monic, we imply $m_A(x) = m_B(x)$. ■

R Proposition (7.4) claims that the minimal polynomial is **similarity-invariant**; actually, the characteristic polynomial is **similarity-invariant** as well.

Assumption. We will assume V has finite dimension from now on. Now we study the vanishing of a single vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$.

Notation. The $m_T(x)$ is a nonzero monic polynomial of least degree such that

$$m_T(T) = \mathbf{0}_{V \rightarrow V}.$$

7.1.2. Minimal Polynomial of a vector

Definition 7.3 [Minimal Polynomial of a vector] Similar to the minimal polynomial, we define the **minimal polynomial of a vector \mathbf{v} relative to T** , say $m_{T,\mathbf{v}}(x)$, as the monic polynomial of least degree such that

$$m_{T,\mathbf{v}}(T)(\mathbf{v}) = 0$$

The existence of minimal polynomial of a vector is due to the existence of minimal polynomial; the uniqueness follows similarly as in proposition (7.2).

Proposition 7.5 Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator and $\mathbf{v} \in V$. The degree of the minimal polynomial of a vector is upper bounded by:

$$\deg(m_{T,\mathbf{v}}(x)) \leq \dim(V).$$

Proof. It's clear that $\{\mathbf{v}, T\mathbf{v}, \dots, T^n\mathbf{v}\} \subseteq V$ and the proof follows similarly as in proposition (7.1). ■

Similar to the division property in proposition (7.3), we have the division property for minimal polynomial of a vector:

Proposition 7.6 Suppose $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ satisfying $f(T)(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}_V$, then

$$m_{T,\mathbf{v}}(x) \mid f(x).$$

In particular, $m_{T,\mathbf{v}} \mid m_T(x)$.

Proof. The proof follows similarly as in proposition (7.3). ■

Proposition 7.7 Suppose that $m_{T,\mathbf{v}}(x) = f_1(x)f_2(x)$, where f_1, f_2 are both monic. Let $\mathbf{w} = f_1(T)\mathbf{v}$, then

$$m_{T,\mathbf{w}}(x) = f_2(x)$$

Proof. 1.

$$f_2(T)\mathbf{w} = f_2(T)f_1(T)\mathbf{v} = m_{T,\mathbf{v}}(T)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

By the proposition (7.3), we imply $m_{T,\mathbf{w}} | f_2$.

2. On the other hand,

$$\mathbf{0} = m_{T,\mathbf{w}}(T)(\mathbf{w}) = m_{T,\mathbf{w}}(T)f_1(T)\mathbf{v} = f_1(T)m_{T,\mathbf{w}}(T)\mathbf{v},$$

which implies that $m_{T,\mathbf{v}}(x) | f_1(x)m_{T,\mathbf{w}}(x)$, i.e.,

$$f_1 \cdot f_2 | f_1 \cdot m_{T,\mathbf{w}} \implies f_2 | m_{T,\mathbf{w}}.$$

The proof is complete. ■

7.4. Wednesday for MAT3040

Reviewing.

- Given the polynomial $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$, we extend it into the linear operator $f(T) : V \rightarrow V$.
- The minimal polynomial $m_T(x)$ is defined to be the polynomial with least degree such that

$$m_T(T) = \mathbf{0}_{V \rightarrow V},$$

i.e., $[m_T(T)]\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}_V, \forall \mathbf{v} \in V$.

- The minimal polynomial of a vector \mathbf{v} relative to T is defined to be the polynomial $m_{T,\mathbf{v}}(x)$ with the least degree such that

$$m_{T,\mathbf{v}}(T)(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$$

- If $f(T) = \mathbf{0}_{V \rightarrow V}$, then we imply $m_T(x) \mid f(x)$. If $[g(T)](\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{0}_V$, following the similar argument, we imply $m_{T,\mathbf{w}}(x) \mid g(x)$.
- In particular, $m_T(T)\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$, which implies $m_{T,\mathbf{w}}(x) \mid m_T(x)$.

7.4.1. Cayley-Hamilton Theorem

Let's raise an motivative example first:

■ **Example 7.8** Consider the matrix and its induced mapping $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. It has the characteristic polynomial

$$\chi_{\mathbf{A}} = (x - 1)(x - 2).$$

- Note that $m_{\mathbf{A}}(x)$ cannot be with degree one, since otherwise $m_{\mathbf{A}}(x) = x - k$ with

some k , and

$$m_A(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{A} - k\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-k & 0 \\ 0 & 2-k \end{pmatrix} \neq \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall k,$$

which is a contradiction.

- However, one can verify that the $m_A(x)$ is with degree 2:

$$m_A(x) = (x-1)(x-2).$$

- The minimal polynomial with eigenvectors can be with degree 1:

$$\mathbf{w} = [0, 1]^T \implies (\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I})\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0} \implies m_{A,\mathbf{w}}(x) = x - 2$$

R More generally, given an eigen-pair (λ, \mathbf{v}) , the minimal polynomial of an \mathbf{v} has the explicit form

$$m_{T,\mathbf{v}}(x) = (x - \lambda) \implies (x - \lambda) \mid m_T(x)$$

Now we want to relate the characteristic polynomial $\chi_T(x)$ with $m_T(x)$. Suppose that

$$\chi_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1)^{e_1} \cdots (x - \lambda_k)^{e_k} \in \mathbb{F}[x]. \quad (7.1)$$

Then we imply

- λ_i is an eigenvalue of T ;
- $(x - \lambda_i) \mid m_T(x)$;

which implies that $(x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_k) \mid m_T(x)$.

Furthermore, (a). does $m_T(x)$ possess other factors, e.g., does there exist $\mu \neq \lambda_i, i = 1, \dots, k$ such that $(x - \mu) \mid m_T(x)$? (b). does $(x - \lambda_i)^{f_i} \mid m_T(x)$ when $f_i > e_i$?

The answer is no for both question (a) and (b).

Theorem 7.1 — Cayley-Hamilton. $m_T(x) \mid \chi_T(x)$. In particular, $\chi_T(T) = \mathbf{0}$.

The nice equality in (7.1) does not necessarily hold. Sometimes $\chi_T(x)$ cannot be factorized into linear factors in $\mathbb{F}[x]$, e.g., $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ in \mathbb{R} .

However, for every $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$, we can extend \mathbb{F} into the algebraically closed set $\overline{\mathbb{F}} \supseteq \mathbb{F}$ such that

$$f(x) = (x - \lambda_1)^{e_1} \cdots (x - \lambda_k)^{e_k}$$

where $\lambda_i \in \overline{\mathbb{F}}$.

For example, for $f(x) = x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{R}[x]$, we can extend \mathbb{R} into \mathbb{C} to obtain

$$f(x) = (x + i)(x - i).$$

Therefore, the general proof outline for the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem is as follows:

- Consider the case where $m_T(x), \chi_T(x)$ are both in $\overline{\mathbb{F}}[x]$
- Show that $m_T(x) \mid \chi_T(x)$ under $\overline{\mathbb{F}}[x]$.

Before the proof, let's study the invariant subspaces, which leads to the decomposition of characteristic polynomial:

Assumption. From now on, we assume that V is finite dimensional by default.

Definition 7.12 [Invariant Subspace] An **invariant subspace** of a linear operator $T : V \rightarrow V$ is a subspace $W \leq V$ that is preserved by T , i.e., $T(W) \subseteq W$. We also call W as T -invariant. ■

- Ⓡ If $W \leq V$ is T -invariant, then the restriction of the linear operator $T : V \rightarrow V$ induces the linear operator

$$T|_W : W \rightarrow W.$$

- **Example 7.9**
1. V itself is T -invariant.
 2. For the eigenvalue λ , the associated λ -eigenspace $U = \ker(T - \lambda I)$ is T -invariant.
 3. More generally, $U = \ker(g(T))$ is T -invariant for any polynomial g :
If $\mathbf{v} \in \ker(g(T))$, i.e., $g(T)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$, it suffices to show $T(\mathbf{v}) \in \ker(g(T))$:

$$\begin{aligned} g(T)[T(\mathbf{v})] &= (a_m T^m + \cdots + a_0 I)[T(\mathbf{v})] \\ &= (a_m T \circ T^{m-1} + \cdots + a_1 T \circ T + a_0 T \circ I)(\mathbf{v}) \\ &= T[g(T)\mathbf{v}] = T(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

4. For $\mathbf{v} \in \ker(T - \lambda I)$, $U = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}\}$ is T -invariant.

Proposition 7.10 Suppose that $T : V \rightarrow V$ is a linear transformation and $W \leq V$ is T -invariant, then we construct the subspace mapping and the recipe mapping

$$\begin{aligned} T|_W : W &\rightarrow W \\ \text{with } \mathbf{w} &\mapsto T(\mathbf{w}) \end{aligned} \tag{7.2a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T} : V/W &\rightarrow V/W \\ \text{with } \mathbf{v} + W &\mapsto T(\mathbf{v}) + W \end{aligned} \tag{7.2b}$$

(Here the well-definedness of the recipe mapping \tilde{T} is shown in Hw2, Exercise 4),

which leads to the decomposition of the characteristic polynomial:

$$\chi_T(x) = \chi_{T|_W}(x) \chi_{\tilde{T}}(x).$$

Proof. Suppose $C = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is a basis of W , and extend it into the basis of V , denoted as

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$$

Therefore, $\overline{\mathcal{B}} = \{\mathbf{v}_{k+1} + W, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n + W\}$ is a basis of V/W . By Homework 2, Question 5,

the representation $(T)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}}$ can be written as the block matrix

$$(T)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} (T|_W)_{\mathcal{C},\mathcal{C}} & \times \\ \mathbf{0} & (\tilde{T})_{\overline{\mathcal{B}},\overline{\mathcal{B}}} \end{pmatrix}_{(k+(n-k)) \times (k+(n-k))}$$

Therefore, the characteristic polynomial of T can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_T(x) &= \det((T)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}} - xI) \\ &= \det((T|_U)_{\mathcal{C},\mathcal{C}} - xI) \cdot \det((\tilde{T})_{\overline{\mathcal{B}},\overline{\mathcal{B}}} - xI) \end{aligned}$$

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Proposition 7.11 Suppose that

$$\chi_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_n)$$

where λ_i 's are not necessarily distinct. Then there exists a basis of V , say \mathcal{A} , such that

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \times \\ 0 & \cdots & \ddots & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Proof. The proof is by induction on n , i.e., suppose the results hold for all vector spaces with dimension no more than $n - 1$, and we aim to show this result holds for dimension n .

1. **Step 1:** Argue that there exists the associated eigenvector \mathbf{v} of λ_1 under the linear operator T .

Consider any basis \mathcal{M} , by MAT2040, there exists associated eigenvector of λ_1 , say $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ such that

$$(T)_{\mathcal{M},\mathcal{M}} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \lambda_1 \mathbf{y}$$

Since the operator $(\cdot)_{\mathcal{M}} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ is an isomorphism, there exists $\mathbf{v} \in V \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ such

that $(\mathbf{v})_{\mathcal{M}} = \mathbf{y}$. It follows that

$$(T)_{\mathcal{M},\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{v})_{\mathcal{M}} = \lambda_1(\mathbf{v})_{\mathcal{M}} \implies (T\mathbf{v})_{\mathcal{M}} = (\lambda_1\mathbf{v})_{\mathcal{M}} \implies T\mathbf{v} = \lambda_1\mathbf{v}$$

2. **Step 2:** Dimensionality reduction of $\mathcal{X}_T(x)$: Construct $W = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}\}$, which is T -invariant. By the proof of proposition (7.11), we have $\tilde{T} : V/W \rightarrow V/W$ admits the characteristic polynomial

$$\mathcal{X}_{\tilde{T}}(x) = (x - \lambda_2) \cdots (x - \lambda_n)$$

3. **Step 3:** Applying the induction, there exists basis $\bar{\mathcal{C}}$ of V/W , i.e.,

$$\bar{\mathcal{C}} = \{\mathbf{w}_2 + W, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n + W\}$$

such that

$$(\tilde{T})_{\bar{\mathcal{C}},\bar{\mathcal{C}}} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \lambda_3 & \cdots & \times \\ 0 & \cdots & \ddots & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

4. **Step 4:** Therefore, we construct the set $\mathcal{A} := \{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$. We claim that

- \mathcal{A} is a basis of V (left as exercise in Hw2, Question 2)

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$$(T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \times \\ \mathbf{0} & (\tilde{T})_{\bar{\mathcal{C}},\bar{\mathcal{C}}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \times \\ 0 & \cdots & \ddots & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

(This statement is also left as exercise in Hw2, Question 5.)

■

Proposition 7.12 Suppose that $\mathcal{X}_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_n)$, then $\mathcal{X}_T(T) = \mathbf{0}$.

R One special case is that $\mathbf{A} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$. The results for proposition (7.12)

gives

$(A - \lambda_1 I) \cdots (A - \lambda_n I)$ is a zero matrix

Chapter 8

Week 8

8.1. Monday for MAT3040

Reviewing.

- If $\chi_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_n)$, then

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \times \\ 0 & \cdots & \ddots & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

for some basis \mathcal{A} . In other words, T is **triangularizable** with the diagonal entries $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$.

- R** I hope you appreciate this result. Consider the example below: In linear algebra we have studied that the matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is not diagonalizable, and the characteristic polynomial is given by

$$\chi_{\mathbf{A}}(x) = (x - 1)^2.$$

However, the theorem above claims that \mathbf{A} is *triangularizable*, with diagonal entries 1 and 1. The diagonalization of \mathbf{A} only uses the eigenvector of \mathbf{A} , but the 1-eigenspace has only 1 dimension. Fortunately, the triangularization gives a rescue such that we can make use of the generalized eigenvector

$(0,1)^T$ (but not an eigenvector) of \mathbf{A} by considering the mapping below:

$$U = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\bar{A}: V/U \rightarrow V/U$$

Here $(0,1)^T + U$ is an eigenvector of \bar{A} , with eigenvalue 1.

Theorem 8.1 The linear operator T is triangularizable with diagonal entries $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ if and only if

$$\chi_T = (x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_n)$$

Proof. It suffices to show only the sufficiency. Suppose that there exists basis \mathcal{A} such that

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \times \\ 0 & \cdots & \ddots & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we compute the characteristic polynomial directly:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_T(x) &= \det[(xI - T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}}] \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} x - \lambda_1 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & x - \lambda_2 & \cdots & \times \\ 0 & \cdots & \ddots & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & x - \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_n) \end{aligned}$$

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8.1.1. Cayley-Hamilton Theorem

Proposition 8.1 — A Useful Lemma. Suppose that $\chi_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_n)$, then $\chi_T(T) = 0$.

Proof. Since $\chi_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_n)$, we imply T is triangularizable under some basis \mathcal{A} . Note that

- $T \mapsto (T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}}$ is an isomorphism between $\text{Hom}(V, V)$ and $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$,
- $\underbrace{(T \circ T \circ \cdots \circ T)}_{m \text{ times}}_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} = [(T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}}]^m$, for any m ,

It suffices to show $\chi_T((T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}})$ is the zero matrix (why?):

$$\chi_T((T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}}) = ((T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} - \lambda_1 \mathbf{I}) \cdots ((T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} - \lambda_n \mathbf{I}).$$

Observe the matrix multiplication

$$((T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} - \lambda_i \mathbf{I}) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_i \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 - \lambda_i & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \lambda_2 - \lambda_i & \cdots & \times \\ 0 & \cdots & \ddots & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n - \lambda_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_i \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{i-1}\}$$

Therefore, for any $\mathbf{v} \in V$,

$$((T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} - \lambda_n \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{v} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{n-1}\}.$$

Applying the same trick, we conclude that

$$((T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} - \lambda_1 \mathbf{I}) \cdots ((T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} - \lambda_n \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V,$$

i.e., $\chi_T((T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}}) = ((T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} - \lambda_1 \mathbf{I}) \cdots ((T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} - \lambda_n \mathbf{I})$ is a zero matrix. ■

Now we are ready to give a proof for the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem:

Proof. Suppose that $\mathcal{X}_T(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_0 \in \mathbb{F}[x]$. By considering algebraically closed field $\overline{\mathbb{F}} \supseteq \mathbb{F}$, we imply

$$\mathcal{X}_T(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_0 \quad (8.1a)$$

$$= (x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_n), \quad \lambda_i \in \overline{\mathbb{F}} \quad (8.1b)$$

By applying proposition (8.1), we imply $\mathcal{X}_T(T) = 0$, where the coefficients in the formula $\mathcal{X}_T(T) = 0$ w.r.t. T are in $\overline{\mathbb{F}}$.

