

1. (a) The basis is: $\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$. To show that something is a basis,

we want it to be a spanning set for the given vector space V and linearly independent. To prove the former is true, we want to find the span of our basis which can be denoted as:

$$\left(a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right). \text{ It is immediately apparent}$$

that the span of this equals V , since the given vector space V can also be written as

$$\left(t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + r \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : t, r, s \in \mathbb{R} \right). \text{ Now, to prove if the basis is}$$

linearly independent, we take our basis vectors and combine them into a larger augmented homogeneous matrix:

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right). \text{ We then take RREF which}$$

$$\text{is } \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right). \text{ Since there are no free variables and the only solution is the}$$

trivial solution, this is indeed linearly independent.

- (b) The basis is (in order): $\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right),$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ To prove this is a basis, let}$$

us denote each matrix as A_n where n is its order in the basis set (1 – 10). We first want to show it is a spanning set. By definition, the spanning set is given by $c_1A_1 + c_2A_2 + \dots + c_{10}A_{10}$ where $c_1, \dots, c_{10} \in \mathbb{R}$. In a single matrix, this is

$$\text{equivalent to } \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 \\ c_2 & c_5 & c_6 & c_7 \\ c_3 & c_6 & c_8 & c_9 \\ c_4 & c_7 & c_9 & c_{10} \end{pmatrix} : c_1, \dots, c_{10} \in \mathbb{R} \end{pmatrix}. \text{ It is apparent that the span}$$

is equal to the original vector space V because it is, by definition, a collection of all symmetric matrices. Therefore, our base is a spanning set. Next, we want to prove that this is linearly independent. To do this, we want to show that the only solution to this system $a_1A_1 + a_2A_2 + \dots + a_{10}A_{10} = M_4(0)$ is the trivial solution where $(a_1 - a_{10} = 0)$. To show this, let us attempt to solve the linear system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ a_2 & a_5 & a_6 & a_7 \\ a_3 & a_6 & a_8 & a_9 \\ a_4 & a_7 & a_9 & a_{10} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Therefore, it is clear that each entry of}$$

the matrix is equal to 0, and there is only one variable in it, which means that all $a_1 - a_{10} = 0$, making the trivial solution the only solution, and thus this basis is linearly independent.

(c) The basis is (in order): $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ To prove this is a basis,}$$

let us denote each matrix as A_n where n is its order in the basis set (1 – 6). We first want to show it is a spanning set. By definition, the spanning set is given by $c_1A_1 + c_2A_2 + \dots + c_6A_6$ where $c_1, \dots, c_6 \in \mathbb{R}$. In a single matrix, this is equivalent to

$\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ -c_2 & 0 & c_4 & c_5 \\ -c_2 & -c_4 & 0 & c_6 \\ -c_3 & -c_5 & -c_6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : c_1, \dots, c_6 \in \mathbb{R} \right)$. It is apparent that the span is equal

to the original vector space V because it is, by its definition a collection of all anti-symmetric matrices. Therefore, our base is a spanning set. Next, we want to prove that this is linearly independent. To do this, we want to show that the only solution to this system $a_1A_1 + a_2A_2 + \dots + a_6A_6 = M_4(0)$ is the trivial solution where $(a_1 - a_6 = 0)$. To show this, let us attempt to solve the linear system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ -a_2 & 0 & a_4 & a_5 \\ -a_2 & -a_4 & 0 & a_6 \\ -a_3 & -a_5 & -a_6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Therefore, it is clear that each entry}$$

of the matrix is equal to 0, and there is only one variable in it, which means that all $a_1 - a_6 = 0$, making the trivial solution the only solution, and thus this basis is linearly independent.

- (d) The basis is $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. We want to show that this spans the solution of the given

homogenous equations. First, let us find the solutions, by taking the RREF of the

matrix of linear systems given: $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -5 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & -8 & 0 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right).$$

Since the third column is free, parameterize $z = t$, then $y = 2t$, and $x = -t$. We can then express the solutions as $t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ where $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Therefore, the span of our basis is equal to the set of solutions, and it is a spanning set. To show that our basis is linearly independent we want to show that the

augmented system only has the trivial solution. $\left(\begin{array}{c|c} -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$. Since there is only

one vector, the only way for it to reach zero would be through the trivial solution. Thus, our basis is also linearly independent.

