# APSC 174 — Midterm 2

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# **Solutions**

1	2	3	4	5	Total
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1.

[15 pts] (a) Use row operations to put the matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
3 & 1 & 7 & 8 \\
1 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\
0 & 5 & 5 & -5
\end{array}\right)$$

into Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF).

[10 pts] (b) Parameterize all the solutions to the system of linear equations below and write your answer in column vector form.

$$3x + y + 7z = 8 
x + 3y + 5z = 0 
5y + 5z = -5$$

Note: Part (a) is relevant.

# Solution Summaries for 12 Versions

## Version 1

[15 pts] (a) Use row operations to put the matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
-2 & -1 & -5 & -5 \\
4 & -1 & 7 & 13 \\
3 & 2 & 8 & 7
\end{array}\right)$$

into Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF). You must show the row operations at each step.

[10 pts] (b) Parameterize all the solutions to the system of linear equations below and write your answer in column vector form.

Note: Part (a) is relevant.

Solution:

$$\operatorname{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t$$

(— problem 1 continued —)

## Version 2

[15 pts] (a) Use row operations to put the matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
-1 & 1 & -1 & -4 \\
3 & 4 & 10 & 5 \\
2 & 4 & 8 & 2
\end{array}\right)$$

into Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF). You must show the row operations at each step.

[10 pts] (b) Parameterize all the solutions to the system of linear equations below and write your answer in column vector form.

NOTE: Part (a) is relevant.

### Solution:

$$rref(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution vector set: possible rescalings of the following line.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t$$

## Version 3

[15 pts] (a) Use row operations to put the matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
2 & 3 & 7 & 3 \\
-1 & 2 & 0 & -5 \\
1 & 4 & 6 & -1
\end{array}\right)$$

into Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF). You must show the row operations at each step.

[10 pts] (b) Parameterize all the solutions to the system of linear equations below and write your answer in column vector form.

Note: Part (a) is relevant.

#### **Solution:**

$$rref(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t$$

(— problem 1 continued —)

# Version 4

[15 pts] (a) Use row operations to put the matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
3 & 2 & 8 & 7 \\
2 & -1 & 3 & 7 \\
-1 & 4 & 2 & -7
\end{array}\right)$$

into Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF). You must show the row operations at each step.

[10 pts] (b) Parameterize all the solutions to the system of linear equations below and write your answer in column vector form.

Note: Part (a) is relevant.

### Solution:

$$\operatorname{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution vector set: possible rescalings of the following line.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t$$

### Version 5

[15 pts] (a) Use row operations to put the matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
4 & -1 & -6 & 0 \\
-1 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\
-1 & 2 & 5 & 7
\end{array}\right)$$

into Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF). You must show the row operations at each step.

[10 pts] (b) Parameterize all the solutions to the system of linear equations below and write your answer in column vector form.

Note: Part (a) is relevant.

#### **Solution:**

$$\operatorname{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t$$

(— problem 1 continued —)

# Version 6

[15 pts] (a) Use row operations to put the matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
4 & 3 & 2 & 16 \\
3 & 1 & -1 & 7 \\
2 & -1 & -4 & -2
\end{array}\right)$$

into Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF). You must show the row operations at each step.

[10 pts] (b) Parameterize all the solutions to the system of linear equations below and write your answer in column vector form.

Note: Part (a) is relevant.

### Solution:

$$rref(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution vector set: possible rescalings of the following line.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t$$

# Version 7

[15 pts] (a) Use row operations to put the matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
2 & -2 & -6 & -6 \\
3 & 3 & 3 & 15 \\
-1 & 4 & 9 & 15
\end{array}\right)$$

into Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF). You must show the row operations at each step.

[10 pts] (b) Parameterize all the solutions to the system of linear equations below and write your answer in column vector form.

Note: Part (a) is relevant.

#### **Solution:**

$$\operatorname{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t$$

(— problem 1 continued —)

# Version 8

[15 pts] (a) Use row operations to put the matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
2 & 3 & 4 & 14 \\
-2 & 3 & 8 & 10 \\
4 & 1 & -2 & 8
\end{array}\right)$$

into Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF). You must show the row operations at each step.

