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

(i) the basis of the column space of A.

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Q6: Take $V = \{A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\}$ which is a subspace of M_{22} and let $T: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the map defined by $T(A) = a$ for all matrices A in V. Show that:

(i) T is a linear transformation. (2 marks)

(ii) Find a basis of $\ker(T)$. (1 mark)

(iii) Find $[T]_{S,B}$ where $S = \{1\}$ and $B = \{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\}$. (2 marks)

(iv) Find $\text{rank}(T)$. (1 mark)

Q7: (i) If $B = \{(1, 2), (2, 3)\}$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^2 and $(u)_B = (1, 2)$, then find u. (1 mark)

(ii) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, then why A couldn't be a transition matrix. (1 mark)

(iii) If u and v are orthogonal non-zero vectors in an inner product space V, then show that $2u$ and $3v$ are linearly independent. (2 marks)

Answers

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Answer: (i) Using the augmented matrix:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[3R_{32}]{1R_{31}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(-1)R_{21}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3) = (-2, 4, 1)$$

And the system has a unique solution.

(ii) Using the above details of (i), $\det(A)=1$, **or** Since A is an upper triangular, then:

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

To find the inverse of A, we use the inversion algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} [A | I] &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[3R_{32}]{1R_{31}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow{(-1)R_{21}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = [I | A^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

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(i) the basis of the column space of A.

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Answer: Firstly, we find RREF of A.

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

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{(-2)R_{21} \\ (-1)R_{23}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(-1)R_{31}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(i) $\{[1 \ 1 \ 1]^T, [2 \ 5 \ 3]^T, [1 \ 1 \ 2]^T\}$ is a basis of $\text{col}(A)$.

(ii)

$$x_1 = -x_3 = -t$$

$$x_2 = -x_3 = -t$$

$$x_3 = t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$x_4 = 0$$

Now, $\text{null}(A) = \{t(-1, -1, 1, 0) \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}$. So, $\{(-1, -1, 1, 0)\}$ is a basis of $\text{null}(A)$.

(iii) From (i), clearly $\text{rank}(A) = 3$. So, $\text{nullity}(A^T) = m - \text{rank}(A) = 3 - 3 = 0$.

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(i) Show that W is a **subspace** of \mathbb{R}^4 . (3 marks)

(ii) Find a basis of W . (2 marks)

(iii) **Find** $\dim(W)$. (1 mark)

Answer: (i) 1- W is not empty. By taking $x=y=0$, $(0, 0, 0, 0) \in W$.

2- For all u and v in W , $u = (2x_1, 0, 3y_1, 0)$ and $v = (2x_2, 0, 3y_2, 0)$ and then:

$$u+v = (2x_1+2x_2, 0, 3y_1+3y_2, 0) = (2(x_1+x_2), 0, 3(y_1+y_2), 0) \in W \text{ (since } x_1+x_2, y_1+y_2 \in \mathbb{R}\text{)}.$$

3- For all $u = (2x, 0, 3y, 0)$ in W , and $k \in \mathbb{R}$, we have that:

$$ku = k(2x, 0, 3y, 0) = (2kx, 0, 3ky, 0) \in W \text{ (since } kx, ky \in \mathbb{R}\text{)}.$$

1, 2 and 3 implies that W is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 .

(ii) $W = \{(2x, 0, 3y, 0) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} = W = \{x(2, 0, 0, 0) + y(0, 0, 3, 0) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$. So, $S = \{(2, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 3, 0)\}$ spans W . S is linearly independent since neither of the vectors is a scalar multiple of the other.

Thus, S is a basis of W .

(iii) From (ii), $\dim(W) = 2$.

Q4: If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, then

(i) find its eigenvalues. (1 mark)

(ii) Find the matrix P that diagonalizes A . (4 marks)

Answer: (i) Since it is upper triangular, its eigenvalues are $1, 0, -1$.

(ii) Since the eigenvalues are all different, then A is diagonalizable. To find P that diagonalizes A , we need the following steps:

$$\lambda I - A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & \lambda & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 1 \Rightarrow (1)I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} (-\frac{1}{2})R_1 \\ \frac{1}{2}R_3 \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow (0)I - A = -A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} (-3)R_{32} \\ 2R_{31} \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -2y = -2t, z = 0 \text{ \& } t = 1 \Rightarrow C_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = -1 \Rightarrow (-1)I - A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(-2)R_{21}} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & -8 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} (-\frac{1}{2})R_1 \\ (-1)R_2 \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -4z = -4t, y = 3z = 3t \text{ \& } t = 1 \Rightarrow C_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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(i) Compute $\langle 1, x^2 \rangle$. (1 mark)

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Answer: (i) $\langle 1, x^2 \rangle = \langle 1 + 0 + 0, 0 + 0 + x^2 \rangle = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$.

(ii)

$$p_1 = 1 + x + x^2, p_2 = 2 - x + 2x^2$$

$$v_1 = p_1 = 1 + x + x^2$$

$$v_2 = p_2 - \frac{\langle p_2, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 = 2 - x + 2x^2 - \frac{\langle 2 - x + 2x^2, 1 + x + x^2 \rangle}{\|1 + x + x^2\|^2} (1 + x + x^2)$$

$$= 2 - x + 2x^2 - \frac{3}{3}(1 + x + x^2) = 2 - x + 2x^2 - (1 + x + x^2) = 1 - 2x + x^2$$

$$w_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1 + x + x^2)$$

$$w_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1 - 2x + x^2)$$

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- (iv) Find $\text{rank}(T)$. (1 mark)

Answer: (i) For all $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} a' & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in V, k \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$1- T(A+B) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a+a' & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = a+a' = T(A)+T(B)$$

$$2- T(kA) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} ka & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = ka = kT(A)$$

So T is linear.

$$(ii) \ker(T) = \{A \in V \mid T(A) = 0\} = \left\{\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in V \mid a = 0\right\} = \left\{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$$

So, the empty set \emptyset is a basis of $\ker(T)$.

$$(iii) T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 1 \text{ and } \left[T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)\right]_S = [1]_S = 1$$

Therefore, $[T]_{S,B} = [1]$.

(iv) From (ii), $\text{nullity}(T) = 0$ and hence $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(V) - \text{nullity}(T) = 1 - 0 = 1$.

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Answer: (i) $u = 1(1,2) + 2(2,3) = (1,2) + (4,6) = (5,8)$.

(ii) Since $\det(A) = 4 - 4 = 0$.

(iii) Since u and v are orthogonal non-zero vectors, so they are linearly independent.

Now, for some scalars k and m , suppose that $k(2u) + m(3v) = 0$. So, $(2k)u + (3m)v = 0$. But u and v are linearly independent, hence $2k = 3m = 0$ and then $k = m = 0$. Therefore, $2u$ and $3v$ are linearly independent.