- (e) The basis is $(-\frac{1}{3}x^2 + x, 1)$. To prove it is a spanning set, let us find some way to parameterize the given vector space. Since $P(1) = P(2)$, we know that for $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$, $a(1)^2 + b(1) + c = a(2)^2 + b(2) + c \rightarrow a + b + c = 4a + 2b + c \rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{3}b$.

Then, plug this in and we get $P(x) = -\frac{1}{3}bx^2 + bx + c = b(-\frac{1}{3}x^2 + x) + c(1)$. Therefore, the span of the basis equals the vector space, and it is a spanning set. To prove linear independence, we want to show if the linear combination of elements in the basis equals 0. So for some $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, we want to show whether $a_1(-\frac{1}{3}x^2 + x) + a_2(1) = 0$ only yields the trivial solution for a_1, a_2 . To simplify this we use the coefficients for each polynomial to make a linear system: $-a_1\frac{1}{3}x^2 = 0x^2, a_1x = 0x, a_2 = 0$. Thus, a_1, a_2 are clearly 0, and the system only has a trivial solution, so it is linearly independent.

(f) The basis is $(-0.5x^3 + x^2, x, 0.5x^3 + 1)$. Let us find the vector space in terms of parameterizations. For $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$, $P(1) = P'(1)$ equivalent to $a + b + c + d = 3a + 2b + c$, which means $a = (-0.5b + 0.5d)$. Then, $P(x) = (-0.5b + 0.5d)x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = b(-0.5x^3 + x^2) + c(x) + d(0.5x^3 + 1)$. Therefore, the span of the basis is equivalent to this vector space, and it is a spanning set. Then, to prove linear independence for the basis, we want to show that the homogenous linear combination of the basis only has the trivial solution. So, for some $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R}$, $-0.5a_1x^3 + 0.5a_3x^3 = 0x^3, a_1x^2 = 0x^2, a_2x = 0x, a_3 = 0$. It is immediately apparent in the latter three equations that $a_1, a_2, a_3 = 0$, so indeed only the trivial solution exists and the basis is linearly independent.

(g) The basis is $\left(\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$. The matrix A that satisfies $A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$ can be represented as $\begin{pmatrix} -2b & b \\ -2d & d \end{pmatrix}$. This is the same as $b \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + d \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Evidently, the span of the basis equals this, so the span of the basis is a spanning set. We then want to show that for $a_1 \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, the only solution would be $a_1 = a_2 = 0$. So, we set a linear system for each entry of the matrix: $-2a_1 + 0a_2 = 0, a_1 + 0a_2 = 0, 0a_1 - 2a_2 = 0, 0a_1 + a_2 = 0$. Evidently, $a_1, a_2 = 0$, so the the homogenous linear combination only has the trivial solution, therefore this basis is linearly independent.

2. (a) i. We first want to prove that D is a spanning set for \mathbb{R}_2 . Let $S = (1, x, x^2)$ and let $T = (1, 1 + x, (1 + x)^2)$. We then want to show that $S \in \text{Span}(T)$.

$$1 = 1(1) + 0(1 + x) + 0(1 + x)^2$$

$$x = -1(1) + 1(1 + x) + 0(1 + x)^2$$

$$x^2 = 1(1) - 2(1 + x) + 1(1 + x)^2$$

Then, because $(1, x, x^2) \in \text{span}(T)$, we can use the theorem $S \subseteq \text{Span}(T)$, then $\text{Span}(S) \subseteq \text{Span}(T)$. So, $\text{Span}(1, x, x^2) = \mathbb{R}_2(x) \subseteq \text{Span}(T)$. Thus, $\text{Span}(1, 1 + x, (1 + x)^2) = \mathbb{R}_2(x)$. Then, we want to prove that D is linearly

independent, so if $a_1(1) + a_2(1+x) + a_3(1+x)^2 = 0$, only when $a_1, a_2, a_3 = 0$. We simply set up the system of equations: $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 0, a_2x + 2a_3x = 0x, a_3x^2 = 0x^2$. It is evident that $a_1, a_2, a_3 = 0$, so the only solution to this system is the trivial one. Therefore, the basis is linearly independent.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii. } [3 - 2x + x^2]_B &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ [3 - 2x + x^2]_C &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ [3 - 2x + x^2]_D &= \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{iii. } p_1(x) &= 1(1) + 3(x) - 1(x^2) = 1 + 3x - x^2 \\ p_2(x) &= 1(x) + 3(x^2) - (1) = x + 3x^2 - 1 \\ p_3(x) &= 1(1) + 3(1+x) - (1+2x+x^2) = 3 + x - x^2. \end{aligned}$$