Then we argue that these coefficients are essentially in \mathbb{F} . Expand the whole map of $\mathcal{X}_T(T)$:

$$\mathcal{X}_T(T) = (T - \lambda_1 I) \cdots (T - \lambda_n I) \quad (8.2a)$$

$$= T^n - (\lambda_1 + \cdots + \lambda_n)T^{n-1} + \cdots + (-1)^n \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n I \quad (8.2b)$$

$$= T^n + a_{n-1}T^{n-1} + \cdots + a_0 I \quad (8.2c)$$

where the derivation of (8.2c) is because that the polynomial coefficients for (8.1a) and (8.1b) are all identical.

Therefore, we conclude that $\mathcal{X}_T(T) = 0$, under the field \mathbb{F} . ■

Corollary 8.1 $m_T(x) \mid \mathcal{X}_T(x)$. More precisely, if

$$\mathcal{X}_T(x) = [p_1(x)]^{e_1} \cdots [p_k(x)]^{e_k}, \quad e_i > 0, \forall i$$

where p_i 's are distinct, monic, and irreducible polynomials. Then

$$m_T(x) = [p_1(x)]^{f_1} \cdots [p_k(x)]^{f_k}, \quad \text{for some } 0 < f_i \leq e_i, \forall i$$

Proof. The statement $m_T(x) \mid \mathcal{X}_T(x)$ is from Cayley-Hamilton Theorem. Therefore, $0 \leq f_i \leq e_i, \forall i$. Suppose on the contrary that $f_i = 0$ for some i . w.l.o.g., $i = 1$.

It's clear that $\gcd(p_1, p_j) = 1$ for $\forall j \neq 1$, which implies

$$a(x)p_1(x) + b(x)p_j(x) = 1, \quad \text{for some } a(x), b(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x].$$

Considering the field extension $\overline{\mathbb{F}} \supseteq \mathbb{F}$, we have $p_1(x) = (x - \mu_1) \cdots (x - \mu_\ell)$. For any root μ_m of p_1 , $m = 1, \dots, \ell$, we have

$$a(\mu_m)p_1(\mu_m) + b(\mu_m)p_j(\mu_m) = 1 \implies b(\mu_m)p_j(\mu_m) = 1 \implies p_j(\mu_m) \neq 0,$$

i.e., μ_m is not a root of p_j , $\forall j \neq 1$.

Therefore, μ_m is a root of $\mathcal{X}_T(x)$, but not a root of $m_T(x)$. Then μ_m is an eigenvalue of T , e.g., $T\mathbf{v} = \mu_m\mathbf{v}$ for some $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$. Recall that $m_{T,\mathbf{v}} = x - \mu_m$, we imply $m_{T,\mathbf{v}} = x - \mu_m \mid m_T(x)$, which is a contradiction. ■

■ **Example 8.1** We can use Corollary (8.1), a stronger version of Cayley-Hamilton Theorem to determine the minimal polynomials:

1. For matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, we imply $\mathcal{X}_A(x) = (x^2 + x + 1)^1$. Since $x^2 + x + 1$ is irreducible in \mathbb{R} , we have $m_A(x) = x^2 + x + 1$.

2. For matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

we imply $\mathcal{X}_A(x) = (x - 1)^2(x - 2)^2$.

By Corollary (8.1), we imply both $(x - 1)$ and $(x - 2)$ should be roots of $m_T(x)$, i.e., $m_A(x)$ may have the four options:

$$(x - 1)^2(x - 2)^2, \text{ or}$$

$$(x - 1)(x - 2)^2, \text{ or}$$

$$(x - 1)^2(x - 2), \text{ or}$$

$$(x - 1)(x - 2).$$

By trial and error, one sees that $m_A(x) = (x - 1)^2(x - 2)$.

8.1.2. Primary Decomposition Theorem

We know that not every linear operator is diagonalizable, but diagonalization has some nice properties:

Definition 8.1 [diagonalizable] The linear operator $T : V \rightarrow V$ is diagonalizable over \mathbb{F} if and only if there exists a basis \mathcal{A} of V such that

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n),$$

where λ_i 's are not necessarily distinct.

Proposition 8.2 If the linear operator $T : V \rightarrow V$ is diagonalizable, then

$$m_T(x) = (x - \mu_1) \cdots (x - \mu_k),$$

where μ_i 's are **distinct**.

Proof. Suppose T is diagonalizable, then there exists a basis \mathcal{A} of V such that

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} = \text{diag}(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k, \dots, \mu_k)$$

It's clear that $((T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} - \mu_1 \mathbf{I}) \cdots ((T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} - \mu_k \mathbf{I}) = \mathbf{0}$, i.e., $m_T(x) \mid (x - \mu_1) \cdots (x - \mu_k)$.

Then we show the minimality of $(x - \mu_1) \cdots (x - \mu_k)$. In particular, if $(x - \mu_i)$ is omitted for any $1 \leq i \leq k$, then it's easy to show

$$(T_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} - \mu_1 \mathbf{I}) \cdots (T_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} - \mu_{i-1} \mathbf{I})(T_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} - \mu_{i+1} \mathbf{I}) \cdots (T_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} - \mu_k \mathbf{I}) \neq \mathbf{0},$$

since all μ_i 's are distinct. Therefore, $m_T(x)$ will not divide $(x - \mu_1) \cdots (x - \mu_{i-1})(x - \mu_{i+1}) \cdots (x - \mu_k)$ for any i , i.e.,

$$m_T(x) = (x - \mu_1) \cdots (x - \mu_k)$$



- Ⓡ The converse of proposition (8.2) is also true, which is a special case for the Primary Decomposition Theorem.

Theorem 8.2 — Primary Decomposition Theorem. Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator with

$$m_T(x) = [p_1(x)]^{e_1} \cdots [p_k(x)]^{e_k},$$

where p_i 's are distinct, monic, and irreducible polynomials. Let $V_i = \ker([p_i(x)]^{e_i}) \leq V, i = 1, \dots, k$, then

1. Each V_i is T -invariant ($T(V_i) \leq V_i$)
2. $V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus V_k$
3. Consider $T|_{V_i}: V_i \rightarrow V_i$, then

$$m_{T|_{V_i}}(x) = [p_i(x)]^{e_i}$$

Chapter 9

Week 9

9.1. Monday for MAT3040

Reviewing.

- $\chi_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_n)$ over \mathbb{F} if and only if T is triangularizable over \mathbb{F} .
- $m_T(x) = (x - \mu_1) \cdots (x - \mu_k)$, where μ_i 's are distinct over \mathbb{F} if and only if T is diagonalizable over \mathbb{F} .

The converse for this statement is the proposition (8.2). Let's focus on the proof for the forward direction.

9.1.1. Remarks on Primary Decomposition Theorem

Theorem 9.1 — Primary Decomposition Theorem. Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator with $\dim(V) < \infty$, and

$$m_T(x) = [p_1(x)]^{e_1} \cdots [p_k(x)]^{e_k}$$

where p_i 's are distinct, monic, irreducible polynomials. Let $V_i = \ker(p_i(T)^{e_i})$, then

1. each V_i is T -invariant (i.e., $T(V_i) \leq V_i$)
2. $V = V_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus V_k$
3. $T|_{V_i}$ has the minimal polynomial $p_i(x)^{e_i}$.

Proof. 1. (1) follows from part (2) for example (??).

2. Let $q_i(x) = [p_1(x)]^{e_1} \cdots \widehat{[p_i(x)]^{e_i}} \cdots [p_k(x)]^{e_k} := m_T(x)/[p_i(x)]^{e_i}$, then it is clear that

- (a) $\gcd(q_1, \dots, q_k) = 1$
- (b) $\gcd(q_i, p_i^{e_i}) = 1$
- (c) $q_i \cdot p_i^{e_i} = m_T$
- (d) If $i \neq j$, then $m_T(x) \mid q_i(x)q_j(x)$

- By (a) and Bezout's Theorem (6.7), there exists polynomials a_1, \dots, a_k such that

$$a_1(x)q_1(x) + \cdots + a_k(x)q_k(x) = 1,$$

which implies

$$\underbrace{a_1(T)q_1(T)\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{v}_1} + \cdots + \underbrace{a_k(T)q_k(T)\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{v}_k} = \mathbf{v}$$

Therefore, $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{v}_k$ for our constructed $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$.

- Note that

$$p_i(T)^{e_i} \mathbf{v}_i = p_i(T)^{e_i} a_i(T) q_i(T) \mathbf{v} = a_i(T) [q_i(T) p_i(T)^{e_i}] \mathbf{v} = a_i(T) m_T(T) \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0},$$

which implies $\mathbf{v}_i \in \ker([p_i(T)]^{e_i}) := V_i$, and therefore

$$V = V_1 + \cdots + V_k \tag{9.1}$$

- To show that the summation in (9.3) is essentially the direct sum, consider

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{v}'_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{v}'_k, \quad \forall \mathbf{v}'_i \in V_i. \tag{9.2}$$

By (a) and Bezout's Theorem (6.7), there exists $b_i(x), c_i(x)$ such that

$$b_i(x)q_i(x) + c_i(x)p_i(x)^{e_i} = 1 \implies b_i(T)q_i(T) + c_i(T)p_i(T)^{e_i} = I,$$

i.e.,

$$b_i(T)q_i(T)\mathbf{v}'_i + c_i(T)p_i(T)^{e_i} \mathbf{v}'_i = b_i(T)q_i(T)\mathbf{v}'_i = \mathbf{v}'_i.$$

Applying the mapping $b_i(T)q_i(T)$ into equality (9.4) both sides, $i = 1, \dots, k$, we obtain

$$\mathbf{0} = b_i(T)q_i(T)\mathbf{0} = b_i(T)q_i(T)\mathbf{v}'_1 + \dots + b_i(T)q_i(T)\mathbf{v}'_k$$

Note that all terms on RHS vanish except for $b_i(T)q_i(T)\mathbf{v}'_i = \mathbf{v}'_i$, since $q_i(x) = [p_1(x)]^{e_1} \dots [\widehat{p_i(x)}]^{e_i} \dots [p_k(x)]^{e_k}$ and $\mathbf{v}'_j \in \ker([p_j(x)]^{e_j})$. Therefore, $\mathbf{v}'_i = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$, i.e., $V = V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k$.

3. For any $\mathbf{v}_i \in V_i$, we have $p_i(T)^{e_i} \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{0}$, which implies $m_{T|V_i}(x) \mid p_i(x)^{e_i}$. Together with Corollary (8.1), $m_{T|V_i}(x) = p_i(x)^{f_i}$ for some $1 \leq f_i \leq e_i$.

Suppose on the contrary that there exists $f_i < e_i$ for some i , consider any $\mathbf{v} := \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{v}_k \in V$, and

$$p_1(T)^{f_1} \dots p_k(T)^{f_k} \mathbf{v} = p_1(T)^{f_1} \dots p_k(T)^{f_k} (\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{v}_k)$$

The term on the RHS vanishes since $p_j(T)^{f_j} \mathbf{v}_j = \mathbf{0}$, which implies

$$m_T \mid p_1^{f_1} \dots p_k^{f_k},$$

but there exists i such that $e_i > f_i$, which is a contradiction. ■

Corollary 9.1 If $m_i(x) = (x - \mu_1) \dots (x - \mu_k)$ over \mathbb{F} , where μ_i 's are distinct, then T is diagonalizable over \mathbb{F} . (the converse actually also holds, see proposition (8.2))

Proof. By primary decomposition theorem,

$$V = \underbrace{\ker(T - \mu_1 I)}_{V_1} \oplus \dots \oplus \underbrace{\ker(T - \mu_k I)}_{V_k}$$

Take B_i as a basis of V_i , an μ_i -eigenspace of T . Then $B := \cup_{i=1}^k B_i$ is a basis consisting of eigenvectors of T .

It's clear that $(T|_{V_i})_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}} = \text{diag}(\mu_i, \dots, \mu_i)$, and T is diagonalizable with

$$(T)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}} = \text{diag}((T|_{V_1})_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}}, \dots, (T|_{V_k})_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}}).$$

■

Corollary 9.2 [Spectral Decomposition] Suppose $T : V \rightarrow V$ is diagonalizable, then there exists a linear operator $p_i : V \rightarrow V$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$ such that

- $p_i^2 = p_i$ (idempotent)
- $p_i p_j = 0, \forall i \neq j$
- $\sum_{i=1}^k p_i = I$
- $p_i T = T p_i, \forall i$

and scalars μ_1, \dots, μ_k such that

$$T = \mu_1 p_1 + \dots + \mu_k p_k$$

Proof. Diagonalization of T is equivalent to say that $m_T(x) = (x - \mu_1) \cdots (x - \mu_k)$, where μ_i 's are distinct. Construct

- $V_i := \ker(T - \mu_i I)$
- $p_i : V \rightarrow V$ given by $p_i = a_i(T)q_i(T)$ as in the proof of primary decomposition theorem

Then:

- $p_i T = T p_i$ is obvious
- $\sum_{i=1}^k p_i = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i(T)q_i(T) = I$
- $p_i p_j = a_i(T)a_j(T)q_i(T)q_j(T) := a_i(T)a_j(T)s(T)m_T(T) = \mathbf{0}$
- $p_i^2 = p_i(p_1 + \dots + p_k) = p_i \cdot I = p_i$

For the last part, note that

- $p_i V \leq V_i, \forall i$: for $\forall \mathbf{v} \in V$,

$$(T - \mu_i I)p_i \mathbf{v} = (T - \mu_i I)a_i(T)q_i(T)\mathbf{v} = a_i(T)m_T(x)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

Therefore, $p_i V \leq \ker(T - \mu_i I) = V_i$

- Now, for all $\mathbf{w} \in V$,

$$\begin{aligned} T\mathbf{w} &= T(p_1 + \cdots + p_k)\mathbf{w} \\ &= Tp_1\mathbf{w} + \cdots + Tp_k\mathbf{w} \\ &= (\mu_1 p_1)\mathbf{w} + \cdots + (\mu_k p_k)\mathbf{w} \end{aligned}$$

and therefore $T = \mu_1 p_1 + \cdots + \mu_k p_k$

■

Organization of future two weeks. We are interested in under which condition does the T is diagonalizable. One special case is $T = A$, where A is a symmetric matrix. We will study normal operators, which includes the case for symmetric matrices.

Question: what happens if $m_T(x)$ contains repeated linear factors? We will spend the next whole class to show the Jordan Normal Form:

Theorem 9.2 — Jordan Normal Form. Let \mathbb{F} be algebraically closed field such that every linear operator $T : V \rightarrow V$ has the form

$$m_T(x) = \prod_{i=1}^k (x - \lambda_i)^{e_i}$$

where λ_i 's are distinct.

