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1. Let  $V$  be the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with real entries of the form  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Define vector addition in  $V$  as  $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ b & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (ordinary matrix multiplication), and scalar multiplication in  $V$  as  $cA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ ca & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  for all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(a) What is the zero vector in  $V$ ? Give a brief justification for your answer. [2 marks]

The zero vector is given by  $\mathbf{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Observe that for any  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in V$ ,

$$A + \mathbf{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{0}$  satisfies the property that  $\mathbf{0} + A = A$  for all  $A \in V$ , and hence is the zero vector of this vector space.

(b) What is the additive inverse of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in V$ ? Give a brief justification for your answer. [2 marks]

The inverse is given by  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Observe that  $A^{-1}$  satisfies the property that  $A + A^{-1} = \mathbf{0}$ :

$$A + A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -a & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

(c) Show that  $c(A + B) = cA + cB$  for all  $A, B \in V$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . [4 marks]

Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  be arbitrary and pick any  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in V$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ b & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . We proceed with direct computation:

$$c(A + B) = c \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ b & 1 \end{bmatrix} = c \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a + b & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ ca + cb & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ ca & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ cb & 1 \end{bmatrix} = cA + cB$$

2. Let  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k$  be vectors in vector space  $V$ .

(a) Define what it means for the list  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k$  to be linearly independent. [2 marks]

If whenever we have for  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$  that  $a_1\mathbf{x}_1 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $a_i = 0$  for all  $i$ .

(b) Define  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k\}$ . [2 marks]

$\text{span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k\}$  is the set of all all linear combinations of  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k$ .

Alternatively, may write  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k\} = \{a_1\mathbf{x}_1 + a_2\mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + a_k\mathbf{x}_k \mid a_1, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{R}\}$

(c) Let  $V$  be a vector space and let  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2 \in V$ . Suppose that both the list  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$ , and the list  $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2$  are linearly independent. Prove that if  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3\} \cap \text{span}\{\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , then the list  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2$  is linearly independent. [4 marks]

For the sake of contradiction, suppose that the list  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2$  is linearly dependent. Then there exists  $c_1, \dots, c_5$  where not all  $c_i = 0$  and  $c_1\mathbf{x}_1 + c_2\mathbf{x}_2 + c_3\mathbf{x}_3 + c_4\mathbf{y}_1 + c_5\mathbf{y}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ . Note that at least one of  $c_4, c_5$  must be non-zero, as otherwise  $c_1\mathbf{x}_1 + c_2\mathbf{x}_2 + c_3\mathbf{x}_3 = \mathbf{0}$  provides a non trivial linear combination of the  $\mathbf{x}_i$  which sum to  $\mathbf{0}$ , which is a contradiction since the  $\mathbf{x}_i$  are linearly independent. By a similar argument, at least one of  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  must be non-zero since the  $\mathbf{y}_j$  are linearly independent set.

However, we now have that the vector  $\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{x}_1 + c_2\mathbf{x}_2 + c_3\mathbf{x}_3 = -c_4\mathbf{y}_1 - c_5\mathbf{y}_2$  is a non-zero vector and  $\mathbf{v} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3\} \cap \text{span}\{\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , which is a contradiction.

3. (a) Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space. Define the *dimension* of  $V$ . [2 marks]

The dimension of  $V$  is the number of vectors in any basis of  $V$ .

3. (b) A *magic square* is an  $n \times n$  matrix with real entries in which each row, each column, and the two diagonals have the same sum; the sum is called the *weight* of the matrix. Let  $\mathbb{M}_n$  denote the vector space of all such matrices. (Note that the weight does not have to be the same for all matrices.)

- (i) What is the dimension of  $\mathbb{M}_2$ ? Explain. [4 marks]

Note that for a 2x2 matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  to also be a magic square, we must have, in particular,  $a+b = a+d = a+c = a+b = c+d$  which means  $a = b = c = d$ . Thus, a basis for  $\mathbb{M}_2$  is given by  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . We conclude that the dimension of  $\mathbb{M}_2$  is 1.

- (ii) What is the dimension of the subspace of  $\mathbb{M}_2$  consisting of the set of all magic squares whose weight is 0? Explain [2 marks]

Let  $W$  denote this subspace. Since  $W \subset \mathbb{M}_2$  (notice that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is in  $\mathbb{M}_2$  but not in  $W$ ),  $\dim W < \dim \mathbb{M}_2 = 1$ , we have  $\dim W = 0$ . In other words, the only matrix in this set is the zero matrix.

4. (a) Let  $U$  and  $W$  be subspaces of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ .

(i) Define what it means for  $V$  to be the *direct sum* of  $U$  and  $W$ . [2 marks]

$$V = U + W \text{ and } U \cap W = \{0\}.$$

Equivalent definition: For all  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ , there exists unique  $\mathbf{u} \in U$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in W$  such that  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$ .

(ii) Suppose  $V = U + W$ . Prove  $V = U \oplus W$  if and only if  $\dim V = \dim U + \dim W$ . [4 marks]

First, suppose that  $V = U \oplus W$ . i.e.  $V = U + W$  and  $U \cap W = \{0\}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim V &= \dim(U + W) \\ &= \dim U + \dim W + \dim(U \cap W) \\ &= \dim U + \dim W \end{aligned}$$

since  $\dim(U \cap W) = \dim\{0\} = 0$ .

