

**Summer Workshop in Mathematics (SWIM)**  
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**Week 3**  
**Tutorial problems**

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1. Let  $T$  be the linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that the image of  $T$  is determined by values of  $T$  on any fixed basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
2. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear map. Prove that  $T$  is of the form

$$T(x, y) = (ax + by, cx + dy),$$

for some  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ .

3. Let  $T$  be the linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Consider the map  $S := T \circ T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then show that  $S$  is a linear map.
4. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear map. Then show that the kernel of  $T$  and image of  $T$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
5. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear map. Then show that  $T$  is one-one iff kernel of  $T = \{0\}$  and  $T$  is onto iff the image of  $T = \mathbb{R}^n$ .
6. Let  $T$  be a linear isomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then,
  - (a)  $T^{-1}$  is also linear.
  - (b)  $T \circ T$  is also an isomorphism.
7. Let  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  be a subset of a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$ . Prove that the map  $T : F^n \rightarrow V$  defined by  $T(x) = v_1x_1 + \dots + v_nx_n$  is a linear transformation.
8. Prove that any finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  is linearly isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Using the fact that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable conclude that  $\mathbb{R}$  is not a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

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9. Is there any injective linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?
10. Is there any surjective linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

11. Show that any injective linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear isomorphism. Is the same conclusion true if injective map is replaced by surjective map?
12. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Prove that the space of solutions of the linear system  $AX = 0$  has dimension at least  $n - m$ .
13. Let  $V$  be a  $n$  dimensional vector space and  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a non-zero linear functional. Prove that  $\ker(f)$  is a  $n - 1$  dimensional vector space. Use this result to show that the set of traceless  $n \times n$  matrices has dimension  $n^2 - 1$ .
14. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and  $f, g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two non-zero linear functionals such that  $\ker(f) = \ker(g)$ . Show that there exists a non-zero constant  $c$  such that  $g = cf$ .
15. Prove that Trace is a linear functional from  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  which satisfies

$$\text{Trace}(AB - BA) = 0,$$

for all  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ . If  $f$  is a linear functional which satisfies  $f(AB - BA) = 0$ , for all  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , then show that  $f = c$  (Trace) for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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16. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation defined by the rule

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3)^t = (x_1 + x_2, 2x_3 - x_1)^t.$$

What is the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the standard bases?

17. Let  $P_n$  be the vector space given by the set of all polynomials of degree less or equal to  $n$ . Show that  $\frac{d}{dx} : P_n \rightarrow P_{n-1}$  is linear and find the matrix of this linear map with respect to standard basis.

18. Find the rank of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 \\ 21 & 22 & 23 & 24 \\ 31 & 32 & 33 & 34 \\ 41 & 42 & 43 & 44 \end{bmatrix}$ .

19. Find all linear transformations  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  which carry the line  $y = x$  to the line  $y = 3x$ .