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 M511: Linear Algebra (Fall 2017)  
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 Chapter 3 Exam  
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Read and follow all instructions. You may not use any notes or electronic devices. You may use a compass, straightedge, and colored pens/pencils.

**Part I: True/False [4 points each]**

Neatly write T on the line if the statement is always true, and F otherwise [2 points]. In the space provided, give sufficient explanation of your answer [2 points].

- T 1. Let  $\mathbf{x} = (17, -4, 2)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (2, 1, -3)^T$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (1, -2, 4)^T$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then  $\mathbf{x}$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ .

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 17 \\ 1 & -2 & -4 \\ -3 & 4 & 2 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{R}_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 17 \\ 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 7 & -10 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{R}_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 2R_2} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 17 \\ 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{R}_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{R}_1 + 2R_2 \rightarrow R_1} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \text{ so } \mathbf{x} = 6\mathbf{v}_1 + 5\mathbf{v}_2.$$

$3R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3$     $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$   
 $R_1 - 2R_2 \rightarrow R_1$

- F 2. The vectors  $\{(2, 3, 1)^T, (1, -1, 2)^T, (7, 3, 8)^T\}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 7 \\ 3 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 8 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 2 & 8 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + 7 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-14) - 1(21) + 7(-7) = -28 - 21 + 49 = 0 \quad \text{False}$$

- T 3. Suppose  $V$  is a vector space and  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$  form a basis for  $V$ . Then  $\{\underbrace{\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2}_{\mathbf{u}_1}, \underbrace{\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3}_{\mathbf{u}_2}, \underbrace{\mathbf{v}_3 - \mathbf{v}_4}_{\mathbf{u}_3}, \underbrace{\mathbf{v}_4}_{\mathbf{u}_4}\}$  also form a basis for  $V$ .

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \det(U) = 1 \neq 0, \text{ so } U \text{ forms a basis.}$$

- F 4. Any collection of four polynomials in  $P_4$  form a spanning set for  $P_4$ .

The polynomials must be linearly independent.

- F 5.  $S = \text{span} \{x, x^2, x|x|\}$  is a subspace of  $C(\mathbb{R})$  of dimension 3.

$$x^2 \text{ and } x|x| \text{ are linearly dependent: } W(x^2, x|x|) = \det \begin{pmatrix} x^2 & x|x| \\ 2x & 2|x| \end{pmatrix} = 2x^2|x| - 2x^2|x| = 0.$$



**Part I: Written Problems [10 points each]**

*Follow all instructions exactly, and show enough work.*

**6 – 9.** For questions 6 through 9, consider the vector space  $P_4$  with standard (ordered) basis  $E = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$ , and  $V = \{1, (x - 2), (x - 2)^2, (x - 2)^3\}$ .

6. Show that  $V$  forms a basis of  $P_4$ .

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\det(V) = 1 \neq 0$ , so the elements of  $V$  are lin. ind.  
Since there are 4, they must also span  $P_4$ .

7. Find the transition matrix from the ordered basis  $E$  to  $V$ .

Recall  $V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : V \rightarrow E$

Then  $V^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : E \rightarrow V$

8. Write the vector  $p(x) = 8 - 12x + 6x^2 - x^3$  in  $V$ -coordinates.

$$\begin{aligned}[p]_V &= V^{-1} [p]_E \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -12 \\ 6 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 8 - 24 + 24 - 8 \\ 0 - 12 + 24 - 12 \\ 0 + 0 + 6 - 6 \\ 0 + 0 + 0 - 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

So  $p(x) = 1(x-2)^3$ .

9. Find an ordered basis  $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$  of  $P_4$  for which

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is the transition matrix from  $V$  to  $U$ . Give your answer as polynomials in  $P_4$  (not in coordinates).

$$S = U^{-1}V : V \rightarrow U$$

$$\text{so } U = VS^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 12 \\ 8 & 0 & 1 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 9 & -27 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 & 27 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Compute  $S^{-1}$ :

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{so, } \begin{cases} u_1(x) = 1 \\ u_2(x) = x - 3 \\ u_3(x) = x^2 - 6x + 9 = (x-3)^2 \\ u_4(x) = x^3 - 9x^2 + 27x - 27 = (x-3)^3 \end{cases}$$

10. Consider the following vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Write  $\mathbf{x} = 4\mathbf{u}_1 - 2\mathbf{u}_2$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ .

$$[\mathbf{x}]_u = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad [\mathbf{x}]_v = S[\mathbf{x}]_u \quad \text{where } S: u \rightarrow v \text{ is the transition matrix.}$$

$$S = V^{-1}U.$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad V^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S = V^{-1}U = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 11 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{x}]_v = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 11 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 18 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}_v$$

$$\text{So} \quad \boxed{\bar{x} = 18\bar{v}_1 + 8\bar{v}_2}$$

11. Consider the matrix,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 6 & -3 & -5 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find bases for the row space, column space, and null space of  $A$ . Clearly label each answer.

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 6 & -3 & -5 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 6 & -3 & -5 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -15 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \\ R_1 &\leftrightarrow R_2 \quad R_3 - 6R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_2 + 3R_1 &\rightarrow R_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{so, } \text{row}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{and, } \text{col}(A) = \mathbb{R}^3$$

Null space:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 5 \end{array} \right)$$

$$x_4 = t$$

$$x_3 = -\frac{5}{7}t$$

$$x_2 = -6x_3 - 4t = +\frac{30 - 28}{7}t = \frac{2}{7}t$$

$$x_1 = -x_3 = \frac{5}{7}t$$

$$\text{so, } \text{Null}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{7} \\ -\frac{5}{7} \\ \frac{2}{7} \\ t \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

12. Consider a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 5}$  whose columns  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_5$  satisfy  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_5$  are linearly independent, and  $\mathbf{a}_3 = \mathbf{a}_1 - \mathbf{a}_2$  and  $\mathbf{a}_4 = 2\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_3$ .

(a) What is the reduced row echelon form (RREF) of  $A$ ?

(b) What is the column space of  $A$ ?

a) In words,  $\bar{\mathbf{a}}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{a}}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\bar{\mathbf{a}}_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\text{Thus, } \bar{\mathbf{a}}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \bar{\mathbf{a}}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The rref form of  $A$  is thus  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

b)  $\text{col}(A) = \text{span}\{\bar{\mathbf{a}}_1, \bar{\mathbf{a}}_2, \bar{\mathbf{a}}_5\} = \mathbb{R}^3$ .

13. Let  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  be any real number, and define the operations  $\oplus_b$  and  $\otimes_b$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  by:

$$\begin{aligned}x \oplus_b y &= x + y - b, \text{ and} \\ \alpha \otimes_b x &= \alpha x + (1 - \alpha)b\end{aligned}$$

Is  $(\mathbb{R}, \oplus, \otimes)$  a vector space? Give sufficient proof of your answer.

Yes. All 10 Axioms check out.