

## MATB24 TUTORIAL PROBLEMS 4, SOLUTIONS

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RELEVANT SECTIONS IN THE TEXTBOOK: Sec 3.3, 3.4, 7.1 FB or 3C, 3D SA

WARM-UP: As usual, write down a complete definition or a complete mathematical characterization for the following terms.

- An invertible linear transformation
- Give an equivalent condition for a linear transformation being invertible in terms of injectivity and surjectivity.
- Give an equivalent condition for a linear transformation  $T$  being invertible in terms of the Kernel and image of  $T$ .
- Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be an ordered basis for a vector space  $W$ . Define the  $\mathfrak{B}$ -coordinates of a vector  $\vec{v} \in W$ .
- Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be an ordered basis for a vector space  $W$ . Give an isomorphism between  $W$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{\dim W}$

A: In class we said (or will say) a linear transformation respects the structure of a vector space, for instance it maps a subspace to a subspace, the zero vector to zero vector, and so on. In this question you investigate how a linear transformation treats a linear independent set and a spanning set. We use the following result

**Lemma 0.1.** *Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation.*

- (1)  *$T$  is one-to-one if and only if  $\ker T = \{0_V\}$ .*
- (2)  *$T$  is onto if and only if  $\text{img}(T) = W$*

- (1) (a) Consider  $I = \{e^x, e^{2x}, e^{3x}\}$  in  $\mathcal{F}$ .  $I$  is linearly independent (why?). Let  $V = \text{Span}(I)$ . Let  $T : V \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  be a linear transformation, and suppose

$$T(e^x) = 1, \quad T(e^{2x}) = \cos^2 x, \quad T(e^{3x}) = \sin^2 x$$

Write down a formula for  $T$  of an arbitrary element of  $V$

- (b) Show that  $T(I)$  is not linearly independent.
  - (c) Prove that  $T$  is not one-to one.<sup>1</sup>
  - (d) Show that  $T(I)$  is not a spanning set for  $\mathcal{F}$ .
  - (e) Prove that  $T$  is not onto.
- (2) Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Prove that  $T(I)$  is a linearly independent subset of  $W$  for every linearly independent subset  $I$  of  $V$  if and only if  $T$  is one to one.<sup>2</sup>
  - (3) Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Let  $S$  be a spanning set for  $V$ . Prove  $T$  is onto if and only if  $T(S)$  is a spanning set for  $W$ .
  - (4) Prove that the finite-dimensional vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$  are isomorphic if and only if  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ .

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<sup>1</sup>You can find a nonzero vector in the kernel of  $T$

<sup>2</sup>For every linearly independent subset  $I$  is a key information in one of the two directions (which one?)

**Solution.**

- (1) (a) Yes,  $I$  is linearly independent. Solve system  $c_1e^x + c_2e^{2x} + c_3e^{3x} = 0$  at  $x \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  or equivalent. Next, calculate  $T(c_1e^x + c_2e^{2x} + c_3e^{3x}) = c_1T(e^x) + c_2T(e^{2x}) + c_3T(e^{3x}) = c_1 + c_2 \cos^2(x) + c_3 \sin^2(x)$ .
- (b) Observe dependency  $T(e^{2x}) + T(e^{3x}) = T(e^x)$ .
- (c) Observe that  $T(e^{2x} + e^{3x} - e^x) = T(e^{2x}) + T(e^{3x}) - T(e^x) = 0 \implies e^{2x} + e^{3x} - e^x \in \ker T$ . Then apply Lemma 1(1).
- (d) Calculate  $\text{sp}(T(I)) = \text{sp}\{1, \cos^2(x)\} \subsetneq \mathcal{F}$ .
- (e) Observe  $\text{im}(T) = \text{sp}(T(I)) = \text{sp}\{1, \cos^2(x)\} \subsetneq \mathcal{F}$  and apply Lemma 1(2).
- (2) Suppose  $T$  is one-to-one. Take image  $T(I)$  of linearly independent set  $I = \{v_j\}$  and observe  $\sum_j c_j T(v_j) = T(\sum_j c_j v_j) = 0$  implies  $\sum_j c_j v_j = 0$  since  $\ker T = \{0_V\}$ . Then, since  $\{v_j\}$  is linearly independent,  $c_j = 0 \forall j$  and so  $\{T(v_j)\}$  is also linearly independent. On the other hand, suppose  $T(I)$  is always linearly independent. Take basis  $B = \{v_j\}$ , let  $v := \sum_j c_j v_j \in \ker T$  and observe  $0_W = T(v) = T(\sum_j c_j v_j) = \sum_j c_j T(v_j) \iff c_j = 0 \forall j$  since  $\{T(v_j)\}$  is linearly independent. Hence  $v = 0$ ,  $\ker T = \{0_V\}$  and  $T$  is one-to-one.
- (3) Suppose  $T$  is onto. Let  $S = \{v_j\}$  be a spanning set for  $V$ . Then  $\forall w \in W, \exists v = \sum_j c_j v_j$  such that  $T(v) = w$ . In particular,  $w = T(\sum_j c_j v_j) = \sum_j c_j T(v_j)$  and so  $T(S)$  is a spanning set for  $W$ . On the other hand, suppose  $T(S) = \{T(v_j)\}$  is a spanning set for  $W$ . Then  $w = \sum_j c_j T(v_j) = T(\sum_j c_j v_j)$  for some  $c_j$ . In particular,  $w \in \text{im}(V)$  and  $T$  is onto.
- (4)

B: Let  $M_{n \times n}$  be the vector space of  $n \times n$  matrices.

