

MATH 2270: Homework 8/Midterm 2 Practice Problems

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Instructions: Do the following problems on a separate sheet of paper. Show all of your work.

1. Determine whether or not the following matrix is invertible. *Do not try to invert it*

(a)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 9 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 8 & -5 & 6 & 7 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ans: The determinant of A is 9, so A is invertible.

(b) Find the determinant of A^5 . **Ans:** 6^5

2. Prove that if $\det(B^3) = 0$, then $\det B = 0$. **Ans:** Use the fact that $\det(B^3) = (\det B)^3$.

3. Answer each of the following yes/no questions, and then give an explanation of your reasoning.

(a) Is \mathbb{R}^3 a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 ? **Ans:** No

(b) Is \mathbb{P}_4 a subspace of $C(\mathbb{R}) = \{f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is continuous}\}$? **Ans:** Yes

(c) Is the function $T: \mathbb{P}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ defined by $T(a_3t^3 + a_2t^2 + a_1t + a_0) = [a_3 \ a_2 \ a_1 \ a_0]^T$ a vector space isomorphism? **Ans:** Yes

4. Show that $H = \{f \in C(\mathbb{R}) \mid f(0) = 0\}$ is a subspace of $C(\mathbb{R})$. **Ans:** Show the 3 properties are satisfied. $0 \in H$, $f, g \in H$ implies $f + g \in H$, and $f \in H$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$ implies $cf \in H$.

5. Find a linear transformation $S: C(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ whose kernel is equal to H from the previous problem. **Ans:** $S(f(t)) = f(0)$

6. Consider the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 6 & -1 & -18 \\ 8 & 4 & 12 & -5 & 18 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -13 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Find a basis for $\text{col } A$. **Ans:** $\{[5 \ 3 \ 8 \ 2]^T, [1 \ 3 \ 4 \ 1]^T, [2 \ -1 \ -5 \ 0]^T\}$

(b) Find a basis for $\text{row } A$. **Ans:** $\{[1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 5]^T, [0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ -13]^T, [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ -6]^T\}$

(c) Find a basis for $\ker A$. **Ans:** $\{[-1 \ -1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0]^T, [-5 \ 13 \ 0 \ 6 \ 1]^T\}$

7. Consider the linear transformation $D: \mathbb{P}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_3$ defined by $D(p) = p' + 2p$. Let $\mathcal{B} = \{1, t, t^2, t^3\}$ and let $\mathcal{C} = \{1, 1 + t, 1 + t + t^2, 1 + t + t^2 + t^3\}$.

- (a) Find the matrix for the linear transformation D with respect to the basis \mathcal{B} . **Ans:**

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

- (b) Let $p(t) = -2t^3 + 3t^2 - 10t + 1$. Find $[p(t)]_{\mathcal{C}}$. **Ans:** $[11 \quad -13 \quad 5 \quad -2]^T$
- (c) Find the change of basis matrix ${}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}P$ and the change of basis matrix ${}_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}P$. *Hint: It's probably easier to find them both directly than it is to find one and then compute its inverse.* **Ans:**

$${}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (d) What is the dimension of the image of D ? What is the dimension of the kernel of D ? **Ans:** The dimension of the image is 4. The dimension of the kernel is 0.
- (e) Find a basis for $\ker D$. **Ans:** Since the kernel is trivial, a basis for the trivial subspace is the empty set $\{\}$.

8. Is $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ an eigenvector of $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$? If so, what is the associated eigenvalue? **Ans:** Yes. $\lambda = 3$
9. Is $\lambda = -3$ an eigenvalue of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$? **Ans:** Yes
10. Find a basis for the eigenspace of the matrix A corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda = 2$ where

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

Ans: $\{[1 \quad 1 \quad 0]^T, [1 \quad 0 \quad 2]^T\}$