

Recall:  $\dim(V) = \dim(W) \iff \exists$  an isomorphism  
 $T: V \rightarrow W$ . ( $\star$ )

Cor. If  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$  and  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is an isomorphism,  $\{T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)\}$  is a basis for  $W$ .

Pf. Spanning: let  $w \in W$ .  $T$  an isomorphism,  $\exists v \in V$  with  $T(v) = w$ .

Write  $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$ .

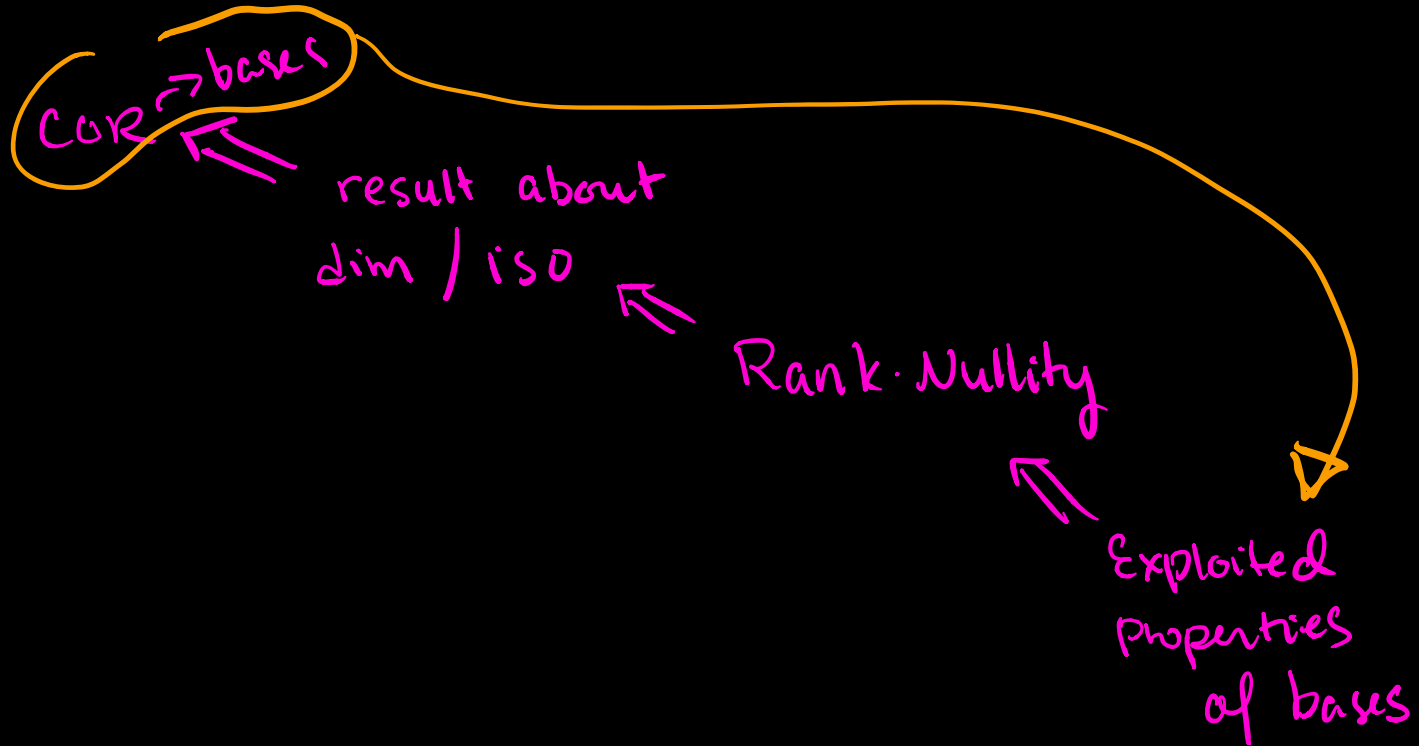
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } w &= T(a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n) \\ &= a_1 T(v_1) + \dots + a_n T(v_n). \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \{T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)\}$  span.

Linear independence:  $\dim(W) = \dim(V) = n$ .

$\Rightarrow$  A spanning list of size  $n$  is a basis for  $W$ .

$\Rightarrow \{T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)\}$  is a basis for  $W$ .



How did we prove  $(*)$ ?

We fixed a basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  for  $V$

$\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  for  $W$

and we constructed a map  $T: V \rightarrow W$

$$v_i \mapsto w_i.$$

What about the map  $S: W \rightarrow V$  ?

$$w_i \mapsto v_i$$

$$S \circ T: V \xrightarrow{T} W \xrightarrow{S} V$$

$$v_i \mapsto w_i \mapsto v_i.$$

$S \circ T$  is just the identity map on  $V$ !

(written  $I_V$ ).

$$T \circ S: W \xrightarrow{S} V \xrightarrow{T} W$$

$$w_i \mapsto v_i \mapsto w_i$$

$T \circ S$  is just the identity map on  $W$ !  
(written  $I_W$ ).