- (1) Let  $P \in M_{n \times n}$ . Define the function  $T_P : M_{n \times n} \rightarrow M_{n \times n}$  by  $T_P(A) = PA$  for all  $A \in M_{n \times n}$ . Is  $T_P$  always linear? If so, is  $T_P$  ever an isomorphism?
- (2) Let  $P$  be an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix. Prove that the function  $A \mapsto PAP^{-1}$  from  $M_{n \times n}$  to  $M_{n \times n}$  is an isomorphism. (This transformation is called *conjugation by P*).

**Solution.**

- (1) Always linear:  $T_P(A + rB) = P(A + rB) = PA + r(PB) = T_P(A) + rT_P(B)$ . It is an isomorphism when  $P$  is invertible:  $PA = O \implies A = P^{-1}O = O$  so injective, and given  $A$ ,  $P(P^{-1}A) = A$  so surjective.
- (2) Let this function be called  $T$ . Linear:  $T(A + rB) = P(A + rB)P^{-1} = (PA + rPB)P^{-1} = PAP^{-1} + rPBP^{-1}$ . Injective:  $PAP^{-1} = O \implies A = P^{-1}OP = O$ . Surjective: Given  $A$ ,  $P(P^{-1}AP)P^{-1} = A$ .

C: Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and consider the bases

$$\mathcal{E} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

of the vector space  $M_{2 \times 2}$  of  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

(1) Find  $[I_2]_{\mathcal{E}}$  and  $[A]_{\mathcal{E}}$ . (Recall, for example,  $[I_2]_{\mathcal{E}}$  is the coordinate vector of  $I_2$  relative to the ordered basis  $\mathcal{E}$  for  $M_{2 \times 2}$ .)

(2) Find  $[I_2]_{\mathcal{B}}$  and  $[A]_{\mathcal{B}}$ .

(3) Find a basis  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $M_{2 \times 2}$  such that  $[A]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(4) Find a matrix  $C$  such that  $C[B]_{\mathcal{B}} = [B]_{\mathcal{C}}$  for all  $B$  in  $M_{2 \times 2}$ .

(5) Find a matrix  $D$  such that  $D[B]_{\mathcal{C}} = [B]_{\mathcal{E}}$  for all  $B$  in  $M_{2 \times 2}$ .

(6) Find a matrix  $F$  such that  $F[B]_{\mathcal{B}} = [B]_{\mathcal{E}}$  for all  $B$  in  $M_{2 \times 2}$ .

(7) Draw a diagram relating the linear transformations corresponding to the matrices  $F$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ .

### Solution.

(1) Since  $I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , therefore  $[I_2]_{\mathcal{E}} = [1, 0, 0, 1]$ . Similarly,  $[A]_{\mathcal{E}} = [3, 1, -1, -1]$ .

(2)  $[I_2]_{\mathcal{B}} = [1, 0, 0, 0]$ . For  $A$ , write  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = r_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + r_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + r_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + r_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 + r_2 & r_3 - r_4 \\ r_3 + r_4 & r_1 - r_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . This implies  $2r_1 = 2$  so  $r_1 = 1$  and hence  $1 + r_2 = 3$  so  $r_2 = 2$ , and  $2r_3 = 0$  so  $r_3 = 0$  and hence  $0 + r_4 = -1$  so  $r_4 = -1$ . Thus,  $[A]_{\mathcal{B}} = [1, 2, 0, -1]$ .

(3)  $\mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Since this ordered set is just a scaled version of the  $\mathcal{E}$  basis, it is seen that it is a basis.

(4) Note that we are finding the change-of-basis matrix  $C = C_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}}$ . We use Equation (9) on page 393 in the textbook, as follows. Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4\}$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4\}$ .  $[B_1]_{\mathcal{C}} = [1/3, 0, 0, -1]$ ,  $[B_2]_{\mathcal{C}} = [1/3, 0, 0, 1]$ ,  $[B_3]_{\mathcal{C}} = [0, 1, -1, 0]$ , and  $[B_4]_{\mathcal{C}} = [0, -1, -1, 0]$ . Therefore,  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(5) Now we want to find  $D = D_{\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}}$ . Write  $\mathcal{E} = \{E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4\}$ . Have  $[C_1]_{\mathcal{E}} = [3, 0, 0, 0]$ ,  $[C_2]_{\mathcal{E}} = [0, 1, 0, 0]$ ,  $[C_3]_{\mathcal{E}} = [0, 0, -1, 0]$ , and  $[C_4]_{\mathcal{E}} = [0, 0, 0, -1]$ . So,

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(6) Now we want  $F = F_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}}$ . But,  $F = D_{\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}} C_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}} = DC = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**COOL-OFF:**

- (1) Give three different isomorphism between  $P_n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .
- (2) Give three different isomorphism between  $M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ .
- (3) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be  $F$ - vector spaces and let  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  and  $\{\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_n\}$  be bases for  $V$  and  $W$  respectively. Construct three different isomorphism between  $V$  and  $W$ .