

50 pts total

1. Find three vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which are linearly dependent, and are such that any two of them are linearly independent.
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$$(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (1, 1, 0)$$

5 pts

Let  $V$  be the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over the field  $F$ .  
Show  $V$  has dimension 4 by exhibiting a basis with 4 elements.

I claim the following is a basis:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check spans:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check LI:

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = c_4 = 0}$$

Let  $V$  be a vector space over a subfield  $F$  of the complex numbers.

Prove  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are linearly independent vectors in  $V$ .

Show that  $(\alpha+\beta), (\beta+\gamma), (\gamma+\alpha)$  are linearly independent.

Prove  $c_1(\alpha+\beta) + c_2(\beta+\gamma) + c_3(\gamma+\alpha) = 0$ .

Claim  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ .

Well, rearrange:

$$\alpha(c_1 + c_3) + \beta(c_1 + c_2) + \gamma(c_2 + c_3) = 0$$

Since  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are linearly independent, that means

$$c_1 + c_3 = 0, \quad c_1 + c_2 = 0, \quad c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = -c_3, \quad c_1 = -c_2, \quad c_2 = -c_3$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = c_3, \quad c_2 = -c_3 \quad \Rightarrow \underline{c_2 = c_3 = 0 = c_1}$$

$\Rightarrow (\alpha+\beta), (\beta+\gamma), (\gamma+\alpha)$  are linearly independent

(§ 2.4)

Show that the vectors

$$\alpha_1 = (1, 1, 0, 0)$$

$$\alpha_2 = (0, 0, 1, 1)$$

$$\alpha_3 = (1, 0, 0, 4)$$

$$\alpha_4 = (0, 0, 0, 2)$$

form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Find the coordinates of each of the standard basis vectors in the ordered basis  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4\}$ .

First, show  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4\}$  is a basis.

$$\text{LI: } \text{prove } c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + c_3 \alpha_3 + c_4 \alpha_4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + c_3 = 0, \quad c_1 = 0, \quad c_2 = 0, \quad c_2 + 4c_3 + 2c_4 = 0$$

(reading off the components)

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = c_4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \text{LI}$$

Spans: For any  $\alpha = (x, y, z, w)$ ,

I claim there exists  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  s.t.

$$\alpha = c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + c_3 \alpha_3 + c_4 \alpha_4.$$

$$\text{Solve: } c_1 + c_3 = x, \quad c_1 = y, \quad c_2 = z, \quad c_2 + 4c_3 + 2c_4 = w$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = y, \quad c_2 = z, \quad c_3 = x - y, \quad c_4 = \frac{1}{2}w - \frac{4}{2}(x - y) - \frac{1}{2}z = \frac{1}{2}w - 2x + 2y - \frac{1}{2}z$$

$\Rightarrow$  Spans

so  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4\}$  is a basis.

Plugging in, we find

$$(1, 0, 0, 0) = (1, 0, 0, 4) - 2(0, 0, 0, 2) = \alpha_3 - 2\alpha_4$$

$$(0, 1, 0, 0) = (1, 1, 0, 0) - (1, 0, 0, 4) + 2(0, 0, 0, 2) = \alpha_1 - \alpha_3 + 2\alpha_4$$

$$(0, 0, 1, 0) = (0, 0, 1, 1) - \frac{1}{2}(0, 0, 0, 2) = \alpha_2 - \frac{1}{2}\alpha_4$$

$$(0, 0, 0, 1) = \frac{1}{2}(0, 0, 0, 2) = \frac{1}{2}\alpha_4$$

(§ 2.4)

$$= \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$$

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the ordered basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consisting of

$$x_1 = (1, 0, -1), \quad x_2 = (1, 1, 1), \quad x_3 = (1, 0, 0)$$

What are the coordinates of the vector  $(a, b, c)$  in the ordered basis  $\mathcal{B}$ ?

Solve:

$$(a, b, c) = x_1 (1, 0, -1) + x_2 (1, 1, 1) + x_3 (1, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = x_1 + x_2 + x_3$$

$$b = x_2$$

$$c = -x_1 + x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 - c = \underline{b - c}$$

$$x_2 = \underline{b}$$

$$x_3 = a - x_1 - x_2 = a - (b - c) - b = \underline{a - 2b + c}$$

(§ 2.4)

Let  $V$  be the vector space over the complex numbers of all functions  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , i.e., the space of all complex-valued functions on the real line. Let  $f_1(x) = 1$ ,  $f_2(x) = e^{ix}$ ,  $f_3(x) = e^{-ix}$ .

a) Show that  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  are linearly independent.

