

MATH 22A: Vector Calculus and Linear Algebra

Problem Set 9

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§1 Computational Problems

Solution 1.1. The matrix for T relative to \mathcal{B} and the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^2 is obtained by the vectors obtained by the following:

- Let $x_1 = 1, x_2 = x_3 = 0$. Then:

$$T(\mathbf{b}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Let $x_2 = 1, x_1 = x_3 = 0$. Then:

$$T(\mathbf{b}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = -4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Let $x_3 = 1, x_1 = x_2 = 0$. Then:

$$T(\mathbf{b}_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the matrix for T relative to \mathcal{B} and the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^2 is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution 1.2.

a) The image of $\mathbf{p}(t)$ is $\mathbf{p}(t) + t\mathbf{p}(t) = (2 - t + t^2) + t(2 - t + t^2) = 2 + t + t^3$.

b) To show that T is a linear transformation, we must show that:

- $\forall \mathbf{u}(t), \mathbf{v}(t) \in \mathbb{P}_2(T(\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{v}(t))) = T(\mathbf{u}(t)) + T(\mathbf{v}(t))$.

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{v}(t)) &= (\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{v}(t)) + t(\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{v}(t)) \\ &= \mathbf{u}(t) + t\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{v}(t) + t\mathbf{v}(t) \\ &= T(\mathbf{u}(t)) + T(\mathbf{v}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

and thus this property holds.

- $\forall c, \forall \mathbf{u}(t) \in \mathbb{P}_2(T(c\mathbf{u}(t))) = cT(\mathbf{u}(t))$.

$$\begin{aligned} T(c\mathbf{u}(t)) &= c\mathbf{u}(t) + t(c\mathbf{u}(t)) \\ &= c(\mathbf{u}(t) + t\mathbf{u}(t)) \\ &= cT(\mathbf{u}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

and thus this property holds.

As both properties hold, T we have shown that T is a linear transformation.

- c) • $T(1) = 1 + t$
 • $T(t) = t + t^2$
 • $T(t^2) = t^2 + t^3$

Thus, the matrix for T relative to the bases $\{1, t, t^2\}$ and $\{1, t, t^2, t^3, t^4\}$ is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution 1.3. We first find the eigenvalues of the matrix by find what values of λ make $\det(A - I\lambda) = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & -3 \\ -7 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ (5 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - 21 &= \\ \lambda^2 - 6\lambda - 16 &= \\ (\lambda - 8)(\lambda + 2) &= \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\lambda = 8, -2$. We now find the eigenvectors associated with each eigenvalue.

- $\lambda = 8$.

$$(A - 8I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

We set up the augmented matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -3 & -3 & 0 \\ -7 & -7 & 0 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{1/3R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -7 & -7 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow{7R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the eigenvector is $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

- $\lambda = -2$.

$$(A + 2I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

We set up the augmented matrix:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 7 & -3 & 0 \\ -7 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 7 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Thus, the eigenvector is $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{7} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

As the eigenvectors are linearly independent, from Theorem 5 (The Diagonalization Theorem), it follows that A is diagonalizable, where $A = PDP^{-1}$, where D is

the diagonal matrix, and P is the matrix where the columns are the eigenvectors:
 $P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \frac{3}{7} \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. From Theorem 8 (Diagonal Matrix Representation), if the basis \mathcal{B} for \mathbb{R}^2 formed the columns of P , then D is the \mathcal{B} -matrix for the transformation.
 Thus, $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{7} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Solution 1.4. The basis for the corresponding eigenspaces are obtained by finding $\text{Nul}(A - \lambda I)$.

- $\lambda = 1$. $\text{Nul}(A - I) = \text{Nul}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & | & 0 \\ -3 & -2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 + 1/2 R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{1/2 R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x_2 \text{ is free.}$$

Thus, for the eigenspace for $\lambda = 1$, $\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ gives a basis.

- $\lambda = 5$. $\text{Nul}(A - 5I) = \text{Nul}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}\right)$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & | & 0 \\ -3 & -6 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{1/2 R_1 \rightarrow R_1, 1/3 R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x_2 \text{ is free.}$$

Thus, for the eigenspace for $\lambda = 5$, $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ gives a basis.

