

THE LAST OF SECTION 2.3.3: VECTOR SPACES AND LINEAR SYSTEMS

1. Below is a homogeneous system of linear equations, the coefficient matrix A and the reduced echelon form of matrix A , called B . Answer the questions below.

$$\begin{cases} v + 2w + x + 2y + z = 0 \\ -v - 2w + x + y + z = 0 \\ 2v + 4w + y = 0 \\ x + y + z = 0 \end{cases} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{matrix} v & w & x & y & z \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

(a) What is the rank of A ? **3**

(b) Find the set of solutions to the system and express the set in vector form.

$$\begin{aligned} v + 2w &= 0 \\ x + z &= 0 \\ y &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2w \\ w \\ -z \\ 0 \\ z \end{pmatrix}; \quad \text{Sol. set} = \left\{ w \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + z \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : w, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

(c) Is the set of solutions a vector space? Why or why not?

Yes. Sol. set = $\text{span} \left(\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \right)$ and $\text{span}(S)$ is always a vector space.

\vec{a}_1 \vec{a}_2

(d) What is the dimension of the solution set? **2**

Vectors \vec{a}_1 and \vec{a}_2 span the soln. set by definition. They are linearly independent b/c they have non zero entries in different positions.

2. (Theorem 3.13) Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix with rank r . What sort of number can r be? If A is the coefficient matrix of a homogeneous system, how many equations and how many unknowns are there? What can you say about the solution set?

- $r \leq n$ and $r \leq m$
- $[A : \vec{0}]$ corresponds to a system of m equations and n unknowns.
- The solution set of the system with matrix form $[A : \vec{0}]$ must have $n-r$ free variables and there for be a subspace of dimension $n-r$.

3. (Corollary 3.14) Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. The following statements are equivalent:

- (a) A has rank n
- (b) (what can you say about the rows?) *The n rows are linearly independent.*
- (c) (what can you say about the columns?) *The n columns are linearly independent.*
- (d) (what can you say about SoLE's with A as a coefficient matrix?) *There is always exactly 1 solution.*
- (e) (is A singular or nonsingular?) *nonsingular.*

Section 3.1.1

1. Let $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ and $W = \mathcal{P}_2$. Give an intuitive argument that these are not really different vector spaces.

The place holders $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ (or 1st, 2nd, 3rd coord) feel exactly the same as place holders $a + bx + cx^2$ (called constant, linear, and quadratic coefficients)

2. Definition: V, W vector spaces.

$f: V \rightarrow W$ is an **isomorphism** if ① f is 1-1 and onto, ② $f(\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2) = f(\vec{v}_1) + f(\vec{v}_2)$ and ③ **for all $r \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{v}_1 \in V$** $f(r\vec{v}_1) = rf(\vec{v}_1)$.

We say V and W are **isomorphic** vector spaces.

