

SCE 594: Special Topics in Intelligent Automation & Robotics

Lecture 4: Vector Spaces II



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- Dual spaces
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Recap: Structure hierarchy

- A recurrent theme in mathematics is the classification of spaces by means of *structure-preserving maps* between them.
- Space = set + some structure

	Set	Group	Vector space over a Field
Mathematical object	\mathcal{S}	(G, \oplus)	(V, \oplus, \odot) over $(K, +, \cdot)$
Structure-preserving map	Map $f: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$	Group homomorphism $\rho: G \rightarrow H$	Linear map $A: V \xrightarrow{\sim} W$
Isomorphic spaces	Bijection $\mathcal{S} \cong_{\text{set}} \mathbb{T}$	Group isomorphism $G \cong_{\text{grp}} H$	Linear isomorphism $V \cong_{\text{vec}} W$



Recap: Vector space

- A vector space (V, \oplus, \odot) over a field $(K, +, \cdot)$ is the set V equipped with two operations:
 - $\oplus: V \times V \rightarrow V$ called vector addition
 - $\odot: K \times V \rightarrow V$ called scalar multiplication

that should satisfy the rules:

- (V, \oplus) is an Abelian group
 - The map \odot is an action of K on (V, \oplus)
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- An element of $v \in V$ is called a **vector**.



Recap: Vector space

- Example is $(\mathbb{R}^n, \oplus, \odot)$:

- $$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n + y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

- $$\lambda \odot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \cdot x_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda \cdot x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

- Identity element of (\mathbb{R}^n, \oplus) is the zero **vector** $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

- Example is $(\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \oplus, \odot)$:

- $$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{m1} & \cdots & b_{mn} \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} + b_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} + b_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} + b_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

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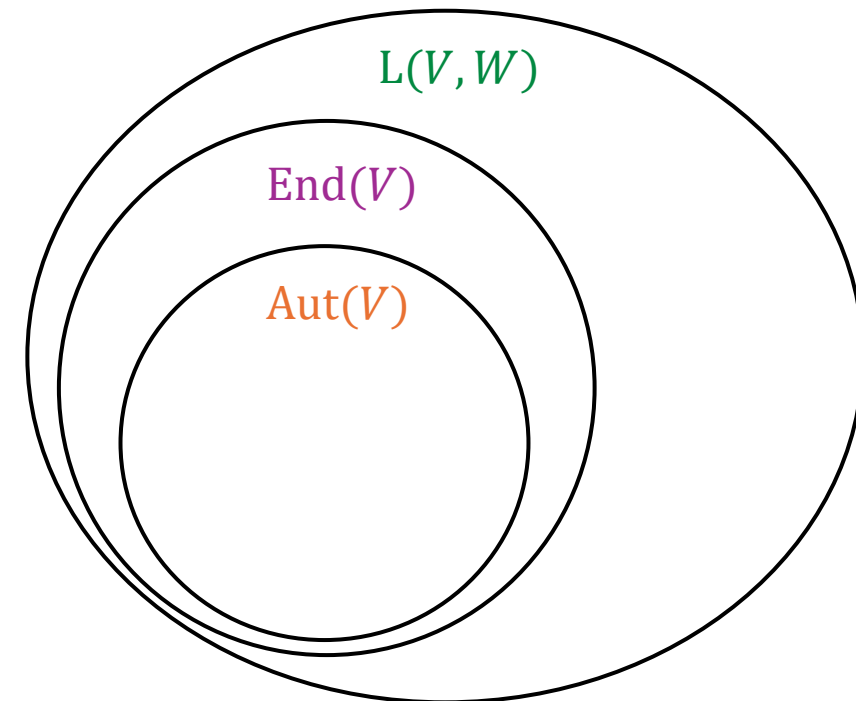
Recap: Linear Maps

- A linear map $A: V \rightarrow W$ between the vector spaces (V, \oplus, \odot) and (W, \boxplus, \boxdot) over the same field K is defined such that:
 - $A(v_1 \oplus v_2) = A(v_1) \boxplus A(v_2), \quad \forall v_1, v_2 \in V$
 - $A(\lambda \odot v) = \lambda \boxdot A(v), \quad \forall v \in V, \lambda \in K$
- If we drop the special notation for operators,
$$A(\lambda v_1 + v_2) = \lambda A(v_1) + A(v_2)$$
- The set of all linear maps from a vector space V to W is itself a vector-space, denoted by $L(V; W)$.



