

#1 Linearity Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ and $S : W \rightarrow U$ be linear transformations between vector spaces V , W , and U (over some field \mathbb{F}).

- Prove that $S \circ T$ is linear.
- Assume that T is a bijection. Show that T^{-1} is linear (i.e. if T is an isomorphism, then so is T^{-1}).

#2 Combating Coordinate Change Let $T : P_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ and $S : \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be defined by

$$T(ax^2 + bx + c) = \begin{bmatrix} a + b + c & 2a - b + 5c \\ b - c & a + 2b \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad S \left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = (a + b - c, b + c + d).$$

Let $\alpha = \{1, x, x^2\}$, $\beta = \{E_{11}, E_{12}, E_{21}, E_{22}\}$, and $\gamma = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$ be the standard bases for P_2 , $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$, and \mathbb{R}^2 respectively.

- Show S and T are linear. [So by the first problem, we have that $S \circ T$ is linear too.]
- Find $[T]_{\alpha}^{\beta}$, $[S]_{\gamma}^{\beta}$, and $[S \circ T]_{\gamma}^{\alpha}$.
- Let $\delta = \{x, 1 + x, x + x^2\}$. Explain why δ is a basis for P_2 and then find the change of basis matrices $[I]_{\delta}^{\alpha}$ and $[I]_{\alpha}^{\delta}$.
- Let $\kappa = \{(1, 2), (3, 4)\}$. Explain why κ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^2 and then find the change of basis matrices $[I]_{\kappa}^{\gamma}$ and $[I]_{\gamma}^{\kappa}$.
- Compute $[S \circ T]_{\delta}^{\kappa}$.

#3 Dual Basis Let $\alpha = \{(1, 0, 0), (1, -1, 0), (2, 0, 1)\}$.

- Explain why α is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .
- Find α^* for $(\mathbb{R}^3)^*$ (i.e. find the basis dual to α).
- Explain why $f \in (\mathbb{R}^3)^*$ where $f(x, y, z) = 3x + 2y + z$. Then write f as a linear combination of α^* elements (i.e. find its α^* -coordinates).

#4 Dual Proof Let W be a subspace of a vector space V (over a field \mathbb{F}). We say that $f \in V^*$ **annihilates** W if $f(\mathbf{w}) = 0$ for all $\mathbf{w} \in W$. Let $A(W) = \{f \in V^* \mid f(\mathbf{w}) = 0 \text{ for all } \mathbf{w} \in W\}$ (the collection of all linear functionals which annihilate W). $A(W)$ is called the **annihilator** of W .

- Prove that $A(W)$ is a subspace of V^* .
- Suppose that $V = U \oplus W$ for some subspaces U and W . Show that $V^* = A(W) \oplus A(U)$.
- Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator and suppose that $T(W) \subseteq W$ for some subspace W (i.e. W is a T -invariant subspace). Show that $T^t(A(W)) \subseteq A(W)$ (i.e. $A(W)$ is T^t -invariant).