$$\text{Suppose } c_1 f_1(x) + c_2 f_2(x) + c_3 f_3(x) = 0.$$

$$\text{At } x=0, \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

$$\text{At } x=1, \Rightarrow c_1 + e^i c_2 + e^{-i} c_3 = 0$$

$$\text{At } x=-1, \Rightarrow c_1 + e^{-i} c_2 + e^i c_3 = 0$$

Put:

$$\text{At } x=\pi, \Rightarrow c_1 + e^{\pi i} c_2 + e^{-\pi i} c_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 - c_2 - c_3 = 0$$

$$\text{At } x=\frac{\pi}{2}, \Rightarrow c_1 + e^{i\pi/2} c_2 + e^{-i\pi/2} c_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + ic_2 - ic_3 = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0 \\ c_1 - c_2 - c_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} c_2 + c_3 = 0 \\ c_2 - c_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow c_2 = c_3 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow f_1, f_2, f_3$  are LI

b) Let  $g_1(x) = 1$ ,  $g_2(x) = \cos x$ ,  $g_3(x) = \sin x$   
Find an invertible  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $P$  s.t.

$$g_j = \sum_i P_{ij} f_i$$

$$\cos x = \frac{1}{2}(e^{ix} + e^{-ix})$$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{ix} - e^{-ix})$$

So

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2i} & -\frac{1}{2i} \end{bmatrix}}_P \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ e^{ix} \\ e^{-ix} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}(e^{ix} + e^{-ix}) \\ \frac{1}{2i}(e^{ix} - e^{-ix}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \cos x \\ \sin x \end{bmatrix}$$

Note  $\det P = -\frac{1}{2i} \neq 0$ , so  $P$  is invertible.

(§ 2.4)

Let  $V$  be the real vector space of all polynomial functions  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of degree 2 or less, i.e., the space of all functions  $f$  of the form

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2$$

Let  $t$  be a fixed real number and define

$$g_1(x) = 1, \quad g_2(x) = x+t, \quad g_3(x) = (x+t)^2$$

Show that  $B = \{g_1, g_2, g_3\}$  is a basis for  $V$ .

Let  $f(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2$ ,  
what are the coordinates of  $f$  in this ordered basis  $B$ ?

Check  $B$  is a basis.

LI: Suppose  $c_1 g_1 + c_2 g_2 + c_3 g_3 = 0$ . Claim  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + c_2(x+t) + c_3(x+t)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2(c_3) + x(2tc_3 + c_2) + 1(c_1 + tc_2 + t^2c_3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_3 = 0, \quad 2tc_3 + c_2 = 0, \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 + tc_2 + t^2c_3 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \underline{\text{LI}}$$

Spans: Let  $f(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2$ .

Claim  $f(x) = x_1 g_1 + x_2 g_2 + x_3 g_3$  for some  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ .

$$\Rightarrow c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 = x_1 + x_2(x+t) + x_3(x+t)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Comparing coefficients of } x^2, \quad x_3 = c_2, \quad x_2 + 2tx_3 = c_1, \quad x_1 + tx_2 + t^2x_3 = c_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_3 = c_2, \quad x_2 = c_1 - 2tc_2, \quad x_1 = c_0 - t(c_1 - 2tc_2) - t^2c_2 = c_0 - tc_1 + t^2c_2$$

$\Rightarrow$  Spans, hence basis, & we also have coordinates.



(§ 2.5)

$$\text{Let } \alpha_1 = (1, 1, -2, 1), \alpha_2 = (3, 0, 4, -1), \alpha_3 = (-1, 2, 5, 2)$$

$$\text{Let } \alpha = (4, -5, 9, -7), \beta = (3, 1, -4, 4), \gamma = (-1, 1, 0, 1)$$

Which of the vectors  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are in the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by the  $\alpha_i$ ?

$\alpha$ : Suppose  $\alpha = c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + c_3 \alpha_3$   
Solve for  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ :

$$\begin{cases} 4 = c_1 + 3c_2 - c_3 \\ -5 = c_1 + 2c_3 \\ 9 = -2c_1 + 4c_2 + 5c_3 \\ -7 = c_1 - c_2 + 2c_3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 + 2c_3 = -5 \\ 3(c_2 - c_3) = 9 \\ 4c_2 + 9c_3 = -1 \\ -c_2 = -2 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow c_2 = 2, c_3 = c_2 - 3 = -1, c_1 = -5 - 2c_3 = -3$   
so  $\alpha$  is in the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by the  $\alpha_i$ .

$\beta$ : Suppose  $\beta = c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + c_3 \alpha_3$   
Solve for  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ :

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + 3c_2 - c_3 = 3 \\ c_1 + 2c_3 = 1 \\ -2c_1 + 4c_2 + 5c_3 = -4 \\ c_1 - c_2 + 2c_3 = 4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 + 2c_3 = 1 \\ c_2 - c_3 = 2 \\ 4c_2 + 9c_3 = -2 \\ -c_2 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow c_2 = -3, c_3 = c_2 - 2 = -5, c_1 = 1 - 2c_3 = 11$   
 $4c_2 + 9c_3 = -12 - 45 \neq -2$

so  $\beta$  is not in the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by the  $\alpha_i$ .

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$\delta$ : Suppose  $\delta = c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + c_3 \alpha_3$ .

