

Q1: Find all the values of m such that the following system has a unique solution:

$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 1$$

$$x_2 - 3x_3 = 1$$

$$(m^2 + 1)x_3 = m^2 - 4$$

(2 marks)

Answer: The determinant of the coefficient matrix shouldn't be zero.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & m^2 + 1 \end{vmatrix} = m^2 + 1 \neq 0 \forall m \in \mathbb{R}$$

Or

The augmented matrix of the system

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & m^2 + 1 & m^2 - 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{-1}{m^2+1}R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{m^2-4}{m^2+1} \end{array} \right]$$

So the system has a unique solution for every $m \in \mathbb{R}$.

Q2: Let V be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 **spanned** by the set $S = \{v_1 = (1, 0, 1, 1), v_2 = (-2, 2, 0, 0), v_3 = (-1, 4, 3, 3), v_4 = (-5, 4, -1, -1)\}$. Find a **subset** of S that forms a basis of V . Then **express** each vector that is not in the basis as a linear combination of the basis vectors. (4 marks)

Answer: Putting the vectors as columns in the following matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{(-1)R_{13} \\ (-1)R_{14}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{1R_{21} \\ (-1)R_{23} \\ (-1)R_{24}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So $\{v_1, v_2\}$ is a basis of V . So $v_3 = 3v_1 + 2v_2$ and $v_4 = -v_1 + 2v_2$.

Q3: If $W = \{(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : b = a - c\}$, then show that W is a **subspace** of \mathbb{R}^4 . Also, find a **basis** of W and **dim(W)**. (5 marks).

Answer: 1- $(0, 0, 0, 0) \in W$. So $W \neq \emptyset$.

2- Suppose $u = (a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1), v = (a_2, b_2, c_2, d_2) \in W$. So $b_1 = a_1 - c_1$ and $b_2 = a_2 - c_2$. Now,

$u + v = (a_1 + a_2, b_1 + b_2, c_1 + c_2, d_1 + d_2)$ and $b_1 + b_2 = a_1 - c_1 + a_2 - c_2 = (a_1 + a_2) - (c_1 + c_2)$. So $u + v \in W$.

3- Suppose $u = (a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1), k \in \mathbb{R}$. Now, $ku = (ka_1, kb_1, kc_1, kd_1)$ and $kb_1 = k(a_1 - c_1) = ka_1 - kc_1$. So $ku \in W$. 1, 2 and 3 imply that W is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 . Now, the general element of W is written as $(a, a - c, c, d)$ and $a, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$. So $(a, a - c, c, d) = a(1, 1, 0, 0) + c(0, -1, 1, 0) + d(0, 0, 0, 1)$ and the vectors $(1, 1, 0, 0)$, $(0, -1, 1, 0)$ and $(0, 0, 0, 1)$ generate W . As $a(1, 1, 0, 0) + c(0, -1, 1, 0) + d(0, 0, 0, 1) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$ implies $(a, a - c, c, d) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$ and hence $a = c = d = 0$, the vectors $(1, 1, 0, 0)$, $(0, -1, 1, 0)$ and $(0, 0, 0, 1)$ are linearly independent. So the set $\{(1, 1, 0, 0), (0, -1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$ is a basis of W with $\dim(W) = 3$.

Q4: Let $B = \{(1, 0), (1, 1)\}$ and $B' = \{(1, 3), (2, 0)\}$ be two bases of \mathbb{R}^2 . Find the transition matrix from B' to B . (3 marks).

Answer:

$$[B | B'] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(-1)R_{21}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] = [I | P_{B' \rightarrow B}] \Rightarrow P_{B' \rightarrow B} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q5: Show that $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is diagonalizable and find the matrix P that diagonalizes

A. (6 marks)

Answer: The characteristic equation:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \det(\lambda I - A) &= \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda-2 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda-1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (\lambda-2)\lambda(\lambda-1) - 3(\lambda-1) = (\lambda-1)(\lambda(\lambda-2)-3) \\ &= (\lambda-1)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3) = (\lambda-1)(\lambda+1)(\lambda-3) \end{aligned}$$

