

## Lecture 25: §5.7 Linear Transformations for abstract vector spaces

Main idea: We can easily generalize lin. trans.  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  to

$$T: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$$

where  $\dim \mathcal{V} = n$  &  $\dim \mathcal{W} = m$  because we have + &  $\cdot$  in both  $\mathcal{V}$  &  $\mathcal{W}$ .

Definition: Fix  $\mathcal{V}$  &  $\mathcal{W}$  two abstract vector spaces &  $T: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$  a map (assignment),  $T(\vec{v}) = \vec{w}$  in  $\mathcal{W}$ .)

We say  $T$  is a linear transformation if

$$(1) T(\vec{v} + \vec{u}) = T(\vec{v}) + T(\vec{u}) \quad \text{for all } \vec{v}, \vec{u} \text{ in } \mathcal{V}$$

↪ sum in  $\mathcal{V}$  ↪ sum in  $\mathcal{W}$

$$(2) T(\alpha \vec{v}) = \alpha T(\vec{v}) \quad \text{for all } \vec{v} \text{ in } \mathcal{V}.$$

↪ scalar mult in  $\mathcal{V}$  ↪ scalar mult in  $\mathcal{W}$  & scalar.

## Examples

$T: W \rightarrow W$  lin. transf

①  $W = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $W = \mathbb{R}^m$ , usual linear transf from § 3.7.

②  $T: \mathcal{S}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $T(P(x)) = P(1)$  is a linear transf

•  $(P+Q)(x) = P(x) + Q(x)$  so  $(P+Q)(1) = P(1) + Q(1)$  ✓  
↳ def of  $+$  in  $\mathcal{S}_2$

•  $(\alpha P)(x) = \alpha P(x)$  so  $(\alpha P)(1) = \alpha P(1)$ . ✓  
↳ def of  $\cdot$  in  $\mathcal{S}_2$

Q: Explicit formula for  $T$ ?

$$T(a+bx+cx^2) = a+bx+cx^2 \rightsquigarrow T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$[a+bx+cx^2]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \mapsto a+bx+cx^2$$

$\mathcal{B} = \{1, x, x^2\}$  linear!

③  $T: \mathcal{C}[0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is linear (same idea).

$$f \mapsto f(1)$$

④ Taking coordinates with respect to a fixed basis  $B$  for  $\mathcal{W}$  ( $\dim \mathcal{W} = p$ )

$$T: \mathcal{W} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$$

$$\vec{v} \longmapsto [\vec{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_p \end{bmatrix}$$

is linear (Lecture 24)

if  $\vec{v} = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_p \vec{v}_p$   
 $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$

• More examples in Lecture Notes.

• Combine ② & ④ via compositions

$$P \longmapsto P_{(1)} \quad (= a + bx + cx^2)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{T} & \mathbb{R} \\ \downarrow F & & \downarrow F \\ [P]_{\{1, x, x^2\}} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{T}} & \mathbb{R} \\ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} & \longmapsto & a + bx + cx^2 \end{array}$$

Conclude:  $T = \tilde{T} \circ F \quad (P) = \tilde{T}(F(P))$

for every polynomial  $P \in \mathcal{P}_2$

Key fact: We'll do the same for

$$\mathcal{W} \xrightarrow{T} \mathcal{W} \quad \vec{w} \quad \dim \mathcal{W} = n$$

$$\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\tilde{T}} \mathbb{R}^n \quad [\vec{w}]_{B_W} \quad \dim \mathcal{W} = m$$

After choosing bases  $B_W$  &  $B_{\mathcal{W}}$ : get  $[\vec{w}]_{B_W}$  linear

# Basic Properties

Theorem 1: Fix a basis  $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  for  $V$  & any list of  $n$  many vectors  $\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_n$  in  $W$ . Then we can find a unique linear

transformation  $T: V \rightarrow W$  with  $\begin{cases} T(\vec{v}_1) = \vec{w}_1 \\ \vdots \\ T(\vec{v}_n) = \vec{w}_n \end{cases}$

Why? Same idea as with  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ .

Write  $\vec{v}$  in  $V$  as  $\vec{v} = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n$   $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  fixed

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } T(\vec{v}) & \stackrel{\uparrow \text{Linear}}{=} \alpha_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + \alpha_n T(\vec{v}_n) \\ & = \alpha_1 \vec{w}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{w}_n \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow$  unique way to define  $T$ .

