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MATH 208: LINEAR ALGEBRA II.

ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS      TIME: 2 HOURS.

1. (a) If  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a set of vectors in a vector space  $V$ , prove that the linear span of  $S$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing  $S$ .
- (b) If  $V$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  generated by  $\{(1, -1, -1, -2, 0), (1, -2, -2, 0, -3), (1, -1, -2, -2, 1)\}$ . Find the homogeneous system whose solution space is  $V$ .
2. (a) Prove that a vector space  $V$  is a direct sum of its subspaces  $W$  and  $Z$  if and only if (i)  $V = W + Z$  and (ii)  $W \cap Z = \{0\}$ .
- (b)  $W$  and  $Z$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  generated by  $\{(1, 1, 0, -1), (1, 2, 3, 0), (2, 3, 3, -1)\}$  and  $\{(1, 1, 1, 0), (-1, 1, 2, -1), (0, 2, 3, -1)\}$ , respectively, find a basis for  $W \cap Z$ .
3. Let  $V$  be a vector space of finite dimension and let  $F: V \rightarrow W$  be linear mapping, prove that  $\dim(\ker F) + \dim(\text{im} F) = \dim V$
4. (a) Find the basis and dimension of the solution space  $W$  of a homogeneous system
- $$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + 3s + t &= 0 \\ 2x + 3y + 3s + t &= 0 \\ x + y + 2s + t &= 0 \\ 3x + 5y + 6s + 2t &= 0 \end{aligned}$$
- (b) If  $F: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  is defined by  $F(x, y, z, t) = (x + 2y + z + 3t, x - z, 2x + 2y + 3t, 3x + 2y + z + 3t)$ , find the bases and dimensions of (i)  $\text{im} F$  and (ii)  $\ker F$ .
5. (a) If  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  is a basis of vector space  $V$  and  $T: V \rightarrow V$ , a linear operator on  $V$ , define a matrix representation of  $T$  relative to the basis.
- (b) Let  $T(x, y, z) = (x - y + z, x - z, y + z)$  be a linear operator,  $\{u_1 = (1, 1, 1), u_2 = (0, 1, 1), u_3 = (0, 0, 1)\}$  be a basis and  $v = (1, 2, 3)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Verify that  $[T]_u [v]_u = [T(v)]_u$ .
6. Let  $\{u_1 = (1, -1, 1), u_2 = (1, 0, 0), u_3 = (1, -1, 0)\}$  and  $\{w_1 = (1, 1, 1), w_2 = (0, 1, 1), w_3 = (0, 0, 1)\}$  be any two bases in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $T(x, y, z) = (x + y + z, x - y + z, x + y - z)$  be an operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Show that  $[T]_w = P^{-1} [T]_u P$ , where  $P$  is a transition matrix from the basis  $\{u_i\}$  to  $\{w_i\}$

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(1a) First, we show that  $L(S) \neq \emptyset$  and  $v$  closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication. Let  $u, v \in L(S)$ . Then,

$$u = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n \text{ and } v = \beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \dots + \beta_n v_n \text{ such that } \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

Then  $u+v = (\alpha_1 + \beta_1)v_1 + (\alpha_2 + \beta_2)v_2 + \dots + (\alpha_n + \beta_n)v_n \in L(S)$  because  $u+v$  is a linear combination of  $v_i$

$$\text{Also, } \alpha u = \alpha(\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n) = \alpha\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha\alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha\alpha_n v_n \Rightarrow$$

$L(S)$  is a subspace of  $V$ ,

ii) Suppose  $K$  is a subspace of  $V$  containing  $S$ , then  $\alpha_1 v_1, \alpha_2 v_2, \dots, \alpha_n v_n \in K$

$\Rightarrow K$  contains all linear combinations of vectors in  $S$ .

$\Rightarrow L(S) \subset K$  and  $L(S)$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing  $S$ .

(1b) To find the homogeneous system whose solution space is  $V$ , we write in matrix form and reduce.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & x \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & y \\ -2 & -2 & -2 & z \\ -2 & 0 & -2 & s \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & t \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & x \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & y-x \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & z-x \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & s+2x \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & t \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & x \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & y-x \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & z-y \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & s+2y \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & t+3y-3x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & x \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & y-x \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & z-y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & s-4z+2y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & t-3x-5s-8y \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence, the homogeneous system is,  
 $s-4z-2y=0, t-3x-5s-8y=0$

(2a) Proof: Suppose that  $V = W + Z$ . Then any  $v \in V$  can uniquely be written as  $v = w + z$  such that  $w \in W$  and  $z \in Z$ .

In particular,  $V = K + Z$ .

Also, suppose  $v \in K \cap Z$ , then  $v = 0 + v$  such that  $0 \in K$  and  $v \in Z$ . If

$$v = v + 0 \text{ such that } v \in K \text{ and } 0 \in Z \Rightarrow v = 0$$

Hence  $K \cap Z = \{0\}$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence, the basis for  $K \cap Z = \{(1, 1, 0, -1), (0, 1, 3, 1), (0, 0, 1, 1)\}$  and

the  $\dim(K \cap Z) = 3$

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③ Proof: Since  $V$  is a finite dimension, Let  $\dim V = n$  and  $\dim(\ker F) = k$ .  
 Suppose  $k = n$ , then  $V = \ker F \Rightarrow f(v) = 0 \forall v \in V$ . Hence,  $\text{im} f = \{0\}$  and  $\dim(\text{im} f) = 0$ .  
 Suppose that  $1 \leq k < n$ , we show that  $\dim(\text{im} f) = n - k$ .

Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  be a basis for  $\ker F$ , we can extend this basis to that of  $V$ . i.e.  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, v_{k+2}, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ .

We now prove that  $T = \{f(v_{k+1}), f(v_{k+2}), \dots, f(v_n)\}$  is a basis for  $\text{im} f$ .

Let  $w \in \text{im} f$ , then  $w = f(v)$  for some  $v \in V$ . Since  $S$  is a basis for  $V$ , we can write  $v = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k + c_{k+1} v_{k+1} + c_{k+2} v_{k+2} + \dots + c_n v_n$  where

$c_i$  are scalars.

$$w = f(v) = f(c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k + c_{k+1} v_{k+1} + \dots + c_n v_n) \\ = c_{k+1} f(v_{k+1}) + c_{k+2} f(v_{k+2}) + \dots + c_n f(v_n) \text{ since } f(v_j) = 0 \forall j=1, 2, \dots, k$$

Hence,  $T$  spans  $\text{im} f$  i.e.  $T$  is linearly independent.

Suppose that

$$c_{k+1} f(v_{k+1}) + c_{k+2} f(v_{k+2}) + \dots + c_n f(v_n) = 0$$

$$\text{Then, } f(c_{k+1} v_{k+1} + c_{k+2} v_{k+2} + \dots + c_n v_n) = 0$$

Hence,  $c_{k+1} v_{k+1} + c_{k+2} v_{k+2} + \dots + c_n v_n \in \ker F$  and can be written as a linear combination of vectors in  $S$ .

$$\text{i.e. } c_{k+1} v_{k+1} + c_{k+2} v_{k+2} + \dots + c_n v_n = d_1 v_1 + d_2 v_2 + \dots + d_k v_k$$

where

$$d_1 v_1 + d_2 v_2 + \dots + d_k v_k - c_{k+1} v_{k+1} - c_{k+2} v_{k+2} - \dots - c_n v_n = 0$$

Since  $S$  is independent  $\Rightarrow d_1 = d_2 = \dots = d_n = c_{k+1} = c_{k+2} = \dots = c_n = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow T$  is linear independent and  $\dim(\text{im} f) = 0$ ,

Hence,  $\dim V = \dim(\ker f) + \dim(\text{im} f)$  is,

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$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + 3z + t &= 0 \\ 2x + 3y + 3z + t &= 0 \\ x + y + 2z + 2s + t &= 0 \\ 3x + 5y + 6z + 2t &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, to find the basis and dimension of the homogeneous system, we write the system of eqn. in a matrix form and reduce.

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } \dim K = \text{No's of Unknown} - \text{No's of non-zero rows,} \\ = 5 - 3 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim K = 2.$$

Now, to find the basis we

$$2z + 2s + t = 0$$

$$-y - 3s - t = 0$$

$$x + 2y + 3s + t = 0 \text{ we use the free variables i.e.}$$

$$\text{Let } s=1, t=0, \cancel{z=0} \Rightarrow \cancel{z=0}, \cancel{y=0},$$

$$\Rightarrow z=1, y=-3, x=3$$

$$(3, -3, 1, 1, 0)$$

$$\text{and if } s=0, t=1 \Rightarrow z=1/2, y=-1, x=1$$

$$(1, -1, 1/2, 0, 1)$$

$$\text{Hence, Basis } K = \left\{ (3, -3, 1, 1, 0), (1, -1, 1/2, 0, 1) \right\}$$

Note that:

free variables are variables which does not appear in the beginning of any of the equation.

(4b) To find the bases and dimension of  $\text{Im } f$ , we use the usual basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  generates the image of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

$$f(x, y, z, t) = (x + 2y + z + 3t, x - z, 2x + 2y + 3t, 3x + 2y + z + 3t).$$

$$f(1, 0, 0, 0) = (1, 1, 2, 3)$$

$$f(0, 1, 0, 0) = (2, 0, 2, 2), \quad f(0, 0, 1, 0) = (1, -1, 0, 1)$$

$$f(0, 0, 0, 1) = (3, 0, 3, 3)$$

In matrix form, we have;

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence, the basis of  $\text{Im } f = 3$  and

$$\dim(\text{Im } f) = \left\{ (1, 1, 2, 3), (0, -2, -2, -4), (0, 0, 0, 2) \right\}.$$

