

## 2.4 Solution of exercises

### Solution 2.3.1

1.  $f$  is linear if and only if

$$\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \forall (x, y), (x', y') \in \mathbb{R}^2; f(\alpha(x, y) + \beta(x', y')) \stackrel{?}{=} \alpha f(x, y) + \beta f(x', y').$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha(x, y) + \beta(x', y')) &= f(\alpha x + \beta x', \alpha y + \beta y') \\ &= (\alpha x + \beta x' + \alpha y + \beta y', \alpha x + \beta x' - \alpha y - \beta y') \\ &= (\alpha x + \alpha y, \alpha x - \alpha y) + (\beta x' + \beta y', \beta x' - \beta y') \\ &= \alpha(x + y, x - y) + \beta(x' + y', x' - y') \\ &= \alpha f(x, y) + \beta f(x', y'). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $f$  is linear.

2. Let's determine  $\ker f$  and  $\operatorname{Im} f$  and give their dimensions. Is  $f$  bijective?

$$\ker f = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid f(x, y) = (0, 0)\} = \{(0, 0)\}, \text{ so } \dim \ker f = 0.$$

$$\operatorname{Im} f = \{(x + y, x - y) \mid (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\} = \{x(1, 1) + y(1, -1) \mid (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}.$$

Thus,  $\operatorname{Im} f$  is generated by two linearly independent vectors, so  $\dim \operatorname{Im} f = 2$ .

Since the dimension of the domain equals the dimension of the codomain,  $f$  is bijective as it is both injective and surjective. Specifically,  $f$  is injective because  $\ker f = \{(0, 0)\}$ , and it is surjective because  $\dim \mathbb{R}^2 = \dim \operatorname{Im} f = 2$ .

3. For any  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , we have

$$f \circ f(x, y) = f(f(x, y)) = f(x + y, x - y) = (2x, 2y) = 2(x, y) = 2 \cdot \operatorname{Id}_{\mathbb{R}^2}.$$

### Solution 2.3.2

1.  $f$  is linear if and only if

$$\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \forall (x, y), (x', y') \in \mathbb{R}^2; f(\alpha(x, y) + \beta(x', y')) \stackrel{?}{=} \alpha f(x, y) + \beta f(x', y').$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha(x, y) + \beta(x', y')) &= f(\alpha x + \beta x', \alpha y + \beta y') \\ &= (2\alpha x + 2\beta x' - 4\alpha y - 4\beta y', \alpha x + \beta x' - 2\alpha y - 2\beta y') \\ &= (2\alpha x - 4\alpha y, \alpha x - 2\alpha y) + (2\beta x' - 4\beta y', \beta x' - 2\beta y') \\ &= \alpha f(x, y) + \beta f(x', y'). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f$  is linear.

2. Let's determine  $\ker f$  and  $\operatorname{Im} f$  and give their dimensions. Is  $f$  bijective?

$$\ker f = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid f(x, y) = (0, 0)\} = \{(2y, y) \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{y(2, 1) \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

So,  $\dim \ker f = 1$ . Therefore,  $f$  is not injective.

$$\operatorname{Im} f = \{(2x - 4y, x - 2y) \mid (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\} = \{x(2, 1) + y(-4, -2) \mid (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}.$$

$\operatorname{Im} f$  is generated by two dependent vectors since  $(-4, -2) = -2(2, 1)$ . Hence,  $\dim \operatorname{Im} f = 1$ . Alternatively, we can use the fact that  $\dim \ker f + \dim \operatorname{Im} f = \dim \mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow \dim \operatorname{Im} f = 2 - 1 = 1$ .

3.  $f$  is not bijective as it is neither injective nor surjective.

### Solution 2.3.3

1. Let  $u = (x, y, z)$  and  $u' = (x', y', z')$  be two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and let  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda'$  be real numbers.

$$\lambda u + \lambda' u' = (\lambda x + \lambda' x', \lambda y + \lambda' y', \lambda z + \lambda' z')$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda u + \lambda' u') &= (\lambda x + \lambda' x' + \lambda y + \lambda' y' + \lambda z + \lambda' z', -(\lambda x + \lambda' x') + 2(\lambda y + \lambda' y') + 2(\lambda z + \lambda' z')) \\ &= (\lambda(x + y + z) + \lambda'(x' + y' + z'), \lambda(-x + 2y + 2z) + \lambda'(-x' + 2y' + 2z')) \\ &= \lambda(x + y + z, -x + 2y + 2z) + \lambda'(x' + y' + z', -x' + 2y' + 2z') \\ &= \lambda f(u) + \lambda' f(u') \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f$  is linear.

$$\begin{aligned}
2. \ker f &= \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid f(x, y, z) = (0, 0)\} \\
&= \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid (x + y + z, -x + 2y + 2z) = (0, 0)\} \\
&\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x + y + z = 0 \\ 3y + 3z = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y = -z \end{cases} \\
\ker f &= \{(0, -z, z) \mid z \in \mathbb{R}\} \\
&= \{z(0, -1, 1) \mid z \in \mathbb{R}\}
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $f = (0, -1, 1)$ ;  $f$  is a basis for  $\ker(f)$ .