[10 pts] (b) Parameterize all the solutions to the system of linear equations below and write your answer in column vector form.

Note: Part (a) is relevant.

### Solution:

$$rref(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution vector set: possible rescalings of the following line.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t$$

## Version 9

[15 pts] (a) Use row operations to put the matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
1 & -2 & 3 & -7 \\
-2 & 4 & 4 & -16 \\
1 & -2 & -1 & 5
\end{array}\right)$$

into Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF). You must show the row operations at each step.

[10 pts] (b) Parameterize all the solutions to the system of linear equations below and write your answer in column vector form.

Note: Part (a) is relevant.

#### **Solution:**

$$\operatorname{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} t$$

(— problem 1 continued —)

# Version 10

[15 pts] (a) Use row operations to put the matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
-1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\
2 & -4 & 3 & -5 \\
1 & -2 & 3 & -7
\end{array}\right)$$

into Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF). You must show the row operations at each step.

[10 pts] (b) Parameterize all the solutions to the system of linear equations below and write your answer in column vector form.

Note: Part (a) is relevant.

### **Solution:**

$$rref(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution vector set: possible rescalings of the following line.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} t$$

# Version 11

[15 pts] (a) Use row operations to put the matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
-2 & 4 & 1 & -7 \\
-1 & 2 & 2 & -8 \\
-1 & 2 & -1 & 1
\end{array}\right)$$

into Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF). You must show the row operations at each step.

[10 pts] (b) Parameterize all the solutions to the system of linear equations below and write your answer in column vector form.

Note: Part (a) is relevant.

### Solution:

$$\operatorname{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} t$$

(— problem 1 continued —)

# Version 12

[15 pts] (a) Use row operations to put the matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & -2 & -2 & 8 \\
-1 & 2 & 4 & -14 \\
1 & -2 & 3 & -7
\end{array}\right)$$

into Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF). You must show the row operations at each step.

[10 pts] (b) Parameterize all the solutions to the system of linear equations below and write your answer in column vector form.

Note: Part (a) is relevant.

### Solution:

$$\operatorname{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} t$$

- **2.** Typical Solution Suppose  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation (i.e., linear map) and we know that  $\overline{L(2,7)} = (5,4)$  and L(1,4) = (2,3).
- [6 pts] (a) Write (1,0) as a linear combination of (2,7) and (1,4). Also write (0,1) as a linear combination of (2,7) and (1,4).

**Solution.** To write (1,0) as a linear combination of (2,7) and (1,4), we have to find scalars  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  such that

$$\alpha_1(2,7) + \alpha_2(1,4) = (1,0)$$

i.e., we have to solve the system of linear equations

$$2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1$$
$$7\alpha_1 + 4\alpha_2 = 0.$$

The second equation gives  $\alpha_2 = -\frac{7}{4}\alpha_1$ . Plugging this into the first equation we obtain  $2\alpha_1 - \frac{7}{4}\alpha_1 = 1$ , i.e.,  $\alpha_1 = 4$ , which then gives  $\alpha_2 = -7$ . Thus

$$(1,0) = 4(2,7) - 7(1,4).$$

Similarly, to write (0,1) as a linear combination of (2,7) and (1,4), we have to find scalars  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  such that

$$\beta_1(2,7) + \beta_2(1,4) = (0,1)$$

i.e., we have to solve the system of linear equations

$$2\beta_1 + \beta_2 = 0$$
$$7\beta_1 + 4\beta_2 = 1.$$

The first equation gives  $\beta_2 = -2\beta_1$ , which upon substitution into the second equation gives  $7\beta_1 - 8\beta_1 = 1$ , i.e.,  $\beta_1 = -1$ , which then gives  $\beta_2 = 2$ . Thus

$$(0,1) = -(2,7) + 2(1,4).$$

[4 pts] (b) Find the standard matrix for L.