We call  $S$  the inverse of  $T$ , and write  $S = T^{-1}$ .

We call  $T$  invertible if  $T$  has an inverse:

if  $\exists$  a map  $T^{-1}: W \rightarrow V$  s.t.

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

Prop. Inverses are unique.

Pf. If  $S$  and  $S'$  are two inverses of  $T: V \rightarrow W$

$$\begin{aligned} S' &= S' \circ I_W = S' \circ (T \circ S) = (S' \circ T) \circ S \\ &\quad \uparrow \\ &\quad \text{by defn of} \\ &\quad \text{inverse} \\ &= I_V \circ S \\ &= S. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Note. This justifies our notation  $T^{-1}$ !

### Examples

$$\textcircled{1} T: F^n \longrightarrow F^n$$

$$v \longmapsto a \cdot v,$$

$a \in F$  is non-zero.

$$T^{-1}: F^n \longrightarrow F^n$$

$$v \longmapsto a^{-1} \cdot v.$$

$$a \in F^*$$

$$F \setminus \{0\}$$

$$\mathbb{F}^n \xrightarrow{T} \mathbb{F}^n \xrightarrow{T^{-1}} \mathbb{F}^n$$

$$v \mapsto a \cdot v \mapsto \underbrace{a^{-1} \cdot (a \cdot v)}_1 = v.$$

$$\mathbb{F}^n \xrightarrow{T^{-1}} \mathbb{F}^n \xrightarrow{T} \mathbb{F}^n$$

$$v \mapsto a^{-1} \cdot v \mapsto \underbrace{a \cdot (a^{-1} \cdot v)}_1 = v.$$

$$\textcircled{2} T: \mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$x^i \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow i^{\text{th}} \text{ slot}.$$

$$T^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$$

$$i^{\text{th}} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto x^i$$

$$\textcircled{3} T : \mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$1 + x + \dots + x^i \longmapsto \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow i^{\text{th}} \text{ slot}$$

$$T^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$$

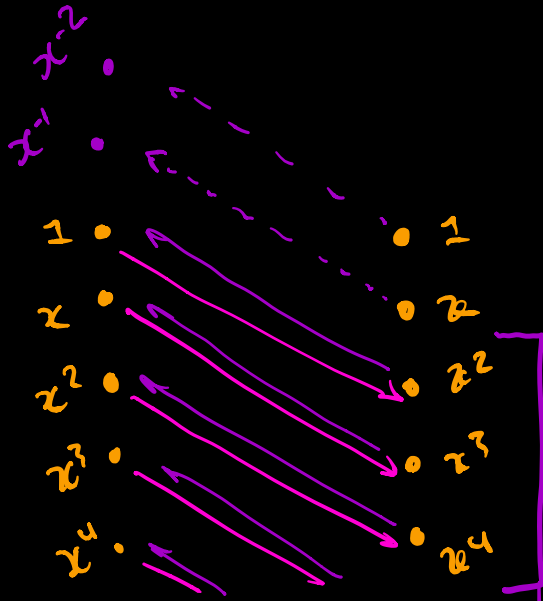
$$i^{\text{th}} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \longmapsto 1 + x + \dots + x^i$$

Non-ex.

$$\textcircled{1} T : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$$

$$p(x) \longmapsto x^2 p(x)$$

is not invertible.



$$\textcircled{2} T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } T \circ S \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow T \circ S = I_{\mathbb{R}^2}.$$

$$\text{However, } S \circ T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = S \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\rightsquigarrow S \circ T \neq I_{\mathbb{R}^3}.$$



"We call  $S$  a 'right inverse' of  $T$ ."

Thm, A linear map is invertible  $\iff$  it is an isomorphism.

Pf.  $(\implies)$  Assume  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is invertible.

Let  $T^{-1}: W \rightarrow V$  be the inverse of  $T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } \underline{T(v) = 0}, \text{ then } v &= I_V(v) \\ &= (T^{-1} \circ T)(v) \\ &= T^{-1}(0) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \text{null}(T) = \{0\}.$$

$$w \in W. \quad w = I_W(w) = (T \circ T^{-1})(w) = T(T^{-1}(w)).$$

$$\text{Setting } v = T^{-1}(w), \quad T(v) = w.$$

$\implies T$  is surjective.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume  $T$  is isomorphic.

By Corollary, if  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ ,

$\{T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)\}$  is a basis for  $W$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \parallel & & \parallel \\ w_1 & & w_n \end{array}$$

Define:  $S: W \rightarrow V$  and extending linearly.  
 $w_i \mapsto v_i$

$S \in \mathcal{L}(W, V)$  by construction.

$$\begin{aligned} S \circ T(a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n) &= \\ a_1 S \circ T(v_1) + \dots + a_n S \circ T(v_n) &= \\ a_1 S(w_1) + \dots + a_n S(w_n) &= \\ a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n. \end{aligned}$$

Also need to check:  $T \circ S(w) = w$ .

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Textbook Defines isomorphism to be an invertible map.