Then there exists basis \mathcal{A} of V such that

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{J}_1, \dots, \mathbf{J}_k)$$

where

$$\mathbf{J}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \mu & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

for some $\mu \in \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k\}$

9.4. Wednesday for MAT3040

9.4.1. Jordan Normal Form

Theorem 9.3 — Jordan Normal Form. Suppose that $T : V \rightarrow V$ has minimal polynomial

$$m_T(x) = \prod_{i=1}^k (x - \lambda_i)^{e_i},$$

then there exists a basis \mathcal{A} such that

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} = \text{diag}(J_1, \dots, J_\ell),$$

where each block J_i is a square matrix of the form

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_i & 1 & & \\ & \mu_i & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \mu_i \end{bmatrix}.$$

R By primary decomposition theorem,

$$V = V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k, \quad \text{where } V_i = \ker((T - \lambda_i I)^{e_i}), \quad i = 1, \dots, k,$$

and each V_i is T -invariant.

We pick basis \mathcal{B}_i for each subspace V_i , then $\mathcal{B} := \cup_{i=1}^k \mathcal{B}_i$ is a basis of V , and

$$(T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} (T|_{V_1})_{\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & (T|_{V_2})_{\mathcal{B}_2, \mathcal{B}_2} & \vdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \vdots & (T|_{V_k})_{\mathcal{B}_k, \mathcal{B}_k} \end{pmatrix}$$

with $m_{T|_{V_i}}(x) = (x - \lambda_i)^{e_i}$.

Therefore, it suffices to show the Jordan normal form holds for the linear operator

T with minimal polynomial $m_T(x) = (x - \lambda)^e$.

Firstly, we consider the case where the minimal polynomial has the form x^m :

Proposition 9.6 Suppose $T : V \rightarrow V$ is such that $m_T(x) = x^m$, then the theorem (9.3) holds, i.e., there exists a basis \mathcal{A} such that

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{J}_1, \dots, \mathbf{J}_\ell),$$

where each block J_i is a square matrix of the form

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Proof. • Suppose that $m_T(x) = x^m$, then it is clear that

$$\{0\} := \ker(T^0) \leq \ker(T) \leq \ker(T^2) \leq \dots \leq \ker(T^m) := V$$

Furthermore, we have $\ker(T^{i-1}) \subsetneq \ker(T^i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$: Note that $\ker(T^{m-1}) \subsetneq \ker(T^m) := V$ due to the minimality of $m_T(x)$; and $\ker(T^{m-2}) \subsetneq \ker(T^{m-1})$ since otherwise for any $\mathbf{x} \in \ker(T^m)$,

$$T^{m-1}(T\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \implies T\mathbf{x} \in \ker(T^{m-1}) = \ker(T^{m-2}) \implies T^{m-2}(T\mathbf{x}) = T^{m-1}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0},$$

i.e., $\mathbf{x} \in \ker(T^{m-1})$, which contradicts to the fact that $\ker(T^{m-1}) \subsetneq \ker(T^m)$. Proceeding this trick sequentially for $i = m, m-1, \dots, 1$, we proved the desired result.

- Then construct the quotient space $W_i = \ker(T^i)/\ker(T^{i-1})$ and define \mathcal{B}'_i to be a basis of W_i :

$$\mathcal{B}'_i = \{a_1^i + \ker(T^{i-1}), \dots, a_{\ell_i}^i + \ker(T^{i-1})\}$$

Construct $\mathcal{B}_i = \{a_1^i, \dots, a_{\ell_i}^i\}$, then we claim that $\mathcal{B} := \cup_{i=1}^m \mathcal{B}_i$ forms a basis of V :

- First proof the case $m = 2$ first: let $U \leq V$ ($\dim(V) < \infty$), and $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{a_1^1, \dots, a_{k_1}^1\}$ be a basis of U , and

$$\mathcal{B}'_2 = \{a_1^2 + U, \dots, a_{k_2}^2 + U\}$$

be a basis of V/U . Then to show the statement suffices to show that

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^2 \{a_1^i, \dots, a_{k_i}^i\} \text{ forms a basis of } V.$$

It's clear that $\cup_{i=1}^2 \{a_1^i, \dots, a_{k_i}^i\}$ spans V . Furthermore, $\dim(V) = \dim(U) + \dim(V/U) = k_1 + k_2$, i.e., $\cup_{i=1}^2 \{a_1^i, \dots, a_{k_i}^i\}$ contains correct amount of vectors. The proof is complete.

- This result can be extended from 2 to general m , thus the claim is shown.
- For $i < m$, consider the set $S_i = \{T(\mathbf{w}_j) + \ker(T^{i-1}) \mid \mathbf{w}_j \in B_{i+1}\}$. Note that
 - Since $T^{i+1}(\mathbf{w}_j) = \mathbf{0}$, $T^i(T(\mathbf{w}_j)) = \mathbf{0}$, we imply $T(\mathbf{w}_j) \in \ker(T^i)$, i.e., $S_i \subseteq W_i$.
 - The set S_i is linearly independent: consider the equation

$$\sum_j k_j (T(\mathbf{w}_j) + \ker(T^{i-1})) = \mathbf{0}_{W_i} \iff T\left(\sum_j k_j \mathbf{w}_j\right) + \ker(T^{i-1}) = \mathbf{0}_{W_i}$$

i.e.,

$$T\left(\sum_j k_j \mathbf{w}_j\right) \in \ker(T^{i-1}) \iff T^{i-1}\left(T\left(\sum_j k_j \mathbf{w}_j\right)\right) = \mathbf{0}_V,$$

i.e., $\sum_j k_j \mathbf{w}_j \in \ker(T^i)$, i.e.,

$$\sum_j k_j \mathbf{w}_j + \ker(T^i) = \mathbf{0}_{W_{i+1}} \iff \sum_j k_j (\mathbf{w}_j + \ker(T^i)) = \mathbf{0}_{W_{i+1}}.$$

Since $\{\mathbf{w}_j + \ker(T^i), \forall j\}$ forms a basis of W_{i+1} , we imply $k_j = 0, \forall j$.

From \mathcal{B}_{i+1} we construct S_i , which is linearly independent in W_i . Therefore, we imply $|T(\mathcal{B}_{i+1})| \leq |\mathcal{B}_i|$ for $\forall i < m$ (why?).

- Now we start to construct a basis \mathcal{A} of V :
 - Start with $\mathcal{B}'_m := \{u_1^m + \ker(T^{m-1}), \dots, u_{\ell_m}^m + \ker(T^{m-1})\}$, and $\mathcal{B}_m = \{u_1^m, \dots, u_{\ell_m}^m\}$.

– By the previous result,

$$\{T(u_1^m) + \ker(T^{m-2}), \dots, T(u_{\ell_m}^m) + \ker(T^{m-2})\}$$

is linear independent in W_{m-1} . By basis extension, we get a basis \mathcal{B}'_{m-1} of W_{m-1} , and let

$$\mathcal{B}_{m-1} = \{T(u_1^m), \dots, T(u_{\ell_m}^m)\} \cup \xi_{m-1}$$

where $\xi_{m-1} := \{u_1^{m-1}, \dots, u_{\ell_{m-1}}^{m-1}\}$

– Continue the process above to obtain $\mathcal{B}_{m-2}, \dots, \mathcal{B}_1$, and $\cup_{i=1}^m \mathcal{B}_i$ forms a basis of V :

\mathcal{B}_1	\mathcal{B}_2	...	\mathcal{B}_{m-1}	\mathcal{B}_m
$\{T^{m-1}(u_1^m), \dots, T^{m-1}(u_{\ell_m}^m)\}$	$\{T^{m-2}(u_1^m), \dots, T^{m-2}(u_{\ell_m}^m)\}$...	$\{T(u_1^m), \dots, T(u_{\ell_m}^m)\}$	$\{u_1^m, \dots, u_{\ell_m}^m\}$
$\{T^{m-2}(u_1^{m-1}), \dots, T^{m-2}(u_{\ell_{m-1}}^{m-1})\}$	$\{T^{m-3}(u_1^{m-1}), \dots, T^{m-3}(u_{\ell_{m-1}}^{m-1})\}$...	$\{u_1^{m-1}, \dots, u_{\ell_{m-1}}^{m-1}\}$	
⋮	⋮			
$\{T(u_1^2), \dots, T(u_{\ell_2}^2)\}$	$\{u_1^2, \dots, u_{\ell_2}^2\}$			
$\{u_1^1, \dots, u_{\ell_1}^1\}$				

– Now construct the ordered basis \mathcal{A} :

$$\mathcal{A} = \left(\begin{array}{cccccc} T^{m-1}(u_1^m) & \dots & T^2(u_1^m) & T(u_1^m) & u_1^m & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \\ T^{m-1}(u_{\ell_m}^m) & \dots & T^2(u_{\ell_m}^m) & T(u_{\ell_m}^m) & u_{\ell_m}^m & \\ & T^{m-2}(u_1^{m-1}) & \dots & T(u_1^{m-1}) & u_1^{m-1} & \\ & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \\ & T^{m-2}(u_{\ell_{m-1}}^{m-1}) & \dots & T(u_{\ell_{m-1}}^{m-1}) & u_{\ell_{m-1}}^{m-1} & \\ & & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \\ & & & & u_1^1 & \\ & & & & \vdots & \\ & & & & & u_{\ell_1}^1 \end{array} \right)$$

– Then the diagonal entries of $(T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}}$ should be all zero, since

$$T(T^{i-1}(u_j^i)) = T^i(u_j^i) = 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, \ell_i,$$

and every entry on the superdiagonal is 1:

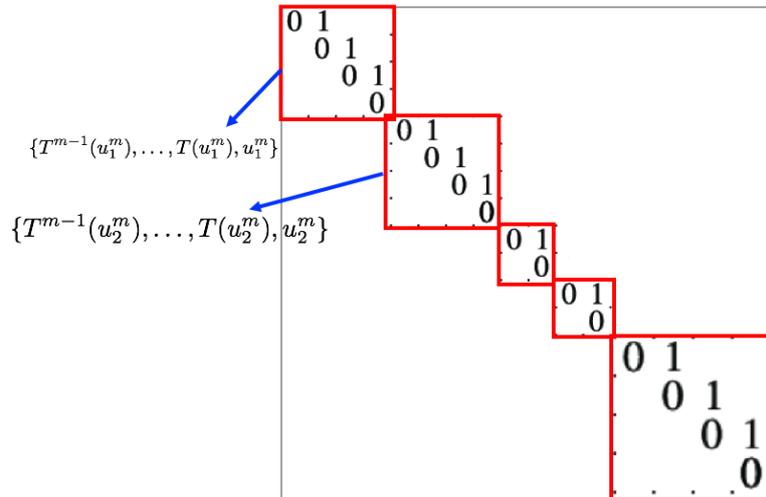


Figure 9.2: Illustration for $(T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}}$

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Then we consider the case where $m_T(x) = (x - \lambda)^e$:

Corollary 9.3 Suppose $T : V \rightarrow V$ is such that $m_T(x) = (x - \lambda)^e$, then the theorem (9.3) holds, i.e., there exists a basis \mathcal{A} such that

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} = \text{diag}(J_1, \dots, J_\ell),$$

where each block J_i is a square matrix of the form

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & \\ & \lambda & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda \end{bmatrix}.$$

Proof. Suppose that $m_T(x) = (x - \lambda)^e$. Consider the operator $U := T - \lambda I$, then $m_U(x) = x^e$.

By applying proposition (9.6),

$$(U)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{J}_1, \dots, \mathbf{J}_\ell),$$

where

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Or equivalently,

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} - \lambda(I)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{J}_1, \dots, \mathbf{J}_\ell)$$

i.e.,

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{K}_1, \dots, \mathbf{K}_\ell),$$

where

$$\mathbf{K}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & \\ & \lambda & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

■

- R The Jordan Normal Form Theorem (9.3) follows from our arguments using the primary decomposition.

Corollary 9.4 Any matrix $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ is similar to a matrix of the Jordan normal form

$$\text{diag}(\mathbf{J}_1, \dots, \mathbf{J}_\ell).$$

9.4.2. Inner Product Spaces

Definition 9.8 [Bilinear] Let V be a vector space over \mathbb{R} . A bilinear form on V is a mapping

$$F : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

satisfying

1. $F(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}) + F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$
2. $F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w})$
3. $F(\lambda \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \lambda F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = F(\mathbf{u}, \lambda \mathbf{v})$

We say

- F is symmetric if $F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u})$
- F is non-degenerate if $F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}) = 0$ for $\forall \mathbf{u} \in V$ implies $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$
- F is positive definite if $F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) > 0$ for $\forall \mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$

R If F is positive-definite, then F is non-degenerate: Suppose that $F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) > 0, \forall \mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$. If we have $F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}) = 0$ for any $\mathbf{u} \in V$, then in particular, when $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{w}$, we imply $F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}) = 0$. By positive-definiteness, $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$, i.e., F is non-degenerate.

Chapter 10

Week10

10.1. Monday for MAT3040

10.1.1. Inner Product Space

- Symmetric: $F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}) = F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}), \forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}$
- Non-degenerate: $F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}) = 0, \forall \mathbf{w}$ implies $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$
- Positive definite: $F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) > 0, \forall \mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$

Classification. When we say V be a vector space over \mathbb{F} , we treat $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ as a scalar.

Definition 10.1 [Sesqui-linear Form] Let V be a vector space over \mathbb{C} . A **sesquilinear form** on V is a function $F : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that

1. $F(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}) + F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$
2. $F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w})$
3. $F(\bar{\lambda}\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = F(\mathbf{v}, \lambda\mathbf{w}) = \lambda F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}), \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$

In this case, we say F is **conjugate symmetric** if

$$F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = \overline{F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v})}, \quad \forall \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V.$$

The definition for non-degenerateness, and positive definiteness is the same as that in bilinear form. ■

 In the sesquilinear form, why there is a $\bar{\lambda}$ shown in condition (3)?

Partial Answer: We want our F to be positive definite in many cases:

- Suppose that $F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) > 0$ and we do not have $\bar{\lambda}$ in sesquilinear form F , it follows that

$$F(i\mathbf{v}, i\mathbf{v}) = i^2 F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) = -F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) < 0$$

As a result, there will be no positive bilinear form for vector space over \mathbb{C} .

Therefore, $\bar{\lambda}$ is essential to guarantee that we have a positive definite form on vector space over \mathbb{C} , i.e.,

$$F(i\mathbf{v}, i\mathbf{v}) = \bar{i}i F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) = F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v})$$

■ **Example 10.1** Consider $V = \mathbb{C}^n$, and a basic sesquilinear form is the Hermitian inner product:

$$F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{v}_1 & \dots & \bar{v}_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{v}_i w_i$$

In this case, we do not have symmetric property $F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v})$ any more, instead, we have the conjugate symmetric property $F(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = \overline{F(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v})}$. ■

Definition 10.2 [Inner Product] A real (complex) vector space V with a bilinear (sesquilinear) form with symmetric (conjugate symmetric) and positive definite property is called an **inner product** on V . Any vector space equipped with inner product is called an **inner product space**. ■

Notation. We write $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ instead of $F(\cdot, \cdot)$ to denote inner product.

■ **Definition 10.3** [Norm] The **norm** of a vector \mathbf{v} is $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}$. ■

Ⓡ As a result, $\|\alpha\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \alpha\mathbf{v}, \alpha\mathbf{v} \rangle} = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}\alpha\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} = \sqrt{|\alpha|^2\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} = |\alpha|\|\mathbf{v}\|$.

The norm is well-defined since $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \geq 0$ (positive definiteness of inner product).

