

Q1: Let V be any nonempty set which has two operations are defined: addition and scalar multiplication. State the 10 axioms that should be satisfied by all scalars and all objects in V that make V a vector space. (5 marks)

A1: For all $u, v, w \in V$ and $k, m \in \mathbb{R}$:

- 1- $u+v \in \mathbb{R}$
- 2- $u+v=v+u$
- 3- $u+(v+w)=(u+v)+w$
- 4- there is a zero vector 0 in v such that $u+0=u$ for all $u \in V$
- 5- for each vector u in V , there is a negative vector $-u$ such $u+(-u)=0$
- 6- $ku \in V$
- 7- $k(u+v)=ku+kv$
- 8- $(k+m)u=ku+mu$
- 9- $K(mu)=(km)u$
- 10- $1u=u$

Q2: Let $V=M_{22}$ and $W=\{A \in M_{22} \mid \text{tr}(A)=0\}$. Prove that W is a subspace of V . (3 marks)

A2: For all $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & a' \\ a'' & a''' \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} b & b' \\ b'' & b''' \end{bmatrix} \in W$ and $k \in \mathbb{R}$:

- 1- W is not empty since $\text{tr}(0)=0$. Hence $0 \in W$
 - 2- $\text{tr}(A+B) = \text{tr}\left(\begin{bmatrix} a+b & a'+b' \\ a''+b'' & a'''+b''' \end{bmatrix}\right) = a+b+a'''+b''' = a+a'''+b+b''' = \text{tr}(A)+\text{tr}(B)=0+0=0$. So $A+B \in W$.
 - 3- $\text{tr}(kA) = \text{tr}\left(\begin{bmatrix} ka & ka' \\ ka'' & ka''' \end{bmatrix}\right) = ka+ka''' = k(a+a''') = k\text{tr}(A)=k0=0$. So $kA \in W$
- 1, 2 and 3 implies that W is a subspace of $V=M_{nn}$.

Q3: Use the Wronskian to show that $x\sin(x)$ and $x\cos(x)$ are linearly independent in the vector space $C^\infty(-\infty, \infty)$. (3 marks)

A3:

$$\begin{aligned}
W(x) &= \begin{vmatrix} x \sin(x) & x \cos(x) \\ \sin(x) + x \cos(x) & \cos(x) - x \sin(x) \end{vmatrix} \\
&= x \sin(x) \cos(x) - x^2 \sin^2(x) - x \cos(x) \sin(x) - x^2 \cos^2(x) \\
&= -x^2 \sin^2(x) - x^2 \cos^2(x) = -x^2 (\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x)) \\
&= -x^2 (1) = -x^2
\end{aligned}$$

Since $W(1) = -1 \neq 0$, so $x \sin(x)$ and $x \cos(x)$ are linearly independent.

Q4: show that the vectors $(1,1,2)$, $(2,1,0)$, $(1,1,0)$ form a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 . (3 marks)

A4:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2(2-1) = 2 \neq 0$$

So the vectors $(1,1,2)$, $(2,1,0)$, $(1,1,0)$ form a basis for \mathbb{R}^3

Q5: Let $B = \{(1,2), (2,5)\}$ and $B' = \{(1,1), (2,0)\}$ be two bases of \mathbb{R}^2 . Find the transition matrix from B' to B . (3 marks).

A5:

$$\begin{aligned}
[B \mid B'] &= \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(-2)R_{12}} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -4 \end{array} \right] \\
&\xrightarrow{(-2)R_{21}} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 3 & 10 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -4 \end{array} \right] \\
&= [I \mid P_{B' \rightarrow B}] \\
P_{B' \rightarrow B} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 10 \\ -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Q6: Find a basis for the column space of the matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

and **deduce** nullity(A^T) without solving any linear system. (4 marks)

A6:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{(-2)R_{12} \\ (-3)R_{13}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{(-1)R_{23}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(-1/8)R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the leading ones, $\{[1 \ 2 \ 3]^T, [6 \ 4 \ 10]^T\}$ is a basis of $\text{col}(A)$.

Now, $\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A^T) = m$

So $\text{nullity}(A^T) = m - \text{rank}(A) = 3 - 2 = 1$

Q7:(a) Let $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ be a basis for a vector space \mathbf{V} . Suppose \mathbf{u} is a vector in \mathbf{V} such that

$$\mathbf{u} = |A_1| \mathbf{v}_1 + 2|A_2| \mathbf{v}_2 + 3|A_3| \mathbf{v}_3 + \dots + n|A_n| \mathbf{v}_n$$

where, A_i is a matrix of order 2 for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Find $(\mathbf{u})_S$ (1 mark)

$$A7(a): (\mathbf{u})_S = (|A_1|, 2|A_2|, 3|A_3|, \dots, n|A_n|)$$

(b) If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis for a vector space \mathbf{V} , then prove that every vector \mathbf{v} in \mathbf{V} can be expressed in the form $\mathbf{v} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{v}_n$ in exactly one way, where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are real numbers. (2 marks)

A5(b): Suppose $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{V}$ has two expressions:

$$\mathbf{v} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{v}_n \text{ and } \mathbf{v} = k_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + k_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + k_n \mathbf{v}_n, \text{ so}$$

$$0 = (c_1 - k_1) \mathbf{v}_1 + (c_2 - k_2) \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + (c_n - k_n) \mathbf{v}_n$$

But $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis, so it is linearly independent. Thus,

$c_1 - k_1 = c_2 - k_2 = \dots = c_n - k_n = 0$ and hence $c_i = k_i$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and hence \mathbf{v} has exactly one expression.

(c) Suppose S is a subset of the vector space P_5 and suppose S has seven different vectors. Is S linearly independent? Why? (1 mark)

No, since $7 > 6 = \dim(P_5)$