

**Q1: (a)** Show that the vector  $w=(1,2,3) \in \text{span}\{(1,2,2), (2,4,8)\}$ . (3 marks)

**(b)** 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)

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

**(b)** show that the set  $S=\{(1,1,2), (2,1,1), (1,1,0)\}$  forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and then find the vector  $w$  whereas  $(w)_S=(1,2,3)$ . (4 marks)

**Q3: (a)** 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).

**(b)** 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**  $\text{nullity}(A^T)$  without solving any linear system. (4 marks)

**Q4: (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)

**(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)

**(c)** Show that  $\text{rank}(A)=\text{rank}(A^T)$  for any matrix  $A$ . (1 mark)

**(d)** If  $u$  and  $v$  are linearly independent, then show that  $u+v$  and  $u-v$  are linearly independent. (2 marks)

## Solutions:

A1(a):

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{(-2)R_{12} \\ (-2)R_{13}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_{23}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{4}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(-2)R_{21}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \Rightarrow (1, 2, 3) = \frac{1}{2}(1, 2, 2) + \frac{1}{4}(2, 4, 8)
 \end{aligned}$$

A1(b): 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  $V = M_{nn}$ .

A2(a):

$$\begin{aligned}
 W(x) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3x^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 6x \end{vmatrix} = 6x \\
 W(1) &= 6 \neq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $1, x, x^3$  are linearly independent.

A2(b):

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

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

$$w = (1, 1, 2) + 2(2, 1, 1) + 3(1, 1, 0) = (8, 6, 4)$$

A3(a):

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

A3(b):

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

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

A4(a):  $(u)_S = (|A_1|, 2|A_2|, 3|A_3|, \dots, n|A_n|)$

A4(b): Suppose  $v \in V$  has two expressions:

$v = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_nv_n$  and  $v = k_1v_1 + k_2v_2 + \dots + k_nv_n$ , 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.

A4(c):  $\text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{row}(A)) = \dim(\text{col}(A^T)) = \text{rank}(A^T)$ .

A4(d): Observe that:

$$\begin{aligned} a(u + v) + b(u - v) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (a + b)u + (a - b)v &= 0 \\ \text{L.I.} \Rightarrow a + b = 0 \ \& \ a - b = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2a = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0 \Rightarrow b &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So,  $u+v$  and  $u-v$  are linearly independent.