The Eigenvalues are $\lambda=1, -1, 3$. Since they are distinct, A is diagonalizable. To find P, take the equation $(\lambda I - A)x=0$ and substitute $\lambda=1, -1, 3$, respectively as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda I - A &= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda-2 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda-1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \\ \lambda=1 \Rightarrow (1)I - A &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[3R_{13}]{(-1)R_{12}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[4R_{23}]{(-1)R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = t, x = z = 0 \text{ \& } t = 1 \Rightarrow C_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda = -1 \Rightarrow (-1)I - A &= \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[-1R_2]{1R_{13}} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{3R_{21}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{3}R_{12}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3}t, y = -\frac{1}{6}t, z = t \text{ \& } t = 6 \Rightarrow C_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 3 \Rightarrow (3)I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[-3R_{13}]{1R_{12}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -t, y = -\frac{1}{2}t \text{ \& } t = 2 \Rightarrow C_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Q6: Let \mathbb{R}^3 be the Euclidean inner product space. Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to transform the following basis $\{u_1=(1,0,0), u_2=(3,1,-1), u_3=(0,3,1)\}$ into an orthonormal basis. (5 marks)

Answer:

$$u_1 = (1, 0, 0), u_2 = (3, 1, -1), u_3 = (0, 3, 1)$$

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

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

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

$$= (3, 1, -1) - (3, 0, 0) = (0, 1, -1)$$

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

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

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

$$w_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = (1, 0, 0)$$

$$w_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (0, 1, -1)$$

$$w_3 = \frac{v_3}{\|v_3\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} (0, 2, 2) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (0, 2, 2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (0, 1, 1)$$

Q7: Let M_{22} be the vector space of square matrices of order 2, and let $T: M_{22} \rightarrow M_{22}$ be the mapping defined by $T(A) = A - A^T$ for all matrices A in M_{22} .

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

Answer: For all $A, B \in M_{22}$, $k \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$1- T(A+B) = A+B - (A+B)^T = A+B - (A^T + B^T) = A+B - A^T - B^T = A - A^T + B - B^T = T(A) + T(B)$$

$$2- T(kA) = kA - (kA)^T = kA - kA^T = k(A - A^T) = kT(A)$$

So T is linear.

(b) Find $\ker(T)$. (1 mark)

$$\text{Answer: } \ker(T) = \{A \in M_{22} \mid T(A) = 0\} = \{A \in M_{22} \mid A - A^T = 0\} = \{A \in M_{22} \mid A = A^T\}.$$

(c) Find a basis for $\ker(T)$. (2 marks)

$\ker(T) = \{A \in M_{22} \mid A = A^T\}$. So $\ker(T)$ is the set of all symmetric matrices. Then:

$$\ker(T) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ b & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

So the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ generate $\ker(T)$. They are also linearly independent as $a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ implies that $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and hence $a=b=c=0$. So $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis of $\ker(T)$.

Q8: Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the linear transformation defined by: $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - 2x_2, x_1 - 2x_2, -x_2)$.

(a) Find $[T]_{S,B}$ where $S = \{u_1 = (1, 1, 1), u_2 = (1, 1, 0), u_3 = (1, 0, 0)\}$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 and $B = \{v_1 = (1, 1), v_2 = (1, 0)\}$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^2 . (2 marks)

Answer: $T(1, 1) = (-1, -1, -1)$ and $T(1, 0) = (1, 1, 0)$. So $T(1, 1) = -u_1$ and $T(1, 0) = u_2$ and hence

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

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

Answer: As $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(R(T))$, we will find a basis for $R(T)$. Since $T(1, 1)$ and $T(1, 0)$ generate $R(T)$ and neither is a scalar multiple of the other, so $\{T(1, 1), T(1, 0)\}$ is a basis of $R(T)$ and hence $\text{rank}(T) = 2$.

Q9: (a) Let $T: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a linear transformation such that $T(3) = (1, 2)$. Find $T(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. (1 mark)

Answer: Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $x = 3a$, where $a \in \mathbb{R}$ (as $\{3\}$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}). So $a = (x/3)$ and then $T(x) = T(3a) = aT(3) = a(1, 2) = (x/3, (2x)/3)$.

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

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

(c) If B is a 5×9 matrix with $\text{rank}(B) = 3$, then find $\text{nullity}(B^T)$. (1 mark)

Answer: $\text{nullity}(B^T) = 5 - \text{rank}(B^T) = 5 - \text{rank}(B) = 5 - 3 = 2$

(d) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, then find the **eigenvalues** of A^{444} . (1 mark)

Answer: Since A is lower triangular, so its eigenvalues are 2 and -1 . Therefore, the eigenvalues of A^{444} are 2^{444} and $(-1)^{444} = 1$.

(e) Let $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined as follows: $F((x, y), (z, w)) = x^2 + y^2$. Show that F is **not** an inner product function on \mathbb{R}^2 . (1 mark)

Answer: Since $F((1, 0), (1, 1)) = 1^2 + 0^2 = 1 \neq 2 = 1^2 + 1^2 = F((1, 1), (1, 0))$, so F is not an inner product function on \mathbb{R}^2 .