

**#1 Ultimately a Based Problem** Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation between vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$  (both over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ ).

Let  $S$  be a linearly independent subset of  $V$  and let  $T$  be one-to-one. Show  $T(S)$  is linearly independent.

*Note:* We have  $T\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} c_i \mathbf{v}_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} c_i T(\mathbf{v}_i)$  for any  $c_1, \dots, c_{\ell} \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{\ell} \in V$ . Thus the image of any linear combination of elements of  $V$  is a linear combination of the images of those elements. Therefore, given any subset  $S \subseteq V$ , we have  $T(\text{span}(S)) = \text{span}(T(S))$ . Consequently, if  $S$  spans  $V$ , then  $T(S)$  spans  $T(V)$ . Thus if  $T$  is onto, then a spanning set for  $V$  maps to a spanning set for  $W$ .

Putting this together with the above homework problem, we get that isomorphisms map bases to bases.

**#2 Concrete Quotient** Let  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a+b+4c & 2a+b+3c \\ 3a+b+2c & 4a+b+c \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ . Give a quick justification for why  $W$  is a *subspace* of  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ . Then find a basis for  $W$  and a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} / W$ .

**#3 Abstract Quotient** Let  $U$  and  $W$  be subspaces of some vector space  $V$  (over a field  $\mathbb{F}$ ).

(a) Prove the Second (or Diamond) Isomorphism Theorem:  $\frac{W}{U \cap W} \cong \frac{U+W}{U}$ .

*Hint:* Consider  $\varphi : W \rightarrow \frac{U+W}{U}$  defined by  $\varphi(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w} + U$  and apply the First Isomorphism Theorem.

(b) Give a relationship among the dimensions of  $U, W, U+W$ , and  $U \cap W$  determined by the above theorem

(c) What can we say in the special case when  $U+W = U \oplus W$ ?

**#4 Concrete Dual** Let  $\alpha = \{(1, 0, 0), (1, -1, 0), (2, 0, 1)\}$ .

(a) Explain why  $\alpha$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then find  $\alpha^*$  for  $(\mathbb{R}^3)^*$  (i.e. find the basis dual to  $\alpha$ ).

(b) Explain why  $f \in (\mathbb{R}^3)^*$  where  $f(x, y, z) = 3x + 2y + z$ . Then write  $f$  as a linear combination of  $\alpha^*$  elements (i.e., find its  $\alpha^*$ -coordinates).

**#5. Completely Annihilated** Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  and let  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ . We define  $A(W) = \{f \in V^* \mid f(w) = 0 \text{ for all } w \in W\}$ . In other words,  $f \in A(W)$  if  $f(W) = \{0\}$  (i.e.,  $f$  annihilates all of our subspace  $W$ ).

(a) Show that  $A(W)$  is a subspace of  $V^*$ . [I'll do this one for you.]

First, the zero functional sends all vectors to zero (the scalar). Thus  $0 \in A(W)$  (i.e., the annihilator of  $W$  is a non-empty subset of  $V^*$ ). Let  $f, g \in A(W)$  and  $s \in \mathbb{F}$ . Notice that for all  $\mathbf{w} \in W$ , we have  $(f+g)(\mathbf{w}) = f(\mathbf{w}) + g(\mathbf{w}) = 0 + 0 = 0$  and  $(sf)(\mathbf{w}) = sf(\mathbf{w}) = s0 = 0$ . Thus  $f+g, sf \in A(W)$ . Therefore,  $A(W)$  is a subspace.

(b) Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $W$ . Explain why  $A(W) \subseteq A(U)$ . [And this one too.]

Let  $f \in A(W)$ . This means that  $f(\mathbf{w}) = 0$  for all  $\mathbf{w} \in W$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{u} \in U$ . Then because  $U \subseteq W$  we have  $\mathbf{u} \in W$  and so  $f(\mathbf{u}) = 0$ . Therefore,  $f$  annihilates all of  $U$  and thus  $f \in A(U)$ . Thus  $A(W) \subseteq A(U)$ . Briefly, if we annihilate all of  $W$ , then since  $U$  is contained in  $W$ , we certainly annihilate all of  $U$ .

(c) Suppose  $V = U \oplus W$ . Show that  $V^* = A(W) \oplus A(U)$ .

*Note:* You need to show that every dual vector is a sum of a dual vector annihilating  $W$  and one annihilating  $U$ . Also, you need to show that if  $f \in A(W) \cap A(U)$  then  $f = 0$ .

*Big hint:* Consider  $\pi_U : V \rightarrow V$  defined by  $\pi(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u}$  where  $\mathbf{u} \in U$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in W$  (this is well defined since every vector in  $V$  is a *unique* sum of a vector in  $U$  and a vector  $W$  – because  $V$  is a *direct sum* of those spaces). This  $\pi_U$  is called a projection onto  $U$ . It is linear. Likewise, define  $\pi_W$ . Consider composing  $f \in V^*$  with these maps.

(d) Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator and suppose that  $T(W) \subseteq W$  (i.e.,  $W$  is  $T$ -invariant). Show that  $T^*(A(W)) \subseteq A(W)$  (i.e.,  $A(W)$  is  $T^*$ -invariant).

*Recall:*  $T^* : V^* \rightarrow V^*$  is the transpose of  $T$  defined by  $T^*(f) = f \circ T$ .