

Lecture 8

Invertibility and Isomorphisms

Definition: Let V and W be vector spaces and let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be linear. We can say T is invertible if it is bijective (1-1 and onto) so that $\exists T^{-1}: W \rightarrow V$ such that :

$$T^{-1} \circ T = I_V \quad \text{and} \quad T \circ T^{-1} = I_W$$

Remark: If V and W are of equal finite-dimensions, then $T: V \rightarrow W$ is invertible iff $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(V)$.

$$\dim(R(T)) \stackrel{\text{"}}{=} \dim(W)$$

T is onto

Proposition: The inverse $T^{-1}: W \rightarrow V$ of an invertible linear transformation $T: V \rightarrow W$ is linear.

Proof: Let $\vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_2 \in W$ and $c \in F$.

$\because T$ is bijective $\therefore \exists! \vec{x}_1 \in V$ and $\vec{x}_2 \in V$ such that
 $T(\vec{x}_1) = \vec{y}_1$ and $T(\vec{x}_2) = \vec{y}_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } T^{-1}(c\vec{y}_1 + \vec{y}_2) &= T^{-1}(cT(\vec{x}_1) + T(\vec{x}_2)) \\ &= T^{-1}(T(c\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2)) \\ &= c\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2 \\ &= cT^{-1}(\vec{y}_1) + T^{-1}(\vec{y}_2) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore T^{-1}$ is linear.

Example: 1. Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$ is invertible.

Then : $L_A : F^n \rightarrow F^n$ defined by $L_A(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$.
is invertible and the inverse of L_A is :

$$(L_A)^{-1} = L_{A^{-1}}$$

2. If $T: V \rightarrow W$ and $U: W \rightarrow Z$ are invertible linear transformations, then : $U \circ T$ is also invertible and

$$(U \circ T)^{-1} = T^{-1} U^{-1}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} (\cancel{T^{-1} U^{-1} \circ U \circ T}) \\ \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{Id} \end{array}$$

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Lemma: Suppose $T: V \rightarrow W$ is invertible.

Then: $\dim(V) < +\infty$ iff $\dim(W) < +\infty$

Proof: And in this case, $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$.
Suppose $\dim(V) = n < +\infty$ and $\beta = \{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n\}$ is
a basis for V . Then: $W = R(T) = \text{span}\{\overline{T}(\beta)\}$

$$\therefore \dim(W) \leq n = \dim(V) < +\infty = \text{span} \underbrace{\{T(\vec{x}_1), \dots, T(\vec{x}_n)\}}_{n \text{ elements}}$$

Apply the same argument to T^{-1} to show that

$$\dim(V) \leq \dim(W)$$

In particular, if $\dim(V) < +\infty$ and $\dim(W) < +\infty$
then: $\dim(V) \leq \dim(W)$ and $\dim(W) \leq \dim(V) (\Rightarrow \dim(V) = \dim(W))$

Remark: If $T: V \rightarrow W$ is onto,
(linear)

then: $\dim(W) \leq \dim(V)$

Proposition: Let V and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces with ordered basis β and γ respectively.

Let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be linear transformation.

Then: T is invertible iff $[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$ is invertible.

Furthermore, $[T^{-1}]_{\gamma}^{\beta} = \underbrace{[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}}_{\substack{\text{Matrix} \\ \text{representation} \\ \text{of } T^{-1}}}^{-1}$

$\underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{\text{Inverse of matrix.}}$

Proof: Suppose T is invertible. Then: $\dim(V) = \dim(W) = n$

Since $T \circ T^{-1} = I_W$, $I_n = [I_W]_\gamma = [T \circ T^{-1}]_\gamma$

$$\begin{matrix} W & \xrightarrow{T^{-1}} & V & \xrightarrow{T} & W \\ \gamma & & \beta & & \gamma \end{matrix}$$

$$I_n = [T]_\beta^\gamma [T^{-1}]_\gamma^\beta$$

Similarly, $T^{-1} \circ T = I_V$. $I_n = [I_V]_\beta = [T^{-1} \circ T]_\beta$

$$I_n = [T^{-1}]_\gamma^\beta [T]_\beta^\gamma$$

$\therefore [T]_\beta^\gamma$ is invertible and $([T]_\beta^\gamma)^{-1} = [T^{-1}]_\gamma^\beta$.

Conversely, suppose $A := [T]_P^8$ is invertible. ($\Rightarrow \dim(V) = \dim(W)$)

$$\because \dim(V) = \dim(W)$$

\therefore We only need to show T is one-to-one.

So, suppose $T(\vec{x}_1) = T(\vec{x}_2)$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{[T(\vec{x}_1)]_y}_{|} = \underbrace{[T(\vec{x}_2)]_y}_{|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{[T]_P^8}_{\text{A}} \underbrace{[\vec{x}_1]_P}_{|} = \underbrace{[T]_P^8}_{\text{A}} \underbrace{[\vec{x}_2]_P}_{|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{[\vec{x}_1]_P}_{|} = \underbrace{[\vec{x}_2]_P}_{|} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_1 = \vec{x}_2 \quad //$$

Corollary: Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space with ordered basis β . Let $T: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation.

Then: T is invertible iff $[T]_{\beta}$ is invertible

Furthermore, $[T^{-1}]_{\beta} = ([T]_{\beta})^{-1}$. $[L_A]_{\beta} \leftarrow$ standard ordered basis

Corollary: Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$. Then: A is invertible iff L_A is invertible. $(L_A)^{-1} = L_{A^{-1}}$

$$[L_A^{-1}]_{\beta} = ([L_A]_{\beta})^{-1} = A^{-1} = [L_{A^{-1}}]_{\beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow L_A$$

Definition: Let V and W be two vector spaces.

We say V is **isomorphic** to W if \exists an invertible linear transformation $T: V \rightarrow W$.

In this case, T is called an **isomorphism** from V onto W .

