

In Hoffman and Kunze, read Chapter 3, Sections 5 and 6; and Appendix A.4.

1. From Hoffman and Kunze, Chapter 3, do these problems: pages 105-107, #1-5; page 111, #1.

2. Let m, n be positive integers and consider vectors $v_1, \dots, v_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Show that these vectors are linearly independent as vectors in \mathbb{R}^n over the field of scalars \mathbb{R} if and only if they are linearly independent as vectors in \mathbb{C}^n over the field of scalars \mathbb{C} . (Hint: One direction is easy. For the other direction, consider the following question: If A is an $m \times n$ matrix with reduced row echelon form R , then how can one tell from R whether the rows of A are linearly independent?)

3. Let V be a vector space, let W be a subspace of V , and let S be a subset of V .

a) If S is a linearly independent subset of V , must $S \cap W$ be a linearly independent subset of W ?

b) If S spans V , must $S \cap W$ span W ?

c) If S is a basis of V , must $S \cap W$ be a basis of W ?

d) If $\text{ann}(W) \subset \text{ann}(S)$, must $S \subset W$?

e) If $\text{ann}(S) \subset \text{ann}(W)$, must $W \subset S$?

4. If X, Y are subspaces of a vector space V , write $V = X \oplus Y$ if every element $v \in V$ can be written *in exactly one way* as $v = x + y$ with $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$.

a) If $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ and X is the x -axis, find a subspace $Y \subset V$ such that $V = X \oplus Y$. Find the dimensions of $V, X, Y, V^*, \text{ann}(X), \text{ann}(Y)$. What relationships do you notice among these dimensions?

b) Let V be any finite dimensional vector space with subspaces X, Y . Show that $V = X \oplus Y$ if and only if the following two conditions both hold: $X + Y = V$ and $X \cap Y = 0$.

c) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space with subspaces X, Y , such that $V = X \oplus Y$.

i) Show that if \mathcal{A} is a basis of X and \mathcal{B} is a basis of Y , then $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$ is a basis of V .

ii) Prove that the numerical relationships you noticed in part (a) hold.

iii) Show that $V^* = \text{ann}(X) \oplus \text{ann}(Y)$.

5. For any finite dimensional vector space V with basis $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$, and corresponding dual basis $\mathcal{B}^* = \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$ of V^* , define $\phi_{V, \mathcal{B}} : V \rightarrow V^*$ by $\sum_1^n a_i v_i \mapsto \sum_1^n a_i f_i$. In particular, since V^* is finite dimensional with basis \mathcal{B}^* , we can also consider the map $\phi_{V^*, \mathcal{B}^*} : V^* \rightarrow V^{**}$. Let $\psi_{V, \mathcal{B}} = \phi_{V^*, \mathcal{B}^*} \circ \phi_{V, \mathcal{B}} : V \rightarrow V^{**}$.

a) Show that $\phi_{V, \mathcal{B}} : V \rightarrow V^*$ is an isomorphism, but that it depends on the choice of basis \mathcal{B} . [Hint: For the second part, choose two different bases $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}'$ of some vector space V ; e.g. take V to be the one-dimensional space \mathbb{R} . Then compare the two maps $\phi_{V, \mathcal{B}}$ and $\phi_{V, \mathcal{B}'}$, and verify that they are not the same.]

b) Explain what $\psi_{V, \mathcal{B}}$ does to each basis vector of V , and show that $\psi_{V, \mathcal{B}} : V \rightarrow V^{**}$ is an isomorphism. Also show that $\psi_{V, \mathcal{B}}$ is the same as the isomorphism $\text{ev} : V \rightarrow V^{**}$ given by $v \rightarrow \text{ev}_v$, where $\text{ev}_v(f) = f(v)$ for $f \in V^*$. (Hint: Show $\psi_{V, \mathcal{B}}(v_i) = \text{ev}_{v_i}$ for all i .) Then deduce that $\psi_{V, \mathcal{B}}$ does *not* depend on the choice of basis \mathcal{B} (and in that sense is “natural”).