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To find the basis and dimension of  $\ker F$ , we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 3 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -2 & -6 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow z=0, -2y-2z-3t=0, x+2y+z+3t=0$$

$$\text{Hence, Dimension}(\ker F) = \text{Nos of Unknown} - \text{Nos of Non-zero rows} \\ = 4 - 3 = 1$$

$$\text{Basis}(\ker F) = (2, -3/2, 0, 1)$$

$$4t=1, y=-3/2, x=2$$

5a) The transpose of the below matrix of coefficients denoted by  $[T]_S$  is called the matrix representation of  $T$  relative to the basis  $S$ . Let  $T$  be a linear operator (transformation) from a vector space  $V$  into itself i.e.  $T: V \rightarrow V$  and suppose  $S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$  is a basis of  $V$  then  $T(u_1), T(u_2), \dots, T(u_n)$  are vectors in  $V$  and so each is a linear combination of the vectors in the basis  $S$ .

$$\text{i.e. } T(u_1) = a_{11}u_1 + a_{12}u_2 + \dots + a_{1n}u_n$$

$$T(u_2) = a_{21}u_1 + a_{22}u_2 + \dots + a_{2n}u_n$$

$$\dots$$

$$T(u_n) = a_{n1}u_1 + a_{n2}u_2 + \dots + a_{nn}u_n$$

$$\Rightarrow [T]_S = \left\{ [T(u_1)]_S, [T(u_2)]_S, [T(u_3)]_S, \dots, [T(u_n)]_S \right\}$$

5b)  $T(x, y, z) = (x-y+z, x-z, y+z)$  and  $u = u_1, u_2, u_3 = (1, 1, 1), (0, 1, 1), (0, 0, 1)$

$$V = (1, 2, 3)$$

$$[T]_u [V]_u = [T(V)]_u$$

$$\Rightarrow [V]_u =$$

$$(1, 2, 3) = x u_1 + y u_2 + z u_3 \Rightarrow (1, 2, 3) = x(1, 1, 1) + y(0, 1, 1) + z(0, 0, 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x=1, y=1, z=1 \quad \text{and} \quad [V]_u = (1, 1, 1) \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Now, we find the coordinates of  $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  relative to the basis  $U$ .

$$(a, b, c) = xU_1 + yU_2 + zU_3 = x(1, 1, 1) + y(0, 1, 1) + z(0, 0, 1) \Rightarrow x = a, y = b - a, z = c - b$$

$$\text{Thus, } (a, b, c) = aU_1 + (b - a)U_2 + (c - b)U_3$$

$$T(U_1) = T(1, 1, 1) = (1, 0, 2) = U_1 - U_2 + 2U_3$$

$$T(U_2) = T(0, 1, 1) = (0, -1, 2) = -U_2 + 2U_3$$

$$T(U_3) = T(0, 0, 1) = (1, -1, 1) = U_1 - 2U_2 + 2U_3$$

$$[T]_U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Thus, } [T]_U [V]_U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Also,

$$T(v) = T(1, 2, 3) = (2, -2, 5) = (a, b, c)$$

$$[T(v)]_U = 2U_1 - 4U_2 + 7U_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence,

$$[T]_U [v]_U = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = [T(v)]_U$$

$$\Rightarrow [T]_U [v]_U = [T(v)]_U$$

Verified  $\square$

(6)  $U_1, U_2, U_3 = (1, -1, 1), (1, 0, 0), (1, -1, 0)$  and  $w_1, w_2, w_3 = (1, 1, 1), (0, 1, 1), (0, 0, 1)$

$$T(x, y, z) = (x + y + z, x - y + z, x + y - z)$$

$$(a, b, c) = xU_1 + yU_2 + zU_3 \Rightarrow x = c, y = a + b, z = -(b + c)$$

$$(a, b, c) = cU_1 + (a + b)U_2 - (b + c)U_3 \quad \text{and,}$$

$$(a, b, c) = xw_1 + yw_2 + zw_3 \Rightarrow x = a, y = b - a, z = c - b$$

$$(a, b, c) = aw_1 + (b - a)w_2 + (c - b)w_3$$

Thus,

$$T(w_1) = T(1, 1, 1) = (3, 1, 1) = 3w_1 - 2w_2$$

$$T(w_2) = T(0, 1, 1) = (2, 0, 0) = 2w_1 - 2w_2$$

$$T(w_3) = T(0, 0, 1) = (1, 1, -1) = w_1 - 2w_3$$

$$\Rightarrow [T]_W = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Also,

$$T(U_1) = T(1, -1, 1) = (1, 3, 1) = -U_1 + 4U_2 - 2U_3$$

$$T(U_2) = T(1, 0, 0) = (1, 1, 1) = U_1 + 2U_2 - 2U_3$$

$$T(U_3) = T(1, -1, 0) = (0, 2, 0) = 2U_2 - 2U_3$$

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$$[T]_u = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find  $P$  (a transition matrix from the basis  $\{u_i\}$  to  $\{w_i\}$ )

$$w_1 = (1, 1, 1) = u_1 + 2u_2 - 2u_3$$

$$w_2 = (0, 1, 1) = u_1 + u_2 - 2u_3$$

$$w_3 = (0, 0, 1) = u_1 - u_3$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow P^{-1} \equiv Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus;

$$\begin{aligned} P^{-1}[T]_u P &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ -4 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$[T]_w = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = P^{-1}[T]_u P$$

$$\Rightarrow [T]_w = P^{-1}[T]_u P_D$$