

HW90.

Problems: 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.9, 4.3.1.

Problem 3.4.2.

: Determine the change-of-basis matrix from (e_1, \dots, e_n) to (e_n, \dots, e_1) .

Solution. The $n \times n$ anti-diagonal matrix $\begin{bmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ 1 & & & \end{bmatrix}$.

Solved.

Problem 3.4.3.

: Determine the change-of-basis matrix from (e_1, e_2) to $(e_1 + e_2, e_1 - e_2)$.

Solution. The matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solved.

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Problem 3.4.9.

: Prove that $GL_n(\mathbb{F})$ and the set of bases of \mathbb{F}^n are isomorphic as sets.

Solution. We're going to ~~show~~ identify every basis with its ~~the~~ change-of-basis matrix from the standard basis. Every change-of-basis matrix is clearly invertible, and we'll show that if $A \in GL_n(\mathbb{F})$ then $(Ae_1, Ae_2, \dots, Ae_n)$ is a basis.

Theorem. $(Ae_1, Ae_2, Ae_3, \dots, Ae_n)$ is linearly independent.

Proof. Assume that it is linearly dependent. Then we have

$$c_1 Ae_1 + c_2 Ae_2 + \dots + c_n Ae_n = A(c_1 e_1 + \dots + c_n e_n) = 0,$$

where $\{c_1, \dots, c_n\} \neq \{0\}$, and therefore the kernel of A is non-trivial, contradicting invertibility.

Qed.

Theorem. (Ae_1, \dots, Ae_n) is spanning for \mathbb{F}^n and thus a basis.

Proof. It is linearly independent and has n elements.

Qed.

By these propositions, every ~~base~~ invertible matrix uniquely corresponds to a basis of \mathbb{F}^n .

Solved.

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Problem 4.3.1.

: Let V be the vector space of 2×2 symmetric matrices, and let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Determine the matrix for the operator $X \mapsto AXA^T$ w.r.t. a suitable basis of V .

Solution. Take the following basis of V : $\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$.

By computation, one can verify the following:

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 4v_1$$

$$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 4v_1 + 2v_2$$

$$v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = v_1 + v_2 + v_3$$

which yields the transformation matrix below.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [X \mapsto AXA^T].$$

Solved.