

Q1: Find the values of m (if possible) such that the following system:

$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 1$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 - 3x_3 = 1$$

$$x_1 + x_2 - mx_3 = m$$

has: (i) unique solution. (ii) infinitely many solutions. (iii) no solutions. (4 marks)

Answer:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -m & m \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[-1R_{13}]{-2R_{12}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -m+1 & m-1 \end{array} \right]$$

(i) $m \in \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$ (ii) $m=1$. (iii) no values.

Q2: Let V be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 **spanned** by the set $S = \{v_1 = (1, 1, 3), v_2 = (2, 2, 6), v_3 = (4, 5, 6)\}$. Find a **subset** of S that forms a basis of V . (4 marks)

Answer:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[-3R_{13}]{-1R_{12}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{6R_{23}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

So $\{v_1, v_3\}$ is a basis of V .

Q3: Show that $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is diagonalizable and find the matrix P that

diagonalizes A . (6 marks)

Answer:

Since A is upper triangular, then the Eigenvalues are $\lambda = 1, -1, 0$. Since they are distinct, A is diagonalizable. To find P , take the equation $(\lambda I - A)x = 0$ and substitute $\lambda = 1, -1, 0$, as follows:

$$\lambda I - A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & \lambda + 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 1 \Rightarrow (1)I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[1R_{32}]{1R_{31}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x = t, y = z = 0 \text{ \& } t = 1 \Rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = -1 \Rightarrow (-1)I - A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[-1R_{32}]{-1R_{31}} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow y = -2x = -2t, z = 0 \text{ \& } t = 1 \Rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow (0)I - A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{1R_{21}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x = -2z = -2t, y = z = t \text{ \& } t = 1 \Rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q4: Let \mathbb{R}^3 be the Euclidean inner product space. Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to transform the following basis vectors $(1, 2, 1)$, $(2, 2, 0)$, $(3, 1, 1)$ into an **orthonormal basis**. (7 marks)

Answer:

Let $u_1=(1,2,1)$, $u_2=(2,2,0)$, $u_3=(3,1,1)$. To transform to orthonormal basis w_1, w_2, w_3 , we will do as follows:

$$v_1 = u_1 = (1, 2, 1)$$

$$v_2 = u_2 - \frac{\langle u_2, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 = (2, 2, 0) - \frac{\langle (2, 2, 0), (1, 2, 1) \rangle}{\|(1, 2, 1)\|^2} (1, 2, 1)$$

$$= (2, 2, 0) - \frac{6}{6} (1, 2, 1) = (2, 2, 0) - (1, 2, 1) = (1, 0, -1)$$

$$v_3 = u_3 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_2 \rangle}{\|v_2\|^2} v_2$$

$$= (3, 1, 1) - \frac{\langle (3, 1, 1), (1, 2, 1) \rangle}{\|(1, 2, 1)\|^2} (1, 2, 1) - \frac{\langle (3, 1, 1), (1, 0, -1) \rangle}{\|(1, 0, -1)\|^2} (1, 0, -1)$$

$$= (3, 1, 1) - \frac{6}{6} (1, 2, 1) - \frac{2}{2} (1, 0, -1) = (3, 1, 1) - (1, 2, 1) - (1, 0, -1) = (1, -1, 1)$$

$$\text{Now } w_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (1, 2, 1), w_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1, 0, -1), w_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (1, -1, 1),$$

Q5: Let M_{nn} be the vector space of square matrices of order n , let $P \in M_{nn}$ be an invertible matrix, and let $T: M_{nn} \rightarrow M_{nn}$ be the map defined by $T(A) = P^{-1}AP$ for all matrices A in M_{nn} . Show that:

- T is a linear transformation. (4 marks)
- Find $\ker(T)$ and **deduce** that T is one-to-one. (2 marks)
- Show that T is onto. (2 marks)

Answer:

(a) For all $A, B \in M_{nn}$ and $k \in \mathbb{R}$, we have:

$$(i) T(A+B) = P^{-1}(A+B)P = P^{-1}AP + P^{-1}BP = T(A) + T(B)$$

$$(ii) T(kA) = P^{-1}(kA)P = k(P^{-1}AP) = kT(A)$$

(b) $A \in \ker(T) \Rightarrow 0 = T(A) = P^{-1}AP \Rightarrow A = 0$. So $\ker(T) = 0$ and T is 1-1.

(c) For all $B \in M_{nn}$, we have $T(PBP^{-1}) = P^{-1}(PBP^{-1})P = B$ and T is onto.

