

Q1: (a) Let $V=M_{nn}$ and W is the set of all symmetric matrices of degree n . Prove that W is a subspace of V . (3 marks)

A1(a): For all $A, B \in W$ and $k \in \mathbb{R}$:

- 1- W is not empty since $0^T=0$. Hence $0 \in W$
 - 2- $(A+B)^T=A^T+B^T=A+B$. So $A+B \in W$.
 - 3- $(kA)^T=kA^T=kA$. So $kA \in W$
- 1, 2 and 3 implies that W is a subspace of $V=M_{nn}$.

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

A1(b):

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{(-1)R_{12}} \\ = \\ \xrightarrow{(-2)R_{13}} \end{matrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 1(-1)(-2) = 2 \neq 0$$

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

Q2: (a) Use the Wronskian to show that the vectors 1 , $\sin(x)$, $\cos(x)$ are linearly independent in the vector space $C^2(-\infty, \infty)$. (3 marks)

A2(a):

$$W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin(x) & \cos(x) \\ 0 & \cos(x) & -\sin(x) \\ 0 & -\sin(x) & -\cos(x) \end{vmatrix} =$$
$$-(\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x)) = -1 \neq 0$$

So 1 , $\sin(x)$, $\cos(x)$ are linearly independent.

(b) 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).

A2(b):

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

Q3: 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)

A3:

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{(-2)R_{12} \\ (-3)R_{13}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \\
&\xrightarrow{(-1)R_{23}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(-1/8)R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

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

Q4: Assume that the vector space \mathbb{R}^3 has the Euclidean inner product. Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to transform the following basis vectors $(1, -2, 0)$, $(2, 1, -1)$, $(0, 1, 1)$ into an **orthonormal basis**. (5 marks)

A4: Let $v_1 = (1, -2, 0)$, $v_2 = (2, 1, -1)$, $v_3 = (0, 1, 1)$.

Now define u_1 , u_2 and u_3 as follows:

$$u_1 = v_1 = (1, -2, 0)$$

$$u_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, u_1 \rangle}{\|u_1\|^2} u_1 = (2, 1, -1) - 0 = (2, 1, -1)$$

$$u_3 = v_3 - \frac{\langle v_3, u_2 \rangle}{\|u_2\|^2} u_2 - \frac{\langle v_3, u_1 \rangle}{\|u_1\|^2} u_1$$

$$= (0, 1, 1) - 0 - \frac{-2}{5} (1, -2, 0) = \left(\frac{2}{5}, \frac{1}{5}, 1\right)$$

$$w_1 = \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} (1, -2, 0)$$

$$w_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (2, 1, -1)$$

$$w_3 = \frac{u_3}{\|u_3\|} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{6}} \left(\frac{2}{5}, \frac{1}{5}, 1\right)$$

So $\{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$ is the wanted orthonormal basis.

Q5:(a) If u and v are orthogonal vectors in an inner product space, then:

$$\|u + v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2. \text{ (1 mark)}$$

A5(a): As u and v are orthogonal, so $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$ and hence:

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

(b) If $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for a vector space V , then prove that every vector v in V can be expressed in the form $v = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n$ in exactly one way, where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are real numbers. (1 mark)

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

$$v = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n \text{ and } v = k_1 v_1 + k_2 v_2 + \dots + k_n v_n, \text{ so}$$

$$0 = (c_1 - k_1)v_1 + (c_2 - k_2)v_2 + \dots + (c_n - k_n)v_n$$

But $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ 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 v has exactly one expression.

(c) Assume that $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5\}$ is an orthonormal set of P_4 . Is it a basis of P_4 ? Why? (1 mark)

A5(c): Yes, because any orthonormal set is linearly independent and $\dim(P_4) = 5$ which is equal to the number of vectors of S .

(d) Show that the function \langle, \rangle defined by: $\langle (x, y), (z, w) \rangle = xz$ for all $(x, y), (z, w)$ in \mathbb{R}^2 is not an inner product on \mathbb{R}^2 . (1 mark).

A5(d): $\langle (0, 1), (0, 1) \rangle = 0$, but $(0, 1) \neq (0, 0)$.