

Recall: • $\mathcal{L}(V, W) = \{T: V \rightarrow W \text{ linear}\}$

• For $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$,

$$\text{null } T = \{v \in V \mid Tv = 0\} \subset V.$$

Prop: $\text{null } T \subset V$ is a subspace.

Proof: We obviously have $0 \in \text{null } T$

Since we proved last time $T(0) = 0$.

If $v, w \in \text{null } T$, then

$$T(v+w) = Tv + Tw = 0 + 0 = 0$$

so $v+w \in \text{null } T$. If $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ then

$$T(\lambda v) = \lambda Tv = \lambda \cdot 0 = 0,$$

so $\lambda v \in \text{null } T$. This shows

• $0 \in \text{null } T$

• $\text{null } T$ closed under addition
& scalar multiplication

so it's a subspace. \square

Def: A function $T: V \rightarrow W$ is injective if $Tv = Tw \Rightarrow v = w$.

Prop: Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then T is injective $\Leftrightarrow \text{null } T = \{0\}$.

Proof: \Rightarrow : Assume T is injective and let $v \in \text{null } T$ be arbitrary. We need to show $v = 0$.

$$T(v) = 0 = T(0)$$

so injectivity implies $v = 0$.

\Leftarrow : Assume $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ and $v, w \in V$ are such that $Tv = Tw$.

$$\text{Then } T(v) - T(w) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow T(v) + T(-w) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow T(v - w) = 0$$

so $v - w \in \text{null } T = \{0\} \Rightarrow v - w = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow v = w$, so T is injective. \square

Def: Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. The range of T is defined as
 $\text{range } T = \{Tv \mid v \in V\} \subset W$.

Rem: More commonly, the range is called the "image", and denoted by $\text{im } T$.

Ex: Let $0 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ be the zero map. Then $\text{range } 0 = \{0\}$.

• Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, $T(x, y) = (2x, 5y, x+y)$.
 $\text{range } T = \{(2x, 5y, x+y) \mid (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$.

• Recall $D \in \mathcal{L}(P(\mathbb{R}))$ differentiation:
 $Dp = p'$. Then

$\text{range } D = \{p' \mid p \in P(\mathbb{R})\}$

By integration, we see that any polynomial is the derivative of some other polynomial, so $\text{range } D = P(\mathbb{R})$.

Prop: Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then
 $\text{range } T \subset W$ is a subspace.

Proof: Since $T(0) = 0$, $0 \in \text{range } T$.

If $u, v \in \text{range } T$ it means

$u = T(u')$, $v = T(v')$ for some
 $u', v' \in V$. Therefore

$$u + v = T(u') + T(v') = T(u' + v')$$

so $u + v \in \text{range } T$.

If $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ then

$$\lambda u = \lambda T(u') = T(\lambda u')$$

so $\lambda u \in \text{range } T$. As $0 \in \text{range } T$,

and $\text{range } T$ is closed under
addition & scalar multiplication,

$\text{range } T \subset W$ is a subspace. \square

Def: $T: V \rightarrow W$ is surjective if

$\text{range } T = W$. I.e., if $\forall w \in W$

$\exists v \in V : w = Tv$.

Ex: Surjectivity depends on the target space of a linear map.

Differentiation $Dp = p'$ considered as a linear map $P_5(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_5(\mathbb{R})$ is not surjective, since any degree 5 polynomial is not the derivative of any polynomial of degree ≤ 5 .

D considered as a linear map $P_5(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_4(\mathbb{R})$ is surjective.

Thm (Fundamental theorem of linear maps). Assume V is fin dim, and $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$. Then range T is fin dim, and

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

Proof: Let $u_1, \dots, u_m \in V$ be a basis of $\text{null } T \subset V$.

It can be completed to a basis
 $u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n$ of V .

We will show that Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n is
a basis for $\text{range } T$.

Linear independence: Assume

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i Tv_i = T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i\right) \text{ for some}$$

$a_i \in \mathbb{F} \forall i$. We need to show $a_i = 0 \forall i$.

