

1. Let $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ be the real vector space of polynomial functions, and define a map $T: \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ by

$$T(p) = p' - p.$$

(Here p' denotes the derivative of p .)

a) Prove that T is linear. (2)

b) Prove that T is injective. (3)

a) Let $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p_1, p_2 \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(c_1 p_1 + c_2 p_2) &= (c_1 p_1 + c_2 p_2)' - (c_1 p_1 + c_2 p_2) \\ &= c_1 p_1' + c_2 p_2' - c_1 p_1 - c_2 p_2 \quad (\text{differentiation is linear}) \\ &= c_1 (p_1' - p_1) + c_2 (p_2' - p_2) \\ &= c_1 T(p_1) + c_2 T(p_2) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, T is linear.

b) Let $p(t) = a_0 + \dots + a_n t^n \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$. Then $T(p) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$
 $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, T(a_0 + a_1 t + \dots + a_n t^n) = a_1 - a_0 + (2a_2 - a_1)t + (3a_3 - a_2)t^2 + \dots + (-a_n)t^n = 0$

Since $\{1, t, \dots, t^n\}$ is l.i. (for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$), $a_1 - a_0 = 0 = 2a_2 - a_1 = \dots = -a_n$ (*)

This is the homogeneous linear system in the $n+1$ variables a_0, \dots, a_n whose coefficient matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 3 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & & -1 & n \\ 0 & & & & & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = [C_{ij}],$$

where $C_{ij} = \begin{cases} -1, & i=j \\ 1, & j=i+1 \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$

This matrix clearly has rank $n+1$, and so the only soln to (*) is $a_0 = a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$. Hence $p = 0$. Thus $\ker T = \{0\}$, and

so T is injective. (1) Some idea that would work
 + (1) some development towards success
 0, 1/2, 1 + (1) a well written, correct solution.

2. Recall that for any vector space U over a field \mathbf{F} , $\mathcal{L}(U, \mathbf{F})$ is called the dual space of U and is denoted U^* .

Suppose $T : V \rightarrow W$ is a linear map.

(2) a) Let $f \in W^*$. Show that the formula $g(v) = f(T(v))$ defines an element $g \in V^*$

Now define a map $\tilde{T} : W^* \rightarrow V^*$ by $\tilde{T}(f) = g$, where g is defined in (a). That is, for $f \in W^*$, $\tilde{T}(f)$ is the member of V^* which defined by

$$\tilde{T}(f)(v) = f(T(v)), \forall v \in V.$$

(3) b) Prove that \tilde{T} is a linear map.

a) The formula clearly shows that $g : V \rightarrow F$. To see that g is linear, note that the formula shows that $g = f \circ T$ is the composition of 2 linear maps ($T \circ f$), and so is linear. Hence $g \in V^*$.

b) Let $f_1, f_2 \in W^*$ and $c_1, c_2 \in F$. Then, $\forall v \in V$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}(c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2)(v) &= (c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2)(T(v)) \\ &= c_1 f_1(T(v)) + c_2 f_2(T(v)) && \text{(by defⁿ of addⁿ \& multⁿ by scalars in } W^*) \\ &= c_1 \tilde{T}(f_1)(v) + c_2 \tilde{T}(f_2)(v) && \text{(defⁿ of } \tilde{T}) \\ &= (c_1 \tilde{T}(f_1) + c_2 \tilde{T}(f_2))(v) && \text{(defⁿ of addⁿ multⁿ by scalars in } V^*) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \tilde{T}(c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2) = c_1 \tilde{T}(f_1) + c_2 \tilde{T}(f_2). \quad (\text{as functions})$$

Hence \tilde{T} is linear.

(2) knowing what " \tilde{T} is linear" means (1) a correct solⁿ, reasonably presented

2c) If $V = \mathbf{R}^2, W = \mathbf{R}^3, T : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$ is multiplication by the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$,

and $g \in (\mathbf{R}^3)^*$ is defined by $g\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = x + y - z$, find an explicit formula for

$\tilde{T}(g) \in (\mathbf{R}^2)^*$, and use it to compute $\tilde{T}(g)\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$

By defⁿ,

$$\tilde{T}(g)\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) \stackrel{\text{(by def}^n \text{ of } \tilde{T})}{=} g\left(T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right)\right) \stackrel{\text{(by def}^n \text{ of } T)}{=} g\left(\begin{bmatrix} x+2y \\ 3x+4y \\ 5x+6y \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{(by the def}^n \text{ of } g \rightarrow)}{=} (x+2y) + (3x+4y) - (5x+6y) = -x.$$

$$\text{i.e. } \tilde{T}(g)\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = -x.$$

$$\text{Hence, } \tilde{T}(g)\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = -1.$$

① formula for $\tilde{T}(g)\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right)$

① correct answer to $\tilde{T}(g)\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$

① well written justification.