• By construction: • linear

•  $T(\vec{v}_i) = \vec{w}_i$

because  $[v_i]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = e_i$   
 (so  $\alpha_i = 1$  & rest  $\alpha_j = 0$ )

$i^{\text{th}}$  spot  $= e_i$

Example! Find a linear transformation  $T: \mathcal{B}_3 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_2$  with

$$T(1) = 2+x, \quad T(x) = x-x^2, \quad T(x^2) = 5-10x \quad \& \quad T(x^3) = 2$$

Solution  $T(a+bx+cx^2+dx^3) = aT(1) + bT(x) + cT(x^2) + dT(x^3)$

$$= a(2+x) + b(x-x^2) + c(5-10x) + d \cdot 2$$
$$= (2a+5c+2d) + (a+b-10c)x + (-b)x^2$$

So  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  linear  $\implies$  we get a  $3 \times 4$  matrix

$$[T]_{\mathcal{B}_Y}^{\mathcal{B}_X} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 2a+5c+2d \\ a+b-10c \\ -b \end{bmatrix} = [T(p)]_{\mathcal{B}_Y}$$
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -10 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{B}_3 \implies \mathcal{B}_Y = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$$

$$\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{B}_2 \implies \mathcal{B}_Y = \{1, x, x^2\}$$

$A =$  matrix representing  $T$  with respect to the bases  $\mathcal{B}_Y$  &  $\mathcal{B}_Y$ .

gives  $[T(v)]_{\mathcal{B}_Y} = A[v]_{\mathcal{B}_Y}$  (write, next time!)

## Null Space & Range

$$T: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W} \text{ linear transf}$$

Use same definitions as for  $\tilde{T}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . linear transf

Def 1: The Null Space of T is  $\mathcal{N}(T) = \{ \vec{v} \in \mathcal{V} : T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0} \in \mathcal{W} \}$

Def 2: The Range of T: is  $\mathcal{R}(T) = \{ \vec{w} \in \mathcal{W} : \vec{w} = T(\vec{v}) \text{ for some } \vec{v} \in \mathcal{V} \}$   
(= image of the map T)

Theorem 1: (1)  $\mathcal{N}(T)$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{V}$

(2)  $\mathcal{R}(T)$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{W}$

Why? Key:  $T(\vec{0}_{\mathcal{V}}) = \vec{0}_{\mathcal{W}}$ .  $(T(\vec{0}_{\mathcal{V}})) = T(0 \cdot \vec{0}_{\mathcal{V}}) = 0 \cdot \underbrace{T(\vec{0}_{\mathcal{V}})}_{\vec{0}_{\mathcal{W}}} = \vec{0}_{\mathcal{W}}$

So (S1) holds for both  $\mathcal{N}(T)$  &  $\mathcal{R}(T)$ .

(S2) follows from T respects +

(S3) \_\_\_\_\_ .

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Theorem 2: Fix  $T: W \rightarrow W$  linear transf,  $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  basis for  $W$ .

Then: (1)  $R(T) = \text{Sp}(T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n))$  so  $\dim R(T) \leq n$

(2)  $\mathcal{N}(T) = \{ \vec{0}_{\mathbb{W}} \}$  if and only if  $\{ T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n) \}$  li (equiv,  $\dim R(T) = n$ )

Why? (1)  $\vec{v} = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n$

$T(\vec{v}) = \alpha_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + \alpha_n T(\vec{v}_n)$  so in  $\text{Sp}(T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n))$

Since all  $T(\vec{v}_i)$  are in  $R(T)$ , (1) follows.

(2) Only one soln for  $\vec{0}_{\mathbb{W}} = \alpha_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + \alpha_n T(\vec{v}_n)$  is li

This translates to only one option for  $T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}_{\mathbb{W}}$ , namely  $\vec{v} = \vec{0}_{\mathbb{W}}$

Example:  $T: \mathbb{S}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   $T(P) = \begin{bmatrix} P_{(1)} \\ P'_{(1)} \end{bmatrix}$  is linear

•  $\mathcal{N}(T) = \{ a+bx+cx^2 : \begin{cases} a+b+c=0 \\ b+2c=0 \end{cases} \} = \{ c(1-2x+x^2) \} = \text{Sp}(\{1-2x+x^2\})$

•  $R(T) = \{ \begin{bmatrix} a+b+c \\ b+2c \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \} = \{ a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \} = \mathbb{R}^2$

Proposition 1 Fix  $T: \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$  linear transf

(1)  $T(\vec{u}) = T(\vec{v})$  if and only if  $(\vec{u} - \vec{v})$  is in  $\mathcal{N}(T)$

(2)  $T$  is injective (meaning  $T(\vec{u}) = T(\vec{v})$  forces  $\vec{u} = \vec{v}$ ) if,

and only if,  $\mathcal{N}(T) = \{\vec{0}_{\mathbb{V}}\}$ .

