

# Math 320: Quiz # 2

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- You have 50 minutes.
- Give details of your response to each problem. You will not be given any credit, if it is not clear how you have obtained your response.
- You may use any statement which has been proven in class, except for the cases where you are asked to reproduce the proof of that statement.
- No question are answered during this quiz.

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1) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be a one-to-one linear map with range  $R$ . The inverse of  $L$  is a function  $L^{-1} : W \rightarrow V$  with domain  $R$  such that for all  $w \in R$ ,  $L^{-1}w = v$  if  $w = L(v)$ .

1.a (2 points) What is the range of  $L^{-1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ran}(L^{-1}) &= \{v \in V : L^{-1}(w) = v, w \in R\} = \{v \in V : L(v) = w, w \in R\} \\ &= \text{Dom}(L) \subseteq V \end{aligned}$$

1.b (8 points) Show that  $L^{-1}$  is a linear map.

(Note that  $L^{-1}$  is well-defined function, since  $L$  is 1-1)

$L^{-1}$  is a linear map, because

(i)  $\text{Dom}(L^{-1}) = \text{Ran}(L)$  is a subspace of  $W$ .

(ii)  $w_1, w_2 \in R \Rightarrow \exists v_1, v_2 \in V$  s.t.  $L^{-1}(w_1) = v_1, L^{-1}(w_2) = v_2$  satisfying  $L(v_1) = w_1, L(v_2) = w_2$ .

Since  $L$  is linear  $w_1 + w_2 = L(v_1) + L(v_2) = L(v_1 + v_2)$ .

$$\Rightarrow L^{-1}(w_1 + w_2) = \underbrace{v_1}_{L^{-1}(w_1)} + \underbrace{v_2}_{L^{-1}(w_2)} \Rightarrow L^{-1}(w_1) + L^{-1}(w_2) = L^{-1}(w_1 + w_2)$$

(iii) Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}, w \in R$ . Then  $\exists v \in V$  s.t.  $w = L(v)$ .

$\alpha w = \alpha L(v) = L(\alpha v)$ . This implies that  $L^{-1}(\alpha w) = \alpha v$  and

$L^{-1}(\alpha w) = \alpha v$ . Thus,  $L^{-1}(\alpha w) = \alpha L^{-1}(w)$ .

2) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over  $\mathbb{F}$ ,  $V$  be finite-dimensional, and  $L \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove the following statements.

2.a (2 points)  $\text{Nul}(L)$  is finite-dimensional.

$\text{Nul}(L)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .  $V$  is finite dimensional, so is  $\text{Nul}(L)$ .

2.b (5 points)  $\text{Ran}(L)$  is finite-dimensional.

$w \in \text{Ran}(L) \Rightarrow \exists v \in V$  s.t.  $w = L(v)$ . Let  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  be a basis of  $V$

Then  $\exists \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$ .

$$w = L(v) = L(\alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n) = \alpha_1 L(v_1) + \dots + \alpha_n L(v_n)$$

So  $\text{Ran}(L)$  can be spanned by  $(L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n))$ . Thus, it is finite dimensional.

2.c (13 points)  $\dim(\text{Nul}(L)) + \dim(\text{Ran}(L)) = \dim(V)$ .

Suppose  $(v_1, \dots, v_m)$  is a basis of  $\text{Nul}(L)$ . (If it is empty, it is a basis of  $\{0\}$ )  
Let  $\dim V = n$ . If  $m = n$ ,  $\dim V = \underbrace{\dim(\text{Ran}(L))}_0 + \underbrace{\dim(\text{Nul}(L))}_m$ , since  $L(v) = 0 \forall v \in V$ .

If  $m < n$ , we can extend  $(v_1, \dots, v_m)$  to a basis  $(v_1, \dots, v_m, u_1, \dots, u_{n-m})$  of  $V$ .

Claim:  $(L(u_1), \dots, L(u_{n-m}))$  is a basis of  $\text{Ran}(L)$ .

Proof of claim: (i)  $w \in \text{Ran}(L) \Rightarrow \exists v \in V$  s.t.  $w = L(v)$

$v$  can be written as a linear combination of basis elts of  $V$ :

$$v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m + b_1 u_1 + \dots + b_{n-m} u_{n-m}, \quad a_1, \dots, a_m, b_1, \dots, b_{n-m} \in \mathbb{F}$$

$$\Rightarrow w = L(v) = L(b_1 u_1 + \dots + b_{n-m} u_{n-m}) = b_1 L(u_1) + \dots + b_{n-m} L(u_{n-m})$$

because  $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m \in \text{Nul}(L)$ .

So,  $\text{Ran}(L)$  is spanned by  $(L(u_1), \dots, L(u_{n-m}))$

(ii) Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-m} \in \mathbb{F}$ .

$$\alpha_1 L(u_1) + \dots + \alpha_{n-m} L(u_{n-m}) = 0 \Rightarrow L(\alpha_1 u_1 + \dots + \alpha_{n-m} u_{n-m}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 u_1 + \dots + \alpha_{n-m} u_{n-m} \in \text{Nul}(L)$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\alpha_1 u_1 + \dots + \alpha_{n-m} u_{n-m} = \beta_1 v_1 + \dots + \beta_m v_m$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 u_1 + \dots + \alpha_{n-m} u_{n-m} - \beta_1 v_1 - \dots - \beta_m v_m = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_{n-m} = \beta_1 = \dots = \beta_m = 0$$

because  $(u_1, \dots, u_{n-m}, v_1, \dots, v_m)$  is a linearly ind list.

Hence,  $(L(u_1), \dots, L(u_{n-m}))$  is a linearly ind list and by (i) it is a basis of  $\text{Ran}(L)$ .

$$\dim(\text{Ran}(L)) = n - m, \quad \dim(\text{Nul}(L)) = m \quad \dim V = n = \dim(\text{Ran}(L)) + \dim(\text{Nul}(L))$$

3 (10 points) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $L \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Show that if  $\text{Nul}(L)$  and  $\text{Ran}(L)$  are finite-dimensional, then  $V$  is also finite-dimensional.

Since  $\text{Ran}(L)$  is finite dimensional, there exists a basis  $(w_1, \dots, w_m)$  of  $\text{Ran}(L)$ . By the defn of  $\text{Ran}(L)$  there exist  $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$  s.t.  $w_1 = L(v_1), \dots, w_m = L(v_m)$

$$v \in V \Rightarrow L(v) = a_1 w_1 + \dots + a_m w_m, \quad a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$$

$$= a_1 L(v_1) + \dots + a_m L(v_m)$$

$$\Rightarrow L(v) = L(a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m)$$

$$\Rightarrow L(v - a_1 v_1 - \dots - a_m v_m) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v - a_1 v_1 - a_2 v_2 - \dots - a_m v_m \in \text{Nul}(L).$$

It is given that  $\text{Nul}(L)$  is also finite dimensional. Hence,  $v - a_1 v_1 - a_2 v_2 - \dots - a_m v_m$  can be written as a linear combination of finite number of elts. in  $V$  or equal to 0.

Then,  $v$  can be written as a linear combination of finite number of elts. in  $V$ . In other words,  $V$  is spanned by a finite list of elts.

Therefore,  $V$  is finite dimensional.