

LINEAR ALGEBRA HOMEWORK 3 – DUE 7/27

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F denotes a field. Assume U, V, W are F -vector spaces, and all dimensions are F -dimensions.

Exercise 0.1. Let V be a F -subspace of F^n . Decide whether each of the following is TRUE or FALSE. Justify your answer. For (a)-(e), assume that $\dim V = 3$.

- (a) Any 4-tuple of V is linearly dependent.
- (b) Any 2-tuple of V is linearly independent.
- (c) Any 3-tuple of V is a basis.
- (d) Some 3-tuple of V is a basis.
- (e) V contains a linear subspace W with $\dim W = 2$.
- (f) $(1, \pi), (\pi, 1)$ form a basis of \mathbb{R}^2 . You can assume that $|\pi - 3.14| < 0.01$.
- (g) $(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0)$ do not form a basis of the plane $x - y - z = 0$.
- (h) $(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1)$ form a basis of the plane $x - y - z = 0$.
- (i) If A is a 3×4 matrix, then the subspace V of F^4 generated by the rows of A is at most 3 dimensional.
- (j) If A is a 4×3 matrix, then the subspace V of F^3 generated by the rows of A is at most 3 dimensional.

Exercise 0.2. WRITE UP Let

$$V = \{(a + b, a, c, b + c) \mid a, b, c \in F\} \subset F^4.$$

Verify that V is an F -subspace of F^4 . Find a basis of V .

Exercise 0.3. WRITE UP Do this without using COD.

- (a) In 2 lines, show that any 3-tuple in $V = F^2$ is dependent. In 3 line, generalize this to any F -space V with $\dim V = n < +\infty$.
- (b) Let $U \subset V$ be an F -subspace, and \mathcal{S} the set of all independent tuples in U . In 5 lines, show that if $\dim V = n < +\infty$ then \mathcal{S} contains a basis of U , and conclude that $\dim U \leq \dim V$.
(Hint: Consider a tuple of **maximal** length in \mathcal{S} ; why does it exists?)
- (c) In 5 lines show that if furthermore $\dim U = \dim V$ then $U = V$.

Exercise 0.4. Find a basis of $\text{sol}(E)$ in F^4 for

$$E : x - y + 2z + t = 0.$$

Exercise 0.5. Find a basis for each of the subspaces $\ker L_A$ and $\text{im } L_A$ of F^4 , where A is the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Exercise 0.6. We know that $V^2 = V \times V$ form a vector space. Define an F -vector space structure on $U \times V$ a vector space. Let's call it the **direct sum**

$U \oplus V$ of U, V . If $\dim U = k$ and $\dim V = n$, what is $\dim(U \oplus V)$? Prove your assertion in 5 lines.

Exercise 0.7. WRITE UP We have the isomorphism $MTC : \text{Hom}(F^2, V) \rightarrow V^2$. Now let's assume $\dim U = 2$. How would you write down an isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}(U, V) \rightarrow V^2 \quad ?$$

Can you describe the set of **all** such isomorphisms?
(Hint: Think about HW2 problem 3.)

Exercise 0.8. (Revisit MMC) We specialize to the case $V = F^2$. Let $(v_1, v_2) \in V^2$, put $A = [v_1, v_2] \in M_{2,2}$, and write $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \end{bmatrix}$, $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} \\ a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) (A numerical test for isomorphism) Show that v_1, v_2 are 'parallel', i.e. one a scalar multiple of the other, iff they are dependent, iff

$$a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} = 0$$

iff L_A is not an isomorphism, iff (v_1, v_2) is not a basis of V .

(b) Now suppose L_A is an isomorphism. Can you find the matrix B corresponding to (under MMC) to the inverse isomorphism $L_A^{-1} : F^2 \rightarrow F^2$?