Definition 10.4 [Orthogonal] We say a family of vectors $S = \{\mathbf{v}_i \mid i \in I\}$ is **orthogonal** if

$$\langle \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j \rangle = 0, \quad \forall i \neq j$$

If furthermore $\langle \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_i \rangle = 1, \forall i$, then we say S is an **orthonormal** set. ■



1. The Cauchy-Scharwz inequality holds for inner product space:

$$|\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|, \quad \forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V.$$

Proof. The proof for $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$ is the same as in MAT2040 course. Check Theorem (6.1) in the note

<https://walterbabyrudin.github.io/information/Notes/MAT2040.pdf>

However, for $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$, we need the re-scaling technique:

Let $\mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \mathbf{u}$, then $\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \right\rangle = \overline{\left(\frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \right)} \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 1.$$

Applying the Cauchy-Scharwz inequality for $\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left\langle \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \right\rangle \right| &= |\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle| \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{w}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| = \left\| \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \mathbf{u} \right\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \end{aligned}$$

Or equivalently,

$$\left| \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \right| |\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle| \leq \left| \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \right| \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|$$

Since $\left| \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \right|$, we imply

$$|\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|$$

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2. The triangle inequality also holds for inner product process:

$$\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| + \|\mathbf{v}\|$$

3. The Gram-Schmidt process holds for finite set of vectors: let $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ be (finite) linearly independent. Then we can construct an orthonormal set from S :

$$\mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1, \quad \mathbf{w}_{i+1} = \mathbf{v}_{i+1} - \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}_{i+1}, \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{w}_1\|^2} \mathbf{w}_1 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}_{i+1}, \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{w}_2\|^2} \mathbf{w}_2 - \dots - \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}_{i+1}, \mathbf{w}_i \rangle}{\|\mathbf{w}_i\|^2} \mathbf{w}_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n-1$$

Then after normalization, we obtain the constructed orthonormal set. Consequently, every finite dimensional inner product space has an orthonormal basis.

10.1.2. Dual spaces

Theorem 10.1 — Riesz Representation. Consider the mapping

$$\phi : \quad V \rightarrow V^*$$

$$\text{with } \quad \mathbf{v} \mapsto \phi_{\mathbf{v}}$$

$$\text{where } \quad \phi_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{w}) = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle, \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in V$$

Then the mapping ϕ is well-defined and it is an \mathbb{R} -linear transformation.

Moreover, if V is finite dimensional, then ϕ is an isomorphism.

The \mathbb{R} -linear transformation $V \rightarrow V^*$ means that, when V, V^* are vector space over \mathbb{R} , the \mathbb{R} -linear transformation deduces into exactly the linear transformation.

- Ⓡ The \mathbb{R} -linear transformation $V \rightarrow V^*$ is **not** necessarily linear if V, V^* are vector spaces over \mathbb{C} .

However, we can transform a vector space over \mathbb{C} into a vector space over \mathbb{R} :

- For example, suppose that $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis of V over \mathbb{C} , i.e.,

$$\mathbf{v} = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \mathbf{v}_j$$

where $\alpha_j = p_j + iq_j, \forall p_j, q_j \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\mathbf{v} = \sum_j p_j \mathbf{v}_j + \sum_j q_j (i\mathbf{v}_j), \quad p_j, q_j \in \mathbb{R}$$

Therefore, $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n, i\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, i\mathbf{v}_n\}$ forms a basis of V over \mathbb{R} .

Note that $i\mathbf{v}_1$ cannot be considered as a linear combination of \mathbf{v}_1 over \mathbb{R} , but a linear combination of \mathbf{v}_1 over \mathbb{C} .

In particular, if $\phi : V \rightarrow V^*$ is a \mathbb{R} -linear transformation, then

$$\phi(i\mathbf{v}) \neq i\phi(\mathbf{v}), \text{ but } \phi(2\mathbf{v}) = 2\phi(\mathbf{v}).$$

Proof. 1. Well-definedness: We need to show $\phi_{\mathbf{v}} \in V^*$, i.e., for scalars a, b ,

$$\phi_{\mathbf{v}}(a\mathbf{w}_1 + b\mathbf{w}_2) = \langle \mathbf{v}, a\mathbf{w}_1 + b\mathbf{w}_2 \rangle = a\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle + b\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle = a\phi_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{w}_1) + b\phi_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{w}_2)$$

Therefore, $\phi_{\mathbf{v}} \in V^*$.

2. \mathbb{R} -linearity of ϕ : it suffices to show

$$\phi(c\mathbf{v}_1 + d\mathbf{v}_2) = c\phi(\mathbf{v}_1) + d\phi(\mathbf{v}_2), \quad \forall c, d \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in V.$$

For all $\mathbf{w} \in V$, we have

$$\phi_{c\mathbf{v}_1 + d\mathbf{v}_2}(\mathbf{w}) = \langle c\mathbf{v}_1 + d\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w} \rangle = c\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w} \rangle + d\langle \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w} \rangle = c\phi_{\mathbf{v}_1}(\mathbf{w}) + d\phi_{\mathbf{v}_2}(\mathbf{w})$$

where the second equality holds because $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$.

Therefore,

$$\phi(c\mathbf{v}_1 + d\mathbf{v}_2) = c\phi(\mathbf{v}_1) + d\phi(\mathbf{v}_2).$$

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10.4. Wednesday for MAT3040

Reviewing. Consider the mapping

$$\begin{aligned}\phi: & V \rightarrow V^* \\ \text{with } & \phi(\mathbf{v}) = \phi_{\mathbf{v}} \\ \text{where } & \phi_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{w}) = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

The Riesz Representation Theorem claims that

1. ϕ is a \mathbb{R} -linear transformation.
2. ϕ is injective.
3. If $\dim(V) < \infty$, then ϕ is an isomorphism.

Proof for Claim (2). Consider the equality $\phi(\mathbf{v}) = \phi_{\mathbf{v}} = 0_{V^*}$, which implies

$$\phi_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{w}) = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0, \forall \mathbf{w} \in V$$

By the non-degeneracy property, $\mathbf{v} = 0_{\mathbf{v}}$, i.e., ϕ is injective. ■

Proof for Claim (3). Since $\dim_{\mathbb{R}}(V) = \dim_{\mathbb{R}}(V^*)$, and ϕ is injective as a \mathbb{R} -linear transformation, we imply ϕ is an isomorphism from V to V^* , where V, V^* are treated as vector spaces over \mathbb{R} . ■

10.4.1. Orthogonal Complement

Definition 10.5 [Orthogonal Complement] Let $U \leq V$ be a subspace of an inner product space. Then the **orthogonal complement** of U is

$$U^{\perp} = \{\mathbf{v} \in V \mid \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = 0, \forall \mathbf{u} \in U\}$$

The analysis for orthogonal complement for vector spaces over \mathbb{C} is quite similar as what we have studied in MAT2040.

Proposition 10.7 1. U^\perp is a subspace of V

2. $U \cap U^\perp = \{0\}$
3. $U_1 \subseteq U_2$ implies $U_2^\perp \subseteq U_1^\perp$.

Proof. 1. Suppose that $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in U^\perp$, where $a, b \in K$ ($K = \mathbb{C}$ or \mathbb{R}), then for all $\mathbf{u} \in U$,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle a\mathbf{v}_1 + b\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{u} \rangle &= \bar{a}\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{u} \rangle + \bar{b}\langle \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{u} \rangle \\ &= \bar{a} \cdot 0 + \bar{b} \cdot 0 = 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $a\mathbf{v}_1 + b\mathbf{v}_2 \in U^\perp$.

2. Suppose that $\mathbf{u} \in U \cap U^\perp$, then we imply $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = 0$. By the positive-definiteness of inner product, $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$.
3. The statement (3) is easy. ■

Proposition 10.8 1. If $\dim(V) < \infty$ and $U \leq V$, then $V = U \oplus U^\perp$

2. If $U, W \leq V$, then

$$\begin{aligned}(U + W)^\perp &= U^\perp \cap W^\perp \\ (U \cap W)^\perp &\supseteq U^\perp + W^\perp \\ (U^\perp)^\perp &\supseteq U\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, if $\dim(V) < \infty$, then these are equalities.

Proof. 1. Suppose that $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ forms a basis for U , and by basis extension, we obtain $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis for V .

By Gram-Schmidt Process, any finite basis induces an orthonormal basis.

Therefore, suppose that $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_k\}$ forms an orthonormal basis for U , and $\{\mathbf{e}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ forms an orthonormal basis for U^\perp .

It's easy to show $V = U + U^\perp$ using orthonormal basis.

2. (a) The reverse part $(U + W)^\perp \supseteq U^\perp \cap W^\perp$ is trivial; for the forward part, suppose

$\mathbf{v} \in (U + W)^\perp$, then

$$\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0, \forall \mathbf{u} \in U, \mathbf{w} \in W$$

Taking $\mathbf{u} \equiv \mathbf{0}$ in the equality above gives $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0$, i.e., $\mathbf{v} \in U^\perp$. Similarly, $\mathbf{v} \in W^\perp$.

- (b) Follow the similar argument as in (2a). If $\dim(V) < \infty$, then write down the orthonormal basis for $U^\perp + W^\perp$ and $(U \cap W)^\perp$.
- (c) Follow the similar argument as in (2a). If $\dim(V) < \infty$, then

$$V = U^\perp \oplus (U^\perp)^\perp = U \oplus U^\perp.$$

Therefore, $(U^\perp)^\perp = U$.

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Proposition 10.9 The mapping $\phi : V \rightarrow V^*$ maps $U^\perp \leq V$ injectively to $\text{Ann}(U) \leq V^*$. If $\dim(V) < \infty$, then $U^\perp \cong \text{Ann}(U)$ as \mathbb{R} -vector spaces

Proof. The injectivity of ϕ has been shown at the beginning of this lecture. For any $\mathbf{v} \in U^\perp$, we imply $\phi_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{u}) = 0, \forall \mathbf{u} \in U$, i.e., $\phi_{\mathbf{v}} \in \text{Ann}(U)$.

Therefore, $\phi(U^\perp) \leq \text{Ann}(U)$.

Provided that $\dim(V) < \infty$, by (1) in proposition (10.8),

$$\dim(U) + \dim(U^\perp) = \dim(V)$$

Since $\dim(U) + \dim(\text{Ann}(U)) = \dim(V)$, we imply $\dim(U^\perp) = \dim(\text{Ann}(U))$.

Moreover,

$$\phi : U^\perp \rightarrow \text{Ann}(U)$$

is an isomorphism between \mathbb{R} -vector spaces U^\perp and $\text{Ann}(U)$.

■

10.4.2. Adjoint Map

Motivation. Then we study the induced mapping based on a given linear operator T , denoted as T' . This induced mapping essentially plays the similar role as taking the Hermitian for a complex matrix.

Notation. Previously we have studied the **adjoint** of $T : V \rightarrow W$, denoted as $T^* : W^* \rightarrow V^*$. However, from now on, we use the same terminology but with different meaning. If $T : V \rightarrow V$ is a linear operator, then the **adjoint** of T is the linear operator $T' : V \rightarrow V$ defined as follows.

Definition 10.6 [Adjoint] Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator between inner product spaces. The **adjoint** of T is defined as $T' : V \rightarrow V$ satisfying

$$\langle T'(\mathbf{v}), \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, T(\mathbf{w}) \rangle, \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in V \quad (10.1)$$

Proposition 10.10 If $\dim(V) < \infty$, then T' exists, and it is unique. Moreover, T' is a linear map.

Proof. Fix any $\mathbf{v} \in V$. Consider the mapping

$$\alpha_{\mathbf{v}} : \mathbf{w} \xrightarrow{T} T(\mathbf{w}) \xrightarrow{\phi_{\mathbf{v}}} \langle \mathbf{v}, T(\mathbf{w}) \rangle$$

This is a linear transformation from V to \mathbb{F} , i.e., $\alpha_{\mathbf{v}} \in V^*$

By Riesz representation theorem, ϕ is an isomorphism from V to V^* . Therefore, for any $\alpha_{\mathbf{v}} \in V^*$, there exists a vector $T'(\mathbf{v}) \in V$ such that

$$\phi(T'(\mathbf{v})) = \alpha_{\mathbf{v}} \in V^*$$

Or equivalently, $\phi_{T'(\mathbf{v})}(\mathbf{w}) = \alpha_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{w}), \forall \mathbf{w} \in V$, i.e., $\langle T'(\mathbf{v}), \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, T(\mathbf{w}) \rangle$.

Therefore, from \mathbf{v} we have constructed $T'(\mathbf{v})$ satisfying (10.1). Now define $T' : V \rightarrow V$ by $\mathbf{v} \mapsto T'(\mathbf{v})$.

- Since the choice of $T'(\mathbf{v})$ is unique by the injectivity of ϕ , T' is well-defined.
- Now we show T' is a linear transformation: Let $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in V, a, b \in K$. For all $\mathbf{w} \in V$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle T'(a\mathbf{v}_1 + b\mathbf{v}_2), \mathbf{w} \rangle &= \langle a\mathbf{v}_1 + b\mathbf{v}_2, T(\mathbf{w}) \rangle \\
 &= a\langle \mathbf{v}_1, T(\mathbf{w}) \rangle + b\langle \mathbf{v}_2, T(\mathbf{w}) \rangle \\
 &= a\langle T'(\mathbf{v}_1), \mathbf{w} \rangle + b\langle T'(\mathbf{v}_2), \mathbf{w} \rangle \\
 &= \langle aT'(\mathbf{v}_1) + bT'(\mathbf{v}_2), \mathbf{w} \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\langle T'(a\mathbf{v}_1 + b\mathbf{v}_2) - [aT'(\mathbf{v}_1) + bT'(\mathbf{v}_2)], \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0, \forall \mathbf{w} \in V$$

By the non-degeneracy of inner product,

$$T'(a\mathbf{v}_1 + b\mathbf{v}_2) - [aT'(\mathbf{v}_1) + bT'(\mathbf{v}_2)] = \mathbf{0},$$

$$\text{i.e., } T'(a\mathbf{v}_1 + b\mathbf{v}_2) = aT'(\mathbf{v}_1) + bT'(\mathbf{v}_2)$$

■

■ **Example 10.2** Let $V = \mathbb{R}^n$, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ as the usual inner product. Consider the matrix-multiplication mapping

$$T: V \rightarrow V$$

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}$$

Then $\langle T'(\mathbf{v}), \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, T(\mathbf{w}) \rangle$ implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 (T'(\mathbf{v}))^T \mathbf{w} &= \langle \mathbf{v}, A\mathbf{w} \rangle \\
 &= \mathbf{v}^T A\mathbf{w} \\
 &= (A^T \mathbf{v})^T \mathbf{w}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $T'(\mathbf{v}) = A^T \mathbf{v}$.

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Proposition 10.11 Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation, V an inner product space.

Suppose that $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ is an orthonormal basis of V , then

$$(T')_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}} = \overline{((T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}})^T}$$

Proof. Suppose that $(T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}} = (a_{ij})$, where $T(\mathbf{e}_j) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{kj} \mathbf{e}_k$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{e}_i, T(\mathbf{e}_j) \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{e}_i, \sum_{k=1}^n a_{kj} \mathbf{e}_k \rangle \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n a_{kj} \langle \mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_k \rangle \\ &= a_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

Also, suppose $(T')_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}} = (b_{ij})$, we imply $T'(\mathbf{e}_j) = \sum_{k=1}^n b_{kj} \mathbf{e}_k$, which follows that

$$\langle \mathbf{e}_i, T'(\mathbf{e}_j) \rangle = b_{ij} \implies \overline{\langle T'(\mathbf{e}_j), \mathbf{e}_i \rangle} = b_{ij} \implies \overline{\langle \mathbf{e}_j, T(\mathbf{e}_i) \rangle} = b_{ij},$$

i.e., $\overline{a_{ji}} = b_{ij}$. ■

R Proposition (10.11) does not hold if \mathcal{B} is not an orthonormal basis.

Chapter 11

Week 11

11.1. Monday for MAT3040

Reviewing. Adjoint Operator: $\langle T'(\mathbf{v}), \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, T(\mathbf{w}) \rangle$.