Now suppose that  $\dim V = \dim U + \dim W$ . We need only show  $U \cap W = \{0\}$  since we're given  $V = U + W$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(U \cap W) &= \dim U + \dim W - \dim(U + W) \\ &= \dim U + \dim W - \dim V \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

we have  $U \cap W = \{0\}$ .

4. (b) Let  $P$  be the plane  $\text{span}\{(1, 1, 1), (1, -1, 1)\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and let  $L$  be the line  $\text{span}\{(3, -1, 3)\}$ . Is  $\mathbb{R}^3 = P \oplus L$ ? Why or why not? [2 marks]

No. Notice that  $(3, -1, 3) = (1, 1, 1) + 2(1, -1, 1) \in P$  so  $L \subset P$ . Hence,  $L \cap P \neq \{0\}$ . Additionally,  $L + P = P \neq \mathbb{R}^3$ .

5. (a). Define what it means for a function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  to be a *linear transformation*. [2 marks]

A function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation if:

- (i)  $T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$  for all  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$
- (ii)  $T(a\mathbf{v}) = aT(\mathbf{v})$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ .

5. (b) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces and let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. For each statement below, either prove it is true or find a counter-example to show it is false.

(i) If  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$  is a list of linearly dependent vectors in  $V$  then  $T\mathbf{x}_1, T\mathbf{x}_2, T\mathbf{x}_3$  is a linearly dependent list of vectors in  $W$ . [4 marks]

True. If  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$  is a list of linearly dependent vectors, there there exists  $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  where not all  $c_i$  are zero and  $c_1\mathbf{x}_1 + c_2\mathbf{x}_2 + c_3\mathbf{x}_3 = \mathbf{0}$ . But then we have  $\mathbf{0} = T(\mathbf{0}) = T(c_1\mathbf{x}_1 + c_2\mathbf{x}_2 + c_3\mathbf{x}_3) = c_1T\mathbf{x}_1 + c_2T\mathbf{x}_2 + c_3T\mathbf{x}_3$  which gives a non-trivial linear combination of the  $T\mathbf{x}_i$  which sum to  $\mathbf{0}$ .

(ii) If  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$  is a list of linearly independent vectors in  $V$  then  $T\mathbf{x}_1, T\mathbf{x}_2, T\mathbf{x}_3$  is a list of linearly independent vectors in  $W$ . [4 marks]

False. Consider the case when  $T$  is the zero transformation. Then  $\{T\mathbf{x}_1, T\mathbf{x}_2, T\mathbf{x}_3\}$  contains just the zero vector, and hence cannot be linearly independent.

6. Determine if each statement below is True or False and *indicate your answer by circling one of the options*. No explanation is necessary. Each correct answer is worth 2 marks. Each incorrect answer will be worth 0 marks. [12 marks]

(i) Let  $V$  be the set of all  $n \times n$  matrices with real entries. Define vector addition in  $V$  as ordinary matrix addition, and scalar multiplication in  $V$  by  $cA = cA^T$  for all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $V$  is a vector space.

**(True)** **(False)**

False. Notice that  $(cd)A \neq c(dA)$  when  $A$  is not a symmetric matrix.

(ii) A list of vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k$  in a vector space  $V$  is linearly dependent iff  $\mathbf{x}_j \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{j-1}, \mathbf{x}_{j+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k\}$  for each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

**(True)** **(False)**

False. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $k = 2$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_1 = (1, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ . Then the list  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$  is linearly dependent and  $\mathbf{x}_1 \notin \text{span}\{\mathbf{x}_2\}$

(iii) If  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of a vector space  $V$  then  $\text{span}(U \cup W) = \text{span } U + \text{span } W$ .

**(True)** **(False)**

True. Note that  $\mathbf{v} \in \text{span}(U \cup W) \iff \mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{u} + c_2\mathbf{w}$  for  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} \in U$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in W \iff \mathbf{v} \in \text{span } U + \text{span } W$

(iv) If  $W_1, W_2, U$  are subspaces of a vector space  $V$  and  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  then  $U \cap (W_1 \oplus W_2) = (U \cap W_1) \oplus (U \cap W_2)$ .

**(True)** **(False)**

False. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $U = \text{span}\{(1, 1)\}$ ,  $W_1 = \text{span}\{(1, 0)\}$  and  $W_2 = \text{span}\{(0, 1)\}$ . Then  $(U \cap W_1) \oplus (U \cap W_2) = \{0\} \oplus \{0\} = \{0\}$  but  $U \cap (W_1 \oplus W_2) = U \cap V = U$ .

(v) The function  $T : P_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_n(\mathbb{R})$  defined by  $T(p(x)) = p(x) + x^2p''(x)$  is a linear transformation.

**(True)** **(False)**

True. Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $p(x), q(x) \in P_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $T(cp(x) + q(x)) = cp(x) + q(x) + x^2(cp''(x) + q''(x)) = c(p(x) + x^2p''(x)) + (q(x) + x^2q''(x)) = cT(p(x)) + T(q(x))$ .

(vi) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces, and let  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k$  be a linearly independent list of vectors in  $V$ . Then for any  $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y}_k$  in  $W$  there exists a linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$  with  $T\mathbf{x}_j = \mathbf{y}_j$  for each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

**(True)** **(False)**

True. Extend  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k$  to a basis for  $V$ , and define  $T$  by defining where it sends each basis vector to. For example,  $T$  could map  $\mathbf{x}_i$  to  $\mathbf{y}_i$  and each of the extended basis vectors to  $\mathbf{0}$ .

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