

**MATH 217 SPRING 2014**  
**WRITTEN HOMEWORK 7**  
**SOLUTIONS**

SECTION 3.3

**Problem 62.** Let  $\dim(V) = m$  and let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m \in V \subseteq W$  form a basis of  $V$ . These are  $m$  linearly independent vectors in  $W$ . Theorem 3.3.4(a) implies  $\dim(V) = m \leq \dim(W)$ .

**Problem 63.** Suppose  $V \subseteq W$  and  $\dim(V) = \dim(W) = m$ . Let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m \in V \subseteq W$  form a basis of  $V$ . Then they are linearly independent and  $V = \text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m)$ . Since these are  $m$  linearly independent vectors in the  $m$ -dimensional space  $W$ , Theorem 3.3.4(c) implies they also form a basis for  $W$  and  $W = \text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m) = V$ .

**Problem 66.** Suppose for every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , there exist unique  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in W$  such that  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{x} \in V \cap W$ . Then  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{x}$  where  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$  or  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{x}$ . Uniqueness implies  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $V \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

Consider a basis  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  of  $V$  and a basis  $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_q$  of  $W$ .

Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . There exist  $\mathbf{v} \in V = \text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p)$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in W = \text{Span}(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_q)$  such that  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \in \text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p, \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_q)$ . So these  $p + q$  vectors span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $c_1, \dots, c_p, d_1, \dots, d_q \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p + d_1\mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + d_q\mathbf{w}_q = \mathbf{0}$ . Note that  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p \in V$  and  $d_1\mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + d_q\mathbf{w}_q \in W$  and since  $\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0}$  is a unique representation,  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}$  and  $d_1\mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + d_q\mathbf{w}_q = \mathbf{0}$ . The basis vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  of  $V$  are linearly independent, so  $c_1 = \dots = c_p = 0$ . Similarly  $d_1 = \dots = d_q = 0$ .

Therefore, we can see that the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p, \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_q$  must form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $n = \dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = p + q = \dim(V) + \dim(W)$ .

Suppose  $V \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  and  $\dim(V) + \dim(W) = n$ .

Consider a basis  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  of  $V$  and a basis  $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_q$  of  $W$ . Above we have proved that  $V \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p \in V$  are linearly independent and  $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_q \in W$  are linearly independent implies all the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p, \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_q$  are linearly independent. As  $\dim(V) + \dim(W) = n$ , these are  $n$  linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and they must span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

So for every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , there exist  $c_1, \dots, c_p, d_1, \dots, d_q \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p \in V$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = d_1\mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + d_q\mathbf{w}_q \in W$  and  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$ .

Suppose there exist  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in V$  and  $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2 \in W$  such that  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{w}_2$ . Then  $\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{w}_2 - \mathbf{w}_1 \in V \cap W$ . As  $V \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{w}_2$ . Thus every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  has a unique representation and  $V, W$  are complements in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

## SECTION 3.4

**Problem 54.** Let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  and  $\mathcal{I}$  be bases of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose  $c_1[\mathbf{v}_1]_{\mathcal{I}} + \dots + c_n[\mathbf{v}_n]_{\mathcal{I}} = \mathbf{0}$ . Due to linearity of coordinates  $[c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n]_{\mathcal{I}} = c_1[\mathbf{v}_1]_{\mathcal{I}} + \dots + c_n[\mathbf{v}_n]_{\mathcal{I}} = \mathbf{0} = [\mathbf{0}]_{\mathcal{I}}$ . Since the coordinate transformation is invertible,  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}$ .  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are linearly independent, therefore  $c_1 = \dots = c_n = 0$ . Thus the vectors  $[\mathbf{v}_1]_{\mathcal{I}}, \dots, [\mathbf{v}_n]_{\mathcal{I}}$  are  $n$  linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and they also form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Problem 56.** Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  be the required basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and consider the  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $S = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2]$ . For all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = S[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ . Therefore  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -7 \\ 14 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$ . That is,  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Problem 58.**

- (a) Consider the linear relation  $c_1A^2\mathbf{v} + c_2A\mathbf{v} + c_3\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ . These are all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , so we can multiply both sides by  $A^2$ . Using  $A^3\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ , we see that  $A^n\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $n \geq 3$  and therefore  $c_3A^2\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ . Since  $A^2\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ,  $c_3 = 0$ .

