

Textbook reading for this week:

- §2.3 (kernel and image)
- Suggested: begin reading §2.4 (applications of rank-nullity)

Study items:

- How do you calculate the matrix associated to a linear transformation with respect to given ordered bases?
- How do you calculate the linear transformation associated to a matrix with respect to given ordered bases?
- How do you use coordinate representations of objects to make calculations for a linear transformation?
- How do you compute a basis for the kernel and image of a specific linear transformation?

Problems:

Note. Before solving the problems below, read the definition of the “identity transformation” in Example 2.1.4(a) (p. 65).

1. (*Damiano–Little 2.2.6*) (matrix representations for some transformations related to the identity)
2. (*Damiano–Little 2.2.9(a)*) (matrix representation of the identity using different bases)
3. (*Damiano–Little 2.2.12(a)*) (transposition is a linear transformation)
4. Let $T : P_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ be the function given by

$$T(p(x)) = (p(0), p'(0), p''(0), p'''(0)).$$

You may take my word for it that T is linear. Calculate the matrix of T with respect to the standard bases of $P_3(\mathbb{R})$ and \mathbb{R}^4 .

5. Let $T : P_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_3(\mathbb{R})$ be the function given by

$$T(p(x)) = xp(x) - p'(x).$$

- (a) Prove that T is a linear transformation.
- (b) Calculate the matrix $[T]_{\alpha}^{\beta}$, where $\alpha = \{1, x, x^2\}$ and $\beta = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$, are the standard bases of $P_2(\mathbb{R})$ and $P_3(\mathbb{R})$, respectively.
- (c) Calculate the coordinate vectors $[2x^2 - x - 3]_{\alpha}$ and $[T(2x^2 - x - 3)]_{\beta}$.
- (d) Do matrix multiplication to verify that the equation

$$[T(2x^2 - x - 3)]_{\beta} = [T]_{\alpha}^{\beta}[2x^2 - x - 3]_{\alpha}$$

is true.

6. (*Damiano–Little 2.3.3(b,c)*) (basis for kernel and image of 2×3 and 3×6 matrix)

7. (*Damiano–Little 2.3.7(a)*) (find a transformation with given vectors in kernel and image)
8. (*Damiano–Little 2.3.13*) (symmetric and skew-symmetric matrices as a kernel and image)
9. Let $\alpha = \{(1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0)\}$ and $\beta = \{(1, 1), (-1, 1)\}$ be ordered bases for \mathbf{R}^3 and \mathbf{R}^2 , respectively. Let $T : \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$ be a linear transformation whose matrix with respect to α and β is

$$[T]_{\alpha}^{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ -1 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Work out a formula for $T((x_1, x_2, x_3))$.
- (b) Find the matrix of T with respect to the standard bases for \mathbf{R}^3 and \mathbf{R}^2 .
10. Let $T : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$ be the linear transformation given by

$$T((x, y)) = (2x - y, x + 3y, -y).$$

- (a) Write down the matrix of T with respect to the standard bases $\alpha = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\}$ of \mathbf{R}^2 , and $\beta = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$ of \mathbf{R}^3 .
- (b) Let $\alpha' = \{\mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_1\}$ be the standard basis of \mathbf{R}^2 , but in the *opposite order*. Calculate the matrix $[T]_{\alpha'}^{\beta}$.
- (c) Let $\beta' = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_3, \mathbf{e}_2\}$ be the standard basis of \mathbf{R}^3 , but *with the last two vectors swapped*. Calculate the matrix $[T]_{\alpha}^{\beta'}$.
- (d) Now let V, W be any finite-dimensional vector spaces, and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. Let α be an ordered basis of V , and let β be an ordered basis of W . Based on your answers to parts (a)-(c), write down a general rule for what happens to the matrix $[T]_{\alpha}^{\beta}$ when you (i) swap two of the vectors in the basis α , or (ii) swap two of the vectors in the basis β .
- (You do not need to prove that your rule is correct.)