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**Question:**

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be the linear map defined by

$$T(x, y, z, w) = (x + z, 2x + y + 3z, 2y + 2z, w).$$

**Solution:**

Write the input vector in coordinates:

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Each component of  $T(x, y, z, w)$  is a linear combination of  $x, y, z, w$ . So , we can match the coefficients:

$$T_1(x, y, z, w) = 1 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y + 1 \cdot z + 0 \cdot w, \quad (2)$$

$$T_2(x, y, z, w) = 2 \cdot x + 1 \cdot y + 3 \cdot z + 0 \cdot w, \quad (3)$$

$$T_3(x, y, z, w) = 0 \cdot x + 2 \cdot y + 2 \cdot z + 0 \cdot w, \quad (4)$$

$$T_4(x, y, z, w) = 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y + 0 \cdot z + 1 \cdot w. \quad (5)$$

Therefore the matrix  $T$  is the matrix whose rows are the coefficient vectors:

$$[T] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

On row reducing we get,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{rank}([T]) = 3, \quad (7)$$

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