Solution 1.5. By rotating around a line ℓ , any vector \mathbf{v} on ℓ will not be affected, and thus $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}$, meaning that ℓ is an eigenspace for the eigenvalue $\lambda = 1$. When the rotation is by 180° , then there is an additional eigenvalue, as for vectors \mathbf{u} orthogonal to ℓ , $T(\mathbf{u}) = -\mathbf{u}$, meaning that the plane that passes through the origin and orthogonal to ℓ is an eigenspace for the eigenvalue $\lambda = -1$.

Solution 1.6.

- The characteristic polynomial is $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$. This can be simplified to $(5 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) - 12 = \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 3 = p(\lambda)$.
- The eigenvalues can be found by the quadratic formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 4(3)}}{2} \\ &= 4 \pm \sqrt{13} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the eigenvalues are $\lambda = 4 + \sqrt{13}$ and $\lambda = 4 - \sqrt{13}$.

- The corresponding eigenvectors can be found by solving for \mathbf{x} :

$$(A - (4 + \sqrt{13})I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 - \sqrt{13} & -3 & 0 \\ -4 & -1 - \sqrt{13} & 0 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow[-12]{-1-\sqrt{13}} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \frac{1+\sqrt{13}}{4} & 0 \\ -4 & -1 - \sqrt{13} & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow[R_2+4R_1 \rightarrow R_2]{\sim} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \frac{\sqrt{13}+1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the eigenvector for $\lambda = 4 + \sqrt{13}$ is: $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1-\sqrt{13}}{4} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$(A - (4 - \sqrt{13})I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 + \sqrt{13} & -3 & 0 \\ -4 & -1 + \sqrt{13} & 0 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow[-1+\sqrt{13}]{R_1} R_1 \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \frac{1-\sqrt{13}}{4} & 0 \\ -4 & -1 + \sqrt{13} & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow[R_2+R_1 \rightarrow R_2]{\sim} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \frac{1-\sqrt{13}}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the eigenvector for $\lambda = 4 - \sqrt{13}$ is: $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1+\sqrt{13}}{4} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution 1.7. The characteristic polynomial is $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$. We will compute the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ 6 & 7 & -2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (5 - \lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ 7 & -2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} + 6 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 - \lambda & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (5 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda)(-2 - \lambda) - 6(3(1 - \lambda)) \\ p(\lambda) &= -\lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 + 25\lambda - 28 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 1.8.

- a) *Proof.* If A is similar to B , then $A = PBP^{-1}$. It follows that $\text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(PBP^{-1})$.

$$\text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(PBP^{-1}) = \text{tr}((PB)P^{-1}) = \text{tr}(P^{-1}(PB)) = \text{tr}(P^{-1}PB) = \text{tr}(IB) = \text{tr}(B)$$

Thus, $\text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(B)$, as desired. \square

- b) *Proof.* If A is diagonalizable, then $A = PDP^{-1}$, where D is a diagonal matrix where the diagonal entries are the eigenvalues of A that correspond to the eigenvectors in P . It follows that $\text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(PDP^{-1})$.

$$\text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(PDP^{-1}) = \text{tr}((PD)P^{-1}) = \text{tr}(P^{-1}(PD)) = \text{tr}(P^{-1}PD) = \text{tr}(ID) = \text{tr}(D)$$

As the trace of D is the sum of the diagonal entries, and the diagonal entries are the eigenvalues of A , it follows that $\text{tr}(A)$ is the sum of the eigenvalues of A , as desired. \square

- c) *Proof.* Let A, B be $n \times n$ matrices. The sum of the diagonal of AB , $\text{tr}(AB)$, can be written as the following, where a_{ij}, b_{ij} denote the entry in the i -th row and j -th column of A and B respectively:

$$(a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} + \cdots + a_{1n}b_{n1}) + (a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22} + \cdots + a_{2n}b_{n2}) + \cdots + (a_{n1}b_{1n} + a_{n2}b_{2n} + \cdots + a_{nn}b_{nn})$$

We can rearrange to form the following:

$$(a_{11}b_{11} + a_{21}b_{12} + \cdots + a_{n1}b_{1n}) + (a_{12}b_{21} + a_{22}b_{22} + \cdots + a_{n2}b_{2n}) + \cdots + (a_{1n}b_{n1} + a_{2n}b_{n2} + \cdots + a_{nn}b_{nn})$$

We note that this is equivalent to the sum of the diagonal of BA , $\text{tr}(BA)$, and thus $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$, as desired. \square

Solution 1.9.