So the linear relation must be  $c_1A^2\mathbf{v} + c_2A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ . Multiplying both sides by  $A$ , we see  $c_2A^2\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ . So  $c_2 = 0$ . This means  $c_1A^2\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  which implies  $c_1 = 0$  as well. Any linear relation between these vectors is trivial, so they are 3 linearly independent vectors in the 3-dimensional linear space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and they must form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- (b) Let  $\mathcal{B} = (\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3)$  where  $\mathbf{w}_1 = A^2\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_2 = A\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}_3 = \mathbf{v}$ . We can find the  $\mathcal{B}$ -matrix for  $T$  column by column. The first, second and third columns of  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$  are, respectively,  $[A\mathbf{w}_1]_{\mathcal{B}}$ ,  $[A\mathbf{w}_2]_{\mathcal{B}}$  and  $[A\mathbf{w}_3]_{\mathcal{B}}$ .  $A\mathbf{w}_1 = A^3\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $A\mathbf{w}_2 = A^2\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}_1$  and  $A\mathbf{w}_3 = A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}_2$ . It follows that

$$[A\mathbf{w}_1]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [A\mathbf{w}_2]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [A\mathbf{w}_3]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

and so

$$[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

## SECTION 4.1

**Problem 46.** Let  $f \in W$ . Then for some  $a, k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$f = (a, a+k, a+2k, a+3k, \dots) = (a, a, a, a, \dots) + (0, k, 2k, 3k, \dots) = a(1, 1, 1, 1, \dots) + k(0, 1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

Thus  $W = \text{Span}(f_1, f_2)$  where  $f_1 = (1, 1, 1, 1, \dots) \in W$  and  $f_2 = (0, 1, 2, 3, \dots) \in W$ . Since  $f_1 \neq 0_W$  and  $f_2 \neq cf_1$  for any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f_1, f_2$  are linearly independent and form a basis of  $W$ .  $\dim(W) = 2$ .

**Problem 49.** Consider the zero transformation that maps every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  to  $\mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is clearly a linear transformation. Consider linear transformations  $T_1, T_2 : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and scalars  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . For all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and scalars  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (c_1T_1 + c_2T_2)(a\mathbf{x} + b\mathbf{y}) &= c_1T_1(a\mathbf{x} + b\mathbf{y}) + c_2T_2(a\mathbf{x} + b\mathbf{y}) \\ &= c_1(aT_1(\mathbf{x}) + bT_1(\mathbf{y})) + c_2(aT_2(\mathbf{x}) + bT_2(\mathbf{y})) && \text{since } T_1, T_2 \text{ are linear} \\ &= a((c_1T_1 + c_2T_2)(\mathbf{x})) + b((c_1T_1 + c_2T_2)(\mathbf{y})) && \text{rearranging terms} \end{aligned}$$

We have show that  $c_1T_1 + c_2T_2$  is also linear.  $L(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^n) \subset F(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^n)$  contains the zero transformation and is closed under linear combinations, so it is a subspace of  $F(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Problem 54.** Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional linear space and let  $\dim(V) = n$ . There are at most  $n$  linearly independent vectors in  $V$ . Let  $W$  be any subspace of  $V$ . Since  $W \subseteq V$ , there exists an integer  $m$ , such that,  $m$  is the largest number of linearly independent vectors in  $W$ . (Note that  $0 \leq m \leq n$ .)

Let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m$  be a set of  $m$  linearly independent vectors in  $W$ . It is enough to show that these vectors span  $W$ , then we have a finite basis for  $W$  and  $\dim(W) = m \leq n$ . Suppose (for the sake of contradiction) that there exists  $\mathbf{x} \in W$  such that  $\mathbf{x} \notin \text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m)$ . By definition of span,  $\mathbf{x}$  cannot be written as a linear combination of the independent vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m, \mathbf{x}$  are linearly independent, but these are  $m + 1$  independent vectors in  $W$  which contradicts the maximality of  $m$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m$  must span  $W$ , and therefore form a basis of  $W$ . Then  $\dim(W) = m \leq n$ .

## SECTION 4.2

**Problem 10.** Let  $M, N \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$T(aM + bN) = P(aM + bN)P^{-1} = aPMP^{-1} + bPNP^{-1} = aT(M) + bT(N)$$

Therefore  $T : \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  is a linear transformation.

Also  $M \in \ker(T) \iff PMP^{-1} = 0 \iff M = P^{-1}0P = 0$ . Since  $\ker(T) = \{0\}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  is finite-dimensional, Theorem 4.2.4(c) tells us that  $T$  is an isomorphism.