Recap: Subsets of $L(V, W)$

- $L(V; W) := \{A: V \rightarrow W \mid A \text{ is a linear map}\}$
- $\text{End}(V) := L(V, V) := \{A \in L(V, W) \mid W = V\}$
- $\text{Aut}(V) := \{A \in \text{End}(V) \mid A \text{ is a bijective map}\}$
 $= \{A: V \rightarrow W \mid A \text{ is a linear isomorphism}\}$



Common Notation for linear maps

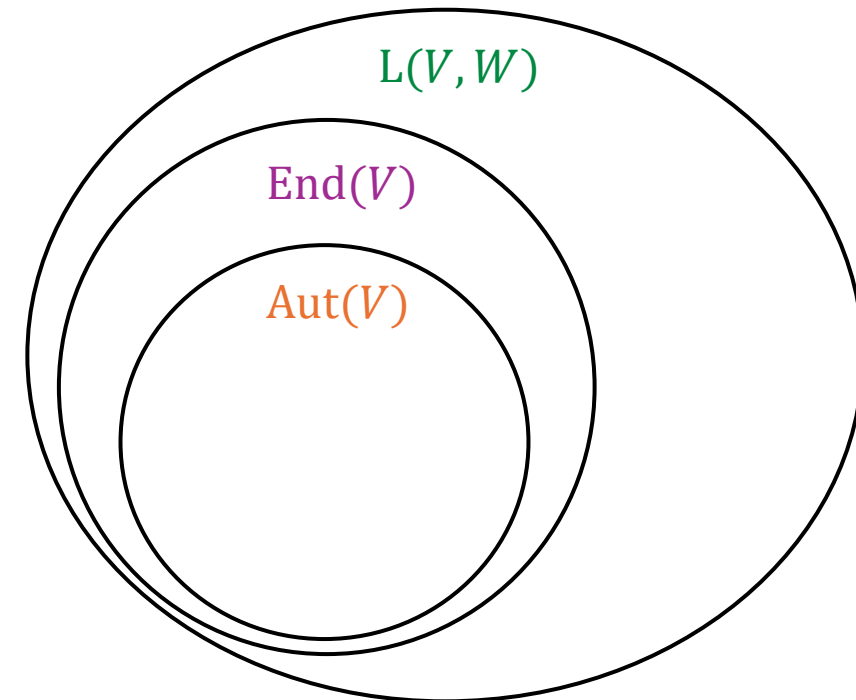
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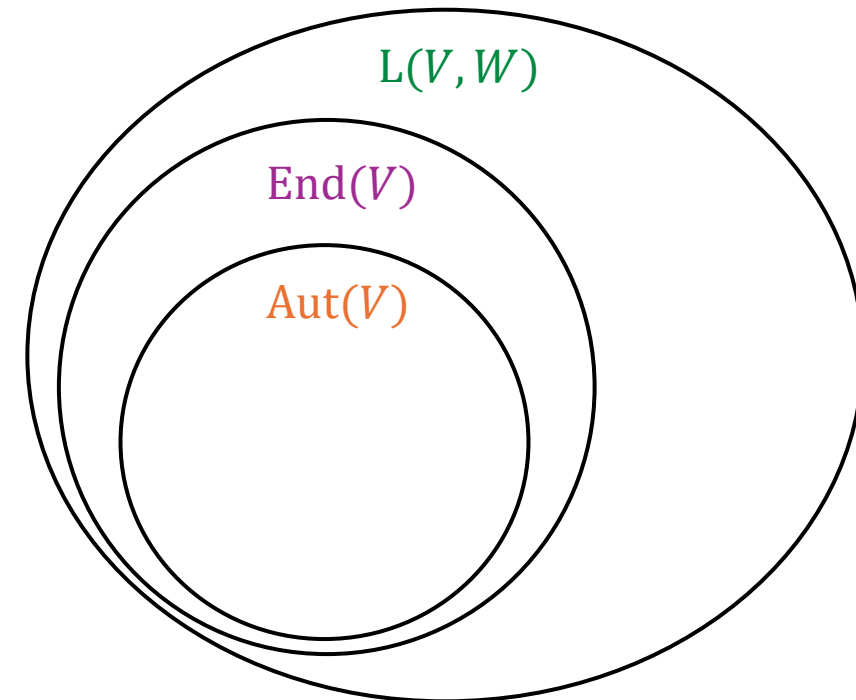
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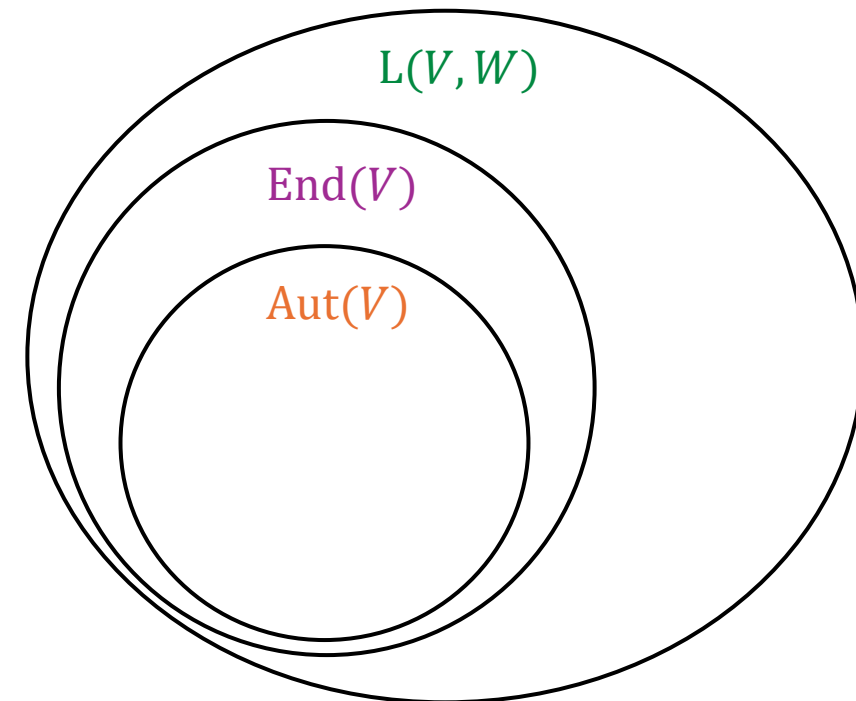
- $L(V; W)$ & $\text{End}(V)$ can be made into a vector space equipped with pointwise addition and scalar multiplication.
- $\text{Aut}(V)$ equipped with the same operations is not a vector space.
- $\text{Aut}(V)$ equipped with the composition operation \circ is a group $GL(V)$.
- $L(V; W)$ & $\text{End}(V)$ equipped with \circ is not a group.



Recap: Subsets of $L(V, W)$

- **General Conclusion:**

- Even if a **set** S can be given a structure (e.g., “vector space” or “group”), a **subset** $A \subset S$ or a **superset** $B \supset S$ does **not** automatically inherit that same structure with the same operations.



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Dual space

- The notion of a **dual (vector) space** V^* to a vector space V is extremely important in mechanics.
- However, it is usually overlooked !!
- While an element of V is called a vector, an element of V^* is called a covector*.
 - Velocity-like variables are vectors.
 - Force-like variables are covectors.

* Also referred to as one-form.



Dual space

- Let V be a vector space over the field K
- The **dual space** to V is:

$$V^* := L(V; K),$$

where $(K, +, \cdot)$ is considered a vector space over itself.