**Solution.** The standard matrix of L has column vectors L(1,0) and L(0,1). From part (a) we know that (1,0) = 4(2,7) - 7(1,4) and (0,1) = -(2,7) + 2(1,4). Since we also know that L(2,7) = (5,4) and L(1,4) = (2,3), we can use the linearity of L to compute L(1,0) and L(0,1) as

$$L(1,0) = L(4(2,7) - 7(1,4)) = 4L(2,7) - 7L(1,4)$$
  
= 4(5,4) - 7(2,3)  
= (6,-5)

and

$$L(0,1) = L(-(2,7) + 2(1,4)) = -L(2,7) + 2L(1,4)$$
$$= -(5,4) + 2(2,3)$$
$$= (-1,2).$$

Thus the standard matrix for L is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
.

[5 pts] (c) Find L(1,2).

**Solution.** We use the linearity of L and part (b) to calculate

$$L(1,2) = L((1,0) + 2(0,1)) = L(1,0) + 2L(0,1)$$
$$= (6,-5) + 2(-1,2)$$
$$= (4,-1)$$

so that L(1,2) = (4,-1).

Alternate Solution.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Solution Summaries for Parts (a) and (b): 12 Versions

(Part (c) can be solved as in the Typical Solution above)

#### Version 1

Suppose  $L:\mathbb{R}^2\to\mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation (i.e., linear map) and we know that:

- L(2,2) = (0,8), and
- L(-1,3) = (16,-12).
- [6 pts] (a) Write (1,0) as a linear combination of (2,2) and (-1,3). Also write (0,1) as a linear combination of (2,2) and (-1,3).
- [4 pts] (b) Find the standard matrix for L.
- [5 pts] (c) Find L(1, 2).

# Solution:

$$(1,0) = (0.375, -0.250) \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$(0,1) = (0.125, 0.250) \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Checks: verify the following statements.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Version 2

Suppose  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation (i.e., linear map) and we know that:

- L(4,2) = (-8,20), and
- L(3,2) = (-4,14).
- [6 pts] (a) Write (1,0) as a linear combination of (4,2) and (3,2). Also write (0,1) as a linear combination of (4,2) and (3,2).
- [4 pts] (b) Find the standard matrix for L.
- [5 pts] (c) Find L(1, 2).

# Solution:

$$(1,0) = (1.000, -1.000) \times \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$(0,1) = (-1.500, 2.000) \times \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

# (— problem 2 continued —)

# Version 3

Suppose  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation (i.e., linear map) and we know that:

- L(1,4) = (12,-2), and
- L(4,1) = (-12,22).
- [6 pts] (a) Write (1,0) as a linear combination of (1,4) and (4,1). Also write (0,1) as a linear combination of (1,4) and (4,1).
- [4 pts] (b) Find the standard matrix for L.
- [5 pts] (c) Find L(1,2).

# **Solution:**

$$(1,0) = (-0.067, 0.267) \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(0,1) = (0.267, -0.067) \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Checks: verify the following statements.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -12 \\ 22 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Version 4

Suppose  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation (i.e., linear map) and we know that:

- L(3,-1)=(-16,20), and
- L(2,-1) = (-12,14).
- [6 pts] (a) Write (1,0) as a linear combination of (3,-1) and (2,-1). Also write (0,1) as a linear combination of (3, -1) and (2, -1).
- [4 pts] (b) Find the standard matrix for L.
- [5 pts] (c) Find L(1, 2).

# **Solution:**

$$(1,0) = (1.000, -1.000) \times \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$(0,1) = (2.000, -3.000) \times \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(0,1) = (2.000, -3.000) \times \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Checks: verify the following statements.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -12 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Version 5

Suppose  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation (i.e., linear map) and we know that:

- L(2,2) = (-10,22), and
- L(1,3) = (-9,21).
- [6 pts] (a) Write (1,0) as a linear combination of (2,2) and (1,3). Also write (0,1) as a linear combination of (2,2) and (1,3).
- [4 pts] (b) Find the standard matrix for L.
- [5 pts] (c) Find L(1, 2).

