

Theorem 0.1 *Let V, W be two finite dimensional vector spaces over a field F with $\dim V = \dim W = n$. Suppose $T : V \rightarrow W$ is a linear transformation. Then the following are equivalent:*

1. T is invertible.
2. T is nonsingular. (That means $(T(v) = 0) \Rightarrow (v = 0)$.)
3. T is onto.
4. If e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n is a basis of V then $T(e_1), T(e_2), \dots, T(e_n)$ is a basis of W .
5. There is a basis e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n of V such that $T(e_1), T(e_2), \dots, T(e_n)$ is a basis of W .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) : Obvious.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) : Suppose e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n is a basis of V .

Claim that $T(e_1), T(e_2), \dots, T(e_n)$ is a basis of W . Suppose $a_1T(e_1) + a_2T(e_2) + \dots + a_nT(e_n) = 0$ for some $a_i \in F$. Then $T(a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 + \dots + a_n e_n) = a_1T(e_1) + a_2T(e_2) + \dots + a_nT(e_n) = 0$. Since T is nonsingular $a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 + \dots + a_n e_n = 0$. Since e_1, \dots, e_n are linearly independent, $a_i = 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. So, $T(e_1), T(e_2), \dots, T(e_n)$ are linearly independent. Since, $\dim W = n$, indeed $T(e_1), T(e_2), \dots, T(e_n)$ is a basis of W . Therefore $W \subseteq \text{Span}(T(e_1), T(e_2), \dots, T(e_n)) = T(V)$. So, T is onto.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) : Let w_1, \dots, w_n be basis of W . Since T is onto, $T(e_i) = w_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ for some $e_i \in V$. It follows that e_1, \dots, e_n are linearly independent and hence a basis of V , because $\dim V = n$.

Now, suppose $T(v) = 0$ for some $v \in V$. Then $v = a_1e_1 + \dots + a_n e_n$ for some $a_i \in F$. Apply T and get $0 = a_1T(e_1) + \dots + a_nT(e_n) = a_1w_1 + \dots + a_nw_n$. Therefore $a_i = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and hence $v = 0$. So, T is also nonsingular and hence T is an isomorphism.

(3) \Rightarrow (4) : Since T is onto, $W = \text{Span}\{T(e_1), T(e_2), \dots, T(e_n)\}$. Since $\dim W = n$, indeed, $T(e_1), T(e_2), \dots, T(e_n)$ is a basis of W and hence linearly independent.

(4) \Rightarrow (5) : Let e_1, \dots, e_n be any basis of V . By (4), we have, $T(e_1), T(e_2), \dots, T(e_n)$ is a basis of W .

(5) \Rightarrow (3) : By (5), there is a basis e_1, \dots, e_n of V such that $T(e_1), T(e_2), \dots, T(e_n)$ is a basis of W . Then, given any $w \in W$, we have $w = a_1T(e_1) + \dots + a_nT(e_n) = T(a_1e_1 + \dots + a_n e_n)$. Therefore $w \in T(W)$ and T is onto.