- a) The characteristic equation of A is $\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)^2 = p_A(\lambda)$. The characteristic equation of B is $\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)^2 = p_B(\lambda)$. Thus, $p_A(\lambda) = p_B(\lambda)$.

- b) • The eigenspace for the eigenvalue of A can be found by $\text{Nul}(A - 2I) = \text{Nul}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$.
- The eigenspace for the eigenvalue of B can be found by $\text{Nul}(B - 2I) = \text{Nul}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$. The matrix is row equivalent to $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, which has the following solutions to the homogeneous system $B'\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the eigenspace for the eigenvalue of B is $\text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$.

- c) *Proof.* To show that A and B are not similar, we will show that there does not exist an invertible matrix P such that $B = PAP^{-1}$. As B is a 2×2 matrix and does not have 2 linearly independent eigenvectors, B is not diagonalizable, and thus there does not exist a P such that $PAP^{-1} = B$, and the proof is complete. \square

Solution 1.10. We can find the eigenvalues of the matrix by first finding the solutions for the characteristic equation $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & -2 & 6 & -1 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda & h & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5-\lambda & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= 5 \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & h & 0 \\ 0 & 5-\lambda & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 5 \left((3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & 4 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \right) \\ p(\lambda) &= 5(3-\lambda)(5-\lambda)(1-\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

We observe that the characteristic equation is not affected by the value of h , and thus the eigenvalues of the matrix do not depend on the values of h .

The eigenspace for $\lambda = 5$ is $\text{Nul}(A - 5I) = \text{Nul}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 6 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & h & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}\right)$. We find the reduced row echelon form of the augmented matrix:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & -2 & 6 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & h & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{R_4 + R_3 \rightarrow R_4} & \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & -2 & 6 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & h & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ \xrightarrow{\frac{R_3}{4} \rightarrow R_3} & & \xrightarrow{R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & -2 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & h & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

If $h = 6$, we obtain the following reduced row echelon form:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

This will yield the solutions

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and thus the eigenspace will be $\text{Span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$. If h was another value, the eigenspace would be spanned by 3 vectors, which would make it 3-dimensional, instead of 2-dimensional as desired.

§2 Proof Problems

Solution 2.1. *Proof.* Multiplying A by B means that every column in AB is a linear combination of the columns of A . From the definition of column space, $\text{Col}(A)$ is the set of all linear combinations of the columns of A . It thus follows that $\text{Col}(AB) \subseteq \text{Col}(A)$. As the rank of a matrix is the dimension of the column space of the matrix and $\dim(\text{Col}(AB)) \leq \dim(\text{Col}(A))$, it follows that $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(A)$.

From Theorem 14 (The Rank Theorem) in Section 4.6, the dimensions of the column space and the row space of a matrix are equal, and thus $\text{rank } A = \text{rank } A^T$, as $\text{Col}(A^T) = \text{Row}(A)$, meaning $\dim \text{Col}(A^T) = \dim \text{Row}(A)$. From this we obtain the following:

$$\text{rank}(AB) = \text{rank}((AB)^T) = \text{rank}(B^T A^T)$$

From the first part of the proof, we know $\text{rank}(B^T A^T) \leq \text{rank}(B^T)$. As $\text{rank}(B^T) = \text{rank}(B)$, $\text{rank}(B^T A^T) \leq \text{rank}(B)$, and thus $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(B)$.

It follows that, if $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(A) \wedge \text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(B)$, then $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \min\{\text{rank}(A), \text{rank}(B)\}$, as desired. \square

Solution 2.2.

a) *Proof.*

- Let $u_1 + H = u_2 + H$ and $v_1 + H = v_2 + H$. Then, $\exists h_1 \in H \mid u_1 = u_2 + h_1$, and $\exists h_2 \in H \mid v_1 = v_2 + h_2$. The sum $(u_1 + v_1) + H$ can thus be expressed as $((u_2 + h_1) + (v_2 + h_2)) + H = (u_2 + v_2) + (h_1 + h_2) + H$. As $h_1, h_2 \in H$, it follows that $h_1 + h_2 \in H$. Thus, $(u_1 + v_1) + H = (u_2 + v_2) + H$, and we have shown that addition is well-defined.
- Let $c(u_1 + H) = c(u_2 + H)$. As $u_1 + H = u_2 + H$, it follows that $\exists h_1 \in H \mid u_1 = u_2 + h_1$. We can thus rewrite $c(u_1) + H$ as $c(u_2 + h_1) + H = cu_2 + ch_1 + H$. As $h_1 \in H$, the scalar multiple $ch_1 \in H$. Thus, $cu_1 + H = cu_2 + H$, and we have shown that multiplication is well-defined.

