

Then  $x_1 = T^{-1}(y_1)$  and  $x_2 = T^{-1}(y_2)$ ; so,

$$\begin{aligned} T^{-1}(cy_1 + y_2) &= T^{-1}(cT(x_1) + T(x_2)) = T^{-1}(T(cx_1 + x_2)) = cx_1 + x_2 \\ &= cT^{-1}(y_1) + T^{-1}(y_2) \end{aligned}$$

now we develop some results that relate the inverses of the matrices to the inverses of linear transformations.

Lemma 3.4.3 Let  $T$  be an invertible linear transformation from  $V$  to  $W$ . Then  $V$  is finite dimensional if and only if  $W$  is finite dimensional. In this case,  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ .

Proof: Suppose that  $V$  is finite dimensional. Let  $\beta = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$ . By Theorem 3.1.3 (page-111)  $T(\beta)$  spans  $R(T) = W$ ; hence  $W$  is finite dimensional. Conversely, if  $W$  is finite dimensional, then so is  $V$  by similar argument using  $T^{-1}$ .

Now suppose that  $V$  and  $W$  are finite dimensional.

Because  $T$  is ~~one-to-one~~ one-to-one and onto, we have

$$\text{nullity}(T) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{rank}(T) = \dim(R(T)) = \dim W$$

So, by dimension theorem (page-112), it follows that  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ .

Theorem 3.4.4 Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces with ordered bases  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ , respectively. Let

$T: V \rightarrow W$  be linear. Then  $T$  is invertible if and only if  $[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$  is invertible. Furthermore,  $[T^{-1}]_{\beta}^{\gamma} = ([T]_{\beta}^{\gamma})^{-1}$

Proof: Suppose that  $T$  is invertible. By the Lemma 3.4.3,

we have  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ . Let  $n = \dim(V)$ . So  $[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix. Now  $T^{-1}: W \rightarrow V$  satisfies  $TT^{-1} = I_W$  and  $T^{-1}T = I_V$ . Thus

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

Similarly,  $[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} [T^{-1}]_{\gamma}^{\beta} = I_n$ . So,  $[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$  is invertible

$$\text{and } ([T]_{\beta}^{\gamma})^{-1} = [T^{-1}]_{\gamma}^{\beta}$$

Now suppose that  $A = [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$  is invertible. Then there exists an  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = BA = I_n$

By Theorem 3.1.8, there exists  $U \in L(W, V)$  such

$$\text{that } U(w_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n b_{ij} v_i \text{ for } j=1, 2, \dots, n$$

where  $B = [b_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ ,  $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , and

$\gamma = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ . It follows that  $[U]_{\gamma}^{\beta} = B$

To show that  $U = T^{-1}$ , observe that

$$[UT]_{\beta} = [U]_{\gamma}^{\beta} [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} = BA = I_n = [I_V]_{\beta}$$

By Theorem 3.3.3 (page - 125). So,  $UT = I_V$  and similarly,

$$TU = I_W$$

Example 2 Let  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  be the standard ordered bases for

$P_1(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , respectively. For  $T$  as in example 1, we

$$\text{have } [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } [T^{-1}]_{\gamma}^{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

we can verify that  $([T]_{\beta}^{\gamma})^{-1} = [T^{-1}]_{\gamma}^{\beta}$

Corollary 3.4.5 Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space with an ordered basis  $\beta$  and let  $T: V \rightarrow V$  be linear. Then  $T$  is invertible if and only if  $[T]_{\beta}$  is invertible. Furthermore,  $[T^{-1}]_{\beta} = ([T]_{\beta})^{-1}$ .

Proof: Exercise

Corollary 3.4.6. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $L_A$  is invertible. Furthermore,  $(L_A)^{-1} = L_{A^{-1}}$ .

Proof: Exercise.

Definition 3.4.7 Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces. We say that  $V$  is isomorphic to  $W$  if there exists a linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow W$  that is invertible. Such a linear transformation is called an isomorphism from  $V$  onto  $W$ .

Example 3 Define  $T: F^2 \rightarrow P_1(F)$  by  $T(a_1, a_2) = a_1 + a_2 x$ . It can be easily checked that  $T$  is an isomorphism. So,  $F^2$  isomorphic to  $P_1(F)$ .

Theorem 3.4.8 Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces (over the same field  $F$ ). Then  $V$  is isomorphic to  $W$  if and only if  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ .

Proof: Suppose that  $V$  is isomorphic to  $W$  and that  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is an isomorphism from  $V$  to  $W$ . By the lemma 3.4.3 of Theorem 3.4.4, we have that  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ .

Now suppose that  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$  and let  $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $\gamma = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$  be bases for  $V$  and  $W$ , respectively. By Theorem 3.1.8, there exists  $T: V \rightarrow W$  such that  $T$  is

linear and  $T(v_i) = w_i$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . Now, we have

$$R(T) = \text{span}(T(\beta)) = \text{span}(\gamma) = W. \quad \text{So } T \text{ is onto.}$$

From Theorem 3.1.7, we have that  $T$  is also one-to-one.

Hence  $T$  is an isomorphism.

Corollary 3.4.9 Let  $V$  be a vector space over the field  $F$ . Then  $V$  is isomorphic to  $F^n$  if and only if  $\dim(V) = n$ .

Theorem 3.4.9 Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector space over the field  $F$  of dimensions  $n$  and  $m$  respectively, and let  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  be ordered bases for  $V$  and  $W$  respectively. Then the function  $\phi: L(V, W) \rightarrow M_{m \times n}(F)$ , defined by  $\phi(T) = [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$ , is an isomorphism.

Proof: By Theorem 3.2.7,  $\phi$  is linear. Hence we must show that  $\phi$  is one-to-one and onto. This is accomplished if we show that for every  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , there exists a unique linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow W$

such that  $\phi(T) = A$ . Let  $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $\gamma = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}$  and let  $A$  be a given  $m \times n$  matrix.

By Theorem 3.1.8, there exists a unique linear transformation

$$T: V \rightarrow W \text{ such that } T(v_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} w_i, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, n$$

But this means that  $[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} = A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  or,  $\phi(T) = A$ .

So,  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.