Solve for  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ :

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + 3c_2 - c_3 = -1 \\ c_1 + 2c_3 = 1 \\ -2c_1 + 4c_2 + 5c_3 = 0 \\ c_1 - c_2 + 2c_3 = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 + 2c_3 = 1 \\ c_2 - c_3 = -2 \\ 4c_2 + 9c_3 = 2 \\ -c_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = 0, c_3 = c_2 + 2 = 2, c_1 = 1 - 2c_3 = -3$$

$$\& 4c_2 + 9c_3 = 0 + 9(2) = 18 \neq 2$$

so  $\delta$  is not in the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by the  $\alpha_i$ .

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(§ 3.1)

Find the range, rank, null space, and nullity for the zero transformation and the identity transformation on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ .

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Zero Transformation:

$$\text{Range} = \{0\}$$

$$\text{rank} = \dim \text{range} = 0$$

$$\text{null space} = V$$

$$\text{nullity} = \dim \text{null space} = \dim V$$

Identity Transformation:

$$\text{Range} = V$$

$$\text{rank} = \dim \text{range} = \dim V$$

$$\text{null space} = \{0\}$$

$$\text{nullity} = \dim \text{null space} = \cancel{\dim V} 0$$

(§ 3.1)

Describe the range and null space of the differentiation transformation on the vector space of polynomials.

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + \dots + c_n x^n$$

$$(Df)(x) = c_1 + 2c_2 x + \dots + n c_n x^{n-1}$$

Range: all polynomials

Null space: constant polynomials  $f(x) = c_0$

(§ 3.1)

Is there a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $T(1, -1, 1) = (1, 0)$ ,  $T(1, 1, 1) = (0, 1)$ ?

Yes

For example,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

More generally, to uniquely specify  $T$ , I'd need to specify how it acts on 3 LI vectors, but here its action on only 2 has been specified, so there should be more than one linear transformation with the desired property.

(§ 3.1)

Let  $V$  be the vector space of all  $n \times n$  matrices over a field  $F$ ,  
& let  $B$  be a fixed  $n \times n$  matrix. If

$$T(A) = AB - BA$$

verify that  $T$  is a linear transformation  $V \rightarrow V$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(cD + E) &= (cD + E)B - B(cD + E) \\ &= c(DB - BD) + (EB - BE) \\ &= cT(D) + T(E) \end{aligned}$$

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(§ 3.1)

Let  $V$  be the set of all complex numbers regarded as a vector space over the field of real numbers. Find a function  $V \rightarrow V$  which is a linear transformation on the above vector space, but which is not a linear transformation on  $\mathbb{C}$ , i.e., which is not complex linear.

Consider  $T: \mathbb{C} \mapsto \bar{\mathbb{C}}$  where  $z \in \mathbb{C}$

If we write  $z = x + iy$ ,  
then  $T: (x, y) \mapsto (x, -y)$

Check linearity over  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} T(c(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2)) &= T((cx_1 + x_2, cy_1 + y_2)) \\ &= (cx_1 + x_2, -cy_1 - y_2) \\ &= c(x_1, -y_1) + (x_2, -y_2) \\ &= cT(x_1, y_1) + T(x_2, y_2) \end{aligned}$$

But if  $c$  is a complex number,

$$\begin{aligned} T(cz_1 + z_2) &= \overline{c\bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2} \\ &\neq c\bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2 = cT(z_1) + T(z_2). \end{aligned}$$

(§ 3.1)

$n$ -dim'l

Let  $V$  be a vector space over the field  $F$ ,  
 $T$  a linear transformation  $V \rightarrow V$  s.t.  $\frac{\text{range } T}{\text{range}} = \frac{\text{null space of } T}{\text{null space}}$   
(show that  $n$  is even.)

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$$\dim \text{range}(T) + \dim \text{null space}(T) = \dim V = n$$

$$\text{Here, LHS} = 2 \dim \text{range}(T)$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 2 \dim \text{range}(T)$$

$$\Rightarrow n \text{ even.}$$



(§ 3.1)

Let  $V$  be a vector space,  $T: V \rightarrow V$  a linear transformation.  
Show that the following statements are equivalent:

- the intersection of the range of  $T$  & the null space of  $T$  is the zero subspace of  $V$
- if  $T(Tx) = 0$  then  $Tx = 0$

Prove  $(\text{range } T) \cap (\text{null space of } T) = \{0\}$ .

Then, suppose  $T(Tx) = 0$

$\Rightarrow Tx \in \text{null space of } T$

but clearly also  $Tx \in \text{range of } T$

$\Rightarrow Tx \in (\text{range}) \cap (\text{null space}) = \{0\}$

$\Rightarrow Tx = 0$ .

Prove if  $T(Tx) = 0$  then  $Tx = 0$ .

If  $T(Tx) = 0$  then  $Tx \in (\text{range}) \cap (\text{null space})$

so if all such  $Tx = 0$ ,

then

$(\text{range}) \cap (\text{null space}) = \{0\}$ .