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## 6. Linear Maps and Bases; - The Rank Theorem

Submit a solution of the $*$-Exercise ONLY. Due Date : Wednesday, 14-09-2016 (Before the Class)
Let $K$ be arbitrary field and let $\mathbb{K}$ denote either the field $\mathbb{R}$ or the field $\mathbb{C}$.
6.1 Let $V$ and $W$ be finite dimensional $K$-vector spaces. Show that
(a) There is an injective $K$-homomorphism from $V$ into $W$ if and only if $\operatorname{Dim}_{K} V \leq \operatorname{Dim}_{K} W$. Deduce that a homogeneous linear system $\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{i j} x_{j}=0, i=1, \ldots, m$ of $m$ equations in $n$ unknowns over $K$ with $n>m$ has a non-trivial solution in $K^{n}$.
(b) There is a surjective $K$-homomorphism from $V$ onto $W$ if and only if $\operatorname{Dim}_{K} V \geq \operatorname{Dim}_{K} W$. Deduce that a linear system $\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{i j} x_{j}=b_{i}, i=1, \ldots, m$ of $m$ equations in $n$ unknowns over $K$ with $n<m$ has no solution in $K^{n}$ for some $\left(b_{1}, \ldots, b_{m}\right) \in K^{m}$.
(c) A homogeneous linear system $\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{i j} x_{j}=0, i=1, \ldots, n$ of $n$ equations in $n$ unknowns over $K$ has a non-trivial solution in $K^{n}$ if and only if at least one of the corresponding inhomogeneous system of linear equations $\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{i j} x_{j}=b_{i}, i=1, \ldots, n$ has no solution in $K^{n}$.
6.2 Let $f$ and $g$ be endomorphisms of the finite dimensional $K$-vector space $V$. If $g \circ f$ is an automorphism of $V$, then show that both $g$ and $f$ are also automorphisms of $V$.
6.3 Let $f$ be an operator on the finite dimensional $K$-vector space $V$. Show that the following statements are equivalent: (i) $\operatorname{Ker} f=\operatorname{Im} f$. (ii) $f^{2}=0$ and $\operatorname{Dim}_{K} V=2 \cdot \operatorname{Rank} f$.
6.4 Let $f_{i}: V_{i} \rightarrow V_{i+1}, i=1, \cdots, r$, be surjective $K$-vector space homomorphisms with finite dimensional kernels. Then the composition $f:=f_{r} \circ \cdots \circ f_{1}$ from $V_{1}$ to $V_{r+1}$ also has finite dimensional kernel and

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\operatorname{Dim}_{K} \operatorname{Ker} f=\sum_{i=1}^{r} \operatorname{Dim}_{K} \operatorname{Ker} f_{i}
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(Hint : Proof by induction on $r$. For the inductive-step consider the $K$-linear map $\operatorname{Ker} f \rightarrow \operatorname{Ker} f_{r} \circ \cdots \circ f_{2}$ $x \mapsto f_{1}(x)$. Check that this map is surjective and apply the Rank-Theorem. - Remark: For example (see SupplementS3.18 and SupplementS5.5) : Let $P(X)=\left(X-\lambda_{1}\right) \cdots\left(X-\lambda_{n}\right)$ be a polynomial in $\mathbb{C}[X]$ with (not necessarily distinct) zeros $\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{n} \in \mathbb{C}$. Then the differential operator $P(D)=\left(D-\lambda_{1}\right) \cdots\left(D-\lambda_{n}\right)$ on $\mathrm{C}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\infty}(I)$, where $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is an interval has $n$-dimensional kernel, since for every $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, D-\lambda$ is surjective (proof!) and has 1-dimensional kernel $\mathbb{C} e^{\lambda t}$. Moreover, if $\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{r}, r \leq n$, are distinct zeros of $P(X)$ with multiplicities $n_{1}, \ldots, n_{r}$, then the quasi-polynomials $e^{\lambda_{1} t}, t e^{\lambda_{1} t}, \ldots, t^{n_{1}-1} e^{\lambda_{1} t} ; \ldots ; e^{\lambda_{r} t}, t e^{\lambda_{r} t}, \ldots, t^{n_{r}-1} e^{\lambda_{r} t}$ are $n$ linearly independent functions in $\operatorname{Ker} \mathbb{P}(D)$. In particular, they form a basis of $\operatorname{Ker} P(D)$ and is called a fundamental system of solutions of the differential equation $P(D) y=0$.)