11.1.1. Self-Adjoint Operator

Definition 11.1 [Self-Adjoint] Let V be an inner product space and $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator. Then T is **self-adjoint** if $T' = T$. ■

■ **Example 11.1** Let $V = \mathbb{C}^n$, and $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ be an orthonormal basis. Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be given by

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{A} \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C}).$$

Or equivalently, there exists basis \mathcal{B} such that $(T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}} = \mathbf{A}$.

In such case, T is self-adjoint if and only if $(T')_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}} = (T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}}$, i.e., $\overline{(T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}}^T} = (T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}}$, i.e., $\mathbf{A}^H = \mathbf{A}$.

Therefore, $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$ is self-adjoint if and only if $\mathbf{A}^H = \mathbf{A}$.

Moreover, if \mathbb{C} is replaced by \mathbb{R} , then T is self-adjoint if and only if \mathbf{A} is symmetric. ■

R The notion of self-adjoint for linear operator is essentially the generalized notion of Hermitian for matrix that we have studied in MAT2040.

We also have some nice properties for self-adjoint, and the proof for which are essentially the same for the proof in the case of Hermitian matrices.

Proposition 11.1 If λ is an eigenvalue of a self-adjoint operator T , then $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Suppose there is an eigen-pair (λ, \mathbf{w}) for $\mathbf{w} \neq \mathbf{0}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{w}, \lambda \mathbf{w} \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{w}, T(\mathbf{w}) \rangle = \langle T'(\mathbf{w}), \mathbf{w} \rangle \\ &= \langle T(\mathbf{w}), \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \lambda \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \\ &= \bar{\lambda} \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Since $\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \neq 0$ by non-degeneracy property, we have $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$, i.e., $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. ■

Proposition 11.2 If $U \leq V$ is T -invariant over the self-adjoint operator T , then so is U^\perp .

Proof. It suffices to show $T(\mathbf{v}) \in U^\perp, \forall \mathbf{v} \in U^\perp$, i.e., for any $\mathbf{u} \in U$, check that

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, T(\mathbf{v}) \rangle = \langle T'(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle T(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0,$$

where the last equality is because that $T(\mathbf{u}) \in U$ and $\mathbf{v} \in U^\perp$. Therefore, $T(\mathbf{v}) \in U^\perp$. ■

Theorem 11.1 If $T : V \rightarrow V$ is self-adjoint, and $\dim(V) < \infty$, then there exists an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors of T , i.e., an orthonormal basis of V such that any element from this basis is an eigenvector of T .

Proof. We use the induction on $\dim(V)$:

- The result is trivial for $\dim(V) = 1$.
- Suppose that this theorem holds for all vector spaces V with $\dim(V) \leq k$, then we want to show the theorem holds when $\dim(V) = k + 1$:

Suppose that $T : V \rightarrow V$ is self-adjoint with $\dim(V) = k + 1$, then consider

$$\mathcal{X}_T(x) = x^{k+1} + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0, \quad a_i \in \mathbb{K}, \text{ where } \mathbb{K} \text{ denotes } \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C}.$$

– If $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$, then $\mathcal{X}_T(x)$ can be decomposed as

$$\mathcal{X}_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_{k+1})$$

In particular, we obtain the eigen-pair (λ_1, \mathbf{v})

– If $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$, i.e., we treat real number as scalars, then

$$\mathcal{X}_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_{k+1}), \text{ where } \lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}.$$

By proposition (11.1), we imply all λ_i 's are in \mathbb{R} . Moreover, we also obtain the eigen-pair (λ_1, \mathbf{v})

Consider $U = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}\}$, then

- U is T -invariant
- $V = U \oplus U^\perp$, since V is finite dimensional
- U^\perp is T -invariant.

Consider $T|_{U^\perp}$, which is a self-adjoint operator on U^\perp , with $\dim(U^\perp) = k$.

By induction, there exists an orthonormal basis $\{\mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{k+1}\}$ of eigenvectors of $T|_{U^\perp}$.

Consider the basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{v}/\|\mathbf{v}\|, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{k+1}\}$. As a result,

1. \mathcal{B} forms a basis of V
2. All $\mathbf{v}', \mathbf{e}_i$ are of norm 1 eigenvectors of T .
3. \mathcal{B} is an orthonormal set, e.g., $\langle \mathbf{v}', \mathbf{e}_i \rangle = 0$, where $\mathbf{v}' \in U$ and $\mathbf{e}_i \in U^\perp$.

Therefore, \mathcal{B} is a basis of orthonormal eigenvectors of V . ■

Corollary 11.1 If $\dim(V) < \infty$, and $T : V \rightarrow V$ is self-adjoint, then there exists orthonormal basis \mathcal{B} such that

$$(T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

In particular, for all real symmetric matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$, there exists orthogonal matrix P ($P^T P = \mathbf{I}_n$) such that

$$P^{-1}AP = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

Proof. 1. By applying theorem (11.1), there exists orthonormal basis of V , say $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ such that $T(\mathbf{v}_i) = \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i$. Directly writing the basis representation gives

$$(T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n).$$

2. For the second part, consider $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ by $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$. Since $\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}$, we imply T is self-adjoint. There exists orthonormal basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ such that

$$(T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n).$$

In particular, if $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$, then $(T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} = \mathbf{A}$. We construct $P := C_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}}$, which is the change of basis matrix from \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{A} , then

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$P^{-1}(T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}}P = (T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}}$$

Or equivalently, $P^{-1}AP = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$, with

$$P^T P = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_n^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I}$$

■

11.1.2. Orthonormal/Unitary Operators

Definition 11.2 A linear operator $T : V \rightarrow V$ over \mathbb{K} with $\langle T(\mathbf{w}), T(\mathbf{v}) \rangle = \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle, \forall \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V$, is called

1. **Orthogonal** if $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$
2. **Unitary** if $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$

Proposition 11.3 T is orthogonal / unitary if and only if $T' \circ T = I$

Proof. The reverse direction is by directly checking that

$$\langle T(\mathbf{w}), T(\mathbf{v}) \rangle = \langle T' \circ T(\mathbf{w}), \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$$

The forward direction is by checking $T' \circ T(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}, \forall \mathbf{w} \in V$:

$$\langle T' \circ T(\mathbf{w}), \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle T(\mathbf{w}), T(\mathbf{v}) \rangle = \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \implies \langle T' \circ T(\mathbf{w}) - \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0, \forall \mathbf{v} \in V$$

By non-degeneracy, $T' \circ T(\mathbf{w}) - \mathbf{w} = 0$, i.e., $T' \circ T(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}, \forall \mathbf{w} \in V$. ■

■ **Example 11.2** Let $T : \mathbb{K}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{K}^n$ be given by $T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}$. Then T is orthogonal implies $(T')_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}}(T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}} = I$.

(Orthogonal) When $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$, then $A^T A = I$

(Unitary) When $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$, then $A^H A = I$. ■

Definition 11.3 [Orthogonal/Unitary Group]

Orthogonal Group : $O(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \mid A^T A = I\}$

Unitary Group : $U(n, \mathbb{C}) = \{A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C}) \mid A^H A = I\}$ ■

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Reviewing. Unitary Operators

$$\langle T\mathbf{v}, T\mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle, \forall \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V.$$

11.4.1. Unitary Operator

■ **Example 11.8** Let $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ with usual inner product. For the linear operator $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$, T is orthogonal if and only if $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$.

Let $V = \mathbb{C}^n$ with usual inner product. For the linear operator $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$, T is unitary if and only if $\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$. ■

Proposition 11.8 Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator on a vector space over \mathbb{K} satisfying $T'T = I$. Then for all eigenvalues λ of T , we have $|\lambda| = 1$.

Proof. Suppose we have the eigen-pair (λ, \mathbf{v}) , then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T\mathbf{v}, T\mathbf{v} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \\ \iff \langle \lambda\mathbf{v}, \lambda\mathbf{v} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \\ \iff \bar{\lambda}\lambda \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Since $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \neq 0$ ($\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$), we imply $|\lambda|^2 = 1$, i.e., $|\lambda| = 1$. ■

Proposition 11.9 Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be an operator on a finite dimension V over \mathbb{K} satisfying $T'T = I$. If $U \leq V$ is T -invariant, then U is also T^{-1} -invariant.

Proof. Since $T'T = I$, i.e., T is invertible, we imply 0 is not a root of $\mathcal{X}_T(x)$, i.e., 0 is not a root of $m_T(x)$. Since $m_T(0) \neq 0$, $m_T(x)$ has the form

$$m_T(x) = x^m + \cdots + a_1x + a_0, \quad a_0 \neq 0,$$

which follows that

$$m_T(T) = T^m + \cdots + a_0I = 0 \implies T(T^{m-1} + \cdots + a_1I) = -a_0I$$

Or equivalently,

$$T\left(-\frac{1}{a_0}(T^{m-1} + \cdots + a_1I)\right) = I$$

Therefore,

$$T^{-1} = -\frac{1}{a_0}T^{m-1} - \cdots - \frac{a_2}{a_0}T - \frac{a_1}{a_0}I,$$

i.e., the inverse T^{-1} can be expressed as a polynomial involving T only.

Since U is T -invariant, we imply U is T^m -invariant for $m \in \mathbb{N}$, and therefore U is T^{-1} -invariant since T^{-1} is a polynomial of T . ■

Proposition 11.10 Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ satisfies $T^*T = I$ ($\dim(V) < \infty$), then $U \leq V$ is T -invariant implies U^\perp is T -invariant.

Proof. Let $v \in U^\perp$, it suffices to show $T(v) \in U^\perp$.

For all $u \in U$, we have

$$\langle u, T(v) \rangle = \langle T^*(u), v \rangle = \langle T^{-1}(u), v \rangle$$

Since U is T^{-1} -invariant, we imply $T^{-1}(u) \in U$, and therefore

$$\langle u, T(v) \rangle = \langle T^{-1}(u), v \rangle = 0 \implies T(v) \in U^\perp.$$

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Theorem 11.2 Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a unitary operator on finite dimension V (over \mathbb{C}), then there exists an orthonormal basis \mathcal{A} such that

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n), \quad |\lambda_i| = 1, \quad \forall i.$$

Proof Outline. Note that $\chi_T(x)$ always admits a root in \mathbb{C} , so we can always find an

eigenvector $\mathbf{v} \in V$ of T .

Then the theorem follows by the same argument before on self-adjoint operators.

- Consider $U = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}\}$
- $V = U \oplus U^\perp$ and U^\perp is T -invariant
- Use induction on the unitary operator $T|_{U^\perp}: U^\perp \rightarrow U^\perp$

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- The argument fails for orthogonal operators

$$T : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2,$$

$$\text{with } T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix \mathbf{A} is not diagonalizable over \mathbb{R} . It has no real eigenvalues.

However, if we treat \mathbf{A} as $T : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ with $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$, then $\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$, and therefore T is unitary. Then \mathbf{A} is diagonalizable over \mathbb{C} with eigenvalues $e^{i\theta}, e^{-i\theta}$

- As a corollary of the theorem, for all $\mathbf{A} \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ satisfying $\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$, there exists $P \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ such that

$$P^{-1} \mathbf{A} P = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n), \quad |\lambda_i| = 1,$$

where $P = (\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n)$, with $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ forming orthonormal basis of \mathbb{C}^n .

In fact,

$$P^H P = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1^H \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_n^H \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle & \cdots & \langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_n \rangle \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \langle \mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle & \cdots & \langle \mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{u}_n \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

Conclusion: all matrices $\mathbf{A} \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ with $\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ can be written as

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}^{-1} \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \mathbf{P},$$

with some \mathbf{P} satisfying $\mathbf{P}^H \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}$.

Notation. Let $U(n) = \{\mathbf{A} \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C}) \mid \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}\}$ be the unitary group, then all $\mathbf{A} \in U(n)$ can be diagonalized by

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}^{-1} \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \mathbf{P}, \quad \mathbf{P} \in U(n).$$

11.4.2. Normal Operators

Definition 11.10 [Normal] Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator over a \mathbb{C} inner product vector space V . We say T is **normal**, if

$$T'T = TT'$$

■ **Example 11.9** • All self-adjoint operators are normal:

$$T = T' \implies TT' = T'T = T^2$$

• All (finite-dimensional) unitary operators are normal:

$$T'T = TT' = \mathbf{I}$$

Proposition 11.11 Let T be a normal operator on V . Then

1. $\|T(\mathbf{v})\| = \|T'(\mathbf{v})\|, \forall \mathbf{v} \in V$.

In particular, $T(\mathbf{v}) = 0$ if and only if $T'(\mathbf{v}) = 0$

2. $(T - \lambda I)$ is also a normal operator, for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$
3. $T(\mathbf{v}) = \lambda \mathbf{v}$ if and only if $T'(\mathbf{v}) = \bar{\lambda} \mathbf{v}$.

Proof. 1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle T\mathbf{v}, T\mathbf{v} \rangle &= \langle T'T\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \\
 &= \langle TT'\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \\
 &= \overline{\langle \mathbf{v}, TT'\mathbf{v} \rangle} \\
 &= \overline{\langle T'\mathbf{v}, T'\mathbf{v} \rangle} \\
 &= \langle T'\mathbf{v}, T'\mathbf{v} \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\|T(\mathbf{v})\|^2 = \|T'(\mathbf{v})\|^2$, i.e., $\|T(\mathbf{v})\| = \|T'(\mathbf{v})\|$.

2. By hw4, $(T - \lambda I)' = T' - \bar{\lambda}I$. It suffices to check

$$(T - \lambda I)'(T - \lambda I) = (T - \lambda I)(T - \lambda I)',$$

Expanding both sides out gives the desired result, i.e.,

$$(T - \lambda I)'(T - \lambda I) = (T' - \bar{\lambda}I)(T - \lambda I) = T'T - \bar{\lambda}T - \lambda T' + \lambda \bar{\lambda}I$$

and

$$(T - \lambda I)(T - \lambda I)' = (T - \lambda I)(T' - \bar{\lambda}I) = TT' - \bar{\lambda}T - \lambda T' + \lambda \bar{\lambda}I$$

3. The proof for (3) will be discussed in the next lecture.

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Chapter 12

Week12

12.1. Monday for MAT3040

12.1.1. Remarks on Normal Operator

Proposition 12.1 If T is normal, then

1. $\|T(\mathbf{v})\| = \|T'(\mathbf{v})\|$ for any $\mathbf{v} \in V$
2. $(T - \lambda I)$ is normal for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$
3. $T(\mathbf{v}) = \lambda \mathbf{v}$ if and only if $T'(\mathbf{v}) = \bar{\lambda} \mathbf{v}$
4. If $T(\mathbf{v}) = \lambda \mathbf{v}$ and $T(\mathbf{w}) = \mu \mathbf{w}$ with $\lambda \neq \mu$, then $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0$.

Proof. (3) • For the forward direction, if $(T - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = 0$, then by part (2), $(T - \lambda I)$ is normal, which follows that

$$\|(T - \lambda I)'(\mathbf{v})\| = 0 \implies (T - \lambda I)'(\mathbf{v}) = 0 \implies T'\mathbf{v} = \bar{\lambda} \mathbf{v}.$$

- For the reverse direction, suppose that $(T' - \bar{\lambda} I)\mathbf{v} = 0$. Since T is normal, we imply T' is normal. Then by part (2), $(T' - \bar{\lambda} I)$ is normal. By applying the same trick,

$$(T' - \bar{\lambda} I)\mathbf{v} = 0 \implies ((T')' - \bar{\bar{\lambda}} I)\mathbf{v} = 0.$$

By hw4, $(T')' = T$. Therefore, $(T - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = 0$.

(4) Observe that

$$\lambda \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \bar{\lambda} \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{by (3)}} \lambda \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle T'(\mathbf{v}), \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, T(\mathbf{w}) \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mu \mathbf{w} \rangle = \mu \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$$

Since $\lambda \neq \mu$, we imply $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0$. The proof is complete. ■

Theorem 12.1 Let T be an operator on a finite dimensional ($\dim(V) = n$) \mathbb{C} -inner product vector space V satisfying $T'T = TT'$. Then there is an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors of V , i.e., an orthonormal basis of V such that any element from this basis is an eigenvector of T .