$$Imf = \{f(e_1), f(e_2), f(e_3)\}$$

$$\begin{cases} f(e_1) = (1, -1) = f_1 - f_2 \\ f(e_2) = (1, 2) = f_1 + 2f_2 \\ f(e_3) = (1, 2) = f_1 + 2f_2 \end{cases}$$

$$Imf = \{f_1 - f_2, f_1 + 2f_2\}$$

$f_1 - f_2$  and  $f_1 + 2f_2$  are not proportional, so they form a linearly independent set in  $Imf$ . As they generate  $Imf$ , they form a basis for  $Imf$ , and thus  $\dim(Imf) = 2$ . Note that  $Imf = \mathbb{R}^2$ .

### Solution 2.3.4

$$\begin{aligned}
1. \begin{cases} f(e_1) = (1, 2, 0) = 1 \cdot e_1 + 2 \cdot e_2 + 0 \cdot e_3 \\ f(e_2) = (0, 1, -1) = 0 \cdot e_1 + 1 \cdot e_2 + (-1) \cdot e_3 \\ f(e_3) = (-1, -3, 2) = (-1) \cdot e_1 + (-3) \cdot e_2 + 2 \cdot e_3 \end{cases} \\
2. \text{ --- Coordinates of } f(e_1) \text{ in the basis } (e_1, e_2, e_3) \text{ are } (1, 2, 0). \\
\text{ --- Coordinates of } f(e_2) \text{ in the basis } (e_1, e_2, e_3) \text{ are } (0, 1, -1). \\
\text{ --- Coordinates of } f(e_3) \text{ in the basis } (e_1, e_2, e_3) \text{ are } (-1, -3, 2). \\
3. (x, y, z) \in \ker f \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x - z = 0 \\ 2x + y - 3z = 0 \\ -y + 3z = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x - z = 0 \\ y - z = 0 \\ -y + 3z = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y = 0 \\ z = 0 \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\ker f = \{0_{\mathbb{R}^3}\}$ .

**First method :**

$$Imf = \{f(e_1), f(e_2), f(e_3)\}$$

Check if the family  $\{f(e_1), f(e_2), f(e_3)\}$  is linearly independent :

$$\alpha f(e_1) + \beta f(e_2) + \gamma f(e_3) = 0_{\mathbb{R}^3} \Leftrightarrow \alpha \cdot (1, 2, 0) + \beta \cdot (0, 1, -1) + \gamma \cdot (-1, -3, 2) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha - \gamma = 0 \\ 2\alpha + \beta - 3\gamma = 0 \\ -\beta + 2\gamma = 0 \end{cases}$$

This is the same system as before, so  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0$ . The family is linearly independent and spans  $Imf$ , so it forms a basis for  $Imf$ , and  $\dim(Imf) = 3$ , concluding that  $Imf = \mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Second method (more complicated) :**

$$\begin{aligned}
Imf = \{f(e_1), f(e_2), f(e_3)\} &= \{e_1 + 2e_2, e_2 - e_3, -e_1 - 3e_2 + 2e_3\} \\
&= \{e_1 + 2e_2, e_2 - e_3, -e_2 + 2e_3 + e_1 + 2e_2\} \\
&= \{e_1 + 2e_2, e_2 - e_3 - e_2 + 2e_3, -e_2 + 2e_3\} \\
&= \{e_1 + 2e_2, e_3, -e_2 + 2e_3\} \\
&= \{e_1 + 2e_2, e_3, -e_2 + 2e_3 - 2e_3\} \\
&= \{e_1 + 2e_2, e_3, -e_2\} \\
&= \{e_1 + 2e_2, e_3, e_2\} \\
&= \{e_1, e_3, e_2\} \\
&= \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, a basis for  $Imf$  is  $(e_1, e_2, e_3)$ , and of course,  $Imf = \mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Third method :**

Using the rank-nullity theorem,  $\dim(\ker f) + \dim(Imf) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3$ . Since  $\dim(\ker f) = 0$ ,  $\dim(Imf) = 3$ , and therefore  $Imf = \mathbb{R}^3$ . A basis for  $Imf$  is  $(f(e_1), f(e_2), f(e_3))$ .

**Solution 2.3.5**

1. The matrix of  $f \circ f$  in the basis  $\beta$  is  $\mathcal{M}_\beta(f) \times \mathcal{M}_\beta(f)$ , where

$$\mathcal{M}_\beta(f) = \begin{pmatrix} -7 & 8 & 6 \\ -6 & 7 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \mathcal{M}_\beta(f) \times \mathcal{M}_\beta(f) = \begin{pmatrix} -7 & 8 & 6 \\ -6 & 7 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -7 & 8 & 6 \\ -6 & 7 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = Id_{\mathbb{R}^3}.$$

2. There exists  $g$  such that  $g \circ f = Id$ , so  $f$  is bijective, and  $f^{-1} = g = f$ .