

Homework of Linear mapping

1. Let $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the map defined by $F\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 3y \end{bmatrix}$ for any $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Describe the image by F of the points lying on the unit circle centered at 0,

$$\text{i.e. } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1 \right\}.$$

Solution: Let $\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 3y \end{bmatrix}$, we have $x = \frac{u}{2}, y = \frac{v}{3}$. Putting them into the unit

circle equation, we have $\frac{u^2}{4} + \frac{v^2}{9} = 1$. Thus, the image is $\{(u, v) \mid \frac{u^2}{4} + \frac{v^2}{9} = 1\}$.

2. Let $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the map defined by $F\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} xy \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ for any $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Describe the image by F of the line $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x = 2 \right\}$.

Solution: Let $\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} xy \\ y \end{bmatrix}$, since $x = 2$, we have $\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2y \\ y \end{bmatrix}$, thus the image is

$$\{(u, v) \mid u = 2v\}$$

3. Let V be a linear space of dimension n , and let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be a basis for V . Let F be a linear map from V into itself. Show that F is uniquely defined if one knows $F(v_j)$ for $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Is it also true if F is an arbitrary map from V into itself?

Solution: Let F' is another linear mapping and $F'(v_i) = F(v_i)$ or

$j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Because $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for V . We have

$x = a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n$, thus

$$F(x) = F(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n) = a_1F(v_1) + \dots + a_nF(v_n) .$$

and

$$F'(x) = F'(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n) = a_1F'(v_1) + \dots + a_nF'(v_n)$$

Since $F'(v_i) = F(v_i)$ for $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, we have $F(x) = F'(x)$

Thus, $F(x)$ is uniquely defined.

When the F is an arbitrary map, the answer is false. For example, Consider

a nonlinear mapping $F(x) = (c_1x_1 + c_2x_2)^2$ defined on \mathbb{R}^2 . Let

$e_1 = (1, 0), e_2 = (0, 1)$ be a basis of \mathbb{R}^2 . If $F(e_1) = 1, F(e_2) = 1$. we have $c_1^2 = 1$

and $c_2^2 = 1$, thus, c_1 and c_2 may be 1 or -1. Thus, the mapping

$F(x) = (c_1x_1 + c_2x_2)^2$ cannot be defined when $F(e_1) = 1, F(e_2) = 1$ are known.

4. Let V, W be two linear space over the same field, and let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear mapping. Show that the following set is a subspace of V .

$$\{x \in V \mid T(x) = 0\}$$

Prove: For any $x, y \in \{x \in V \mid T(x) = 0\}$, $T(x + y) = T(x) + T(y) = 0$

$$T(kx) = kT(x) = 0.$$

The set is closed under the addition and scalar multiplication. Thus it is a subspace.

5. Let $T: \mathbf{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ be the map defined for any $n \times n$ dimensional matrix

$A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ by

$$T(A) = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T)$$

where A^T denotes the transpose of matrix A .

- 1) Show that T is a linear mapping.
- 2) Show that the kernel of T consists in the linear space of all skew-symmetric matrices.
- 3) Show that the range of T consists in the linear space of all symmetric matrices.
- 4) What is the dimension of the linear space of all symmetric matrices, and the dimension of the linear space of all skew-symmetric matrices?

Answer: (1) For $A, B \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$, $k \in \mathbf{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} T(A+B) &= \frac{1}{2}[(A+B)^T + (A+B)] = \frac{1}{2}[A^T + B^T + A + B] = \frac{1}{2}[A^T + A + B^T + B] \\ &= T(A) + T(B) \end{aligned}$$

$$T(kA) = \frac{1}{2}[(kA)^T + kA] = k \frac{1}{2}(A^T + A) = kT(A)$$

Therefore T is a linear map.

(2) The kernel is $\{A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n} \mid T(A) = 0\}$, since $T(A) = \frac{1}{2}(A^T + A) = 0$, we have

$A^T = -A$. Thus the kernel consists in the linear space of all skew-symmetric matrices.

(3) The range of T is $\{T(A) \mid A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}\}$, since $T(A) = \frac{1}{2}(A^T + A)$ and

$$[T(A)]^T = \left[\frac{1}{2}(A^T + A) \right]^T = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T) = T(A),$$

thus the range of T consists in the linear space of all symmetric matrices.

(4) Since $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is a basis of

the linear space of all symmetric matrices, so its dimension is $n+(n-1)+\cdots+1=\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$. Similarly, the dimension of the linear space of all skew-symmetric matrices is $(n-1)+(n-2)+\cdots+1=\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$.

6. Consider the mapping $F \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x-y \\ x-z \\ x-y-z \end{bmatrix}$

1) Determine the kernel of F .

To determine the kernel, we need to solve the linear equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

By the RREF form, we have $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, only $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ can

satisfy this equation. Thus, the kernel is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

2) Determine the range of F .

The range of F is the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right\} \in \mathbb{R}^3$. The range is the

space spanned by the column vectors of matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$. The range is

the space spanned by $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$. Since these vectors are linear

independent, the dimension of range is 3.

7. Let $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a linear mapping which associated matrix has the form

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ with respect to the canonical basis of \mathbb{R}^3

$(e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, e_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix})$. What is the matrix associated with T in the

basis generated by the three vectors $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

According to the equivalence of matrices, we know that the matrix

associated with T in the basis generated by the three vectors v_1, v_2, v_3 is

B , which is equivalent to the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ by the following equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} B$$

Therefore,

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 3/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$