- An element of $\alpha \in V^*$ is a linear map from V to K called a **covector** or **one-form**.

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha: V &\rightarrow K \\ v &\mapsto \alpha(v) \end{aligned}$$

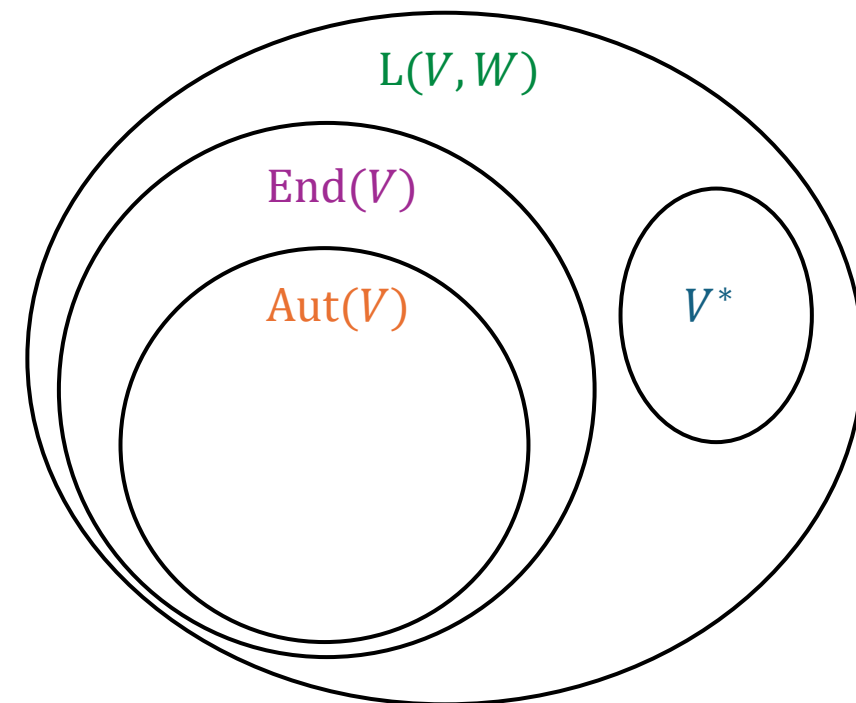


Dual space

- The **dual space** to a vector space V is:

$$V^* := L(V; K)$$

- $L(V, W)$ is a vector space in general, so V^* is also a vector space.
- In fact, both V and V^* have the same *dimension**.



* We did not formally introduce what is the dimension of a vector space.



Endomorphisms and Bilinear maps

- Since fundamentally a vector space V and its dual V^* are different spaces, one should be careful when defining **maps between them**.
- Endomorphisms
 - $\text{End}(V) := L(V, V) = \{A: V \xrightarrow{\sim} V\}$
 - $\text{End}(V^*) := L(V^*, V^*) = \{\Gamma: V^* \xrightarrow{\sim} V^*\}$
- Bilinear maps
 - $BL(V) := L(V, V^*) = \{B: V \xrightarrow{\sim} V^*\}$
 - $BL(V^*) := L(V^*, V) = \{\Pi: V^* \xrightarrow{\sim} V\}$

- If V is an n -dimensional vector space over \mathbb{R} .
- Then V^* is an n -dimensional vector space over \mathbb{R} .
- All these maps are represented by $n \times n$ matrices !!



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Dual space $(\mathbb{R}^n)^*$

- Consider the vector spaces over the field \mathbb{R} :

$$V = \mathbb{R}^n, K = \mathbb{R}$$

equipped with vector addition and scalar multiplication.

- The dual space $(\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ consists of all linear maps $\alpha: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

- You can prove that any linear map α **must** have the form:

$$\alpha(v) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i v^i$$

with $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$,

In components

$$\alpha(v) = (\alpha_1 \quad \dots \quad \alpha_n) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v^1 \\ \vdots \\ v^n \end{pmatrix}$$

$(\mathbb{R}^n)^* = \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$ is the set of row vectors



Linear Maps $L(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^m)$

- Consider the vector spaces over the field \mathbb{R} :

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- The set $L(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^m)$ consists of all linear maps $A: \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{R}^m$.

