

Compliments in Linear Algebra 80146

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Examples of Dual Spaces

- Let V be some *vector – space*.

Suppose $B = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$ is some *basis* of V (not necessarily the standard basis)

As such, $\forall v \in V$ there is a *unique* representation $v = \sum_{i=1}^n x^i e_i$.

Then, B defines an *isomorphism* $[]_B : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{col}^n$:

$$\forall v \in V: [v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{F}_{col}^n.$$

Essentially, $f^i(v) = x^i$, and as such, $f^i : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ is a *linear transformation*, specifically, $f^i \in V^*$, i.e. f^i is a *functional*.

Indeed, every *basis* B of V defines *functionals* $f^1, \dots, f^n \in V^*$.

- Lemma: Suppose $B = (e_1, \dots, e_n) \subset V$ is a *basis*.

If $\forall i : 1 \leq i \leq n$, $f^i : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ is a *linear transformation* such that $f^i(v) = x^i$,

then $(f^1, \dots, f^n) \subset V^*$ is a *basis*.

Proof: Let $u \in V^*$. We want to show that there is a *unique* representation for u as a *linear combination* of (f^1, \dots, f^n) .

– proposition: $u = \sum_{i=1}^n u(e_i) f^i$

proof: Let $v \in V$. Since B is a *basis* of V , then there is a *unique* representation $v = \sum_{i=1}^n x^i e_i$.

Note that $u(v) = \sum_{i=1}^n x^i u(e_i)$

In fact, $v = \sum_{i=1}^n u(e_i) f^i = \sum_{i=1}^n x^i u(e_i)$ ($f^i(v) = x^i$ per f 's definition)

Thus, $\text{Span}(f^1, \dots, f^n) = V^*$.

- proposition: (f^1, \dots, f^n) is *linearly independent*.
proof: (negative proof) Suppose $\exists a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{F}$
such that $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i f^i = 0$, and $\exists a_{i_0} \neq 0$.
Then, $0 = 0(e_{i_0}) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f^i(e_{i_0}) = a_{i_0} \neq 0$, in contradiction.

With the last proposition, we completed our proof. ■

- Notes: (i) The *basis* $(f^1, \dots, f^n) \subset V^*$ is called *dual* in relation to the *basis* $(e_1, \dots, e_n) \subset V$, and satisfies:

$$f_i(e_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

In fact, every *functional* in f^1, \dots, f^n is dependent upon the choice of the respective *vector* in the *basis* (e_1, \dots, e_n) .

- (ii) Exercise: Suppose $(e_1, \dots, e_n) \subset V$ is a *basis*, and suppose $(f^1, \dots, f^n) \subset V^*$ is its *dual basis*,
Let $v \in V$, and let $u \in V^*$, suppose $v = \sum_{i=1}^n e^i e_j$, and $u = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f^i$.

$$\text{Then } u(v) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} b^1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ b^n \end{bmatrix}$$

- (iii) Corollary: $\dim V = \dim V^* = \dim V^{**}$

Reminder on Linear Transformations and Matrices

- Theorem:

Let V, U each be *vector – spaces* on some *field* \mathbb{F} .

Suppose $B = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \subset U$ is some *basis*,

And suppose $C = (v_1, \dots, v_m) \subset V$ is some set of vectors.

Define $T : U \rightarrow V$ such that $T_{u_i} = \sum_{j=1}^m a_i^j v_j$

$$\text{If } \forall u \in U, [T_u]_C = \begin{bmatrix} y^1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ y^m \end{bmatrix}, [u]_B = \begin{bmatrix} x^1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x^n \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, $y^j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^j x^i$

Examples:

$$\text{Suppose } \begin{cases} y^1 = a_1^1 x^1 + a_2^1 x^2 + a_3^1 x^3 \in U_3 \\ y^2 = a_1^2 x^1 + a_2^2 x^2 + a_3^2 x^3 \in U_3 \end{cases}$$

Define $T : U_3 \rightarrow V_2$ such that:

$$T(u_1) = a_1^1 v_1 + a_1^2 v_2$$

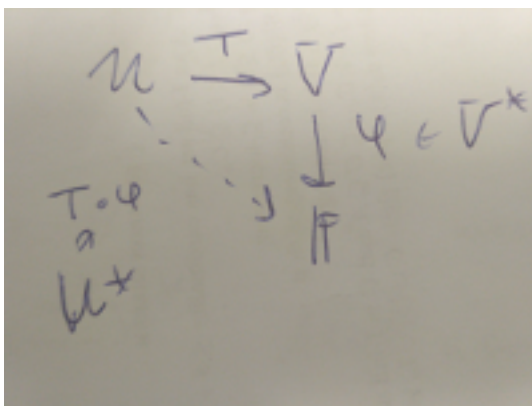
$$T(u_2) = a_2^1 v_1 + a_2^2 v_2$$

$$T(u_3) = a_3^1 v_1 + a_3^2 v_2$$

$$\rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^1 & a_2^1 & a_3^1 \\ a_1^2 & a_2^2 & a_3^2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } A^t = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^1 & a_1^2 \\ a_2^1 & a_2^2 \\ a_3^1 & a_3^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Definition: Suppose $T : U \rightarrow V$ is a *linear transformation*,
The *transformation* $T^* : V^* \rightarrow U^*$ such that $\forall \varphi \in V^*: T^*(\varphi)(u) = \varphi(T(u))$,
is a *linear transformation*, and may also be called T 's *dual linear transformation*.

An illustration:



- Theorem: Let U, V be two *vector - spaces* each over some *field* \mathbb{F} .
Supposes $B \subset U$ is a *basis*,
and suppose $C \subset V$ is also a *basis*.
Suppose $T : U \rightarrow V$ is a *linear transformation*, such that $A = [T]_C^B$.
If B^*, C^* are the *dual bases* of *bases* B, C respectively,
Then, $[T^*]_{B^*}^{C^*} = A^t$
and, suppose $\dim U = n, \dim V = m$ then:
 $T : U \rightarrow V$ in matrix form is in $Mat(m, n)$
 $T^* : V^* \rightarrow U^*$ in matrix form is in $Mat(n, m)$.