Proof. Since $\chi_T(x)$ must have a root in \mathbb{C} , there must exist an eigen-pair (\mathbf{v}, λ) of T .

- Construct $U = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}\}$, and it follows that

$$T\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v} \implies U \text{ is } T\text{-invariant.}$$

$$T'\mathbf{v} = \bar{\lambda}\mathbf{v} \implies U \text{ is } T'\text{-invariant.}$$

- Moreover, we claim that U^\perp is T and T' invariant: let $\mathbf{w} \in U^\perp$, and for all $\mathbf{u} \in U$, we have

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, T(\mathbf{w}) \rangle = \langle T'(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \bar{\lambda}\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \lambda \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0,$$

i.e., U^\perp is T invariant.

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, T'(\mathbf{w}) \rangle = \langle T(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \lambda\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \bar{\lambda} \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0,$$

which implies U^\perp is T' invariant.

- Therefore, we construct the operator $T|_{U^\perp}: U^\perp \rightarrow U^\perp$, and

$$TT' = T'T \implies (T|_{U^\perp})(T'|_{U^\perp}) = (T'|_{U^\perp})(T|_{U^\perp}),$$

i.e., $(T|_{U^\perp})$ is normal on U^\perp . Moreover, $\dim(U^\perp) = n - 1$.

- Applying the same trick as in Theorem (11.1), we imply there exists an orthonor-

mal basis $\{\mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ of eigenvectors of $(T|_{U^\perp})$. Then we can argue that

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{v}/\|\mathbf{v}\|, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{k+1}\}$$

is a basis of orthonormal eigenvectors of V . ■

Corollary 12.1 [Spectral Theorem for Normal Operator] Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a normal operator on a \mathbb{C} -inner product space with $\dim(V) < \infty$. Then there exists self-adjoint operators P_1, \dots, P_k such that

$$P_i^2 = P_i, \quad P_i P_j = 0, i \neq j, \quad \sum_{i=1}^k P_i = I,$$

and $T = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i P_i$, where λ_i 's are the eigenvalues of T .

R These P_i 's are the **orthogonal projections** from V to the λ_i -eigenspace $\ker(T - \lambda_i I)$ of T , i.e., we have

$$\mathbf{v} = P_i(\mathbf{v}) + (\mathbf{v} - P_i(\mathbf{v})),$$

where $P_i(\mathbf{v}) \in \ker(T - \lambda_i I)$, and $\mathbf{v} - P_i(\mathbf{v}) \in (\ker(T - \lambda_i I))^\perp$.

You should know how to compute P_i 's when $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$ in the course MAT2040.

Proof. Since T has a basis of eigenvectors, by definition, T is diagonalizable. By proposition (8.2),

$$m_T(x) = (x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_k),$$

where λ_i 's are distinct. By spectral decomposition corollary (9.2), it suffices to show P_i 's are self-disjoint.

- Recall that $P_i = a_i(T)q_i(T) := b_m T^m + \cdots + b_1 T + b_0 I$, i.e., a polynomial of T , and therefore

$$P_i' = \bar{b}_m (T')^m + \cdots + \bar{b}_1 (T') + \bar{b}_0 I.$$

We claim that P_i is normal: Since $T'T = TT'$, we imply

$$(T')^p T^q = T^q (T')^p, \forall p, q \in \mathbb{N}$$

which follows that

$$\begin{aligned} P_i P_i' &= (b_m T^m + \cdots + b_0 I)(\bar{b}_m (T')^m + \cdots + \bar{b}_1 (T') + \bar{b}_0 I) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq x, y \leq m} b_x \bar{b}_y (T')^x (T')^y \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq x, y \leq m} \bar{b}_y b_x (T')^y (T')^x \\ &= (\bar{b}_m (T')^m + \cdots + \bar{b}_1 (T') + \bar{b}_0 I)(b_m T^m + \cdots + b_0 I) \\ &= P_i' P_i \end{aligned}$$

- In general, S is self-adjoint, which implies S is normal, but not vice versa. However, the converse holds if further all eigenvalues of S are real numbers:

By Theorem (12.1), we imply S is orthonormally diagonalizable, and its diagonal representation is of the form

$$(S)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k).$$

Note that \mathcal{B} is also a basis for S' and elements of \mathcal{B} are eigenvalues of S' , by part (3) in proposition (12.1). Therefore,

$$(S')_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k).$$

Therefore, $S = S'$.

In particular, for $S = P_i$, we can easily show all eigenvalues of P_i are 0 or 1, which are real. Therefore, P_i 's are self-adjoint. ■

Corollary 12.2 Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator on \mathbb{C} -inner product space with $\dim(V) < \infty$. Then T is normal if and only if $T' = f(T)$ for some polynomial $f(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$.

- Proof.*
- For the reverse direction, if $T' = f(T)$, then $T'T = f(T)T = Tf(T) = TT'$.
 - For the forward direction, suppose that T is normal, then by corollary (12.1),

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i P_i, \quad P_i = f_i(T), \quad \text{where } P_i\text{'s are self-adjoint,}$$

which follows that

$$T' = \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i P_i \right)' = \sum_{i=1}^k \bar{\lambda}_i P_i' = \sum_{i=1}^k \bar{\lambda}_i P_i = \sum_{i=1}^k \bar{\lambda}_i f_i(T)$$

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- R** The normal operator is a generalization of Hermitian matrices, and it inherits many nice properties of Hermitian.

12.1.2. Tensor Product

Motivation. Let U, V, W be vector spaces. We want to study bilinear maps $f : U \times W \rightarrow U$, i.e.,

$$f(av_1 + bv_2, w) = af(v_1, w) + bf(v_2, w)$$

$$f(v, cw_1 + dw_2) = cf(v, w_1) + df(v, w_2)$$

Unfortunately, bilinear form usually is not a linear transformation!

- **Example 12.1**
- Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be with $(u, v) \mapsto \langle u, v \rangle$.
 - Let $f : M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F}) \times M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F}) \rightarrow M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ be with $f(A, B) = AB$.
 - Let $f : \mathbb{F}[x] \times \mathbb{F}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ be with $f(p(x), q(x)) = p(1)q(2)$

- Let $f : \mathbb{F}[x] \times \mathbb{F}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}[x]$ be with $f(p(x), q(x)) = p(x)q(x)$.

12.4. Wednesday for MAT3040

12.4.1. Introduction to Tensor Product

Reviewing. Bilinear map: $f : V \times W \rightarrow U$, e.g.,

$$f : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \\ \text{with } f(u, v) = u \times v$$

Note that f is usually not a linear transformation, e.g.,

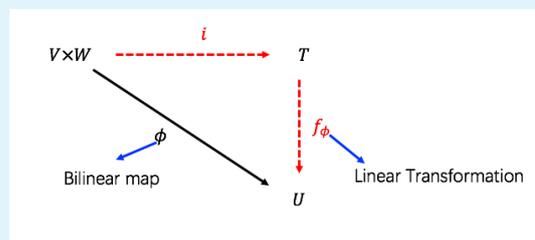
$$f(3\mathbf{v}, 3\mathbf{w}) = f(3\mathbf{v}, 3\mathbf{w}) = (3\mathbf{v}) \times (3\mathbf{w}) = 9\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w} \neq 3f(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}).$$

The vector space structure of $V \times W$ is not suited to study bilinear map, and the proper way is to study its induced linear transformation.

Definition 12.4 [Universal Property of Tensor Product] Let V, W be vector spaces. Consider the set

$$\text{Obj} := \{\phi : V \times W \rightarrow U \mid \phi \text{ is a bilinear map}\}$$

We say T , or $(i : V \times W \rightarrow T) \in \text{Obj}$ satisfies the **universal property** if for any $(\phi : V \times W \rightarrow T) \in \text{Obj}$, there exists a unique linear transformation $f_\phi : T \rightarrow U$ such that the diagram below commutes:



$$\text{i.e., } \phi = f_\phi \circ i.$$

Therefore, rather than studying bilinear map ϕ , it is better to study the linear transformation f_ϕ instead.

Question: does T exist?

Definition 12.5 [Spanning Set] Let V, W be vector spaces. Let $S = \{(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \mid \mathbf{v} \in V, \mathbf{w} \in W\}$, then we define

$$\mathfrak{X} = \text{span}(S).$$

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1. The spanning set \mathfrak{X} is not additive, e.g., $\mathfrak{x}_1 = 3(0, \mathbf{w}) \in \mathfrak{X}$ and $\mathfrak{x}_2 = 1(0, \mathbf{w}) + 1(0, 2\mathbf{w}) \in \mathfrak{X}$, but $\mathfrak{x}_1 \neq \mathfrak{x}_2$.
2. Note that we assume no relations on the elements $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \in S$. More precisely, the set $S = \{(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \mid \mathbf{v} \in V, \mathbf{w} \in W\}$ is linearly independent in \mathfrak{X} . For example, $(0, \mathbf{w}) \perp (0, 2\mathbf{w})$.
3. The only legitimate relationship is

$$2(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1) + 3(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1) = 5(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}),$$

which is not equal to $(5\mathbf{v}, 5\mathbf{w})$

4. S is a basis of \mathfrak{X} , and therefore \mathfrak{X} is of uncountable dimension.

Definition 12.6 [Special subspace of \mathfrak{X}] Let $\mathfrak{y} \leq \mathfrak{X}$ be a vector subspace spanned by vectors of the form

$$\{1(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}) - 1(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}) - 1(\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w})\}, \quad \text{and} \quad \{1(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{w}_2) - 1(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}_1) - 1(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}_2)\}$$

and

$$\{1(k\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) - k(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \mid k \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

and

$$\{1(\mathbf{v}, k\mathbf{w}) - k(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \mid k \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

Definition 12.7 [Tensor Product] We define the **tensor product** $V \otimes W$ by

$$V \otimes W = \mathcal{X}/y.$$

Therefore, $\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) + y \in \mathcal{X}/y$ ■



1. As a result, the tensor product is finitely additive:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) \otimes \mathbf{w} &= (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}) + y \\ &= (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}) - [(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}) - (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}) - (\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w})] + y \\ &= 0(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}) + (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}) + (\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}) + y \\ &= [(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}) + y] + [(\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}) + y] \\ &= \mathbf{v}_1 \otimes \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v}_2 \otimes \mathbf{w} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} \otimes (\mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{w}_2) &= (\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}_1) + (\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}_2) \\ (k\mathbf{v}) \otimes \mathbf{w} &= k(\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}) \\ \mathbf{v} \otimes (k\mathbf{w}) &= k(\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}) \end{aligned}$$

2. The product space $V \times W$ is different from the tensor product space $V \otimes W$:

(a) $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{0}) \neq \mathbf{0}_{V \times W}$ in $V \times W$; but $\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{0} \in 0_{V \otimes W}$:

$$\begin{aligned} V \otimes \mathbf{0} &= V \otimes (\mathbf{0}\mathbf{w}) \\ &= 0(V \otimes \mathbf{w}) \\ &= 0_{V \otimes W} \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, f is bilinear implies $f(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$.

(b) $(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1) + (\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}_2) = (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{w}_2)$; but $\mathbf{v}_1 \otimes \mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 \otimes \mathbf{w}_2$ cannot be simplified further, unless $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{v}_2$:

$$\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{v} \otimes (\mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{w}_2)$$

Theorem 12.3 The bilinear map

$$i: V \times W \rightarrow V \otimes W \quad (i \in \text{Obj})$$

$$\text{with } (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \mapsto \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}$$

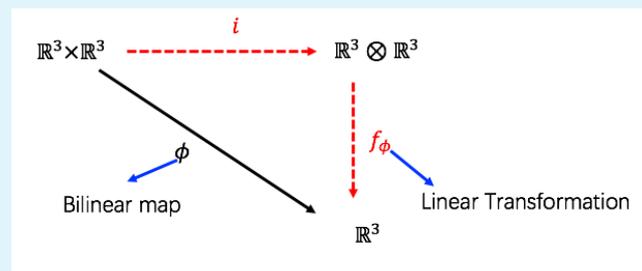
satisfies the universal property of tensor products.

■ **Example 12.5** Consider a common bilinear map

$$\phi: \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\text{with } (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \mapsto \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}$$

By the universal property, there exists the linear transformation $f_\phi: \mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ such that the diagram below commutes:



Chapter 13

Week13

13.1. Monday for MAT3040

Reviewing.

1. Define $S = \{(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \mid \mathbf{v} \in V, \mathbf{w} \in W\}$ and $\mathfrak{X} = \text{span}(S)$. In \mathfrak{X} , there are no relations between distinct elements of S , e.g.,

$$2(\mathbf{v}, 0) + 3(0, \mathbf{w}) \neq 1(2\mathbf{v}, 3\mathbf{w})$$

General element in \mathfrak{X} :

$$a_1(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1) + \cdots + a_n(\mathbf{v}_n, \mathbf{w}_n),$$

where $(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{w}_i)$ are distinct.

2. Define the space $V \otimes W = \mathfrak{X}/y$, with

$$\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w} = 1(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) + y \in V \otimes W.$$

General element in $\mathfrak{X}/y := V \otimes W$:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1) + \cdots + a_n(\mathbf{v}_n, \mathbf{w}_n) + y &= a_1((\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1) + y) + \cdots + a_n((\mathbf{v}_n, \mathbf{w}_n) + y) \\ &= a_1(\mathbf{v}_1 \otimes \mathbf{w}_1) + \cdots + a_n(\mathbf{v}_n \otimes \mathbf{w}_n) \\ &= (a_1\mathbf{v}_1) \otimes \mathbf{w}_1 + \cdots + (a_n\mathbf{v}_n) \otimes \mathbf{w}_n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, a general element in $V \otimes W$ is of the form

$$\mathbf{v}'_1 \otimes \mathbf{w}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{v}'_n \otimes \mathbf{w}_n, \mathbf{v}'_i \in V, \mathbf{w}_i \in W. \quad (13.1)$$

Note that $V \otimes W$ is different from $V \times W$, where all elements in $V \times W$ can be expressed as (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) .

3. The tensor product mapping

$$i: \quad V \times W \rightarrow V \otimes W$$

with $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \mapsto \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}$

satisfies the universal property.

Here we present an example for computing tensor product by making use of the rules below:

$$(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) \otimes \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v}_1 \otimes \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v}_2 \otimes \mathbf{w}$$

$$\mathbf{v} \otimes (\mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{w}_2) = (\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}_1) + (\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}_2)$$

$$(k\mathbf{v}) \otimes \mathbf{w} = k(\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w})$$

$$\mathbf{v} \otimes (k\mathbf{w}) = k(\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w})$$

■ **Example 13.1** Let $V = W = \mathbb{R}^2$, with

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} &= (3\mathbf{e}_1 + 2\mathbf{e}_2) \otimes (-4\mathbf{e}_1 + 2\mathbf{e}_2) \\
 &= (3\mathbf{e}_1) \otimes (-4\mathbf{e}_1 + 2\mathbf{e}_2) + (\mathbf{e}_2) \otimes (-4\mathbf{e}_1 + 2\mathbf{e}_2) \\
 &= (3\mathbf{e}_1) \otimes (-4\mathbf{e}_1) + (3\mathbf{e}_1) \otimes (2\mathbf{e}_2) + (\mathbf{e}_2) \otimes (-4\mathbf{e}_1) + \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes (2\mathbf{e}_2) \\
 &= -12(\mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1) + 6(\mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2) - 4(\mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1) + 2(\mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: Check that $\mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1$ cannot be re-written as

$$(a\mathbf{e}_1 + b\mathbf{e}_2) \otimes (c\mathbf{e}_1 + d\mathbf{e}_2), \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}.$$

13.1.1. Basis of $V \otimes W$

Motivation. Given that $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis of V , and $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m\}$ a basis of W , we aim to find a basis of $V \otimes W$ using \mathbf{v}_i 's and \mathbf{w}_j 's.

