

Recall:  $T: V \rightarrow W$      $\ker(T) \subseteq V$      $\text{im}(T) \subseteq W$

injective                      surjective

Theorem 24:  $T: V \rightarrow W$  linear transformation, let  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$  be finite.

Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $T$  is injective.
- (2)  $T$  is surjective.
- (3)  $\dim(\text{im}(T)) = \dim(V)$ .

Proof: We will prove (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) and (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3).

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $T$  is injective. By the Rank-Nullity Theorem:

$$\dim(V) = \dim(\text{im}(T)) + \dim(\underbrace{\ker(T)}_{\{0\} \text{ because } T \text{ injective}}).$$

$$\dim(V) = \dim(\text{im}(T)).$$

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) If  $\dim(V) = \dim(\text{im}(T))$  then by the Rank-Nullity Theorem

$$\dim(\ker(T)) = 0 \text{ so } \ker(T) = \{0\} \text{ so } T \text{ is injective.}$$

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $T$  surjective so  $\text{im}(T) = W$ .

$$\dim(\text{im}(T)) = \dim(W) = \dim(V).$$

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $T \neq \emptyset$   $\dim(V) = \dim(\text{im}(T))$   $\implies$   $\dim(\ker(T)) = 0$   $\implies$   $\ker(T) = \{0\}$   $\implies$   $T$  is injective.

(3)  $\rightarrow$  (6) If  $\dim(V) = \dim(\text{im}(T))$  then:

$$\dim(W) = \dim(V) = \dim(\text{im}(T)) \quad \text{we have } \text{im}(T) \subseteq W$$

so  $\text{im}(T) = W$  so  $T$  surjective.  $\square$

Remark: We should often consider computing dimensions of  $\ker(T)$  and  $\text{im}(T)$  instead of the dimensions of  $V$  and  $W$ .

Remark: When checking anything about a linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow W$ , it is enough to do so on a basis of  $V$ .

Example:  $T: \mathbb{R}_2[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_3[x]$ , check if  $T$  is injective or surjective.  
 $\mathbb{P}_2(\mathbb{R}) \quad \mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$   
 $f(x) \mapsto 2f'(x) + \int_0^x 3f(x) dx$

Method: compute  $\dim(\ker(T))$  and  $\dim(\text{im}(T))$ .

$$\mathbb{R}_2[x] = \text{Span} \{ \underbrace{1, x, x^2}_{\text{basis}} \} \quad T(1) = 3x \quad T(x) = 2 + \frac{3x^2}{2} \quad T(x^2) = 4x + x^3$$

So  $\text{im}(T) = \text{Span} \{ \underbrace{3x, 2 + \frac{3x^2}{2}, 4x + x^3}_{\text{linearly independent}} \}$  so  $\dim(\text{im}(T)) = 3$ .

Since  $\mathbb{R}_3[x]$  has dimension 4,  $T$  is not surjective.

By Rank-Nullity Theorem:

$$\underbrace{\dim(\mathbb{R}_2[x])}_3 = \dim(\ker(T)) + \underbrace{\dim(\text{im}(T))}_3 \quad \text{so } \dim(\ker(T)) = 0.$$

So  $T$  is injective.

Theorem 25:  $T: V \rightarrow W$ , let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be a basis of  $V$ , let  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  be a

basis of  $W$ . Suppose that  $T(v_i) = w_i$  for all  $i=1, \dots, n$ . Then  $T$  is unique.

Proof: Let  $T': V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation such that  $T'(v_i) = w_i$

for all  $i=1, \dots, n$ . We want to prove  $T = T'$ .

Recall that two functions are the same when they send the same element in the source to the same element in the image.

Pick  $v \in V$ , since  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis of  $V$ , write  $v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now: } T(v) &= T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot \underbrace{T(v_i)}_{w_i} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot w_i = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot \underbrace{T'(v_i)}_{w_i} = T'\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i\right) = T'(v). \end{aligned}$$

So  $T = T'$ .

$$T(v_i) = T'(v_i)$$

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$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i$$

Definition: Let  $V$  be a vector space with basis  $\beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ . Suppose that  $v \in V$  is

expressed as  $v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i$ . We say that  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are the coordinates

of  $v$  with respect to  $\beta$ . The coordinate vector of  $v$  with respect to  $\beta$  is:

$$[v]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}_{\beta}$$

Example:

$\mathbb{R}_2[x]$

$\beta_1 = \{1, x, x^2\}$

$\beta_2 = \{1+x, 1-x, 3x^2\}$

$$p(x) = 3 - 2x + 4x^2$$

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$$[p(x)]_{\beta_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[p(x)]_{\beta_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 5/2 \\ 4/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1+x) + \frac{5}{2}(1-x) + \frac{4}{3}3x^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$$