The eqn above means $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i \in \text{null } T$

So $\exists b_j : \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j u_j$ since

u_1, \dots, u_m is a basis for $\text{null } T$.

$$\text{Therefore } \sum_{j=1}^m b_j u_j - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i = 0$$

$\Rightarrow b_j = 0 = a_i \forall i, j$ because

$u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n$ is lin indep.

Spans: Let $w \in \text{range } T$. Then by

def $\exists v \in V : w = Tv$. Write

$$v = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j u_j + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i \quad \& \text{ note}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^m b_j u_j \in \text{null } T, \quad \text{so}$$

$$w = Tv = T\left(\sum_{j=1}^m b_j u_j\right) + T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i T(v_i), \quad \text{so } w \in \text{span}(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n)$$

$$\text{so } W = \text{span}(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n)$$

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Prop: Let V and W be fin dim
such that $\dim V > \dim W$. Then
no linear map $V \rightarrow W$ can be
injective.

Proof. Recall that injectivity is
equivalent to $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ which
is equivalent to $\dim \text{null } T = 0$.

$\text{range } T \subset W$ subspace, and W

$\text{fin dim} \Rightarrow \dim \text{range } T \leq \dim W$.
Therefore if T is injective

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

$$= \dim \text{range } W \leq \dim W$$

which contradicts the assumption

$$\dim V > \dim W. \quad \square$$

Prop: Assume that V and W are
 fin dim , and $\dim V < \dim W$. Then
any linear map $V \rightarrow W$ can not
be surjective.

Proof: Assume $T: V \rightarrow W$ is surjective.

By the fundamental thm of linear
maps

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

$$= \dim \text{null } T + \dim W$$

$$\geq \dim W, \text{ which is a}$$

contradiction. \square

Corollary: Let V, W be fin dim.
If $T: V \rightarrow W$ is bijective (injective & surjective), then $\dim V = \dim W$.

We have already in previous linear algebra courses studied the relation between linear maps $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and systems of linear equations, so let's recall:

Given a homogeneous system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} A_{1,1}x_1 + \dots + A_{1,n}x_n = 0 \\ A_{2,1}x_1 + \dots + A_{2,n}x_n = 0 \\ \vdots \\ A_{m,1}x_1 + \dots + A_{m,n}x_n = 0 \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

We may def a linear map

$$T: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m \text{ by}$$

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \left(\sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k}x_k, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k}x_k \right).$$

The null space of T is precisely the set of solutions to $(*)$.

If $\text{null } T$ contains more elements than only 0 , it means that $(*)$ has a non-zero solution, which is to say $\dim \text{null } T > 0$
 $\Rightarrow T$ not injective.

Prop: A homogeneous system of linear equations w/ more variables than equations has a non-zero solution.

Proof: $\dim \mathbb{F}^n = n = \# \text{ variables}$

$\dim \mathbb{F}^m = m = \# \text{ eqns}$

If $m < n \rightarrow T$ not injective by a previous result. \square

Similarly we may consider the system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{k=1}^n A_{1,k} x_k = c_1 \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{k=1}^n A_{m,k} x_k = c_m \end{cases} \quad (**)$$

and we may ask if there exists any solution for a given $(c_1, \dots, c_m) \in \mathbb{F}^m$.

For which $(c_1, \dots, c_m) \in \mathbb{F}^m$ is $(**)$ solvable? In terms of the linear map T : For which $(c_1, \dots, c_m) \in \mathbb{F}^m$ does the eqn $T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (c_1, \dots, c_m)$ have a solution $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$?

Prop: If there are more equations than variables in a system of linear eqns, then there are some constant terms such that no solution exists.

Proof: $\dim \mathbb{F}^n = n = \# \text{variables}$
 $\dim \mathbb{F}^m = m = \# \text{eqns}$

$n > m \Rightarrow T$ not surjective $\Rightarrow \text{range } T \neq W$

So $(c_1, \dots, c_m) \in W \setminus \text{range } T$ is such

that there is no solution to the
equ $T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (c_1, \dots, c_m)$. \square