We have shown that both operations are well-defined, as desired. \square

b) A basis for $V \setminus H$ is $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + H, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + H \right\}$. Geometrically, $V \setminus H$ is the set

of all parallel lines to the line spanned by $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, the x -axis.

c) *Proof.* To show that a set S is a basis for a vector space $V \setminus H$, we must show that:

(i) S spans $V \setminus H$.

(ii) S is linearly independent.

- As $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, u_{k+1}, \dots, u_n\}$ is a basis for V , $\forall v \in V$, we can express v as a linear combination of the basis vectors:

$$v = x_1 u_1 + x_2 u_2 + \dots + x_k u_k + x_{k+1} u_{k+1} + \dots + x_n u_n$$

Let $h = x_1 u_1 + x_2 u_2 + \dots + x_k u_k$. Then, $v = h + x_{k+1} u_{k+1} + \dots + x_n u_n$. As h is a linear combination of the basis vectors of H , it follows that $h \in H$.

$\forall v, v + H \in V \setminus H$. We can express the coset formed by v by the following:

$$\begin{aligned} v + H &= (h + x_{k+1} u_{k+1} + \dots + x_n u_n) + H \\ &= (h + H) + (x_{k+1} u_{k+1} + H) + \dots + (x_n u_n + H) \\ &= H + x_{k+1} (u_{k+1} + H) + \dots + x_n (u_n + H) \end{aligned}$$

As H is the zero vector in $V \setminus H$, we can simplify further

$$= x_{k+1} (u_{k+1} + H) + \dots + x_n (u_n + H)$$

We observe that $v + H$ is a linear combination of the basis vectors in $\{u_{k+1} + H, \dots, u_n + H\}$, and the set spans $V \setminus H$.

- To show that the set $\{u_{k+1} + H, \dots, u_n + H\}$ is linearly independent, we will show that

$$x_{k+1}(u_{k+1} + H) + \dots + x_n(u_n + H) = 0$$

only if $x_{k+1} = \dots = x_n = 0$. As the zero vector of $V \setminus H$ is H , we can rewrite the equation:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1}(u_{k+1} + H) + \dots + x_n(u_n + H) &= H \\ (x_{k+1}u_{k+1} + H) + \dots + (x_nu_n + H) &= \\ (x_{k+1}u_{k+1} + \dots + x_nu_n) + H &= \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $(x_{k+1}u_{k+1} + \dots + x_nu_n) \in H$ by definition of coset. As any vector in H is a linear combination of the vectors in the basis $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$, it follows that $x_{k+1}u_{k+1} + \dots + x_nu_n = x_1u_1 + x_2u_2 + \dots + x_ku_k$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1}u_{k+1} + \dots + x_nu_n - x_1u_1 - x_2u_2 - \dots - x_ku_k &= 0 \\ (-x_1)u_1 + (-x_2)u_2 + \dots + (-x_k)u_k + x_{k+1}u_{k+1} + \dots + x_nu_n &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

As $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, u_{k+1}, \dots, u_n\}$ is the basis for V , it follows that $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, u_{k+1}, \dots, u_n$ are linearly independent. Thus, $-x_1 = -x_2 = \dots = -x_k = x_{k+1} = \dots = x_n = 0$. Thus, $x_{k+1} = \dots = x_n = 0$ for $x_{k+1}(u_{k+1} + H) + \dots + x_n(u_n + H) = H$. It follows that the set $\{u_{k+1} + H, \dots, u_n + H\}$ is linearly independent.

As we have shown that the set is linearly independent and spans $V \setminus H$, we have shown that the set is a basis for $V \setminus H$, and the proof is complete. \square

- d) $\dim V \setminus H = n - k$. As $\dim V = n$ and $\dim H = k$, it follows that

$$\dim V \setminus H = \dim V - \dim H$$