



# Mathematics for Physicists II

## Sheet 4

**Exercise 1.** Let  $X, Y, Z$  be linear spaces,  $f \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  and  $g \in \mathcal{L}(Y, Z)$ .

(i) The composition function  $g \circ f$  is in  $\mathcal{L}(X, Z)$ .

[0.5 point]

(ii)  $\text{id}_X \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ .

[0.5 point]

(iii) The constant function  $\bar{\mathbf{0}} : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $x \mapsto \mathbf{0}$ , is in  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ .

[0.5 point]

(iv)  $f(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ .

[0.5 point]

(v) if  $x \in X$ , then  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ .

[0.5 point]

(vi) If  $n \geq 1$ ,  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ , then

$$f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(x_i).$$

[0.5 point]

(vii) Suppose that  $f$  satisfies the following property: if  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are linearly independent in  $X$ , then  $f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)$  are linearly independent in  $Y$ , for every  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ , and  $n \geq 1$ . Show that  $f$  is an injection.

[0.5 point]

(viii) If we define

$$\text{Ker}(f) := \{x \in X \mid f(x) = \mathbf{0}\},$$

$$\text{Im}(f) := \{y \in Y \mid \exists_{x \in X} (f(x) = y)\},$$

show that  $\text{Ker}(f) \preceq X$ ,  $\text{Im}(f) \preceq Y$ , and  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  if and only if  $f$  is an injection.

[0.5 point]

**Exercise 2.** Let  $X, Y$  be linear spaces with  $\dim(X) = n$  and  $\dim(Y) = m$ , for some  $n, m \geq 1$ . Let the following linear operations defined on  $X \times Y$ :

$$\begin{aligned}(x, y) + (x', y') &:= (x + x', y + y'), \\ a \cdot (x, y) &:= (a \cdot x, a \cdot y), \\ \mathbf{0} &:= (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}).\end{aligned}$$

Show the following:

(i)  $X \times Y$  is a linear space.

[0.5 point]

(ii) If  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis of  $X$  and  $\{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  is a basis of  $Y$ , then

$$\{(v_1, \mathbf{0}), \dots, (v_n, \mathbf{0}), (\mathbf{0}, w_1), \dots, (\mathbf{0}, w_m)\}$$

is a basis of  $X \times Y$ .

[1 point]

(iii)  $\dim(X \times Y) = n + m$ .

[0.5 point]

(iv) The projections  $\text{pr}_X : X \times Y \rightarrow X$  and  $\text{pr}_Y : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$ , defined by

$$\text{pr}_X(x, y) := x \quad \& \quad \text{pr}_Y(x, y) := y,$$

are linear maps.

[0.5 point]

(v) The product linear space  $X \times Y$  satisfies the *universal property of products* i.e., for every linear space  $Z$ , and every linear map  $f : Z \rightarrow X$ , and every linear map  $g : Z \rightarrow Y$  there is a unique linear map  $h : Z \rightarrow X \times Y$  such that the following inner diagrams commute

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & Z & & \\ & \swarrow f & \vdots h & \searrow g & \\ X & \xleftarrow{\text{pr}_X} & X \times Y & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_Y} & Y \end{array}$$

i.e.,  $f = \text{pr}_X \circ h$  and  $g = \text{pr}_Y \circ h$ .

[1.5 points]

**Exercise 3.** If  $X$  is a linear space, and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $\dim(X) = n$ , then if  $Y \preceq X$  and  $Z \preceq X$ , show that

$$\dim(Y) + \dim(Z) = \dim(Y + Z) + \dim(Y \cap Z).$$

[4 points]

**Exercise 4.** Let  $X, Y$  be linear spaces, and  $f \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ .

(i) If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\dim(X) = n = \dim(Y)$ , the following are equivalent:

(a)  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

(b)  $\text{Im}(f) = Y$ .

(c)  $f$  is a bijection i.e.,  $f$  is an injection and a surjection.

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) **[0.5 point]**

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(ii) If  $f$  is a linear isomorphism, then  $g := f^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)$ , and if  $\dim(X) = n$ , for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\dim(Y) = n$ .

**[1.5 points]**

(iii) If  $n \geq 1$ , then  $\dim(X) = n$  if and only if  $X$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**[1 point]**

**Exercise 5.** If  $X$  is a linear space, and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ , we define

$$T^n := \begin{cases} \text{id}_X & , n = 0 \\ T \circ T^{n-1} & , n > 0. \end{cases}$$

(i) If  $X$  is a linear space, and  $P \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ , such that  $P^2 = P$ , then

$$X = \text{Ker}(P) \oplus \text{Im}(P).$$

**[2 points]**

(ii) Let  $X$  be a linear space,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ , such that  $T^2 = \text{id}_X$ , and let

$$P := \frac{1}{2}(\text{id}_X + T) \quad \& \quad Q := \frac{1}{2}(\text{id}_X - T).$$

Show the following:

(a)  $P + Q = \text{id}_X$ .

**[0.5 point]**

(b)  $P^2 = P$ , and  $Q^2 = Q$ .

**[1 point]**

(iii)  $PQ = QP = \mathbf{0}$ .

**[0.5 point]**

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