- You can prove that any linear map A **must** have the form:

$$A(v) = \left(\sum a_i^1 v^i, \dots, \sum a_i^m v^i \right),$$

with $a_i^j \in \mathbb{R}$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$.

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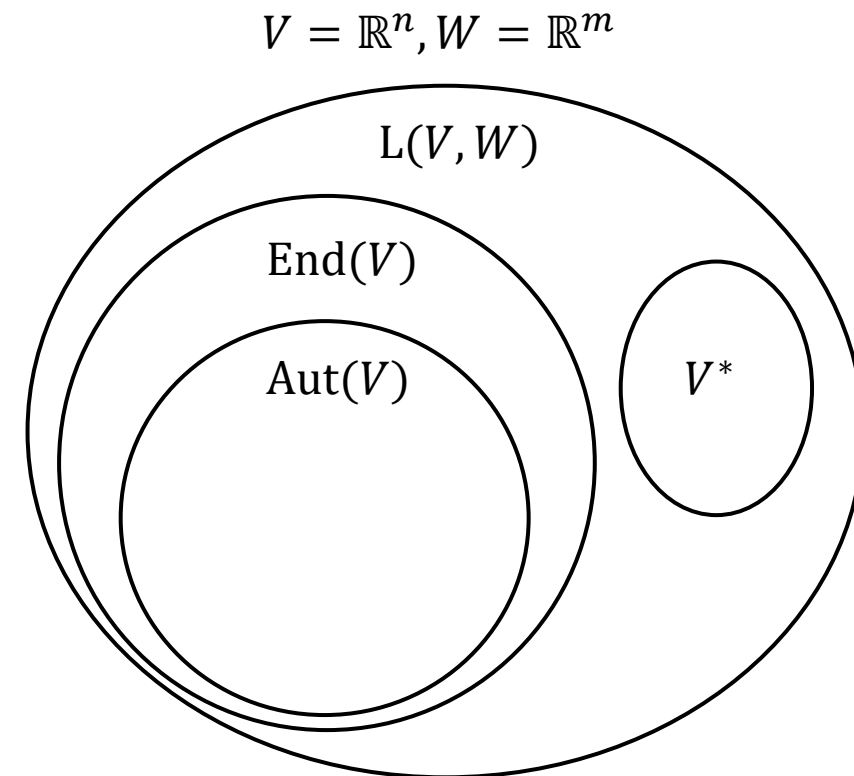
m - rows, n - columns

$L(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^m) = \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, the set of $m \times n$ matrices.