# **Solution:**

$$(1,0) = (0.750, -0.500) \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(0,1) = (-0.250, 0.500) \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ 22 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix}$$

# (— problem 2 continued —)

# Version 6

Suppose  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation (i.e., linear map) and we know that:

- L(-2,1) = (4,-7), and
- L(2,1) = (-8,17).
- [6 pts] (a) Write (1,0) as a linear combination of (-2,1) and (2,1). Also write (0,1) as a linear combination of (-2,1) and (2,1).
- [4 pts] (b) Find the standard matrix for L.
- [5 pts] (c) Find L(1, 2).

### Solution:

$$(1,0) = (-0.250, 0.250) \times \begin{bmatrix} -2\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(0,1) = (0.500, 0.500) \times \begin{bmatrix} -2\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Checks: verify the following statements.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Version 7

Suppose  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation (i.e., linear map) and we know that:

- L(-2,4) = (-2,8), and
- L(3,2) = (-13,28).
- [6 pts] (a) Write (1,0) as a linear combination of (-2,4) and (3,2). Also write (0,1) as a linear combination of (-2,4) and (3,2).
- [4 pts] (b) Find the standard matrix for L.
- [5 pts] (c) Find L(1, 2).

### Solution:

$$(1,0) = (-0.125, 0.250) \times \begin{bmatrix} -2\\4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(0,1) = (0.188, 0.125) \times \begin{bmatrix} -2\\4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Checks: verify the following statements.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -13 \\ 28 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Version 8

Suppose  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation (i.e., linear map) and we know that:

- L(-1,3) = (-3,9), and
- L(2,-2) = (-2,2).
- [6 pts] (a) Write (1,0) as a linear combination of (-1,3) and (2,-2). Also write (0,1) as a linear combination of (-1,3) and (2,-2).
- [4 pts] (b) Find the standard matrix for L.
- [5 pts] (c) Find L(1, 2).

### **Solution:**

$$(1,0) = (0.500, 0.750) \times \begin{bmatrix} -1\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\-2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(0,1) = (0.500, 0.250) \times \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# (— problem 2 continued —)

# Version 9

Suppose  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation (i.e., linear map) and we know that:

- L(4,2) = (12, -6), and
- L(1,1) = (2,-1).
- [6 pts] (a) Write (1,0) as a linear combination of (4,2) and (1,1). Also write (0,1) as a linear combination of (4,2) and (1,1).
- [4 pts] (b) Find the standard matrix for L.
- [5 pts] (c) Find L(1, 2).

# Solution:

$$(1,0) = (0.500, -1.000) \times \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(0,1) = (-0.500, 2.000) \times \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Checks: verify the following statements.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Version 10

Suppose  $L:\mathbb{R}^2\to\mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation (i.e., linear map) and we know that:

- L(2,2) = (4,-2), and
- L(3,-1) = (14,-7).
- [6 pts] (a) Write (1,0) as a linear combination of (2,2) and (3,-1). Also write (0,1) as a linear combination of (2,2) and (3,-1).
- [4 pts] (b) Find the standard matrix for L.
- [5 pts] (c) Find L(1, 2).

# Solution:

$$(1,0) = (0.125, 0.250) \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(0,1) = (0.375, -0.250) \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Checks: verify the following statements.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Version 11

Suppose  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation (i.e., linear map) and we know that:

- L(4,2) = (12,-6), and
- L(1,-1) = (6,-3).
- [6 pts] (a) Write (1,0) as a linear combination of (4,2) and (1,-1). Also write (0,1) as a linear combination of (4,2) and (1,-1).
- [4 pts] (b) Find the standard matrix for L.
- [5 pts] (c) Find L(1, 2).

### Solution:

$$(1,0) = (0.167, 0.333) \times \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(0,1) = (0.167, -0.667) \times \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(— problem 2 continued —)

# Version 12

Suppose  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation (i.e., linear map) and we know that:

• 
$$L(-2,-1) = (-6,3)$$
, and

• 
$$L(-1,1) = (-6,3)$$
.

