

3.1 P Invertibility and Isomorphic Vector Spaces

Invertible Linear Maps

3.5.1 Definition

- A linear map $T \in L(V, W)$ is called invertible if there exists a linear map $S \in L(W, V)$ such that $ST = I_V$ and $TS = I_W$, where I_V and I_W are identity maps on V and W , respectively.

Identity Maps

$$I_V: V \rightarrow V$$

V, W vector spaces

v, w vectors in V, W

$$I_V(v) = v$$

$$ST = I_V$$

$$I_W: W \rightarrow W$$

$$T: V \rightarrow W$$

$$S: W \rightarrow V$$

$$\text{Therefore } ST: V \rightarrow V$$

$$I_W(w) = w$$

$$I_V: V \rightarrow V$$

If T is invertible with inverse S , then $ST = I_V$ and $TS = I_W$.

$$TS = I_W$$

$$S: W \rightarrow V$$

$$T: V \rightarrow W$$

Therefore, $\cancel{TS}: W \rightarrow W$

$$(I_W: W \rightarrow W)$$

3.5.4 Inverse is unique

An invertible linear map has a unique inverse.

Proof: Suppose $T \in L(V, W)$ is invertible, and let S and \tilde{S} be inverses of T . Then $S = S I_W$

$$= S(T\tilde{S}) \leftarrow \text{because } \tilde{S} \text{ is an inverse of } T.$$

$$=(ST)\tilde{S}$$

$$= I_V \tilde{S} \leftarrow \text{because } S \text{ is an inverse of } T.$$

$$=\tilde{S}$$

So $S = \tilde{S}$, which means the inverse of T is unique.

If T^* is invertible, then its inverse is denoted by T^{-1} .

If $T \in L(V, W)$ is invertible, then $T^{-1} \in L(W, V)$ is the unique element such that $T^{-1}T = I_V$ and $TT^{-1} = I_W$.

3.56 Invertibility is equivalent to surjectivity and injectivity

A linear map $T: V \rightarrow W$ is invertible if and only if T is injective and surjective.

Proof: Forward direction:

If T is invertible, then T is injective & surjective.

Suppose T is invertible. Then its inverse T^{-1} exists.

First, we will show that T is injective.

Suppose there exist $u, v \in V$ that satisfy $Tu = Tv$.
Then

$$\begin{aligned} u &= Iu \\ &= (T^{-1}T)u \\ &= T^{-1}(Tu) \\ &= T^{-1}(Tv) \\ &= Iv \\ &= v. \end{aligned}$$

So T is injective.

Next, we will show that T is surjective.
Suppose we have an arbitrary vector $w \in W$.

Then we have $w = Iw$. (We will argue for all $w \in W$)

$$\begin{aligned} &= (TT^{-1})w \\ &= T(T^{-1})w \end{aligned}$$

Since $w \in W$ and $T^{-1} \in L(W, V)$, we have $(T^{-1}w) \in V$.

So w is of the form Tv for some $v \in V$, and so $w \in \text{range } T$.

So $w \in \text{range } T$. But by Axler, $\text{range } T$ is a subspace of W .

So we have $\text{range } T = W$. So T is surjective.

Backward direction: If T is injective and surjective, then T is invertible.

Suppose T is injective and surjective. For each $w \in W$, we can let $s_w \in V$ be a unique element that satisfies because T is surjective. because T is injective.

$T(s_w) = w$,
because T is surjective, $w \in \text{range } T$
or equivalently

$$(T \circ S)_w = w$$

So $T \circ S = I_w$, where I_w is the identity map on W .

Next, we need to prove that $S \circ T = I_v$, where I_v is the identity map on V . we have

$$\begin{aligned} T((S \circ T)_v) &= (T \circ S \circ T)_v \\ &= (T \circ S)(I_v) \\ &= I_w(I_v) \\ &= I_v \end{aligned}$$

Since T is injective, we get $(S \circ T)_v = v$.

In other words, so $T = I_v$.

Finally, we will show that $S: W \rightarrow V$ is linear (show $S \in L(W, V)$)

• Additivity: Suppose we have $w_1, w_2 \in W$. Then, since T is linear, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(s_{w_1 + w_2}) &= T(s_{w_1}) + T(s_{w_2}) \\ &= w_1 + w_2. \end{aligned}$$

Since s_{w_1} and s_{w_2} are unique elements of V that T maps to w_1 and w_2 , respectively, it follows that $s_{w_1 + w_2}$ is a unique element of V that T maps to $w_1 + w_2$.

Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(w_1 + w_2) &= S(T(s_{w_1 + w_2})) \\ &= (S \circ T)(s_{w_1 + w_2}) \\ &= I_v(s_{w_1 + w_2}) \\ &= s_{w_1 + w_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Satisfying additivity.

- Homogeneity : Suppose we have $w \in W$ and $\lambda \in F$. Then, since T is linear, we have $T(\lambda s_w) = \lambda T(s_w) = \lambda w$.

