

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

(b) Let $V = F(-\infty, \infty)$ and W is the set of all functions in V such that $f(1)=1$ for every f in W . Prove that W is not a subspace of V . (2 marks)

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

(b) show that the set $S = \{1+x+2x^2, 2+x+x^2, 1+x\}$ forms a basis for P_2 and then find the vector w whereas $(w)_S = (1, 2, 3)$. (4 marks)

Q3: (a) Let $B = \{(1,3), (2,7)\}$ and $B' = \{(1,1), (2,0)\}$ be two bases of \mathbb{R}^2 . Find the transition matrix from B' to B . (2 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 $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ be a basis for a vector space \mathbf{V} . Suppose \mathbf{u} is a vector in \mathbf{V} such that

$$\mathbf{u} = |2A| \mathbf{v}_1 + 2|2A| \mathbf{v}_2 + 3|2A| \mathbf{v}_3 + 4|2A| \mathbf{v}_4$$

where A is the identity matrix of order 2. Find:

(i) $(\mathbf{u})_S$ (1 mark)

(ii) $\dim(V)$. (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):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[(-2)R_{13}]{(-2)R_{12}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So, it has no solution and hence $(1,3,4) \notin \text{span}\{(1,2,2), (2,4,8)\}$.

A1(b): The zero vector 0 in V does not belong to W since $0(1)=0 \neq 1$.

A2(a):

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

$$W\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -1 \neq 0$$

So 1, x, sin(x) are linearly independent.

A2(b):

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

So the set $S = \{1+x+2x^2, 2+x+x^2, 1+x\}$ forms a basis for P_2 . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} w &= 1+x+2x^2 + 2(2+x+x^2) + 3(1+x) \\ &= 1+x+2x^2 + 4+2x+2x^2 + 3+3x = 8+6x+4x^2 \end{aligned}$$

A3(a):

$$\begin{aligned} [B | B'] &= \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(-3)R_{12}} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow{(-2)R_{21}} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 5 & 14 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -6 \end{array} \right] = [I | P_{B' \rightarrow B}] \\ P_{B' \rightarrow B} &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 14 \\ -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

A3(b):

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

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

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

A4(a): (i) $(u)_S = (4, 8, 12, 16)$

(ii) $\dim(V) = 4$.

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:

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

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