[6 pts] (a) Write (1,0) as a linear combination of (-2,-1) and (-1,1). Also write (0,1) as a linear combination of (-2,-1) and (-1,1).

[4 pts] (b) Find the standard matrix for L.

[5 pts] (c) Find L(1, 2).

# Solution:

$$(1,0) = (-0.333, -0.333) \times \begin{bmatrix} -2\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(0,1) = (-0.333, 0.667) \times \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **3.** Let **V** be a vector space of dimension N; i.e.,  $\dim(\mathbf{V}) = N$ . Determine whether or not each of the following three statements is true or false. Justify your answers.
- [6 pts] (a) If  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is a generating set for  $\mathbf{V}$ , then  $N \leq p$ .

**Solution.** In both parts (a) and (b) below, we will use the **Key lemma** which states that if  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_a\}$  is a generating set in a vector space  $\mathbf{V}$  and  $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_b\}$  is a linearly independent set in  $\mathbf{V}$ , then  $a \geq b$ .

To solve part (a), we recall that since  $\dim(\mathbf{V}) = N$ , there is a basis  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N)$  for  $\mathbf{V}$ . By definition of a basis, the set  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N\}$  is linearly independent. Since  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is a generating set, the Key Lemma (with a = p and b = N) gives  $p \geq N$ , i.e.,  $N \leq p$ .

[6 pts] (b) If  $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_q\}$  is a linearly independent set in  $\mathbf{V}$ , then  $N \geqslant q$ .

Since dim( $\mathbf{V}$ ) = N, there is a basis ( $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N$ ) for  $\mathbf{V}$ . By definition of a basis, { $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N$ } is a generating set for  $\mathbf{V}$ . Since { $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_q$ } is a linearly independent set, the Key Lemma (with a = N and b = q) gives  $N \ge q$ .

[8 pts] (c) There exists a generating set of vectors for  $\mathbf{V}$  with N+1 elements.

Since  $\dim(\mathbf{V}) = N$ , there is a basis  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N)$  for  $\mathbf{V}$ . Then, for example, the set  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N, \mathbf{0}\}$ , where  $\mathbf{0}$  is the zero vector in  $\mathbf{V}$ , is a generating set since  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N\}$  is a generating set. This can be seen by noting that any linear combination of the vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N$  can be written as a linear combination of the vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N, \mathbf{0}$  since for arbitrary  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_N, \alpha_N \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\alpha_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + \alpha_N \mathbf{u}_N = \alpha_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + \alpha_N \mathbf{u}_N + \alpha_N \mathbf{0}$$

and thus  $V = S_{(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N)} = S_{(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N, \mathbf{0})}$ . Also, none of  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N$  is equal to  $\mathbf{0}$  since otherwise  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N\}$  were not a linearly independent set. Thus  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N, \mathbf{0}\}$  is a generating set having N+1 elements.

**Note:** In general if  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_N$  are scalars such that  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_N) \neq \mathbf{e}_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, N$ , where  $\mathbf{e}_i$  is the *i*th standard basis vector in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , then  $\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + \cdots + \alpha_N \mathbf{u}_N$  is a vector that is different from each of the  $\mathbf{u}_i$  and therefore  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{u}_N, \mathbf{v}\}$  is a generating set with N + 1 elements.

**4.** <u>Version 1</u> Consider the vector space  $\mathbf{W}_3 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x > 0, y > 0, z > 0\}$  with the addition and scalar multiplication operations given by

**Addition:**  $(x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2) = (x_1x_2, y_1y_2, z_1z_2)$  for any  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  in  $\mathbf{W}_3$ .

Scalar Multiplication:  $\alpha \cdot (x, y, z) = (x^{\alpha}, y^{\alpha}, z^{\alpha})$  for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{W}_3$ .