Subsets of $L(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^m)$

- $(\mathbb{R}^n)^* = \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$
- $L(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^m) = \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$
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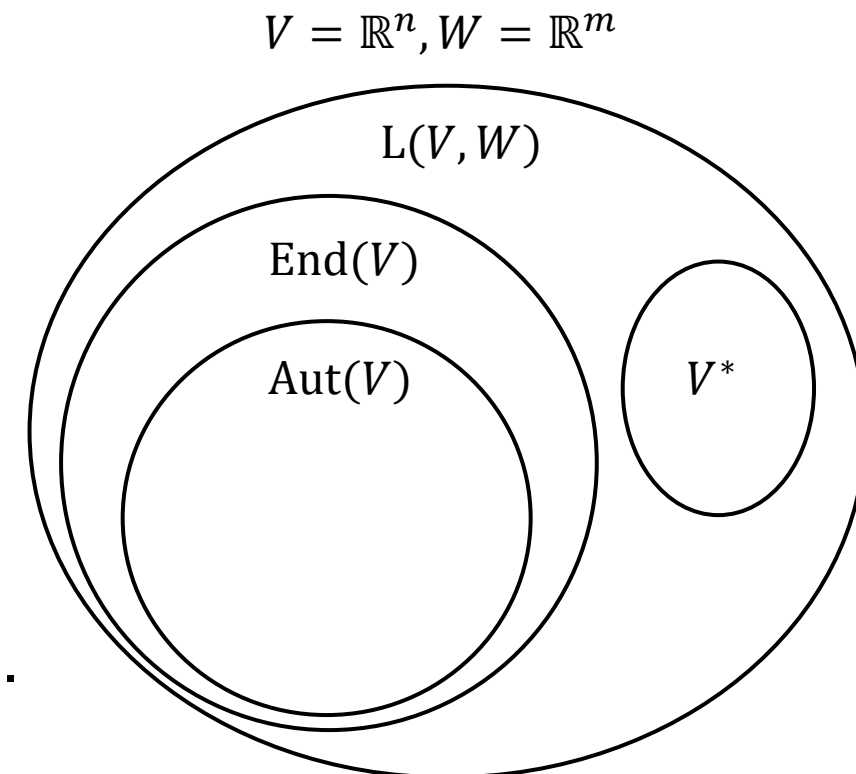
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\odot := scalar-matrix multiplication

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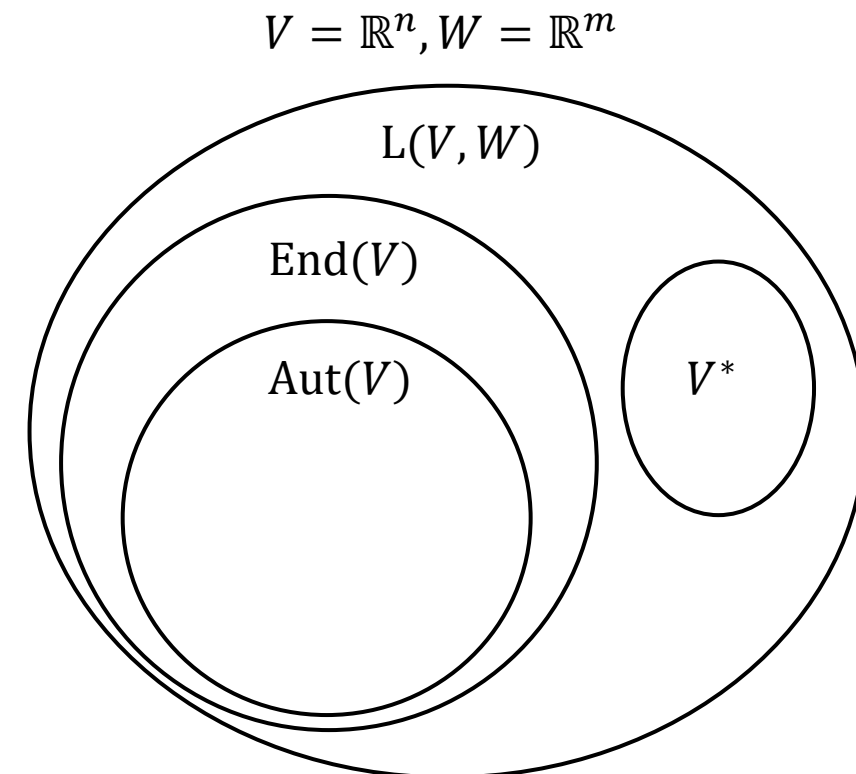
- A vector space must have the zero linear map
- But the zero map $\mathbf{0}(v) = \mathbf{0}$ is **not invertible**.
- So $\mathbf{0} \notin \text{Aut}(\mathbb{R}^n)$
- Therefore, $(\text{Aut}(\mathbb{R}^n), \oplus, \odot)$ is not a vector space.