Since s_w is the unique element of V that T maps to w , it follows that λs_w is the unique element of V that T maps to λw .

Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(\lambda w) &= S(T(\lambda s_w)) \\ &= (S \circ T)(\lambda s_w) \\ &= I_V(\lambda s_w) \\ &= \lambda s_w. \end{aligned}$$

satisfying homogeneity.

Therefore, $S \in L(W, V)$. So T is invertible.

Isomorphic Vector Spaces

3.58 Definition

- An isomorphism is an invertible linear map.
- Two vector spaces V and W are called isomorphic if there exists an ~~surjective~~ isomorphism $T: V \rightarrow W$.

3.59 Dimension shows whether vector spaces are isomorphic

Let V and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces over F .

Then V and W are isomorphic if and only if

$$\dim V = \dim W.$$

Proof : Forward direction : If V and W are isomorphic, then $\dim V = \dim W$

Suppose V and W are isomorphic, there exists an isomorphism $\circ T: V \rightarrow W$.

Since T is isomorphism, it is invertible. By 3.56 of Axler, T is injective and surjective. In other words, we have $\text{null } T = \{0\}$ (3.16 of Axler) ~~and~~ ^{and} range $T = W$.

Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps (3.22 of Axler). we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\dim V &= \dim \text{null } T + \dim \text{range } T \\ &= \dim \{0\} + \dim W \\ &= 0 + \dim W \\ &= \dim W\end{aligned}$$

Backward direction: If $\dim V = \dim W$, then V and W are isomorphic.

Since V and W are finite-dimensional, by 2.32 of Axler, there exist a basis v_1, \dots, v_n of V and w_1, \dots, w_n of W , where $n = \dim V = \dim W$.

Define $T: V \rightarrow W$ by $T(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n) = c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_n w_n$ $\in W$

Then T is linear and well-defined, according to the proof of 3.5 of Axler.

Since w_1, \dots, w_n is a basis of W , it spans W . Since every vector $\in W$ can be written uniquely as $c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_n w_n$, T is surjective.

Suppose $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n \in \text{null } T$, then

$$T(c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n) = 0,$$

$$\text{or } c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_n w_n = 0.$$

Since w_1, \dots, w_n is a basis of W , it is linearly independent.

In other words, if $c_1, \dots, c_n \in F$ satisfy, $c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_n w_n = 0$,

$$\text{then } c_1 = 0, \dots, c_n = 0.$$

Consequently, $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n = 0v_1 + \dots + 0v_n = 0$.

Therefore, $\text{null } T \subset \{0\}$. Also, since $T(0) = 0$, we have $\{0\} \subset \text{null } T$.

Therefore, $\text{null } T = \{0\}$. By 3.16 of Axler, T is injective.

Finally, as T is both injective and surjective. By 3.56, T is an isomorphism.

Note that, if $n = \dim V$, then $\dim V = n = \dim F^n$.

And 3.51 of Axler says that V is isomorphic to F^n .

3.60 $L(V, W)$ and $\mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ are isomorphic

Suppose v_1, \dots, v_n is a basis of V and w_1, \dots, w_m is a basis of W .

Then $M: L(V, W) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ is an isomorphism.

Proof: From Section 3.6 of Axler, $M: L(V, W) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ is linear.

We will prove that M is injective and surjective.

First, we will show that M is injective.

Suppose $T \in \text{null } M$. Then $M(T) = 0$. So we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,k} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{j,1} & \cdots & A_{j,k} & \cdots & A_{j,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,k} & \cdots & A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

In other word, $A_{j,k} = 0$ for each $j=1, \dots, m$ and $k=1, \dots, n$. Therefore, for each $k=1, \dots, n$, $T_{v_k} = \sum_{j=1}^m A_{j,k} w_j$ by Definition 3.32 of Axler

$$= \sum_{j=1}^m 0 w_j$$

$$= 0$$

Since v_1, \dots, v_n is a basis of V , we conclude $T=0$. So $\text{null } M \subset \{0\}$, or $\text{null } M = \{0\}$. By 3.16 of Axler, M is injective.

Next, we will prove that M is surjective. Suppose $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m,n}$; which means A is an $m \times n$ matrix. Define $T \in L(V, W)$ by $T_{v_k} = \sum_{j=1}^m A_{j,k} w_j$.

for each $k=1, \dots, n$. Then $M(T) = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} = A$.

So $A \in \text{range } M$, and so $\mathbb{F}^{m,n} \subset \text{range } M$. But 3.16 of Axler, $\text{range } M$ is a subspace of $\mathbb{F}^{m,n}$.

So $\text{range } M = \mathbb{F}^{m,n}$, and so M is surjective.

Therefore, $M: L(V, W) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ is both injective and surjective.

By 3.56 of Axler, M is invertible.

Since M is both linear and invertible, it is an isomorphism.

3.61 $\dim L(V, W) = (\dim V) \dim W$

Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional vector spaces. Then $L(V, W)$ is finite-dimensional and $\dim L(V, W) = (\dim V)(\dim W)$.

