Question 1.

Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Use row and column operations on A to obtain a matrix B of the form in Theorem 53. Use that work to find invertible matrices P, Q so that $B = PAQ$.

Proof. We perform the following row and column operations:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[r_3 \to r_3 - 2r_1]{r_2 \to r_2 - r_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_3 \to r_3 - r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\xrightarrow[c_4 \to c_4 - c_1 + c_2]{c_3 \to c_3 + c_1 - 2c_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Define this matrix we obtained as B. We will perform the same row and column operations above on I_3 and I_4, respectively in order to define P and Q. We have that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[r_3 \to r_3 - 2r_1]{r_2 \to r_2 - r_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\xrightarrow{r_3 \to r_3 - r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[c_4 \to c_4 - c_1 + c_2]{c_3 \to c_3 + c_1 - 2c_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. We see that

$$PAQ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$= B$$

as required. $\square$

Question 2.

Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

1. Verify that A is invertible, by row-reducing the augmented matrix $(A|I_3)$.
2. Use (a) to find A^{-1}.
3. Express A as a product of elementary matrices.

Question 3.

Find the explicit formula for the linear transformation $T : \mathbb{Q}^4 \to \mathbb{Q}^3$ which satisfies:

$$T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Question 4.

Let $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Q}$ and $V = \mathcal{M}_{2\times 2}(\mathbb{F})$. Consider the linear map $T : \mathcal{M}_{2\times 2}(\mathbb{F}) \to \mathcal{M}_{2\times 2}(\mathbb{F})$ given by $T(A) = A^T$. Set $\beta = \{E_{11}, E_{12}, E_{21}, E_{22}\}$ and $\gamma = \{E_{11}, E_{22}, E_{12} + E_{21}, E_{12} - E_{21}\}$.

1. Find P - the change of coordinate matrix from γ to β coordinates.
2. Find P^{-1} - the change of coordinate matrix from β to γ coordinates.
3. Find $A = [T]_\beta$.
4. Find $B = [T]_\gamma$.
5. Confirm that $A = PBP^{-1}$ using (a)-(d).

Question 5.

Let $T : \mathcal{M}_{n\times n}(\mathbb{F}) \to \mathcal{M}_{n\times n}(\mathbb{F})$ be the linear map given by $T(A) = A + A^T$.

1. Find $N(T)$ and $\dim N(T)$.
2. What is $\mathrm{im}(T)$?
3. Is $\mathcal{M}_{n\times n}(\mathbb{F}) = \mathrm{im}(T) \oplus N(T)$?

Question 6.

Let V, W be vector spaces over a field $\mathbb{F}$ and $T : V \to W$ a linear map. Prove that T is injective if and only if $N(T) = \{\mathbf{0}_V\}$. (Make no assumption here about $\dim V, \dim W$.)

Proof. Suppose that T is injective. Let $T(x) = 0$, for some $x \in V$. Recall that $T(0) = 0$ for any linear map. Therefore by injectivity $x = 0$, so $N(T) = \{0\}$.
Conversely, suppose that $N(T) = \{0\}$. Let $x, y \in V$ such that $T(x) = T(y)$. By linearity, we have that $T(x - y) = 0$, but this implies that $x - y = 0$, so $x = y$ and T is injective. $\square$

Question 7.

Let V, W be vector spaces over a field $\mathbb{F}$, and $T : V \to W$ a linear map. Find a condition on T which is equivalent to "$T(S)$ spans W for any spanning set $S \subseteq V$ of V".
(Hint: Write down the definition of $T(S)$ is spanning to get started.)

Proof. We claim that this statement is equivalent to saying that T is surjective.
Suppose that for any set $S \subseteq V$ that spans V, $T(S)$ spans W. We prove that T is surjective. Let $w \in W$. We can write w as a linear combination of some number of vectors in $T(S)$. That is, for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $s_i \in S$, $c_i \in \mathbb{F}$, $i \in \{1, ..., k\}$,

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^{k} c_i T(s_i) = T\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k} c_i s_i\right)$$

so T is surjective.
Conversely, suppose that T is surjective. Let S be a spanning set of V. We will show that $T(S)$ spans W. Let $w \in W$. By surjectivity, there exists $v \in V$ so that $T(v) = w$. We can rewrite

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^{k} c_i s_i$$

for some number of vectors $s_i \in S$ and $c_i \in \mathbb{F}$. Then

$$T\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k} c_i s_i\right) = w \implies \sum_{i=1}^{k} c_i T(s_i) = w$$

Notice that $T(s_i) \in T(S)$, from which it follows that $T(S)$ spans W, and the proof is complete.

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Question 8.

Let $P \in \mathcal{M}_{n\times n}(\mathbb{F})$. Prove the following three conditions are equivalent.

(a) P is invertible.

(b) There exists bases β, γ of $\mathbb{F}^n$ so that $P = [\mathrm{I}_{\mathbb{F}^n}]_\beta^\gamma$.

(c) For any n-dimensional vector space V over $\mathbb{F}$, there exists bases β, γ of V so that $P = [\mathrm{I}_V]_\beta^\gamma$.

Proof. Suppose (a). We prove (b).
Consider the linear transformation $T_P : \mathbb{F}^n \to \mathbb{F}^n$. Since T_P is invertible,

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Question 9.

Consider the relation $\equiv$ on $\mathcal{M}_{m\times n}(\mathbb{F})$ defined by $A \equiv B$ if $A \to B$ using a combination of row and/or column operations.

