

Section 3A: The Vector Space of Linear Maps

3.2 Definition: A linear map from V to W is a function $T: V \rightarrow W$ that satisfies;

- additivity

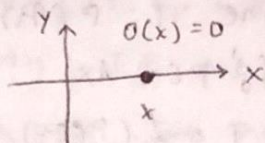
$$T(u+v) = Tu + Tv \text{ for all } u, v \in V$$

- homogeneity

$$T(\lambda v) = \lambda Tv \text{ for all } \lambda \in \mathbb{F} \text{ and for all } v \in V$$

The set of all linear maps $T: V \rightarrow W$ is denoted $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$

3.4 Examples: Let $0 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ be the zero map defined by $0v = 0$



$0 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$, that is, 0 is a linear map because:

- ~~additivity~~ additivity: If $u, v \in V$, then

$$\begin{aligned} 0(u+v) &= 0 \\ &= 0 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

- homogeneity: If $u \in V$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} 0(\lambda u) &= 0 \\ &= \lambda \cdot 0 \\ &= \lambda \cdot 0(u) \end{aligned}$$

→ identity maps

Define $I: V \rightarrow V$ by

$$Iv = v$$

Then $I \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ because:

- additivity: If $u, v \in V$, then

$$\begin{aligned} I(u+v) &= u+v \\ &= Iu + Iv \end{aligned}$$

- homogeneity: If $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ and $v \in V$, then

$$\begin{aligned} I(\lambda v) &= \lambda v \\ &= \lambda Iv \end{aligned}$$

~~identity maps~~

→ differentiation

Define $D: P(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P(\mathbb{R})$ by

$$Dp = p'$$

Then $D \in \mathcal{L}(P(\mathbb{R}), P(\mathbb{R}))$ because:

• additivity: If $p, q \in P(\mathbb{R})$, then

$$\begin{aligned} D(p+q) &= (p+q)' \\ &= p' + q' \\ &= Dp + Dq \end{aligned}$$

• homogeneity: If $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ and $p \in P(\mathbb{R})$, then

$$\begin{aligned} D(\lambda p) &= (\lambda p)' \\ &= \lambda p' \\ &= \lambda Dp \end{aligned}$$

→ Integration: Define $T: P(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$Tp = \int_0^1 p(x) dx$$

Then we have $T \in \mathcal{L}(P(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{R})$ because

• additivity: If ~~any~~ $p, q \in P(\mathbb{R})$ then

$$\begin{aligned} T(p+q) &= \int_0^1 (p+q)(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 p(x) + q(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 p(x) dx + \int_0^1 q(x) dx \\ &= Tp + Tq \end{aligned}$$

• homogeneity: If $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ and $p \in P(\mathbb{R})$, then

$$\begin{aligned} T(\lambda p) &= \int_0^1 (\lambda p)(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \lambda p(x) dx \\ &= \lambda \int_0^1 p(x) dx \\ &= \lambda Tp \end{aligned}$$

→ Multiplication by x^2

Define $T: P(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P(\mathbb{R})$ by

$$(Tp)(x) = x^2 p(x)$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $T \in \mathcal{L}(P(\mathbb{R}), P(\mathbb{R}))$ because:

• ~~Additivity~~ additivity: If $p, q \in P(\mathbb{R})$, then

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(T(p+q))(x) &= x^2(p+q)(x) \\ &= x^2(p(x) + q(x)) \\ &= x^2 p(x) + x^2 q(x) \\ &= (Tp)(x) + (Tq)(x) \\ &= ((Tp) + (Tq))(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } T(p+q) = Tp + Tq$$

• homogeneity: If $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ and $p \in P(\mathbb{R})$, then

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(T(\lambda p))(x) &= x^2(\lambda p)(x) \\ &= x^2(\lambda p(x)) \\ &= \lambda x^2 p(x) \\ &= \lambda(Tp)(x)\end{aligned}$$

