

Last time: (1) $T: V \rightarrow W$ linear, $b \in W$

The set of solutions of $Tx = b$ is $v_0 + N(T)$ where

v_0 is a particular solution of $Tx = b$.

(2) $W \subseteq V$ a subspace

$v \sim_w v' \iff v - v' \in W$ is an equivalence relation.

The equivalence class of v is

$$[v] = \{v' \in V \mid v' \sim v\} = v + W := \{v + w \mid w \in W\}$$

Recall For any equivalence relation \sim

$$[x] \cap [y] \neq \emptyset \iff [x] = [y]. \iff x \sim y$$

$$\text{So } (v+W) \cap (v'+W) \neq \emptyset \iff v+W = v'+W \iff v-v' \in W.$$

We proved: $\square: \mathbb{R} \times V/W \rightarrow V/W$, $\lambda \square (v+W) = (\lambda v) + W$

and $\boxplus: V/W \times V/W \rightarrow V/W$ $(v+W) \boxplus (u+W) = (v+u) + W$

are well-defined operations.

They make V/W into a vector space.

Remark We have a map $\pi: V \rightarrow V/W$, $\pi(v) = v + W$.

\square, \boxplus are defined to make π linear: $\forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}, u, v \in V$

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda \square \pi(v)) \boxplus (\mu \square \pi(u)) &= (\lambda \square (v+W)) \boxplus (\mu \square (u+W)) \\ &= (\lambda v + \mu u) + W = \pi(\lambda v + \mu u) \end{aligned}$$

Note

$$\begin{aligned} N(\pi) &= \{v \in V \mid \pi(v) = 0_{V/W}\} = \{v \in V \mid \pi(v) = 0 + W\} \\ &= \{v \in V \mid v \sim_w 0\} = \{v \in V \mid v \in W\} = W. \end{aligned}$$

$R(\pi) = V/W$ since $v+W = \pi(v) \quad \forall v+W \in V/W$.

Notation We now drop \square and \boxplus and write

$$\lambda(v+W) \quad (v+W) + (u+W) \quad \text{instead}$$

Lemma 15.1 Let V be a finite dimensional vector space, $W \subseteq V$ a subspace. Then V/W is finite dimensional and

$$\dim V/W = \dim V - \dim W.$$

Proof 1 (using rank/nullity theorem)

Consider the linear map $\pi: V \rightarrow V/W$, $\pi(v) = v+W$

$N(\pi) = W$, $R(\pi) = V/W$. Rank/nullity thm \Rightarrow

$$\dim V/W = \dim R(\pi) = \dim V - \dim N(\pi) = \dim V - \dim W.$$

Proof 2 (direct) (direct)

Pick a basis $\{w_1, \dots, w_k\}$ of W ; extend it to a basis

$\{w_1, \dots, w_k, z_1, \dots, z_r\}$ of V .

Claim $\{z_1+W, \dots, z_r+W\}$ is a basis of V/W .

Check $\bullet \forall v+W \in V/W$, $v = \sum \alpha_i w_i + \sum \beta_j z_j$ for some $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_r \in \mathbb{R}$ \Rightarrow

$$v+W = (\sum \alpha_i w_i + \sum \beta_j z_j) + W = ((\sum \alpha_i w_i) + W) + \sum \beta_j (z_j + W) = \beta_1 (z_1 + W) + \dots + \beta_r (z_r + W)$$

since $\sum \alpha_i w_i \in W$. $\Rightarrow \{z_1+W, \dots, z_r+W\}$ spans V/W

\bullet if $\exists c_1, \dots, c_r \in \mathbb{R}$ st.

$$\sum c_j (z_j + W) = 0 + W$$

$$\text{Then } \sum c_j z_j \in W$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in \mathbb{R} \text{ st } \sum c_j z_j = \sum \alpha_i w_i.$$

Since $\{w_1, \dots, w_k, z_1, \dots, z_r\}$ is a basis of V , $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = 0$

$\therefore \{z_1+W, \dots, z_r+W\}$ is lin. independent \square

Theorem 15.2 (First isomorphism theorem) Let $T: V \rightarrow U$ be a linear map. The map

$$\bar{T}: V/N(T) \rightarrow U, \quad \bar{T}(v+N(T)) = T(v)$$

is a well-defined injective linear map with $R(\bar{T}) = R(T)$

Consequently $\bar{T}: V/N(T) \rightarrow R(T)$

$\bar{T}(v+N(T)) = T(v)$ is an isomorphism.