(a) Prove that $\equiv$ is an equivalence relation on $\mathcal{M}_{m\times n}(\mathbb{F})$.

(b) Find a condition on A, B which is equivalent to $A \equiv B$. (Hint: Theorem 53.)

(c) Classify the equivalence classes for this relation, and prove that there are exactly $1 + \min\{n, m\}$ such classes.

Proof.
(a):
We show reflexivity, symmetry, and transitivity in that order.
Reflexivity: Since $IA = A$, and I is considered a row operation, $A \equiv A$.
Symmetry: Suppose that $A \equiv B$ then for some invertible matrices P, Q we have that $PAQ = B$. But at the same time this means that $P^{-1}BQ^{-1} = A$ so $B \equiv A$.
Transitivity: Suppose that $A \equiv B$ and $B \equiv C$. Then for invertible matrices P, Q, R, S, $PAQ = B$ and $RBS = C$, so $(RP)A(QS) = R(PAQ)S = RBS = C$. Since RP, QS are also invertible, we have that $A \equiv C$.

(b):
We claim that an equivalent condition is $\text{rank}A = \text{rank}B$. Suppose that $A \equiv B$. Then $PAQ = B$ for some invertible matrices P, Q, but it is known that rank is preserved by multiplication with invertible matrices, so $\text{rank}A = \text{rank}PAQ = \text{rank}B$.
Conversely, suppose that $r := \text{rank}A = \text{rank}B$. By Theorem 53, there exist row/column operations so that

$$A, B \to \left(\begin{array}{c|c} I_r & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array}\right).$$

We denote this matrix by J_r. that is, for invertible matrices P, Q, R, S, $PAQ = I' = RBS$. It follows that $R^{-1}PAQS^{-1} = B$, so $A \equiv B$ as desired.

(c):
We can classify the equivalence classes by matrix rank. That is, each equivalence class is of the form

$$[J_r] = \{A \in \mathcal{M}_{m\times n}(\mathbb{F}) : \text{rank}A = r\}.$$

The possible ranks of $m \times n$ matrices range from 0 to $\min\{n, m\}$, so there are $\min\{n, m\} + 1$ different values of r. We will verify that these equivalence classes are exhaustive and disjoint. Every $m \times n$ matrix must have a rank, so it belongs to at least one of the classes, but at the same time, a matrix can possibly only have one rank, so it necessarily belongs to exactly one equivalence class.

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Question 10.

Let V, W be finite dimensional vector spaces over $\mathbb{F}$, and $T : V \to W$ a linear map with $\text{rank}T = 2$. Set $n = \dim V$, $m = \dim W$. Let $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathbb{F}^n$ be two non-parallel vectors. Prove there exists bases β, γ of V, W respectively, so that $[T]_\beta^\gamma = (\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_2 \ \mathbf{0} \ \cdots \ \mathbf{0})$. (Hint: use problems 7,8.)

Question 11.

Let $T : V \to V$ be linear. We say that a subspace $W \subseteq V$ is "T-invariant" if $T(W) \subseteq W$. For example, if $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ is counter-clockwise rotation around the z-axis by angle θ, then $P_{xy} = \{(x, y, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^3\}$ is T-invariant, as is L_z (the z-axis).

1. Verify the claims made above, by showing that P_{xy} and L_z are T-invariant.
2. Show that $\mathbb{R}^3 = P_{xy} \oplus L_z$ by finding a basis $\beta = \beta_1 \cup \beta_2$ for $\mathbb{R}^3$ so that β_1 is a basis for P_{xy} and β_2 is a basis for L_z.
3. Using your basis β from (b), find $[T]_\beta$.

Question 12.

Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over $\mathbb{F}$, $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$, and $W_1 \subseteq V$ a T-invariant subspace with basis β_1. Set $k = \dim W_1$.
We will generalize what we saw in #11c.

1. Extend β_1 to a basis β of V. Show that $[T]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ O_{n-k,k} & B \end{pmatrix}$, where A is $k \times k$, B is $(n-k) \times (n-k)$, and C is $k \times (n-k)$.
2. Suppose that W_2 is a subspace so that $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$. Let $\beta = \beta_1 \cup \beta_2$, where β_2 is any basis for W_2.

   Prove that if W_2 is T-invariant, then $[T]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} A & O_{k,n-k} \\ O_{n-k,k} & B \end{pmatrix}$ is block diagonal.
3. Is the converse of (b) true or false? Justify your answer.

Question 13.

Determine if the statements below are true or false. If true, give a proof. If false, explain why, and/or provide a counterexample.

(a) Let $\beta = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ be the standard basis for $\mathbb{F}^n$, and $\gamma = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ a basis for $\mathbb{F}^n$. Then there exists a sequence of row operations that takes β to γ. (That is, v_i is obtained from e_i using the same row operations for all i.)

(b) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over $\mathbb{F}$ and $T : V \to V$ a linear map. If β, γ are bases for V so that $[T]_\beta^\gamma = I_n$, then $T = I_V$.

(c) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over $\mathbb{F}$ and $S, T : V \to V$ linear maps. If $\operatorname{rank} T = \operatorname{rank} S$, then there exist bases $\beta, \beta', \gamma, \gamma'$ for V so that $[S]_\beta^\gamma = [T]_\beta^\gamma$.

(d) Let $A, B \in \mathcal{M}_{n\times n}(\mathbb{F})$. If $A^2 \sim B^2$, then $A \sim B$.