Proof.: Suppose $m = \dim V$ and $n = \dim W$.

By 3.60 of Axler, $L(V, W)$ and $\mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ are isomorphic.

By 3.51 of Axler, $\dim L(V, W) = \dim \mathbb{F}^{m,n}$.

By 3.40 of Axler, $\dim \mathbb{F}^{m,n} = mn$. So we conclude

$$\begin{aligned}\dim L(V, W) &= \dim \mathbb{F}^{m,n} \\ &= mn \\ &= (\dim V)(\dim W), \quad \text{as desired.}\end{aligned}$$

Linear Maps Thought of as Matrix Multiplication

3.62 Definition

Suppose $U \subset V$ and v_1, \dots, v_n is a basis of U .

Then the matrix of vector v with respect to this basis is the $n \times 1$ matrix $M(v) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$, where $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$ satisfy $v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$.

3.63 Example

$$2 - 7x + 0x^2 + 5x^3$$

- The matrix of $2 - 7x + 5x^3$ with respect to the standard basis $1, x, x^2, x^3$ of $P_3(\mathbb{R})$ is $M(2 - 7x + 5x^3) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

- The matrix of $x \in \mathbb{F}^n$ with respect to the standard basis of \mathbb{F}^n is

$$M(x) = M((x_1, \dots, x_n)) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$3.64 \quad M(T)_{:,k} = M(T_{v_k})$$

~~M(v_k)~~

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Suppose $T \in L(V, W)$ and v_1, \dots, v_n is a basis of V and w_1, \dots, w_m is a basis of W . Let $k=1, \dots, n$. Then the k^{th} column of $M(T)$ equals $M(T_{v_k})$; in other words,

$$(M(T))_{:,k} = M(T_{v_k}).$$

Proof: Let $A = M(T)$. Then we have $(M(T))_{:,k} = A_{:,k} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,k} \\ \vdots \\ A_{m,k} \end{pmatrix}$ and $M(T_{v_k}) = M(A_{1,k}w_1 + \dots + A_{m,k}w_m)$ by definition 3.32 of AxLin
 $= \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,k} \\ \vdots \\ A_{m,k} \end{pmatrix}$

Therefore, $(M(T))_{:,k} = M(T_{v_k})$.

3.65 Linear Maps act like matrix multiplication

Suppose $T \in L(V, W)$ and $v \in V$. Suppose v_1, \dots, v_n is a basis of V and w_1, \dots, w_m is a basis of W . Then $M(T_v) = M(T)M(v)$

Proof: Since v_1, \dots, v_n is a basis of V , we can write every $v \in V$ uniquely as $v = c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n$ for some $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_v &= T(c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n) \\ &= T(c_1v_1) + \dots + T(c_nv_n) \\ &= c_1T_{v_1} + \dots + c_nT_{v_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(Tu) &= M(c_1 T_{u_1} + \dots + c_n T_{u_n}) \\ &= M(c_1 T_{u_1}) + \dots + M(c_n T_{u_n}) \\ &= c_1 M(T_{u_1}) + \dots + c_n M(T_{u_n}) \\ &= c_1(M(T)_{.,1}) + \dots + c_n(M(T)_{.,n}) \quad \text{by 3.60 of Axler} \\ &= M(T)M(u) \quad \text{by 3.52 of Axler.} \end{aligned}$$

Operators

3.67 Definition

- A linear map $T: V \rightarrow V$ is called an operator.
- $L(V)$ denotes the set of all operators on V : $L(V) = L(V, V)$.

3.68 Injectivity is equivalent to surjectivity in finite-dimensions

Suppose V is a finite-dimensional vector space and $T \in L(V)$.

Then the following are equivalent:

- T is invertible.
- T is injective
- T is surjective

Proof: (a) implies (b)

Suppose (a) holds; suppose T is invertible. By ~~3.56~~^{3.56} of Axler, ~~null T = {0}~~.
 T is injective, which is (b).

(b) implies (a)

Suppose (b) holds; suppose T is injective. By 3.16 of Axler, $\text{null } T = \{0\}$.
By the Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps (3.21 of Axler), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \text{range } T &= \dim V - \dim \text{null } T \\ &= \dim V - \dim \{0\} \\ &= \dim V - 0 \\ &= \dim V. \end{aligned}$$

By Exercise 2.c.1 of Axler, we have $\text{range } T = V$. So T is surjective, which is (c).

(c) implies (a):

Suppose (c) holds; suppose T is surjective. Then $\text{range } T = V$.

By the Fundamental Theorem of Linear Maps (3.22 of Axler), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\dim \text{null } T &= \dim V - \dim \text{range } T \\ &= \dim V - \dim V \\ &= 0 \\ &= \dim \{0\}.\end{aligned}$$

By Exercise 2.c.1 of Axler, we have $\text{null } T = \{0\}$. By 3.16 of Axler, T is injective. So T is both injective and surjective, which is (a).