

Q1:(a) If A is a square matrix of degree 2 such that $\det(A)=3$, then find $\det(A+A)$. (2 marks)

Answer:

$$\det(A+A) = \det(2A) = 2^2 \det(A) = 4(3) = 12$$

(b) If A and B are square matrices of degree 2 such that $BA=I$, where $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then find the matrix A . (2 marks)

Answer:

$$A = B^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(B)} \text{adj}(B) = \frac{1}{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(c) Suppose $(1,2)$ is a solution of the following linear system:

$$x + 2y = b_1$$

$$2x + 3y = b_2$$

Find the **values** of b_1, b_2 . (2 marks)

Answer:

$$b_1 = 1 + 2(2) = 5,$$

$$b_2 = 2 + 3(2) = 8.$$

Q2: Let V be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 **spanned** by the set $S = \{v_1=(1,5,3,1), v_2=(2,3,6,2), v_3=(3,8,9,3), v_4=(4,6,6,6)\}$. Find a **subset** of S that forms a basis of V . (4 marks)

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 3 & 8 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-5R_1 \\ -3R_1 \\ -1R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -7 & -7 & -14 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{\substack{= \frac{1}{7} R_2 \\ = \frac{1}{6} R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-2R_{34}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Using the leading ones, $\{v_1, v_2, v_4\}$ 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**. (6 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 and $T: M_{nn} \rightarrow M_{nn}$ the map defined by $T(A) = kA$ for all matrices A in M_{nn} , where k is a non-zero real number.

(a) Show that T is a linear transformation. (2 marks)

(b) Find $\ker(T)$. (2 marks)

(c) Find $\text{rank}(T)$. (2 marks)

Answer:

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

$$(i) T(A+B) = k(A+B) = kA + kB = T(A) + T(B)$$

$$(ii) T(mA) = k(mA) = (km)A = (mk)A = m(kA) = mT(A)$$

(b) $A \in \ker(T) \Rightarrow 0 = T(A) = kA \Rightarrow A = 0$. So $\ker(T) = \{0\}$.

(c) For all $B \in M_{nn}$, we have $T(k^{-1}B) = k(k^{-1}B) = (kk^{-1})B = B$ and T is onto. Hence, $R(T) = M_{nn}$ and $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(R(T)) = n^2$.

Or

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

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

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 $R(T)$ (the range of T). (3 marks)

Answer:

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

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

(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 $R(T)$.

Or

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_{13}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_{23}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[2R_{23}]{2R_{13}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the leading ones, $\{(0,-2,1), (1,-2,0)\}$ is a basis of $R(T)$.

Q7: (a) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is the transition matrix of \mathbb{R}^2 from a basis $S=\{u,v\}$ to a basis $B=\{(1,1),(2,3)\}$, then find the vector u . (2 marks)

Answer:

$(u)_B=(1,2)$. So $u=1(1,1)+2(2,3)=(1,1)+(4,6)=(5,7)$.

(b) Show that if 1 and -1 are the eigenvalues of a square matrix A of order 2, then we have that $A^{100} = I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. (2 marks)

Answer:

Since 1 and -1 are distinct eigenvalues of A , then A is diagonalizable and A is similar to $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ such that $A=PDP^{-1}$. So $A^{100}=PD^{100}P^{-1}=PIP^{-1}=I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) If A and B are square matrices of order 2 such that $A^2+3A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $BA+2B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, then find the matrices A and B . (2 marks)

Answer:

Observe that $B(A+2I) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and hence $|B||A+2I| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \neq 0$. So $|A+2I| \neq 0$ and then $A+2I$ is invertible. Now, $A^2+3A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ implies that $A^2+3A = -2I$ and then $A^2+3A+2I = 0$. So $(A+I)(A+2I) = 0$. But $A+2I$ is invertible, thus $A+I = 0$ and $A = -I$. Now, $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = B(A+2I) = B(I) = B$.