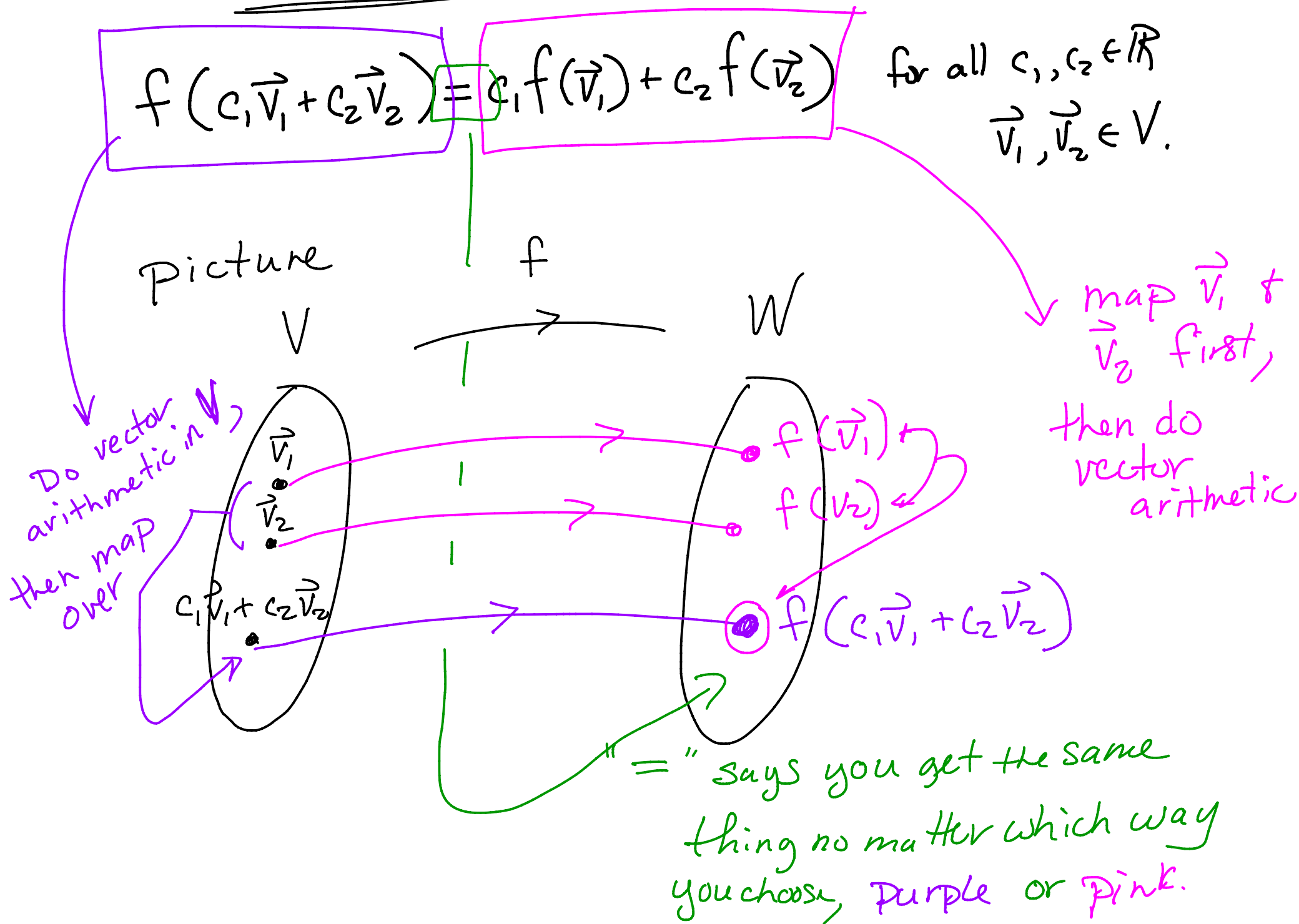
Isomorphic \equiv effectively the same

3. (Lemma 1.11)

Instead of showing $f(\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2) = f(\vec{v}_1) + f(\vec{v}_2)$ AND $f(r\vec{v}_1) = rf(\vec{v}_1)$ we can instead show

$$f(c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2) = c_1f(\vec{v}_1) + c_2f(\vec{v}_2) \quad \text{for all } c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \\ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in V.$$

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Example: Show $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ and $W = \mathcal{P}_2$ are isomorphic.

Pick a correspondence between V and W : $f\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}\right) = a + bx + cx^2$.

Show f is 1-1: Suppose $f\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}\right) = f\left(\begin{bmatrix} a' \\ b' \\ c' \end{bmatrix}\right)$. Then, $a + bx + cx^2 = a' + b'x + c'x^2$.

So $a = a'$, $b = b'$, $c = c'$. So $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a' \\ b' \\ c' \end{bmatrix}$. So f is 1-1

Show f is onto: Let $a + bx + cx^2$ be any polynomial in \mathcal{P}_2 .

Pick $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Now $f\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}\right) = a + bx + cx^2$. So f is onto.

Show f respects vector operations: Let $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a' \\ b' \\ c' \end{bmatrix} \in V = \mathbb{R}^3$.

$$f\left(c_1 \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} a' \\ b' \\ c' \end{bmatrix}\right) = f\left(\begin{bmatrix} c_1 a + c_2 a' \\ c_1 b + c_2 b' \\ c_1 c + c_2 c' \end{bmatrix}\right) = \underline{(c_1 a + c_2 a') + (c_1 b + c_2 b')x + (c_1 c + c_2 c')x^2}$$

$$c_1 f\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}\right) + c_2 f\left(\begin{bmatrix} a' \\ b' \\ c' \end{bmatrix}\right) = c_1 (a + bx + cx^2) + c_2 (a' + b'x + c'x^2) \\ = \underline{(c_1 a + c_2 a') + (c_1 b + c_2 b')x + (c_1 c + c_2 c')x^2}$$

These are equal.