

LINEAR ALGEBRA HOMEWORK 2 - DUE 7/25

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Assume U, V, W are F -vector spaces.

Exercise 0.1. As in class, let $\text{Hom}(U, V) \equiv \text{Hom}_F(U, V)$ be the set of F -linear maps $U \rightarrow V$. Consider the MMC map

$$\Phi : M_{k,l} \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F^l, F^k), \quad A \mapsto L_A$$

Show that there is just one way to make $\text{Hom}(F^l, F^k)$ an F -space, such that Φ is linear. How would you make $\text{Hom}(U, V)$ an F -vector space in general?

Exercise 0.2. If $f : U \rightarrow V$ and $g : V \rightarrow W$ are linear maps, verify that their composition $gf \equiv g \circ f : U \rightarrow W$ is also linear.

Exercise 0.3. Let $\text{Iso}(V, V)$ be the set of isomorphisms (i.e. linear bijections) $\phi : V \rightarrow V$, and $\text{Iso}(V, W)$ the set of isomorphisms $f : V \rightarrow W$. Suppose $f_0 \in \text{Iso}(V, W)$. Show that the map

$$T : \text{Iso}(V, V) \rightarrow \text{Iso}(V, W), \quad \phi \mapsto f_0 \circ \phi$$

bijects.

Exercise 0.4. Describe $\text{sol}(E)$ to the following system E in \mathbb{R}^4 , by giving an isomorphism $f : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow S_0$ (including specifying the appropriate k):

$$\begin{aligned} E : \quad & x + y + z + t = 0 \\ & x + y + 2z + 2t = 0 \\ & x + y + 2z - t = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Replace the 0 on the right side of first equation by 1, and then describe the solution set S_1 of the new system. Find a ‘nice’ bijection (again as nice as you can think of) $\mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow S_1$. (Hint: Use a nice bijection $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$.)

Exercise 0.5. *WRITE UP* Let E be an n -variable F -linear system. Prove that

$$\begin{aligned} & E \text{ is homogenous} \\ \Leftrightarrow & 0 \in \text{sol}(E) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{sol}(E) \text{ is } F\text{-subspace of } F^n. \end{aligned}$$

Try to make your proof as simple as possible, say less than half a page.

Exercise 0.6. *WRITE UP* Let $F[x]_d$ be the F -subspace of $F[x]$ consisting of all polynomials $p(x)$ of degree at most d , i.e. the highest power x^n appearing in $p(x)$ is at most x^d . Consider the map

$$L_n := (1 - x^2)\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^2 - 2x\frac{d}{dx} + n(n+1) : F[x]_d \rightarrow F[x]_d$$

for integer $n \geq 0$. Verify that L_n is F -linear. Describe $\ker L_n$ by solving the linear equation

$$L_n(f) = 0$$

for $n = 0, 1, 2$. Find $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ such that you can construct an F -isomorphism

$$f : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \ker f.$$