Furthermore consider the function  $L: \mathbf{W}_3 \to \mathbf{W}_3$  given by

$$L(x, y, z) = (xy, yz, xz)$$
 for  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{W}_3$ .

[8 pts] (a) Determine, with proof, whether or not L is a linear transformation.

**Solution.** We need to verify whether or not L satisfies the two linearity properties of a linear map.

(i) Addition test: For  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  in  $\mathbf{W}_3$ ,

$$L((x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2)) = L((x_1x_2, y_1y_2, z_1z_2))$$
  
=  $(x_1x_2y_1y_2, y_1y_2z_1z_2, x_1x_2z_1z_2)$ 

while

$$L((x_1, y_1, z_1)) + L((x_2, y_2, z_2)) = (x_1y_1, y_1z_1, x_1z_1) + (x_2y_2, y_2z_2, x_2z_2)$$

$$= (x_1y_1x_2y_2, y_1z_1y_2z_2, x_1z_1x_2z_2)$$

$$= (x_1x_2y_1y_2, y_1y_2z_1z_2, x_1x_2z_1z_2).$$

Thus

$$L((x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2)) = L((x_1, y_1, z_1)) + L((x_2, y_2, z_2)).$$

(ii) Scalar multiplication test: For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{W}_3$ ,

$$L(\alpha(x, y, z)) = L((x^{\alpha}, y^{\alpha}, z^{\alpha}))$$
$$= (x^{\alpha}y^{\alpha}, y^{\alpha}z^{\alpha}, x^{\alpha}z^{\alpha})$$

while

$$\alpha L((x, y, z)) = \alpha(xy, yz, xz)$$

$$= ((xy)^{\alpha}, (yz)^{\alpha}, (xz)^{\alpha})$$

$$= (x^{\alpha}y^{\alpha}, y^{\alpha}z^{\alpha}, x^{\alpha}z^{\alpha}).$$

Thus

$$L\left(\alpha(x,y,z)\right) = \alpha L\left((x,y,z)\right).$$

Since L satisfies both required linearity properties, we conclude that L is a linear transformation.

(— problem 4 continued —)

[6 pts] (b) Specify the kernel of L, Ker(L), by listing its elements.

**Solution.** For any  $\mathbf{v} = (x, y, z) \in \text{Ker}(L)$ , we have (by definition of the kernel) that

$$L(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0},$$

where  $\mathbf{0} = (1, 1, 1)$  is the zero vector of  $\mathbf{W}_3$  under the stated addition and scalar multiplication operations. In other words, we have that

$$L((x, y, z)) = (1, 1, 1)$$

or equivalently, that

$$(xy, yz, xz) = (1, 1, 1).$$

Thus

$$\begin{cases} xy = 1 \\ yz = 1 \\ xz = 1 \end{cases}$$

The first two equations respectively yield that x = 1/y and z = 1/y, which upon substitution in the third equation results in  $xz = 1/y^2 = 1$ ; i.e.,  $y^2 = 1$ . But since y > 0, we must have that y = 1. Therefore, from the first two equations, we directly obtain that x = z = 1. We have hence shown that any vector  $\mathbf{v} = (x, y, z) \in \text{Ker}(L)$  must have the form

$$\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, 1)$$

which is the zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$  of  $\mathbf{W}_3$ . Thus we conclude that

$$\mathrm{Ker}(L) = \{ \mathbf{0} \} = \{ (1,1,) \}.$$

[3 pts] (c) Determine whether or not L is injective.

**Solution.** We have shown in class that a linear map  $L: \mathbf{V} \to \mathbf{W}$  is injective if and only if its kernel is the trivial subspace  $Ker(L) = \{\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{V}}\}$ , where  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{V}}$  is the zero vector of  $\mathbf{V}$ .

As we have show in part (b) above that  $Ker(L) = \{0\}$ , where  $\mathbf{0} = (1, 1, 1)$  is the zero vector of  $\mathbf{W}_3$ , we directly conclude that L is injective.

[3 pts] (d) Determine the dimension of Ker(L).

