

# Homework 2

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## 1 Question 1: Sec 1.6 #30

$W_1$ : Assume  $A$  a  $2 \times 2$  matrix of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & a \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & a' \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $A + B = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & a' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a + a' & b + b' \\ c + c' & a + a' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a'' & b'' \\ c'' & a'' \end{pmatrix}$  which is in  $W_1$  as  $a'', b'',$  and  $c'' \in F$

as the result of the addition of two scalars is a scalar. Also, take  $xA$  where  $x \in F$   
 $xA = \begin{pmatrix} xa & xb \\ xc & xa \end{pmatrix}$  which is of the form highlighted above, as the multiplication of two scalars yields a scalar, and is, thus, in  $W_1$ . Thus,  $W_1$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

$W_2$ : Assume  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ -a & b \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a' \\ -a' & b' \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $A + B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ -a & b \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a' \\ -a' & b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a + a' \\ -a - a' & b + b' \end{pmatrix}$  and, as noted above addition of two scalars results in a scalar (and the addition of two negative scalars gives a negative scalar), this yields the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a'' \\ -a'' & b'' \end{pmatrix}$  ( $-a - a' = -1(a + a') = -1(a'') = -a''$ ) which is in  $W_2$ . Therefore, the set is closed under addition, to show it is closed under scalar multiplication, consider  $xA$  where  $x \in F = \begin{pmatrix} x0 & xa \\ -xa & xb \end{pmatrix}$  since multiplication by a scalar results in scalars, we get  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a' \\ -a' & b' \end{pmatrix}$  which is in  $W_2$ , therefore

$W_2$  is a vector space of  $V$ .  $\dim(W_1) = 3$ , as  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $W_1$  as it is Linearly Independent and spans all of  $W_1$   $\dim(W_2) = 2$  as  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $W_2$ .

$W_2 \cap W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ -a & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  as this matrix can be generated in  $W_1$  by taking  $a \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + -a \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ -a & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and in  $W_2$  by tak-

ing  $a \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ -a & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  where, in both cases,  $a$  is any scalar. Therefore,  $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = 1$ .  
Therefore,  $\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = 3 + 2 - 1 = 4$

## 2 Question 2: Sec 2.1: #14b

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be linear:

Suppose that  $T$  is injective and  $S$  is a subset of  $V$ . Prove that  $S$  is linearly independent iff  $T(S)$  is linearly independent.

Need to prove a  $\Leftrightarrow$  statement means need to prove both ways.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume  $S$  is linearly independent, then no element in  $S$  can be rewritten as a linear combination of other elements in  $S$ . Therefore, since  $T$  is injective, every element in  $T(S)$  maps to one element in  $S$ , so that for  $u, v \in S$   $T(u) = T(v) \Rightarrow u = v$  therefore, the only element in  $S$  that can map to the zero vector in  $T(S)$  is the zero vector from  $S$ , as the zero vector always maps to the zero vector and since it is assumed that  $T$  is injective, no other vector in  $S$  can map to the zero vector in  $T(S)$  and since  $S$  is linearly independent, no combination of vectors in  $S$  can give the zero vector, therefore  $\text{nullity}(T(S)) = 1$  ( $\text{null}(T(S)) = \{0_s\}$ ). Therefore, for  $S$ ,  $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$  Therefore,  $T(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n) = T(0) = 0$ , but by definition of a linear transformation,  $T(a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n) = a_1T(v_1) + \dots + a_nT(v_n)$  and it was shown that  $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$ , therefore, since  $T(v_1) \dots T(v_n)$  are vectors in  $T(S)$ ,  $T(S)$  is linearly independent.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume  $T(S)$  is linearly independent and that  $T$  is an injective linear transformation, therefore every element in  $T(S)$  maps to exactly one element in  $S$  and only the zero vector in  $T(S)$  maps to  $0_s$ , again by the injectivity of  $T$ . Therefore, no linear combination of vectors in  $T(S)$  can create the zero vector, i.e.  $a_1T(v_1) + \dots + a_nT(v_n) = 0$  if  $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$  which is only true if  $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$  as  $a_iT(v_i) = T(a_iv_i)$  and therefore,  $S$  is linearly independent.

## 3 Question 3: Sec 2.1: #17

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite vector spaces and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be linear.

a) Prove that if  $\dim(V) < \dim(W)$  then  $T$  cannot be surjective.

By dimension theorem, we have that  $\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim(V)$  which gives that  $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(V) - \text{nullity}(T)$ , therefore  $\text{rank}(T) \leq \dim(V)$  as  $\text{rank}(T)$  at most can be equal to  $\dim(V)$ . It is assumed, though that  $\dim(V) < \dim(W)$  with a strict inequality, therefore  $\text{rank}(T) < \dim(W)$ . Therefore  $T$  cannot be surjective onto  $W$ , as there are bases in  $W$  that are not in  $T$ .

b) Prove that if  $\dim(V) > \dim(W)$  then  $T$  cannot be injective.

By same theorem as above, we get that  $\text{nullity}(T) = \dim(V) - \text{rank}(T)$ , therefore  $\text{nullity}(T) \leq \dim(V)$  and  $\dim(V) > \dim(W)$  subtracting  $\dim(W)$  yields  $\dim(V) - \dim(W) > 0$  since  $\text{rank}(T)$ , however, can, at most, be equal

to  $\dim(W)$ , then  $\dim(V) - \text{rank}(T) \geq \dim(V) - \dim(W)$  as  $\text{rank}(T)$  cannot be greater than  $\dim(W)$  as  $T$  maps to  $W$   $\dim(V) - \text{rank}(T) = \text{nullity}(T)$ , however. Therefore,  $\text{nullity}(T) \geq \dim(V) - \dim(W) > 0$ , thus we have that  $\text{nullity}(T) \neq 0$ , therefore, by theorem 2.5,  $T$  cannot be injective.