If $\tilde{T}(g)\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right)$ and $\tilde{T}(g)\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ are correct but there is no justification, 0/3

3. Suppose $T : U \rightarrow V$ and $S : V \rightarrow W$ are linear maps.

(3) a) Prove that if T is surjective, then $\text{im}(ST) = \text{im } S$

① \subseteq ② \supseteq ① for knowing to do it

(3) b) Prove that if S is injective, then $\ker T = \ker(ST)$

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c) Find two linear maps $S, T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ such that

- (3) (i) $\text{im}(ST) \neq \text{im } S$, and
(ii) $\ker T \neq \ker(ST)$

① - example for (i)
② - possibly different example for (ii)
+ ③ - same example for (i) & (ii)

a) If $w \in \text{im } ST$, then $\exists u \in U$ with $w = ST(u) = S(T(u))$, so $w \in \text{im } S$. So $\text{im}(ST) \subseteq \text{im } S$. Given $w' \in \text{im } S$, $\exists v' \in V$ with

$w' = S(v')$. As T is surjective, $\exists u' \in U$ with $T(u') = v'$. Hence

$w' = S(v') = S(T(u')) = ST(u')$, and so $w' \in \text{im } ST$. Hence

$\text{im } S \subseteq \text{im } ST$ and so $\text{im } S = \text{im } ST$. (Note that $\text{im}(ST) \subseteq \text{im } S$ is always true, for any linear $T : U \rightarrow V$, $S : V \rightarrow W$.)

b) If $u \in \ker T$, then $Tu = 0$, and so $ST(u) = S(Tu) = S(0) = 0$.

Hence $u \in \ker T \Rightarrow u \in \ker ST$. That is, $\ker T \subseteq \ker ST$. (*)

Given $u' \in \ker ST$, we know $0 = ST(u') = S(T(u'))$. Hence $T(u')$

belongs to the kernel of S , i.e. $T(u') \in \ker S$. But $\ker S = \{0\}$, as S is injective, so $T(u') = 0$. This of course means that $u' \in \ker T$.

Hence, we've shown that $\ker ST \subseteq \ker T$. Together with (*), this means

that $\ker ST = \ker T$.

(Note that $\ker T \subseteq \ker ST$, for any $S : V \rightarrow W$ and $T : U \rightarrow V$.)

c) Let $S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ be the matrices of the linear maps they represent. Then $ST = 0$, but neither $S = 0$ nor $T = 0$. Hence

(i) $\text{im}(ST) = \{0\} \neq \text{im } S = \text{span} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and

(ii) $\text{span} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \ker T \neq \mathbb{R}^2 = \ker ST$.

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5. (Bonus) Prove that the linear map $T : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ defined in question 1 is in fact an isomorphism.

Proof (1). If $C_n = [c_{ij}]$ is the matrix of $\mathcal{Q}_1(b)$, we know that

if $v = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$, $w = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = C_n v$, then

$$T(a_0 + a_1 t + \dots + a_n t^n) = b_0 + b_1 t + \dots + b_n t^n.$$

Hence, if $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall w = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, $\exists v = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

such that $C_n v = w$, this shows that for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

and ^{every} polynomial $q(t) = b_0 + \dots + b_n t^n$ of degree n , there is a polynomial $p(t) = a_0 + \dots + a_n t^n$ such that $T(p) = q$.

That is, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists v \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} / C_n v = w$ is consistent for every $w \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\forall q \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ of degree n , then $\exists p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ (coincidentally of degree n) s.t. $T(p) = q$. Hence T is surjective,

iff $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, the linear system $C_n v = w$ is consistent for every $w \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. But we know from 1(b) that, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\text{rank } C_n = n+1$, which implies that $C_n v = w$ is consistent for every $w \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. Hence, T is surjective.

Thus, with 1(a) & (b) this shows that T is an isomorphism.

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Pf (2) Since $T = D - I$, where $D(p) = p'$,

T^{-1} , if it exists would be $-(I - D)^{-1}$. But

We know from high school that $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{k \geq 0} x^k = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$

(at least if $|x| < 1$) while this apparently makes no sense here, we press on. Note that for any $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$, if $\deg p = n$,

then $D^{n+1} = 0$, and so if we were to write

$S_n = I + D + D^2 + \dots + D^n$, and apply S to a poly.

of degree n , we'd find that $(I - D)S_n(p) =$

$(I - D)(I + D + D^2 + \dots + D^n)(p) = I(p) - D^{n+1}(p) = p$.

i.e. for p of degree n , $(I - D)S_n(p) = p$. A similar calculation shows $S_n(I - D)(p) = p$, if $\deg(p) \leq n$.

This shows that if $S = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} D^k$, then, despite appearances, $S : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ is well-defined

(all polys in $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ have some finite degree m , and then $S(p) = S_m(p)$) and is linear. Moreover, if $\deg p = n$,

$(I - D)S(p) = (I - D)S_n(p) = p$, which shows that

$-TS(p) = p$, or $TS(-p) = p$. This shows that T

is surjective, and with (a), (b), demonstrates that T

is an isomorphism.