**Solution.** Since the kernel is given by the trivial subspace  $Ker(L) = \{0\}$ , i.e., it consists uniquely of the zero vector (and is hence a linearly dependent set), we directly obtain that its dimension is zero:

$$\dim(\operatorname{Ker}(L)) = 0.$$

(— problem 4 continued —)

<u>Version 2</u> Consider the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  under the usual (component-wise) addition and scalar multiplication operations and the vector space  $\mathbf{W}_3 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x > 0, y > 0, z > 0\}$  with the addition and scalar multiplication operations given by

**Addition:**  $(x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2) = (x_1x_2, y_1y_2, z_1z_2)$  for any  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  in  $\mathbf{W}_3$ .

Scalar Multiplication:  $\alpha \cdot (x, y, z) = (x^{\alpha}, y^{\alpha}, z^{\alpha})$  for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{W}_3$ .

Furthermore consider the function  $L: \mathbf{W}_3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$L(x, y, z) = (\ln(xz), \ln(xy), \ln(yz))$$
 for  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{W}_3$ .

(a) Determine, with proof, whether or not L is a linear transformation.

**Solution.** We need to verify whether or not L satisfies the two linearity properties of a linear map.

(i) Addition test: For  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  in  $\mathbf{W}_3$ ,

$$L((x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2)) = L(x_1x_2, y_1y_2, z_1z_2)$$
  
=  $(\ln(x_1x_2z_1z_2), \ln(x_1x_2y_1y_2), \ln(y_1y_2z_1z_2))$ 

while

[8 pts]

$$L((x_1, y_1, z_1)) + L((x_2, y_2, z_2)) = (\ln(x_1 z_1), \ln(x_1 y_1), \ln(y_1 z_1)) + (\ln(x_2 z_2), \ln(x_2 y_2), \ln(y_2 z_2))$$

$$= (\ln(x_1 z_1) + \ln(x_2 z_2), \ln(x_1 y_1) + \ln(x_2 y_2), \ln(y_1 z_1) + \ln(y_2 z_2))$$

$$= (\ln(x_1 x_2 z_1 z_2), \ln(x_1 x_2 y_1 y_2), \ln(y_1 y_2 z_1 z_2)).$$

Thus

$$L((x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2)) = L((x_1, y_1, z_1)) + L((x_2, y_2, z_2)).$$

(ii) Scalar multiplication test: For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{W}_3$ ,

$$L(\alpha(x, y, z)) = L((x^{\alpha}, y^{\alpha}, z^{\alpha}))$$

$$= (\ln(x^{\alpha}z^{\alpha}), \ln(x^{\alpha}y^{\alpha}), \ln(y^{\alpha}z^{\alpha}))$$

$$= (\alpha \ln(xz), \alpha \ln(xy), \alpha \ln(yz))$$

$$= \alpha (\ln(xz), \ln(xy), \ln(yz))$$

while

$$\alpha L((x, y, z)) = \alpha (\ln(xz), \ln(xy), \ln(yz)).$$

Thus

$$L(\alpha(x, y, z)) = \alpha L((x, y, z)).$$

Since L satisfies the above linearity properties, we conclude that L is a linear transformation.

(— problem 4 continued —)

[5 pts] (b) Specify the kernel of L, Ker(L), by listing its elements.

**Solution.** For any  $\mathbf{v} = (x, y, z) \in \text{Ker}(L)$ , we have (by definition of the kernel) that

$$L(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}',$$

where  $\mathbf{0}' = (0,0,0)$  is the zero vector of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . In other words, we have that

$$L((x, y, z)) = (0, 0, 0)$$

or equivalently, that

$$(\ln(xz), \ln(xy), \ln(yz)) = (0, 0, 0).$$

Thus  $\ln(xz) = \ln(xy) = \ln(yz) = 0$ , implying that

$$\begin{cases} xz = 1 \\ xy = 1 \\ yz = 1 \end{cases}$$

The first two equations respectively yield that z = 1/x and y = 1/x, which upon substitution in the third equation results in  $yz = 1/x^2 = 1$ ; i.e.,  $x^2 = 1$ . But since x > 0, we must have that x = 1. Therefore, from the first two equations, we directly obtain that z = y = 1. We have hence shown that any vector  $\mathbf{v} = (x, y, z) \in \text{Ker}(L)$  must have the form

$$\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, 1)$$

which is the zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$  of  $\mathbf{W}_3$ . Thus we conclude that

$$Ker(L) = {\mathbf{0}} = {(1, 1, 1)}.$$

[3 pts] (c) Determine whether or not L is injective.