From $\mathbb{R}^3$ to $\mathbb{R}^2$: Define $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by

$$T(x, y, z) = (2x - y + 3z, 7x + 5y - 6z)$$

Then $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^2)$ because:

• Additivity: If $(x, y, z), (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{z}) \in \mathbb{R}^3$, then

$$\begin{aligned}T((x, y, z) + (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{z})) &= T(x + \tilde{x}, y + \tilde{y}, z + \tilde{z}) \\ &= (2(x + \tilde{x}) - (y + \tilde{y}) + 3(z + \tilde{z}), 7(x + \tilde{x}) + 5(y + \tilde{y}) - 6(z + \tilde{z})) \\ &= ((2x - y + 3z) + (2\tilde{x} - \tilde{y} + 3\tilde{z}), (7x + 5y - 6z) + (7\tilde{x} + 5\tilde{y} - 6\tilde{z})) \\ &= (2x - y + 3z, 7x + 5y - 6z) + (2\tilde{x} - \tilde{y} + 3\tilde{z}, 7\tilde{x} + 5\tilde{y} - 6\tilde{z}) \\ &= T(x, y, z) + T(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{z})\end{aligned}$$

• Homogeneity: If $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ and $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$, then

$$\begin{aligned}T(\lambda(x, y, z)) &= T(\lambda x, \lambda y, \lambda z) \\ &= (2(\lambda x) - (\lambda y) + 3(\lambda z), 7(\lambda x) + 5(\lambda y) - 6(\lambda z)) \\ &= (\lambda(2x - y + 3z), \lambda(7x + 5y - 6z))\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lambda (2x - y + 3z), (7x + 5y + 6z)) \\
 &= \lambda T(x, y, z)
 \end{aligned}$$

3.5 Linear maps and basis of domain

Suppose $v_1, \dots, v_n$ is a basis of V and $w_1, \dots, w_n \in W$

Then there exists a unique linear map $T: V \rightarrow W$

such that,

$$Tv_j = w_j$$

for each $j = 1, \dots, n$

Proof: First we will prove that the linear map T exists.

Define $T: V \rightarrow W$ by

$$T(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n) = c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_n w_n$$

for some $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$. Since $v_1, \dots, v_n$ is a basis of V ,

every vector in V is uniquely the form $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$

so this map T as we defined above indeed define

a function $T: V \rightarrow W$

Furthermore, for each $j = 1, \dots, n$, if

$$c_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = v \\ 0 & \text{if } j \neq v \end{cases} \text{ (otherwise),}$$

then T satisfies $Tv_j = w_j$.

Next, we will prove that T is linear, that is $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$

Additivity: If $u, v \in V$, then since $v_1, \dots, v_n$ is a basis of V , we can write

$$u = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$$

and

$$v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$$

for some $a_1, \dots, a_n, c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$ so we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(u+v) &= T((a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n) + (c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n)) \\
 &= T((a_1 + c_1) v_1 + \dots + (a_n + c_n) v_n) \\
 &= (a_1 + c_1) w_1 + \dots + (a_n + c_n) w_n \\
 &= (a_1 w_1 + c_1 w_1) + \dots + (a_n w_n + c_n w_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= T(a_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n) + T(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n)$$

$$= T_u + T_v$$

• homogeneity: If $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ and $v \in V$, then we can write

$$v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$$

for some $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$. So we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(\lambda v) &= T(\lambda(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n)) \\ &= T((\lambda c_1) v_1 + \dots + (\lambda c_n) v_n) \\ &= (\lambda c_1) w_1 + \dots + (\lambda c_n) w_n \\ &= \lambda c_1 w_1 + \dots + \lambda c_n w_n \\ &= \lambda(c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_n w_n) \\ &= \lambda T(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n) \\ &= \lambda T v \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $T: V \rightarrow W$ satisfies additivity and homogeneity
Therefore $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$