Def. nullity  $(T) = \dim \mathcal{N}(T)$

rank  $(T) = \dim \mathcal{R}(T)$

Rank-Nullity Thm. If  $T: \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$  is linear &  $\dim \mathbb{V} = n$

then  $n = \text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T)$ .

Proof. See the Lecture Notes (optimal reading but very insightful)

Consequence. A  $m \times n$  matrix, then  $\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = \# \text{cols } A$

Why? A represents  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  &  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(T)$   
 $\text{nullity}(A) = \text{nullity}(T)$ .



# Examples

$R(T) = \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $\mathcal{N}(T) = \text{SP}((1-x)^2)$

linear  $\begin{bmatrix} p''(x) \\ p'(x) \end{bmatrix}$

$\textcircled{1} T: \mathcal{B}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $\dim \mathcal{B}_2 = 2$   
 $\dim \mathbb{R}^2 = 2$   
 $T(P) = \begin{bmatrix} p''(x) \\ p'(x) \end{bmatrix}$

$3 = 1 + 2 = \dim \mathcal{W}(T) + \dim \mathcal{N}(T)$

$\textcircled{2} T: \text{Mat}_{2 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_4$   
 $\dim \text{Mat}_{2 \times 3} = 6$   
 $\dim \mathcal{B}_4 = 5$   
 $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix} \right) = (a_{12} + a_{23})x^4 + (2a_{22} + 3a_{13})x^3 + (a_{11} - a_{23})x^2$

$T$  is linear  $\rightsquigarrow T: \mathbb{R}^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$   
 $\mathcal{B}_W = \{E_{11}, E_{12}, E_{13}, E_{21}, E_{22}, E_{23}\}$   
 $\mathcal{B}_W = \{1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4\}$   
 $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ a_{13} \\ a_{21} \\ a_{22} \\ a_{23} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} - a_{23} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2a_{22} + 3a_{13} \\ a_{12} + a_{23} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ a_{13} \\ a_{21} \\ a_{22} \\ a_{23} \end{bmatrix}$

$\bullet \mathcal{N}(T) = ?$  Need  $(a_{12} + a_{23})x^4 + (2a_{22} + 3a_{13})x^3 + (a_{11} - a_{23})x^2 = 0$  in  $\mathcal{B}_4$   
 3 li polynomials (part of a basis!)

so  $\begin{cases} a_{12} + a_{23} = 0 \\ 2a_{22} + 3a_{13} = 0 \\ a_{11} - a_{23} = 0 \end{cases}$   
 $G-J$   $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\begin{matrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{matrix}$

so  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{23} - a_{23} & -\frac{2}{3}a_{22} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = a_{23} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} + a_{21} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_{22} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\mathcal{N}(T) = \text{SP}(A_1, A_2, A_3)$   
 $\dim \mathcal{N}(T) = 3$

$$T: \text{Mat}_{2 \times 3} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{B}_4} \mathcal{B}_5 \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix}\right) = (a_{12} + a_{23})x^4 + (2a_{22} + 3a_{13})x^3 + (a_{11} - a_{23}).$$

rank  $(T) = 3$  so  $\text{nullity}(T) = 6 - 3 = 3$ .

$$R(T) = \text{Sp}(T(e_{11}), \dots, T(e_{23}))$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 1$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = x^4$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 3x^3$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 0$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 2x^3$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = x^4 - 1$$

Note:  $\tilde{T}: \mathbb{R}^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$

$$R(T) = \text{Sp}(1, x^4, 3x^3, 0, 2x^3, x^4 - 1)$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{dim } 3} = \text{Sp}(1, x^4, x^3)$

$$\tilde{T}\left(\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ a_{13} \\ a_{21} \\ a_{22} \\ a_{23} \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ a_{13} \\ a_{21} \\ a_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

$[1]_{\mathcal{B}_W} = e_1$   
 $[x^4]_{\mathcal{B}_W} = e_5$   
 $[x^3]_{\mathcal{B}_W} = e_4$   
 $\mathcal{B}_W = \{1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4\}$

$$R(\tilde{T}) = \text{Sp}(e_1 - e_5, 3e_4, 2e_4, -e_1 + e_5) = \text{Sp}(e_1, e_5, e_4)$$