

Linear Transformations and Rank-Nullity

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Question 1

For the following three Linear Transformations: 1) find a basis for the range; 2) find the kernel; and 3) verify the rank-nullity theorem in each case.

a) $T : \mathbb{R}_3[x] \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ given by

$$T(a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b - c \\ d & a + c \end{pmatrix}$$

b) $T : M_{3 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ given by

$$T\left(\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + a_{12} \\ a_{21} + a_{22} \\ a_{31} + a_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$

c) $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_3[x]$ by

$$T\left(\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix}\right) = (a - c) + (b - c)x + (a - b)x^3$$

Question 2

Write the matrix associated to the 3 linear transformations above with respect to the following given bases:

a)

$$\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}_3[x]} = (1, x, x^2, x^3)$$
$$\mathcal{C}_{M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})} = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

b)

$$\mathcal{B}_{M_{3 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})} = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$
$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}^3} = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

c)

$$\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^4} = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$
$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}_3[x]} = (1, x, x^2, x^3)$$

Question 3

For the following, give an example if one exists, or state it is not possible. If it is not possible, explain why.

- An injective linear transformation $T : M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_6[x]$
- A surjective linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}_3[x] \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$
- An injective linear transformation between two vector spaces of the same dimension that is not an isomorphism.
- A surjective linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}_5[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ with $\text{nullity}(T) = 4$
- An injective linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ with $\text{rank}(T) = 3$

Question 4

State whether the following are true or false: if they are false give a counter example.

- a) Every linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ with $\dim(V) < \dim(W)$ is injective.
- b) Every surjective linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ with $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ is an isomorphism.
- c) Every linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ with $\dim(V) > \dim(W)$ is surjective.
- d) Suppose $V \cong W$ (V is isomorphic to W). Then every linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ is an isomorphism.