(b) i. When we employ the algorithm for determining the basis, we form the combined

matrix and take the echelon form which is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & k \\ 0 & -5 & -3k+7 \\ 0 & 0 & -2k+8 \end{pmatrix}$. We know that

in order for all vectors in B to be part of the basis, there cannot be any rows of 0 in the resulting matrix. Therefore, when $k = 4$, we end up with a row of zero, so when $k \neq 4$, B is a basis.

ii. When $k = 2$, we can set up an augmented matrix $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 7 & 14 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 & -8 \end{array} \right)$. The solution to this which is also $\left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 14 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix} \right]_B$ is $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{iii. } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -10 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{(c) i. } \left[\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right]_B = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{ii. } \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. (a) If v_1, \dots, v_n is a basis, then they are respectively linearly independent. To prove it is

the maximal linearly independent set, we want to show that adding any v results in a linearly dependent set. So, suppose another $u \in V$. However, we know that the basis spans all of V , so the new element u can be written as a linear combination of v_1, \dots, v_n . Therefore, adding it to the basis would make it linearly dependent. So, the basis is the maximum linearly independent set.

- (b) If v_1, \dots, v_n is the maximal linearly independent set in V , then adding another component makes it linearly dependent. In other words, this means that every element in V can be expressed as a linear combination of the basis, so when you add that element of V , the basis becomes linearly dependent. We can then make the conjecture that the basis is indeed a spanning set. We are also given that it is independent, so therefore it is a basis.
 - (c) Let us first show that the basis is a spanning set. The basis is v_1, \dots, v_n , and its span is equal to $\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ which is exactly equal to the $\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$, so v_1, \dots, v_n is a spanning set for $\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$. We are also given that v_1, \dots, v_n is linearly independent, so it is a basis.
 - (d) If v_1, \dots, v_n is a basis for V , then that means $\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_n) = V$. Since this is true, the only way for $\text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_n, w) = V$ is if $w \in V$. If $w \in V$, it is also true if and only if $w \in \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$, then if and only if w is a linear combination of v_1, \dots, v_n , which means v_1, \dots, v_n, w is linearly dependent. Therefore, $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n, w) = V$ if and only if (v_1, \dots, v_n, w) is linearly dependent.
4. (a) Proving $1 \rightarrow 2$: If A is invertible, then its equivalent RREF form is the identity matrix I_n as proved in previous lessons. Since the identity matrix has a pivot in every row and column, it thus spans all of \mathbb{R}^n . Additionally, since we know that A and I_n are row equivalent, the spans of their columns should be equal. So, $\text{Span}(A) = \text{Span}(I_n) = \mathbb{R}^n$. Therefore, we proved that the columns of A span \mathbb{R}^n . Similarly, we want to prove that A is linearly independent. Again we find its RREF to be I_n and want to show that

$$a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \dots + a_n \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ only has the trivial solution.}$$

When we simplify this equation, we get that $a_1, \dots, a_n = 0$, which means that the columns in A are also linearly independent. Therefore it is a basis.

- (b) Proving $2 \rightarrow 3$: Since the columns of A form a basis for \mathbb{R}^n , there exists a row equivalent matrix denoted as A' which has at least a pivot in each column, and also spans all of \mathbb{R}^n while being linearly independent. Since A is a square matrix of n dimensions, however, it means that each column must have a pivot. If there is a pivot in each column of a square matrix, its row equivalent RREF form is

the identity matrix I_n . Since I_n is row equivalent to A , its columns are also a basis. Furthermore, in an identity matrix, each respective row is the same as each respective column. Therefore, the rows in the Identity matrix are also a basis for \mathbb{R}^n because it is the same as the columns and we are given that the columns are already a basis. Then, since I_n and A are row equivalent, we can reason that the rows in A will also be a basis.

- (c) Proving $3 \rightarrow 1$: If the rows of A form basis for \mathbb{R}^n , this implies that A is row equivalent to the identity matrix. One of the definitions for invertibility is if its RREF is the identity matrix. Therefore, A is invertible.