Finally we need to prove that T is unique

Suppose we have $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ and T satisfies $T v_j = w_j$ for each $j = 1, \dots, n$

then the additivity and homogeneity of T gives us

$$\begin{aligned} T(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n) &\stackrel{\text{additivity}}{=} T(c_1 v_1) + \dots + T(c_n v_n) \\ &\stackrel{\text{homogeneity}}{=} c_1 T v_1 + \dots + c_n T v_n \\ &= c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_n w_n \end{aligned}$$

Addition and scalar multiplication on $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$

3.6 Definition

Suppose $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$

- The sum $S+T$ is a linear map defined by $(S+T)(v) = S v + T v$
- The product λT is a linear map defined by $(\lambda T)(v) = \lambda(T v)$

3.7 $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ is a vector space

The set $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ is a vector space with respect to the operations defined in Definition 3.6 of Axler

Proof: Let $R, S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ be arbitrary

• commutativity

For all $v \in V$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}(S+T)v &= Sv + Tv \\ &= Tv + Sv \\ &= (T+S)v\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } S+T = T+S$$

• associativity

For all $v \in V$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}((R+S)+T)v &= (R+S)v + Tv \\ &= Rv + Sv + Tv \\ &= Rv + (S+T)v \\ &= (R+(S+T))v\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } (R+S)+T = R+(S+T)$$

• additive identity

Let $0 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ be the zero function. For all $v \in V$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}(T+0)v &= Tv + 0v \\ &= Tv + 0 \\ &= Tv\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } T+0 = T$$

• additive inverse

Note that we have $-T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. For all $v \in V$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(T+(-T))v &= Tv + (-T)v \\ &= Tv - Tv \\ &= 0 \\ &= 0v\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } T+(-T) = 0$$

• multiplicative identity

For all $v \in V$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}(1T)v &= 1 \cdot Tv \\ &= Tv\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } 1T = T$$

• distributive properties

For all $a \in \mathbb{F}$ for all $v \in V$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(a(S+T))v &= a(Sv + Tv) \\ &= aSv + aTv \\ &= (aS + aT)v\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } a(S+T) = aS + aT$$

For all $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$, for all $v \in V$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(a+b)T)v &= (a+b)Tv \\ &= aTv + bTv \\ &= (aT + bT)v\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } (a+b)T = aT + bT$$

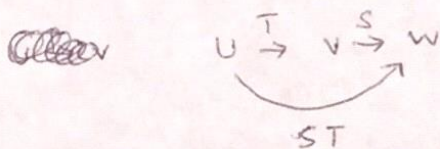
Therefore $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ is a vector space with respect to the defined operations

3.8 Definition

If $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$, $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$, then the product $ST \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$ is defined by

$$(ST)u = S(Tu)$$

for all $u \in U$



3.9 Algebraic properties of products of linear maps

• associativity

If R, S, T are linear maps such that ~~the~~ the product RST makes sense, then

$$(RS)T = R(ST)$$

• identity

If $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ and $I: V \rightarrow V$ is an identity map, then

$$TI = T = IT$$

• distributive properties

If $T, T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ and $S, S_1, S_2 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$, then

$$(S_1 + S_2)T = S_1T + S_2T$$

and

$$S(T_1 + T_2) = ST_1 + ST_2$$

3.11 Linear maps take 0 to 0

If $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$, then $T(0) = 0$

Proof: ~~T(1) = 1~~ ~~T(2) = 2~~ ~~T(3) = 3~~ ~~T(4) = 4~~ ~~T(5) = 5~~ ~~T(6) = 6~~ ~~T(7) = 7~~ ~~T(8) = 8~~ ~~T(9) = 9~~ ~~T(10) = 10~~

Since T is linear, we can use additivity to get

$$T(0) = T(0 + 0)$$

additivity of τ $= \tau(0) + \tau(0)$

$$= 2T(0)$$

Therefore, $T(0) = 0$, as desired