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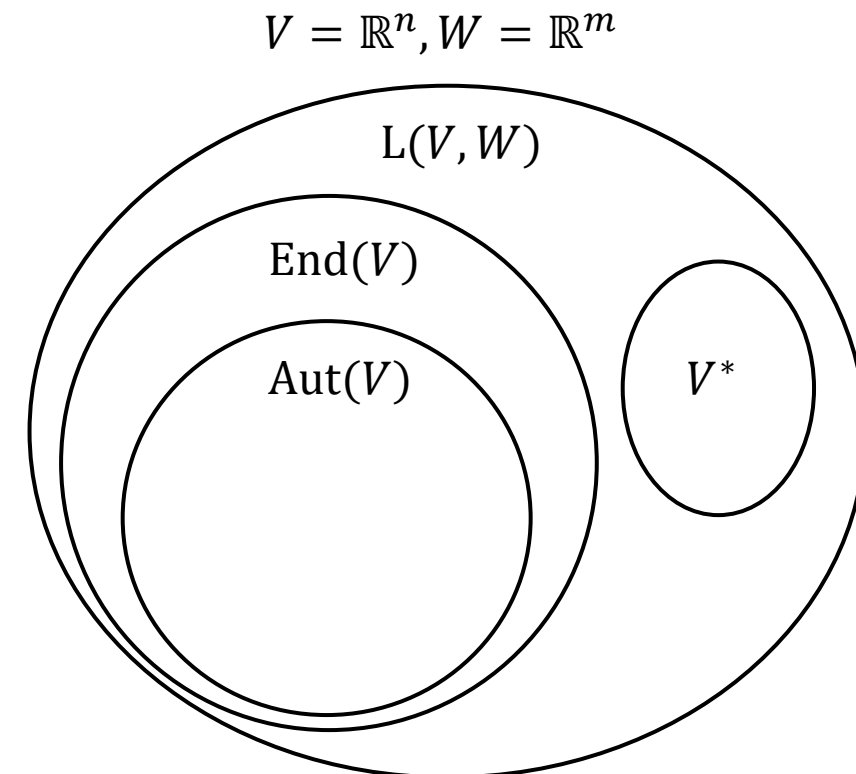
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- $(\text{Aut}(\mathbb{R}^n), \otimes)$ has a group structure
- $(\text{Aut}(\mathbb{R}^n), \otimes) =: GL(\mathbb{R}^n) \equiv GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ General Linear group
- A group requires every element to have an inverse.
- $\text{End}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ includes **both** invertible and non-invertible matrices. Thus, $(\text{End}(\mathbb{R}^n), \otimes)$ is not a group.



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- $(L(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^m), \otimes)$ is not even well-defined !



Example: Map that is not linear

- Example: $V = \mathbb{R}^n$, $W = \mathbb{R}^m$
- Consider the map $\Psi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ between vector spaces defined by:

$$\Psi(v) = \left(\sum a_i^1 v^i + b^1, \dots, \sum a_i^m v^i + b^m \right) ,$$

with $a_i^j, b^j \in \mathbb{R}$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$.

In components

$$\Psi(v) = \begin{pmatrix} a_1^1 & \cdots & a_n^1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_1^m & \cdots & a_n^m \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v^1 \\ \vdots \\ v^n \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b^1 \\ \vdots \\ b^m \end{pmatrix} = A(v) + b$$

- A map Ψ of the form above is called an **affine map** and is not a linear map.

$$\Psi(\lambda v) = A(\lambda v) + b = \lambda A(v) + b \neq \lambda \Psi(v)$$



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Components of tensors

- So far, the mathematical objects involved with vector spaces we introduced are abstractly defined.
 - Vectors, covectors, endomorphisms, and bilinear maps.
- All these objects can be written in **components** once a **basis** has been chosen.
- However, the geometric nature of these objects should be respected independent of the basis we choose.

Every finite-dimensional vector space V of dimension n ,
is isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^n (as vector spaces).



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- **Generate V**

- A set $S \subset V$ of vectors **generates** a vector space V , if every vector $v \in V$ can be written as the linear combination

$$v = c^1 e_1 + \dots + c^k e_k, \text{ for some constants } c^i \in \mathbb{R}$$

- We usually write that $V = \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}}(S)$