Or

Since T is a 1-1 linear operator and M_{nn} is finite dimensional, then T is onto (by a theorem).

Or

Since $\ker(T) = \{0\}$, $\text{nullity}(T) = \dim(\ker(T)) = 0$ and hence:

$$\text{rank}(T) = \dim(M_{nn}) - \text{nullity}(T) = n^2 - 0 = n^2.$$

But $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(R(T))$. So $\dim(R(T)) = \dim(M_{nn})$ and hence $R(T) = M_{nn}$ and T is onto.

Q6: Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the linear transformation defined by:

$$T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - x_2, -2x_1, x_2).$$

(a) Find $[T]_{S,B}$ where S is the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^3 and $B = \{v_1 = (1,1), v_2 = (1,0)\}$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^2 . (3 marks)

(b) Find a basis of $R(T)$. (2 marks)

Answer:

$$(a) T(1,1) = (0, -2, 1), T(1,0) = (1, -2, 0) \Rightarrow [T(1,1)]_S = [(0, -2, 1)]_S = (0, -2, 1),$$

$$[T(1,0)]_S = [(1, -2, 0)]_S = (1, -2, 0). \text{ So } [T]_{S,B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) As $R(T)$ is generated by the images of the basis vectors and $T(1,1) = (0, -2, 1)$, $T(1,0) = (1, -2, 0)$ and neither vector is a scalar multiple of the other, then $(0, -2, 1)$ and $(1, -2, 0)$ are the basis vectors of $R(T)$.

Q7: (a) If $T : V \rightarrow W$ is a linear transformation, then prove that the image of T is a subspace of W . (3 marks)

Answer:

Firstly, $R(T)$ is not empty since $T(0) = 0$ and hence $0 \in R(T)$. Now, take w_1 and w_2 from $R(T)$ and $k \in \mathbb{R}$. So $w_1 = T(v_1)$ and $w_2 = T(v_2)$ for some v_1 and v_2 belongs to V . Observe that $w_1 + w_2 = T(v_1) + T(v_2) = T(v_1 + v_2)$ and hence $w_1 + w_2 \in R(T)$.

Also, $kw_1 = kT(v_1) = T(kv_1)$ and hence $kw_1 \in R(T)$. So $R(T)$ is a subspace of W .

(b) If u and v are orthogonal vectors in an inner product space, then prove that:

$$\|u + v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2. \text{ (2 marks)}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \|u + v\|^2 &= \langle u + v, u + v \rangle \\ &= \langle u, u \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle \\ &= \langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

(c) If we have the following polynomial $f(x) = x^5 + x^4 - 3x^3 - x^2 + 2x - 7$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\text{show that } \det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} f(13) & f(13) & f(13) & f(13) \\ f(11) & f(12) & f(14) & f(15) \\ f(16) & f(17) & f(18) & f(19) \\ f(13)+1 & f(13)+1 & f(13)+1 & f(13)+1 \end{vmatrix} = 0. \text{ (1 mark)}$$

Answer:

Since the first row and the fourth row are proportional, so the determinant equals to zero. To see this, multiply the first row by $(f(13)+1)/f(13)$ and you will get the fourth row (Clearly $f(13) \neq 0$).

Other way, you can do the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{vmatrix} f(13) & f(13) & f(13) & f(13) \\ f(11) & f(12) & f(14) & f(15) \\ f(16) & f(17) & f(18) & f(19) \\ f(13)+1 & f(13)+1 & f(13)+1 & f(13)+1 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= f(13)(f(13)+1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ f(11) & f(12) & f(14) & f(15) \\ f(16) & f(17) & f(18) & f(19) \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= f(13)(f(13)+1)(0) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Or

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{vmatrix} f(13) & f(13) & f(13) & f(13) \\ f(11) & f(12) & f(14) & f(15) \\ f(16) & f(17) & f(18) & f(19) \\ f(13)+1 & f(13)+1 & f(13)+1 & f(13)+1 \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{-1R_{14}}{=} \begin{vmatrix} f(13) & f(13) & f(13) & f(13) \\ f(11) & f(12) & f(14) & f(15) \\ f(16) & f(17) & f(18) & f(19) \\ f(13)+1 & f(13)+1 & f(13)+1 & f(13)+1 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= \begin{vmatrix} f(13) & f(13) & f(13) & f(13) \\ f(11) & f(12) & f(14) & f(15) \\ f(16) & f(17) & f(18) & f(19) \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{(-f(13))R_{41}}{=} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ f(11) & f(12) & f(14) & f(15) \\ f(16) & f(17) & f(18) & f(19) \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0
\end{aligned}$$