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Midterm 2 Questions

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1. [70 points] Consider the permutation P defined by

$$P \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_4 \\ x_1 \\ x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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- (a) [15 points] Write the permutation P in matrix form.

Diagram showing the mapping of x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 to x_4, x_1, x_3, x_2, x_5 with red lines connecting them.

$\Rightarrow P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- (b) [10 points] Compute P^T .

$$P^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c) [15 points] Compute P^{-1} if P is invertible. If P is not invertible, state that P^{-1} does not exist.

P is orthogonal $\Rightarrow P^{-1} = P^T$

(d) [15 points] Compute the determinant of P .

$$\det(P) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \boxed{1}$$

(e) [15 points] Compute the determinant of P^T .

$$\det(P^T) = \det(P) = \boxed{1}$$

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2. [5 points] Let S be the parallelogram determined by the vectors

$$b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

and let $A : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the linear transformation given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ -4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

What is the area of the image of S under the linear transformation A ?

$C =$ square determined by $e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -3 \\ 5 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow S = B(C) \Rightarrow A(S) = A(B(C))$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{area}(A(S)) = |\det(AB)| \cdot \underbrace{\text{area}(C)}_{=1}$$

$$= |\det(A)| |\det(B)|$$

$$= 2 \cdot 9 = \boxed{18}$$

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3. [2 points] Consider the following two bases of \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$\beta = (\underbrace{(7, 5)}_{\beta_1}, \underbrace{(-3, -1)}_{\beta_2}), \quad \gamma = (\underbrace{(1, -5)}_{\gamma_1}, \underbrace{(-2, 2)}_{\gamma_2}).$$

(a) [6 points] Compute the change-of-basis matrix from β to γ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} M_{\beta}^{\gamma}(v) = M_{\gamma}^{\gamma}(v)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1 &= a\gamma_1 + c\gamma_2 \\ \beta_2 &= b\gamma_1 + d\gamma_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7 &= a(1) + c(-2) \\ 5 &= a(-5) + c(2) \\ -3 &= b(1) + d(-2) \\ -1 &= b(-5) + d(2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-8} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-8} \begin{pmatrix} 24 \\ 40 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) [6 points] Compute the change-of-basis matrix from γ to β .change-of-basis
 $\beta \leftarrow \gamma$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{change-of-basis } \gamma \leftarrow \beta: \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

4. [3 point] Let \mathcal{M} be the vector space of all 2×2 matrices with real entries. What is the dimension of the space of all linear transformations from \mathcal{M} to \mathcal{M} that commute with the transpose operation?

standard basis of \mathcal{M} : $\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \mathcal{B}$

transpose op: $T: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}, T(A) = A^T$

matrix of transpose relative to std. basis:

$$T: \begin{matrix} \mathcal{B}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_1 \\ \mathcal{B}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_3 \\ \mathcal{B}_3 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_2 \\ \mathcal{B}_4 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_4 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow T \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Want: $S: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ such that $[S, T] = 0$.

$$\boxed{ST = TS} \quad \text{LHS} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{RHS} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating corresponding entries gives the following constraints:

$$\begin{matrix} a_{13} = a_{12} & a_{23} = a_{32} & a_{24} = a_{34} \\ a_{21} = a_{31} & a_{22} = a_{33} & a_{43} = a_{42} \end{matrix} \Rightarrow 16 - 6 = \boxed{10}$$