Proposition 13.1 The set $\{\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_j \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$ spans the tensor product space $V \otimes W$.

Proof. Consider any $\mathbf{v} \in V$ and $\mathbf{w} \in W$, and we want to express $\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}$ in terms of $\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{w}_j$. Suppose that $\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n\mathbf{v}_n$ and $\mathbf{w} = \beta_1\mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + \beta_m\mathbf{w}_m$.

Substituting $\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n\mathbf{v}_n$ into the expression $\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}$, we imply

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w} &= (\alpha_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n\mathbf{v}_n) \otimes \mathbf{w} \\
 &= (\alpha_1\mathbf{v}_1) \otimes \mathbf{w} + \dots + (\alpha_n\mathbf{v}_n) \otimes \mathbf{w} \\
 &= \alpha_1(\mathbf{v}_1 \otimes \mathbf{w}) + \dots + \alpha_n(\mathbf{v}_n \otimes \mathbf{w})
 \end{aligned}$$

For each $\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, similarly,

$$\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w} = \beta_1(\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_1) + \dots + \beta_m(\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_m).$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \beta_j (\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_j) \quad (13.2)$$

By (13.4), any vector in $V \otimes W$ is of the form

$$\mathbf{v}^{(1)} \otimes \mathbf{w}^{(1)} + \dots + \mathbf{v}^{(\ell)} \otimes \mathbf{w}^{(\ell)}$$

By (13.5), each $\mathbf{v}^{(k)} \otimes \mathbf{w}^{(k)}, k = 1, \dots, \ell$, can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{v}^{(k)} \otimes \mathbf{w}^{(k)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i^{(k)} \beta_j^{(k)} (\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_j)$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{v}^{(1)} \otimes \mathbf{w}^{(1)} + \dots + \mathbf{v}^{(\ell)} \otimes \mathbf{w}^{(\ell)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\ell} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i^{(k)} \beta_j^{(k)} (\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_j)$$

In other words, $\{\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_j \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$ spans $V \otimes W$. ■

Theorem 13.1 A basis of $V \otimes W$ is $\{\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_j \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$

Proof. By proposition (13.1), it suffices to show that the set $\{\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_j \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$ is linear independent. Suppose that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{ij} (\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_j) = \mathbf{0} \quad (13.3)$$

Suppose that $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n\}$ is a dual basis of V^* , and $\{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_m\}$ is a dual basis of W^* .

Construct the mapping

$$\pi_{p,q} : V \times W \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$$

$$\text{with } \pi_{p,q} = \phi_p(\mathbf{v})\psi_q(\mathbf{w})$$

- The mapping $\pi_{p,q}$ is actually bilinear: for instance,

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi_{p,q}(a\mathbf{v}_1 + b\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}) &= \phi_p(a\mathbf{v}_1 + b\mathbf{v}_2)\psi_q(\mathbf{w}) \\
&= (a\phi_p(\mathbf{v}_1) + b\phi_p(\mathbf{v}_2))\psi_q(\mathbf{w}) \\
&= a\phi_p(\mathbf{v}_1)\psi_q(\mathbf{w}) + b\phi_p(\mathbf{v}_2)\psi_q(\mathbf{w}) \\
&= a\pi_{p,q}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}) + b\pi_{p,q}(\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}).
\end{aligned}$$

Following the similar ideas, we can check that $\pi_{p,q}(\mathbf{v}, a\mathbf{w}_1 + b\mathbf{w}_2) = a\pi_{p,q}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}_1) + b\pi_{p,q}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}_2)$.

- Therefore, $\pi_{p,q} \in \text{Obj}$. By the universal property of the tensor product, $\pi_{p,q}$ induces the unique linear transformation

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pi_{p,q} : V \otimes W &\rightarrow \mathbb{F} \\
\text{with } \Pi_{p,q}(\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}) &= \pi_{p,q}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})
\end{aligned}$$

In other words, $\Pi_{p,q}(\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}) = \phi_p(\mathbf{v})\psi_q(\mathbf{w})$.

- Applying the mapping $\Pi_{p,q}$ on both sides of (13.3), we imply

$$\Pi_{p,q} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} (\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_j) \right) = \Pi_{p,q}(\mathbf{0})$$

Or equivalently,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} \Pi_{p,q}(\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_j) = 0,$$

i.e.,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} \phi_p(\mathbf{v}_i)\psi_q(\mathbf{w}_j) = \alpha_{p,q} = 0$$

Following this procedure, we can argue that $\alpha_{ij} = 0, \forall i, \forall j$. ■

Corollary 13.1 If $\dim(V), \dim(W) < \infty$, then $\dim(V \otimes W) = \dim(V)\dim(W)$

Proof. Check dimension of the basis of $V \otimes W$. ■

R The universal property can be very helpful. In particular, given a bilinear mapping, say $\phi : V \times W \rightarrow U$, we imply $\phi \in \text{Obj}$. By theorem (12.3), since i satisfies the universal property of tensor product, we can induce an unique linear transformation $\psi : V \otimes W \rightarrow U$.

Let's try another example for making use of the universal property:

Theorem 13.2 For finite dimension U and V ,

$$V \otimes U \cong U \otimes V$$

Proof. Construct the mapping

$$\phi : V \times U \rightarrow U \otimes V$$

$$\text{with } \phi(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{v}$$

Indeed, ϕ is bilinear: for instance,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(a\mathbf{v}_1 + b\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{u}) &= \mathbf{u} \otimes (a\mathbf{v}_1 + b\mathbf{v}_2) \\ &= a(\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{v}_1) + b(\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{v}_2) \\ &= a\phi(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{u}) + b\phi(\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{u}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\phi \in \text{Obj}$. By the universal property of tensor product, we induce an unique linear transformation

$$\Phi : V \otimes U \rightarrow U \otimes V$$

$$\text{with } \Phi(\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{v}$$

Similarly, we may induce the linear transformation

$$\Psi : U \otimes V \rightarrow V \otimes U$$

$$\text{with } \Psi(\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{u}$$

Given any $\sum_i \mathbf{u}_i \otimes \mathbf{v}_i \in U \otimes V$, observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\Phi \circ \Psi) \left(\sum_i \mathbf{u}_i \otimes \mathbf{v}_i \right) &= \Phi \left(\sum_i \Psi(\mathbf{u}_i \otimes \mathbf{v}_i) \right) \\
 &= \Phi \left(\sum_i \mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{u}_i \right) \\
 &= \sum_i \Phi(\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{u}_i) \\
 &= \sum_i \mathbf{u}_i \otimes \mathbf{v}_i
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\Phi \circ \Psi = \text{id}_{U \otimes V}$. Similarly, $\Psi \circ \Phi = \text{id}_{V \otimes U}$. Therefore,

$$U \otimes V \cong V \otimes U.$$

■

13.1.2. Tensor Product of Linear Transformation

Motivation. Given two linear transformations $T : V \rightarrow V'$ and $S : W \rightarrow W'$, we want to construct the tensor product

$$T \otimes S : V \otimes W \rightarrow V' \otimes W'$$

Question: is $T \otimes S$ a linear transformation?

Answer: Yes. Universal property plays a role!

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13.4.1. Tensor Product for Linear Transformations

Proposition 13.5 Suppose that $T : V \rightarrow V'$ and $S : W \rightarrow W'$ are linear transformations, then there exists a unique linear transformation

$$T \otimes S : V \otimes W \rightarrow V' \otimes W'$$

satisfying $(T \otimes S)(v \otimes w) = T(v) \otimes S(w)$

Proof. We construct the mapping

$$T \times S : V \times W \rightarrow V' \otimes W'$$

with $(T \times S)(v, w) = T(v) \otimes S(w)$

This mapping is indeed bilinear: for instance, we can show that

$$(T \times S)(av_1 + bv_2, w) = a(T \times S)(v_1, w) + b(T \times S)(v_2, w)$$

Therefore, $T \times S \in \text{Obj}$. Since the tensor product satisfies the universal property, we imply there exists a unique linear transformation

$$T \otimes S : V \otimes W \rightarrow V' \otimes W'$$

satisfying $(T \otimes S)(v \otimes w) = T(v) \otimes S(w)$

■

Notation Warning. Does the notion $T \otimes S$ really form a tensor product, i.e., do we obtain the additive rules for tensor product such as

$$(aT_1 + bT_2) \otimes S = a(T_1 \otimes S) + b(T_2 \otimes S)?$$

■ **Example 13.2** Let $V = V' = \mathbb{F}^2$ and $W = W' = \mathbb{F}^3$. Define the matrix-multiply mappings:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} T: V \rightarrow V \\ \text{with } \mathbf{v} \mapsto \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S: W \rightarrow W \\ \text{with } \mathbf{w} \mapsto \mathbf{B}\mathbf{w} \\ \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} p & q & r \\ s & t & u \\ v & w & x \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right.$$

How does $T \otimes S: V \otimes W \rightarrow V \otimes W$ look like?

- Suppose $\{e_1, e_2\}, \{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$ are usual basis of V, W , respectively. Then the basis of $V \otimes W$ is given by:

$$C = \{e_1 \otimes f_1, e_1 \otimes f_2, e_1 \otimes f_3, e_2 \otimes f_1, e_2 \otimes f_2, e_2 \otimes f_3\}.$$

- As a result, we can compute $(T \otimes S)(e_i \otimes f_j)$ for $i = 1, 2$ and $j = 1, 2, 3$. For instance,

$$\begin{aligned} (T \otimes S)(e_1 \otimes e_1) &= T(e_1) \otimes S(e_1) \\ &= (ae_1 + ce_2) \otimes (pe_1 + se_2 + ve_3) \\ &= (ap)e_1 \otimes e_1 + (as)e_1 \otimes e_2 + (av)e_1 \otimes e_3 + (cp)e_2 \otimes e_1 + (cs)e_2 \otimes e_2 + (cv)e_2 \otimes e_3 \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, we obtain a matrix representation for the linear transformation $(T \otimes S)$:

We want a matrix representation for $(T \otimes S)$:

$$(T \otimes S)_{C,C} = \begin{pmatrix} aB & bB \\ cB & dB \end{pmatrix},$$

which is a large matrix formed by taking all possible products between the elements of \mathbf{A} and those of \mathbf{B} . This operation is called the **Kronecker Tensor Product**, see the command *kron* in MATLAB for detail.

Proposition 13.6 More generally, given the linear operator $T : V \rightarrow V$ and $S : W \rightarrow W$, let $\mathcal{A} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$, $\mathcal{B} = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$ be a basis of V, W respectively, with

$$(T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} = (a_{ij}) \quad (S)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}} = (b_{ij}) := B$$

As a result, $(T \otimes S)_{C,C} = A \otimes B$, where $C = \{v_1 \otimes w_1, \dots, v_n \otimes w_m\}$, and $A \otimes B$ denotes the Kronecker tensor product, defined as the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1}B & \cdots & a_{1,n}B \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1}B & \cdots & a_{n,n}B \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proof. Following the similar procedure as in Example (13.2) and applying the relation

$$\begin{aligned} (T \otimes S)(v_i \otimes w_j) &= T(v_i) \otimes S(w_j) \\ &= \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ki} v_k \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^m b_{\ell j} w_\ell \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{\ell=1}^m (a_{ki} b_{\ell j}) v_k \otimes w_\ell \end{aligned}$$

■

Proposition 13.7 The operation $T \otimes S$ satisfies all the properties of tensor product. For example,

$$(aT_1 + bT_2) \otimes S = a(T_1 \otimes S) + b(T_2 \otimes S)$$

$$T \otimes (cS_1 + dS_2) = c(T \otimes S_1) + d(T \otimes S_2)$$

Therefore, the usage of the notion “ \otimes ” is justified for the definition of $T \otimes S$.

Proof using matrix multiplication. For instance, consider the operation $(T + T') \otimes S$, with $(T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} = (a_{ij})$, $(T')_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} = (c_{ij})$, $(S)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}} = B$.

We compute its matrix representation directly:

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((T + T') \otimes S)_{C,C} &= (T + T')_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} \otimes (S)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}} \\
 &= [(T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} + (T')_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}}] \otimes (S)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}} \\
 &= (T)_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} \otimes (S)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}} + (T')_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{A}} \otimes (S)_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}}
 \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality is by the additive rule for kronecker product for matrices.

Therefore,

$$((T + T') \otimes S)_{C,C} = (T \otimes S)_{C,C} + (T' \otimes S)_{C,C} \implies (T + T') \otimes S = T \otimes S + T' \otimes S$$

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Proof using basis of $T \otimes S$. Another way of the proof is by computing

$$((T + T') \otimes S)(v_i \otimes w_j),$$

where $\{v_i \otimes w_j \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$ forms a basis of $(T + T') \otimes S$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((T + T') \otimes S)(v_i \otimes w_j) &= (T + T')(v_i) \otimes S(w_j) \\
 &= (T(v_i) + T'(v_i)) \otimes S(w_j) \\
 &= T(v_i) \otimes S(w_j) + T'(v_i) \otimes S(w_j) \\
 &= (T \otimes S)(v_i \otimes w_j) + (T' \otimes S)(v_i \otimes w_j)
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $((T + T') \otimes S)(v_i \otimes w_j)$ coincides with $(T \otimes S + T' \otimes S)(v_i \otimes w_j)$ for all basis vectors $v_i \otimes w_j \in C$, we imply

$$(T + T') \otimes S = T \otimes S + T' \otimes S$$

■

Proposition 13.8 Let A, C be linear operators from V to V , and B, D be linear operators from W to W , then

$$(A \otimes B) \circ (C \otimes D) = (AC) \otimes (BD)$$

Proposition 13.9 Define linear operators $A : V \rightarrow V$ and $B : W \rightarrow W$ with $\dim(V), \dim(W) < \infty$. Then

$$\det(A \otimes B) = (\det(A))^{\dim(W)} (\det(B))^{\dim(V)}$$

Corollary 13.3 There exists a linear transformation

$$\Phi : \text{Hom}(V, V) \otimes \text{Hom}(W, W) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(V \otimes W, V \otimes W)$$

$$\text{with } A \otimes B \mapsto A \otimes B$$

where the input of Φ is the tensor product of linear transformations, and the output is the linear transformation.

Proof. Construct the mapping

$$\Phi : \text{Hom}(V, V) \times \text{Hom}(W, W) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(V \otimes W, V \otimes W)$$

$$\text{with } \Phi(A, B) = A \otimes B$$

The Φ is indeed bilinear: for instance,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(pA + qC, B) &= (pA + qC) \otimes B \\ &= p(A \otimes B) + q(C \otimes B) \\ &= p\Phi(A, B) + q\Phi(C, B) \end{aligned}$$

This corollary follows from the universal property of tensor product. ■

R If assuming that $\dim(V), \dim(W) < \infty$, we imply

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\text{Input space of } \Phi) &= \dim(\text{Hom}(V, V)) \dim(\text{Hom}(W, W)) \\ &= [\dim(V) \dim(V)] \cdot [\dim(W) \dim(W)] = [\dim(V) \dim(W)]^2 \\ &= [\dim(V \otimes W)]^2 \\ &= \dim(\text{Hom}(V \otimes W, V \otimes W)) \\ &= \dim(\text{Output space of } \Phi) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, is Φ an isomorphism? If so, then every linear operator $\alpha : V \otimes W \rightarrow V \otimes W$ can be expressed as

$$\alpha = A_1 \otimes B_1 + \cdots + A_k \otimes B_k$$

where $A_i : V \rightarrow V$ and $B_j : W \rightarrow W$.