Proof To show that \bar{T} is well-defined we need to check that if

$$v + N(T) = v' + N(T)$$

$$\text{then } T(v) = T(v').$$

$$\text{Now } v + N(T) = v' + N(T) \Leftrightarrow v - v' \in N(T)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v = v' + w \text{ for some } w \in N(T).$$

$$\text{Hence } T(v) = T(v' + w) = T(v') + T(w) = T(v') + 0 \quad \text{since } w \in N(T) \\ = T(v').$$

$$\text{Given } \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}, \quad v + N(T), v' + N(T) \in V/N(T)$$

$$\bar{T}(\lambda(v + N(T)) + \mu(v' + N(T)))$$

$$= \bar{T}((\lambda v + \mu v') + N(T))$$

$$= T(\lambda v + \mu v')$$

by definition of \bar{T}

$$= \lambda T(v) + \mu T(v')$$

since T is linear

$$= \lambda \bar{T}(v + N(T)) + \mu \bar{T}(v' + N(T)) \quad (\text{def of } \bar{T})$$

$$N(\bar{T}) = \{v + N(T) \mid T(v) = 0\} = \{v + N(T) \mid v \in N(T)\} \\ = \{0 + N(T)\} = \{0_{V/N(T)}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{T} \text{ is 1-1.}$$

It's easy to check that $R(\bar{T}) = R(T) : u \in R(T)$

$$\Leftrightarrow u = T(v) \text{ for some } v \in V$$

$$\Leftrightarrow u = \bar{T}(v + N(T)) \text{ for some } v + N(T) \in V/N(T)$$

$\therefore \bar{T} : V/N(T) \rightarrow R(T)$ is a linear bijection, hence a linear isomorphism \square

Corollary 15.3 (Rank/nullity theorem)

Suppose $T: V \rightarrow W$ is a linear map and $\dim V < \infty$.

Then $\dim R(T) = \dim V - \dim N(T)$.

Proof By the 1st isomorphism theorem

$$\bar{T}: V/N(T) \rightarrow R(T)$$

is an isomorphism. Since V is finite dimensional $\dim V/N(T) < \infty \Rightarrow \dim R(T) < \infty$ and $\dim R(T) = \dim V/N(T)$ (isomorphisms take bases to bases)

Since $\dim V/N(T) = \dim V - \dim N(T)$

$$\dim R(T) = \dim V - \dim N(T). \quad \square$$

Corollary 15.4 Let V be a vector space, $W_1, W_2 \subseteq V$ two subspaces. Then $W_1/W_1 \cap W_2$ is isomorphic to $(W_1 + W_2)/W_2$.

Hence if $\dim V < \infty$

$$\dim W_1 - \dim (W_1 \cap W_2) = \dim (W_1 + W_2) - \dim W_2$$

Proof

Consider the map $f: W_1 \rightarrow (W_1 + W_2)/W_2$

$$f(w) = w + W_2$$

f is linear. f is onto: $u + W_2 \in (W_1 + W_2)/W_2$

is of the form $u = w_1 + w_2$ for some $w_1 \in W_1, w_2 \in W_2$.

$$(w_1 + w_2) + W_2 = w_1 + W_2 = f(w_1) \text{ since } w_1 + w_2 - w_1 = w_2 \in W_2.$$

$$N(f) = \{w \in W_1 \mid w + W_2 = 0 + W_2\} = \{w \in W_1 \mid w \in W_2\} = W_1 \cap W_2.$$

1st iso theorem: $\bar{f}: W_1/W_1 \cap W_2 \rightarrow (W_1 + W_2)/W_2$
 $\bar{f}(w + (W_1 \cap W_2)) = w + W_2$

is a well-defined linear isomorphism. \square