

MATH 817 Notes  
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Let  $B$  be a basis of an  $F$  vector space  $V$ , and let  $W$  be any  $F$ -vector space. Then the function

$$\text{Hom}_F(V, W) \rightarrow \text{Functions}(B, W)$$

given by  $\varphi \mapsto \varphi|_B$  is bijective.

Say  $B = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $C = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m)$  is a basis of  $W$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_F(V, W) & \xleftrightarrow[\text{onto}]{1-1} & \text{Functions}(B, W) & \xleftrightarrow[\text{onto}]{1-1} & \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(F) \\ \varphi & \mapsto & \varphi|_B & & \\ & & (g : B \rightarrow W) & \mapsto & \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

Notation

- Given  $V, W$  and  $B, C$  as above, for  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_F(V, W)$   $M_B^C(\varphi) := [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}, \varphi(v_i) = a_{1i}w_1 + a_{2i}w_2 + \cdots + a_{mi}w_m$ .

- For  $v \in V$ ,  $[v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$  where  $v = \lambda_1 b_1 + \cdots + \lambda_n b_n$

Prop Let  $V, W, B, C$  be as above.

①  $V \cong F^n$  via  $v \mapsto [v]_B$

isomorphism of vector space

$$\sum \lambda_i v_i \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

② There is a bijection  $\text{Hom}_F(V, W) \cong \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(F)$  given by  $\varphi \mapsto M_B^C(\varphi)$

③  $\forall v \in V, \forall \varphi \in \text{Hom}_F(V, W)$

$$[\varphi(v)]_C = M_B^C(\varphi) \cdot [v]_B$$

④ If  $A = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p)$  is a basis of another  $F$ -vector space  $U$ , then  $\forall \varphi \in \text{Hom}_F(V, W), \forall \psi : \text{Hom}_F(U, V)$ ,

$$\text{Mat}_A^C(\varphi \circ \psi) = \text{Mat}_B^C(\varphi) \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{matrix multiplication}}}{\text{Mat}_A^B(\psi)}$$

Note  $A, B, C$  are ordered bases in this proposition.

Cor 1: Matrix multiplication is associative.

Cor 2:  $\text{Hom}_F(V, V) \cong \text{Mat}_{n \times n}(F)$  and also  $\text{Aut}_F(V) \cong GL_n(F)$   
 $\uparrow$   
 isomorphism of groups.

Similarity: Let  $B, B'$  are two ordered bases of  $V$  ( $\#B = \#B' < \infty$ ). Let  $P = M_B^{B'}(\text{id}_V)$ ,  $\text{id}_V : V \rightarrow V$  is identity map.

Then

- $P$  is invertible and  $P^{-1} = M_{B'}^B(\text{id}_V)$ . Why?  $M_B^{B'}(\text{id}_V) \cdot M_{B'}^B(\text{id}_V) \stackrel{\text{Prop}}{=} M_B^B(\text{id}_V) = I_n$  and  $M_{B'}^{B'}(\text{id}_V) \cdot M_{B'}^B(\text{id}_V) = I_n$
- For any  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_F(V, V)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P \cdot M_B^B(\varphi) \cdot P^{-1} &= M_B^{B'}(\text{id}_V) \cdot M_B^B(\varphi) \cdot M_{B'}^B(\text{id}_V) \\ &= M_B^{B'}(\text{id}_V \cdot \varphi) \cdot M_{B'}^B(\text{id}_V) \\ &= M_{B'}^{B'}(\text{id}_V \circ \varphi \circ \text{id}_V) \\ &= M_{B'}^{B'}(\varphi) \end{aligned}$$

So, similarity of matrices amounts to a change of basis:

Given base  $B, B'$  of  $V$ , if  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_F(U, V)$ , then

$$M_B^B(\varphi) \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{similarity}}}{\sim} M_{B'}^{B'}(\varphi)$$

Equivalence Let  $V, W$  be two vector spaces, say  $B, B'$  are two ordered bases of  $V$  and  $C, C'$  are two ordered bases of  $W$ .

$$\forall \varphi \in \text{Hom}_F(V, W), M_B^C(\varphi) \cdot P = M_{B'}^{C'}(\varphi)$$

$$\text{where } \begin{matrix} P &= & M_{B'}^B(\text{id}_V) \\ Q &= & M_C^{C'}(\text{id}_W) \end{matrix} .$$

If  $A, A'$  are two  $m \times n$  matrices, then  $A$  and  $A'$  are equivalent if

$$A'_{m \times n} = Q_{m \times m} A_{m \times n} P_{n \times n}$$

for some  $Q \in GL_m(F), P \in GL_n(F)$ .

Note:  $\forall Q \in GL_m(F)$ ,  $QA$  is obtained from  $A$  via elementary row operations.

$\forall P \in GL_n(F)$ ,  $AP$  is obtained from  $A$  via elementary column operations.

Def Say  $W$  is a subspace of a  $F$ -vector space  $V$  then  $V/W = \frac{(V, +)}{(W, +)}$  is a vector space via  $\lambda \cdot (v + W) := \lambda v + W$ .