Chapter 14

Week14

14.1. Monday for MAT3040

14.1.1. Multilinear Tensor Product

Definition 14.1 [Tensor Product among More spaces] Let V_1, \dots, V_p be vector spaces over \mathbb{F} . Let $S = \{(v_1, \dots, v_p) \mid v_i \in V_i\}$ (We assume no relations among distinct elements in S), and define $\mathfrak{X} = \text{span}(S)$.

1. Then define the tensor product space $V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_p = \mathfrak{X}/y$, where y is the vector subspace of \mathfrak{X} spanned by vectors of the form

$$(v_1, \dots, v_i + v'_i, \dots, v_p) - (v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_p) - (v_1, \dots, v'_i, \dots, v_p),$$

and

$$(v_1, \dots, \alpha v_i, \dots, v_p) - \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_p)$$

where $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$.

2. The tensor product for vectors is defined as

$$v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_p := \{(v_1, \dots, v_p) + y\} \in V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_p$$

 Similar as in tensor product among two space,

1. We have

$$v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes (\alpha v_i + \beta v'_i) \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p = \alpha(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_i \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p) + \beta(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v'_i \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p)$$

2. A general vector in $V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p$ is

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (W_1^{(i)} \otimes \cdots \otimes W_p^{(i)}), \quad \text{where } W_j^{(i)} \in V_j, j = 1, \dots, p$$

3. Let $\mathcal{B}_i = \{v_i^{(1)}, \dots, v_i^{(\dim(V_i))}\}$ be a basis of $V_i, i = 1, \dots, p$, then

$$\mathcal{B} = \{V_1^{(\alpha_1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p^{(\alpha_p)} \mid 1 \leq \alpha_i \leq \dim(V_i)\}$$

is a basis of $V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p$. As a result,

$$\dim(V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p) = (\dim(V_1)) \times \cdots \times (\dim(V_p))$$

Theorem 14.1 — Universal Property of multi-linear tensor. Let $\text{Obj} = \{\phi : V_1 \times \cdots \times V_p \rightarrow W \mid \phi \text{ is a } p\text{-linear map}\}$, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(v_1, \dots, \alpha v_i + \beta v'_i, \dots, v_p) &= \alpha \phi(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_p) + \beta \phi(v_1, \dots, v'_i, \dots, v_p), \\ &\forall v_i, v'_i \in V_i, i = 1, \dots, p, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}. \end{aligned}$$

For instance, the multiplication of p matrices is a p -linear map.

Then the mapping in the Obj ,

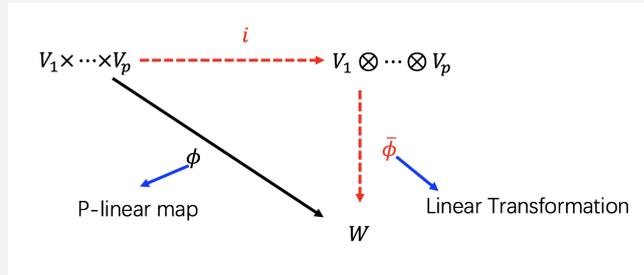
$$\begin{aligned} i : \quad V_1 \times V_p &\rightarrow V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p \\ \text{with } (v_1, \dots, v_p) &\mapsto v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p \end{aligned}$$

satisfies the universal property. In other words, for any $\phi : V_1 \times \cdots \times V_p \in \text{Obj}$, there

exists the unique linear transformation

$$\bar{\phi} : V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p \rightarrow W$$

such that the diagram below commutes:



In other words, $\phi = \bar{\phi} \circ i$.

Corollary 14.1 Let $T_i : V_i \rightarrow V'_i$ be a linear transformation, $1 \leq i \leq p$. There is a unique linear transformation

$$(T_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes T_p) : V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p \rightarrow V'_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V'_p$$

$$\text{satisfying } (T_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes T_p)(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p) = T_1(v_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes T_p(v_p)$$

Proof. Construct the mapping

$$\phi : V_1 \times \cdots \times V_p \rightarrow V'_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V'_p$$

$$\text{with } (v_1, \dots, v_p) \mapsto T_1(v_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes T_p(v_p)$$

which is indeed p -linear.

By the universal property, we induce the unique linear transformation

$$\bar{\phi} : V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p \rightarrow V'_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V'_p$$

■

Notation. To make life easier, from now on, we only consider $V_1 = \cdots = V_p = V$. Then for any linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$, we have

$$T^{\otimes p} : V \otimes \cdots \otimes V \rightarrow W \otimes \cdots \otimes W$$

We use the short-hand notation $V^{\otimes p}$ to denote $\underbrace{V \otimes \cdots \otimes V}_{p \text{ terms in total}}$

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14.1.2. Exterior Power

Definition 14.2 A p -linear map $\phi : V \times \cdots \times V \rightarrow W$ is called **alternating** if

$$\phi(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_p) = \mathbf{0}_W, \quad \text{provided that there exists some } v_i = v_j \text{ for } i \neq j.$$

Also, we say ϕ is p -alternating ■

■ **Example 14.1** 1. The cross product mapping

$$\phi : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\text{with } (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \mapsto \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}$$

is alternating:

- ϕ is bilinear
- $\phi(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.

2. The determinant mapping

$$\phi : \underbrace{\mathbb{F}^n \times \cdots \times \mathbb{F}^n}_{n \text{ terms in total}} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$$

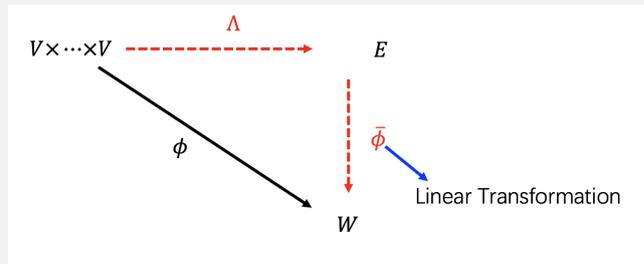
$$\text{with } (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) \mapsto \det([\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n])$$

is alternating:

- ϕ is n -linear by MAT2040 knowledge
- ϕ is alternating by MAT2040 knowledge

Theorem 14.2 — Universal Property for exterior power. Let $\text{Obj} := \{\phi : \underbrace{V \times \cdots \times V}_{p \text{ terms}} \rightarrow W \mid \phi \text{ is } p\text{-alternating map}\}$. Then there exists $\{\Lambda : V \times \cdots \times V \rightarrow E\} \in \text{Obj}$ satisfying the following:

- For all $\phi : V \times \cdots \times V \rightarrow W \in \text{Obj}$, there exists unique linear transformation $\bar{\phi} : E \rightarrow W$ satisfying



In other words, $\phi = \bar{\phi} \circ \Lambda$.

Chapter 15

Week15

15.1. Monday for MAT3040

15.1.1. More on Exterior Power

Reviewing. Let $\text{Obj} := \{\phi : V \times \cdots \times V \rightarrow W \mid \phi \text{ is alternating}\}$, then there exists

$$\{\Lambda : V \times \cdots \times V \rightarrow E\} \in \text{Obj}$$

such that

$$\phi = \bar{\phi} \circ \Lambda, \quad \text{where } \bar{\phi} : E \rightarrow W \text{ is the unique linear transformation}$$

Here we give one way for constructing E :

$$E = V^{\otimes p} / U,$$

where U is spanned by vectors of the form

$$v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p \in V^{\otimes p}, \quad v_i = v_j \text{ where for some } i \neq j.$$

For instance, $v \otimes v \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p \in U$.

Definition 15.1 [Wedge Product] Define the wedge product space

$$\wedge^p V := V^{\otimes p} / U = E,$$

with the wedge product among vectors

$$v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_p = v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p + U \in \wedge^p V$$

As a result, the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \wedge : V \times \cdots \times V &\rightarrow E := \wedge^p V \\ (v_1, \dots, v_p) &\mapsto v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_p \end{aligned}$$

will satisfy the universal property of exterior power.

Proposition 15.1 1. We have the p -linearity for $\wedge^p V$, i.e.,

$$v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge (av_i + bv'_i) \wedge \cdots \wedge v_p = a(v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_i \wedge \cdots \wedge v_p) + b(v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v'_i \wedge \cdots \wedge v_p)$$

for $i = 1, \dots, p$.

2. The wedge product is alternating:

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v \wedge \cdots \wedge v \wedge \cdots \wedge v_p &:= v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v \otimes \cdots \otimes v \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p + U \\ &= 0 + U \\ &= 0_{\wedge^p V} \end{aligned}$$

3. The wedge product reverses sign reversal property:

$$v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v \wedge \cdots \wedge w \wedge \cdots \wedge v_p = -v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge w \wedge \cdots \wedge v \wedge \cdots \wedge v_p$$

Reason: $(v + w) \wedge (v + w) = 0$, which implies $v \wedge w + w \wedge v = 0$.

Proposition 15.2 1. If $\dim(V) = n$, and $0 \leq p \leq n$, then

$$\dim(\wedge^p V) = \binom{n}{p}$$

2. For all linear operators $T : V \rightarrow V$, there is a unique linear operator from $\wedge^p V$ to $\wedge^p V$:

$$T^{\wedge p} : \wedge^p V \rightarrow \wedge^p V$$

$$\text{with } v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_p \mapsto T(v_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge T(v_p)$$

Proof. 1. Let $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ be basis of V , then $\{v_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i_p} \mid 1 \leq i_k \leq n\}$ forms basis of $V^{\otimes p}$. Note that $\{v_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge v_{i_p} \mid 1 \leq i_k \leq n\}$ spans $\wedge^p V$, since $\pi_V : V \rightarrow V/U$ is surjective. We claim that

$$\mathcal{B} = \{v_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge v_{i_p} \mid 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_p \leq n\}$$

is a basis of $\wedge^p V$

- \mathcal{B} spans $\wedge^p V$: we can use (3) in proposition (15.1) to “rearrange” the indices j_1, \dots, j_p into ascending order, and $\text{span}(\mathcal{B}) = \text{span}\{v_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge v_{i_p} \mid 1 \leq i_k \leq n\}$.
- We omit the proof that \mathcal{B} is linear independent due to time limit.

The number of vectors in \mathcal{B} is equal to $\binom{n}{p}$. ■

15.1.2. Determinant

Previous Approach for defining determinant. We define the determinant for $\mathbf{A} = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ directly. From such complicated definition, we come up with $\det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{A})\det(\mathbf{B})$, which implies that the similar matrices share with the same determinant, then we define the determinant for any linear operator $T : V \rightarrow V$ as

$$\det(T) = \det((T)_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}}), \quad \text{for some basis } \mathcal{B} \text{ of } T$$

New Approach. We will define $\det(T)$ for linear operators without fixing a basis, and then we will imply $\det(T \circ S) = \det(T)\det(S)$ easily. Then $\det(\mathbf{A})$ for $\mathbf{A} \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ belongs to our special case.

Definition 15.2 [Determinant for Linear Operators]

1. Suppose that $\dim(V) = n$, then

$$\dim(\wedge^n V) = \binom{n}{n} = 1$$

More precisely, for any basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ of V , we have $\wedge^n(V) = \text{span}\{v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n\}$.

2. Note that $T^{\wedge n} : \wedge^n V \rightarrow \wedge^n V$ is a linear operator on $\wedge^n V \cong \mathbb{F}$. Therefore, for all $\tau \in \wedge^n V$, there exists $\alpha_T \in \mathbb{F}$ such that

$$T^{\wedge n}(\tau) = \alpha_T \tau$$

3. Now we define

$$\det(T) = \alpha_T$$

This definition of determinant does not depend on any choice of basis of V . ■

- **Example 15.1** 1. Suppose that $T = I : V \rightarrow V$ be identity. Take a basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ of V , then

$$T^{\wedge n}(v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n) = T(v_1) \wedge \dots \wedge T(v_n)$$

Or equivalently,

$$\det(T) \cdot (v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n) = v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n$$

Therefore, $\det(T) = 1$.

2. Suppose that $T : V \rightarrow V$ is diagonalizable with $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ forming eigen-basis of T .

As a result,

$$T^{\wedge n}(w_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge w_n) = T(w_1) \wedge T(w_2) \cdots \wedge T(w_n),$$

which implies

$$\det(T)(w_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge w_n) = (\lambda_1 w_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge (\lambda_n w_n),$$

which implies

$$\det(T)w_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge w_n = (\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n)w_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge w_n,$$

i.e., $\det(T) = \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n$.

Proposition 15.3 Let $T, S : V \rightarrow V$ be linear transformations, then

$$(T \circ S)^{\wedge p} : \wedge^p V \rightarrow \wedge^p V$$

$$\text{with } T^{\wedge p}, S^{\wedge p} : \wedge^p V \rightarrow \wedge^p V$$

satisfies

$$(T \circ S)^{\wedge p} = (T^{\wedge p}) \circ (S^{\wedge p})$$

Proof. Pick any basis $\{v_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge v_{i_p} \mid 1 \leq i_1 < \cdots < i_p \leq n\}$ of $\wedge^p V$. Then

$$(T \circ S)^{\wedge p}(v_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge v_{i_p}) = (T \circ S)(v_{i_1}) \wedge \cdots \wedge (T \circ S)(v_{i_p})$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} (T^{\wedge p}) \circ (S^{\wedge p})(v_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge v_{i_p}) &= (T^{\wedge p})(S(v_{i_1}) \wedge \cdots \wedge S(v_{i_p})) \\ &= (T \circ S)(v_{i_1}) \wedge \cdots \wedge (T \circ S)(v_{i_p}) \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 15.1

$$\det(T \circ S) = \det(T) \det(S)$$

Proof. Pick any basis $\{v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_n\}$ of $\wedge^n V$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det(T \circ S)v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_n &= (T \circ S)^{\wedge n} v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_n \\
 &= (T^{\wedge n}) \circ ((S^{\wedge n})v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_n) \\
 &= (T^{\wedge n})(\det(S)v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_n) \\
 &= \det(S)T^{\wedge n}(v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_n) \\
 &= \det(S)\det(T)v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_n
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\det(T \circ S) = \det(T)\det(S)$. ■

Theorem 15.1 Let $V = \mathbb{F}^n$, and

$$\begin{aligned}
 T : \quad V &\rightarrow V \\
 \text{with } T(\mathbf{v}) &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}, \quad \mathbf{A} \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})
 \end{aligned}$$

Then $\det(T) = \det(\mathbf{A})$

Proof. Take $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ as the usual basis of $V \cong \mathbb{F}^n$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det(T)e_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge e_n &= T(e_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge T(e_n) \\
 &= a_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_n
 \end{aligned}$$

where a_i denotes the i -th column of \mathbf{A} .

As we have studied before [c.f. p141 in MAT2040 Notebook], the previous definition of determinant is based on three basic properties. It suffices to show these three basic properties:

1. The determinant of the n by n identity matrix is 1: See part (1) in Example (15.1)
2. The determinant changes sign when two columns (w.l.o.g., “rows” are related with “columns”) are exchanged: due to the sign reversal property for wedge product

3. The determinant is a linear function of each column separately, i.e.,

$$a_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge (ta_i) \wedge \cdots \wedge a_n = t(a_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_i \wedge \cdots \wedge a_n)$$

Once we verify these three properties, we conclude that the explicit formula for $\det(\mathbf{A})$ is a special case for our new definition. ■

Or we can come into the previous definition for determinant directly. For instance, consider the mapping

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

with $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

Then we imply

$$\begin{aligned} \det(T)(e_1 \wedge e_2) &= \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix} \wedge \begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (ae_1) \wedge (be_1) + (ae_1) \wedge (de_2) + (ce_2) \wedge (de_1) + (ce_2) \wedge (de_2) \\ &= (ad)e_1 \wedge e_2 + (bc)e_2 \wedge e_1 \\ &= (ad - bc)e_1 \wedge e_2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we imply $\det(T) = ad - bc$.