**Problem 54.** Consider  $f(t) = at^2 + bt + c \in P_2$ . Then  $T(f) = \frac{35}{3}a + \frac{5}{2}b + 5c$ .

$$f \in \ker(T) \iff T(f) = 0 \iff c = -\frac{7}{3}a - \frac{1}{2}b \iff f(t) = a(t^2 - \frac{7}{3}) + b(t - \frac{1}{2})$$

Thus  $\ker(T) = \text{Span}(f_1, f_2)$  where  $f_1(t) = t^2 - \frac{7}{3} \in \ker(T)$  and  $f_2 = t - \frac{1}{2} \in \ker(T)$ . Since  $f_1, f_2$  are not scalar multiples of each other, they are linearly independent, they form a basis of  $\ker(T)$  and  $\text{nullity}(T) = 2$ .

Since  $\dim(P_2) = 3$ , the rank-nullity theorem implies  $\text{rank}(T) = 1$ . We know  $\text{im}(T) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , so  $\text{im}(T) = \mathbb{R}$ .

**Problem 56.** Consider  $f(t) = at^2 + bt + c \in P_2$ . Then  $T(f) = 2at^2 + bt$ . Clearly the linearly independent function  $t^2$  and  $t$  span  $\text{im}(T)$ , so they form a basis of  $\text{im}(T)$  and  $\text{rank}(T) = 2$ . Also  $T(f) = 0 \iff a = b = 0 \iff T(f) = c$ . Then the constant function 1 forms a basis of  $\ker(T)$  and  $\text{nullity}(T) = 1$ .

**Problem 68.** Consider  $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $T(M) = \begin{bmatrix} 3a & -b \\ (5-k)c & (1-k)d \end{bmatrix}$ .  $T(M) = 0$  if and only if  $a = b = 0$  and  $(5-k)c = 0$  and  $(1-k)d = 0$ . If  $k = 5$ , then  $c \neq 0$  is possible and  $\ker(T) \neq \{0\}$ . Similarly, if  $k = 1$ , then  $d \neq 0$  is possible and  $\ker(T) \neq \{0\}$ . However, if  $k \neq 1$  and  $k \neq 5$ ,  $T(M) = 0 \iff a = b = c = d = 0 \iff M = 0$  and  $\ker(T) = \{0\}$ .

**Problem 76.** From our study of invertible functions, we know that if  $T$  is an invertible function from a set  $V$  to a set  $W$ , then its inverse  $T^{-1} : W \rightarrow V$  is also an invertible function. If  $T$  is an isomorphism (an invertible linear transformation) from a linear space  $V$  to a linear space  $W$ , then we only need to prove  $T^{-1} : W \rightarrow V$  is also a linear transformation. Consider  $f, g \in W$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Note that  $f = T(T^{-1}(f))$  and  $g = T(T^{-1}(g))$ .

$$\begin{aligned} af + bg &= aT(T^{-1}(f)) + bT(T^{-1}(g)) \\ &= T(aT^{-1}(f) + bT^{-1}(g)) && \text{since } T \text{ is linear.} \\ \text{Then } T^{-1}(af + bg) &= aT^{-1}(f) + bT^{-1}(g) \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 77.** Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  and  $L : W \rightarrow U$  be isomorphisms, or invertible linear transformations.

Consider  $f, g \in V$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} L \circ T(af + bg) &= L(T(af + bg)) \\ &= L(aT(f) + bT(g)) && \text{since } T \text{ is linear} \\ &= aL(T(f)) + bL(T(g)) && \text{since } L \text{ is linear} \\ &= a(L \circ T)(f) + b(L \circ T)(g) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $L \circ T : V \rightarrow U$  is linear.

To show  $L \circ T$  is invertible as well, consider  $g \in U$  and the equation  $(L \circ T)(f) = g$ .

$$\begin{aligned} L(T(f)) &= g \\ \iff T(f) &= L^{-1}(g) && \text{since } L \text{ is invertible} \\ \iff f &= T^{-1}(L^{-1}(g)) && \text{since } T \text{ is invertible.} \end{aligned}$$

For every  $g \in U$ , the equation  $(L \circ T)(f) = g$  has the unique solution  $f = (T^{-1} \circ L^{-1})(g)$ . So the linear transformation  $L \circ T$  is invertible, that is,  $L \circ T$  is an isomorphism.