

Math Jams Worksheet 2

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More Linear Maps

1. Let $P_n(\mathbb{R})$ be the real vector space of polynomials of degree less than or equal to n . Let $\phi : P_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be the map sending $p(x) \mapsto p(i)$, where $i \in \mathbb{C}$ is the complex square root of -1 . Give \mathbb{C} the usual structure of a real vector space. Show that ϕ is a linear map, and find the dimension of the null space and image of ϕ .
2. We showed on worksheet 1 that the differentiation operator $d : C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ is a linear map. Is d injective? What is the null space of d ?
3. Let $d : P_{10}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_9(\mathbb{R})$ be the differentiation map. Is d injective? Surjective? Is there a linear map $T : P_9(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_{10}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $d \circ T = I$, where I is the identity on $P_9(\mathbb{R})$?
4. Generalize the end of the last exercise: if $T : V \rightarrow W$ is a surjective linear map between finite-dimensional vector spaces, show that there is a linear map $U : W \rightarrow V$ such that $T \circ U = 1_V$, where 1_V is the identity on V . Is there a similar statement you can make when T is injective?

Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues 1

1. We showed on worksheet 1 that the differentiation operator $d : C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ is a linear map. Find all eigenvectors for d .
2. Give an example of an invertible 3×3 matrix A with real coefficients such that any two eigenvectors of A are linearly dependent.