**Solution.** We have shown in class that a linear map  $L: \mathbf{V} \to \mathbf{W}$  is injective if and only if its kernel is given by the trivial subspace  $\mathrm{Ker}(L) = \{\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{V}}\}$ , where  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{V}}$  is the zero vector of  $\mathbf{V}$ .

As we have show in part (b) above that  $Ker(L) = \{0\}$ , where  $\mathbf{0} = (1, 1, 1)$  is the zero vector of  $\mathbf{W}_3$ , we directly conclude that L is injective.

[3 pts] (d) Determine the dimension of Ker(L).

**Solution.** Since the kernel is given by the trivial subspace  $Ker(L) = \{0\}$ , i.e., it consists uniquely of the zero vector (and is hence a linearly dependent set), we directly obtain that its dimension is zero:

$$\dim(\operatorname{Ker}(L)) = 0.$$

**5.** Consider the linear map  $L: C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}) \to C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  defined by

$$L(f) = f'' - f,$$

where f'' denotes the second derivative of f. For instance,

$$L(x^3) = (x^3)'' - (x^3) = 6x - x^3$$
 and  $L(\sin(x)) = (\sin(x))'' - (\sin(x)) = -\sin(x) - \sin(x) = -2\sin(x)$ .

[5 pts] (a) Compute  $L(e^{5x})$ .

Solution.

$$L(e^{ax}) = (e^{ax})'' - e^{ax} = (ae^{ax})' - e^{ax} = a^2 e^{ax} - e^{ax}$$
$$= (a^2 - 1)e^{ax}.$$

[5 pts] (b) Compute  $L(e^{5x} + 4e^x)$ .

Solution.

$$L(e^{ax} + be^{x}) = (e^{ax} + be^{x})'' - (e^{ax} + be^{x}) = (ae^{ax} + be^{x})' - (e^{ax} + be^{x})$$

$$= (a^{2}e^{ax} + be^{x}) - (e^{ax} + be^{x})$$

$$= a^{2}e^{ax} - e^{ax}$$

$$= (a^{2} - 1)e^{ax}.$$

[5 pts] (c) Is L injective? (Justify your answer.)

**Solution.** From parts (a) and (b) we see that  $L(e^{ax}) = L(e^{ax} + be^x)$ . If  $b \neq 0$  this means that L is not injective since then there are two distinct functions  $e^{ax}$  and  $e^{ax} + be^x$  in  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  that are mapped to the same output.

[5 pts] (d) Is  $\dim(\text{Ker}(L)) > 0$ ? (Justify your answer.)

**Solution 1.** We know from class that the fact L is injective if and only if  $Ker(L) = \{0\}$ , where  $\mathbf{0}$  is the zero vector in  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ , i.e., the all zero function  $\mathbf{0}(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since from part (c) we know that L is not injective, we have  $Ker(L) \neq \{0\}$ . But the only zero-dimensional subspace of any vector space is the trivial subspace  $\{0\}$ , so Ker(L) is not zero-dimensional, i.e.,  $\dim(Ker(L)) > 0$ .

**Solution 2.** Using the linearity of L we see from (a) and (b) that

$$\mathbf{0} = L(e^{ax} + be^{x}) - L(e^{ax}) = L(be^{x}).$$

Thus  $be^x \in \text{Ker}(L)$ . If  $b \neq 0$ , this means that Ker(L) contains other vectors besides  $\mathbf{0}$ , so  $\dim(\text{Ker}(L)) > 0$ .