

## Lecture 18.

### Recap:

- Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \text{ or } \mathbb{C}$ .
- Let  $V, W$  be  $K$ -vector spaces.
- A map  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is a  $(K-)$  linear map if
  - i)  $\forall \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in V, T(\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2) = T(\vec{v}_1) + T(\vec{v}_2)$ .
  - ii)  $\forall k \in K, T(k\vec{v}) = kT(\vec{v})$ .
- The kernel of  $T$  is the set
$$\ker(T) = \{\vec{v} \in V : T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}\}.$$
  - ↳  $\ker(T)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
  - ↳ the nullity of  $T$  is
$$\text{nullity}(T) = \dim(\ker(T)).$$
- The range of  $T$  is the set
$$R(T) = \{\vec{w} \in W : \exists \vec{v} \in V (T(\vec{v}) = \vec{w})\}.$$
  - ↳  $R(T)$  is a subspace of  $W$ .
  - ↳ the rank of  $T$  is
$$\text{rank}(T) = \dim(R(T)).$$

### Theorem (Rank-Nullity Theorem).

Let  $V$  be finite dimensional, and let

$$T: V \rightarrow W$$

be a linear map. Then

$$\dim(V) = \text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T).$$

Proof: Let  $\dim(V) = n$ .

If  $\text{nullity}(T) = n$ , then  $\ker(T) = V$  and so

$R(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$ , so  $\text{rank}(T) = 0$ . Hence

$$n = \underbrace{\text{nullity}(T)}_n + \underbrace{\text{rank}(T)}_{=0}.$$

So suppose  $0 \leq \text{nullity}(T) < n$ . Let  $i = \text{nullity}(T)$ , and let  $S$  be a basis for  $\ker(T)$ , so

$|S| = i$ . (so  $0 \leq i < n$ ).  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_i\}$ .

• By the Plus/Minus theorem, there are  $n-i$  vectors

$\vec{v}_{i+1}, \dots, \vec{v}_n \in V$  such that

$$S' = S \cup \{\vec{v}_{i+1}, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$$

is a basis for  $V$ .

• It suffices to show that

$$\{T(\vec{v}_{i+1}), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n)\}$$

forms a basis for  $R(T)$ . Then

$$\dim(V) = n = i + (n-i)$$

- First, check that  $\{T(\vec{v}_{i+1}), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n)\}$  spans  $R(T)$ .

↳ suppose  $\vec{w} \in R(T)$ . Then there is  $\vec{v} \in V$  such that  $T(\vec{v}) = \vec{w}$ .

↳ since  $S'$  is a basis for  $V$ , we can write

$$\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_i \vec{v}_i + c_{i+1} \vec{v}_{i+1} + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n.$$

↳ hence

$$\vec{w} = T(\vec{v}) = c_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + c_i T(\vec{v}_i) + c_{i+1} T(\vec{v}_{i+1}) + \dots + c_n T(\vec{v}_n).$$

↳ since  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_i \in \ker(T)$

$$\vec{w} = c_{i+1} T(\vec{v}_{i+1}) + \dots + c_n T(\vec{v}_n). \quad \checkmark$$

- Next, check that  $\{T(\vec{v}_{i+1}), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n)\}$  is linearly independent.

↳ suppose

$$c_{i+1} T(\vec{v}_{i+1}) + \dots + c_n T(\vec{v}_n) = \vec{0} \in W.$$

↳ since  $T$  is linear

$$T(c_{i+1} \vec{v}_{i+1} + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n) = \vec{0}$$

in other words,

$$c_{i+1} \vec{v}_{i+1} + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n \in \ker(T).$$

↳ since  $S$  is a basis for  $\ker(T)$ , we can write

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_i \vec{v}_i = c_{i+1} \vec{v}_{i+1} + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n$$

and so

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_i \vec{v}_i - c_{i+1} \vec{v}_{i+1} - \dots - c_n \vec{v}_n = \vec{0}.$$

↳ Since  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ , it is linearly independent, and hence

$$c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0.$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{so } c_{i+1} = \dots = c_n = 0.$$

• Hence  $\{T(\vec{v}_{i+1}), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n)\}$  is a basis for  $R(T)$  and so  $\text{nullity}(T) = i$ ,  $\text{rank}(T) = n - i$ .  $\square$

## 8.2 Compositions and Inverses.

Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation

Defn:  $T$  is one-to-one (injective) if it maps distinct vectors in  $V$  to distinct vectors in  $W$ , i.e.

if  $\vec{v}_1 \neq \vec{v}_2$  then  $T(\vec{v}_1) \neq T(\vec{v}_2)$ . Equivalently,  $T$  is injective iff  $T(\vec{v}_1) = T(\vec{v}_2) \Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_2$ .

Defn:  $T$  is onto (aka surjective) if  $R(T) = W$ , i.e. everything "gets hit" by  $T$ .

Theorem: Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$ . Then  $T$  is injective/one-to-one iff  $\ker(T) = \vec{0}$ .

Pf: Suppose  $T$  is injective. Let  $\vec{v} \in \ker(T)$ . Then  $T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}$ .

Also  $T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$ . Since  $T$  is injective,  $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ .  $\checkmark$

On the other hand suppose that  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$ . Let  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in V$  and suppose that  $T(\vec{v}_1) = T(\vec{v}_2)$ .

• Then  $T(\vec{v}_1) - T(\vec{v}_2) = \vec{0}$ .

• By linearity  $T(\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2) = \vec{0}$ , so  $\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 \in \ker(T)$ .

• Since  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$ ,  $\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$ . Hence  $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_2$ . So

$T$  is one-to-one.  $\square$ .

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Theorem: Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be linear. Suppose that  $V$  and  $W$  are finite dimensional with the same dimension. Then TFAE:

- 1)  $T$  is 1-1/injective.
- 2)  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$
- 3)  $T$  is onto/surjective.

Pf: we already know that 1) and 2) are equivalent. So we just need to check that 2) and 3) are equivalent:

Let  $\dim(V) = \dim(W) = n$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  suppose  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$ . Then  $\text{nullity}(T) = 0$ . By the rank-nullity theorem

$$n = \dim(V) = 0 + \text{rank}(T).$$

$\hookrightarrow$  so  $\text{rank}(T) = n$ , so  $\dim(R(T)) = n$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  since  $R(T) \subseteq W$  and  $\dim(W) = n = \dim(R(T))$ , it follows that  $R(T) = W$ .  $\checkmark$

↳ On the otherhand, suppose  $T$  is onto, i.e.  $R(T) = W$ .

↳ Then by the rank-nullity Theorem,  $\dim(\ker(T)) = 0$ .

↳ hence  $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$ . ✓

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