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For linear maps, we often use the notation Tu as well as the more standard functional notation $T(u)$.

Notation: $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$

The set of all linear maps from V to W is denoted $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$.

Examples of Linear Maps

- Zero: Define $0 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ by $0u = 0$ for all $u \in V$.
- Identity map: Define $I \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ by $Iu = u$ for all $u \in V$.
- Differentiation: Define $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R}), \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R}))$ by $Dp = p'$.
- Integration: Define $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R}), \mathbf{R})$ by $Tp = \int_0^1 p(x) dx$.
- Multiplication by x^2 : Define $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R}), \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R}))$ by
$$(Tp)(x) = x^2 p(x)$$
for $x \in \mathbf{R}$.
- Backward shift: Define $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{F}^\infty, \mathbf{F}^\infty)$ by
$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) = (x_2, x_3, \dots).$$
- From \mathbf{R}^3 to \mathbf{R}^2 : Define $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{R}^3, \mathbf{R}^2)$ by
$$T(x, y, z) = (2x - y + 3z, 7x + 5y - 6z).$$

Linear Map Determined By What It Does On a Basis

Linear maps and basis of domain

Suppose v_1, \dots, v_n is a basis of V and $w_1, \dots, w_n \in W$. Then there exists a unique linear map $T: V \rightarrow W$ such that

$$Tv_j = w_j$$

for each $j = 1, \dots, n$.

Proof

Define $T: V \rightarrow W$ by

$$T(c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n) = c_1w_1 + \dots + c_nw_n,$$

where c_1, \dots, c_n are arbitrary elements of \mathbf{F} . ■

Algebraic Operations on $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$

Definition: *addition and scalar multiplication on $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$*

Suppose $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ and $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$. The *sum* $S + T$ and the *product* λT are the linear maps from V to W defined by

$$(S + T)(u) = Su + Tu \quad \text{and} \quad (\lambda T)(u) = \lambda(Tu)$$

for all $u \in V$.

$\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ **is a vector space**

With the operations of addition and scalar multiplication as defined above, $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ is a vector space.

Composition of Linear Maps

Definition: Product of Linear Maps

If $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ and $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$, then the *product* $ST \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$ is defined by

$$(ST)(u) = S(Tu)$$

for $u \in U$.

Algebraic properties of products of linear maps

- Associativity: $(T_1T_2)T_3 = T_1(T_2T_3)$
- Identity: $TI = IT = T$
- Distributive Properties:
 $(S_1 + S_2)T = S_1T + S_2T$ and $S(T_1 + T_2) = ST_1 + ST_2$

0 Goes to 0 Under a Linear Map

Linear maps take 0 to 0

Suppose T is a linear map from V to W . Then $T(0) = 0$.

Proof

By additivity, we have

$$T(0) = T(0 + 0) = T(0) + T(0).$$

Add the additive inverse of $T(0)$ to each side of the equation above to conclude that $0 = T(0)$. ■