

**Directions:** Show all work for full credit. Turn off all electronic devices. Using calculator to make matrix operations is prohibited.

1. (12 pts) Consider the following mapping  $L : \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  with  $L(A) = A - A^T$  for any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ .

(a) (5 pts) Verify that it is a linear transformation.

For any  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  and  $\alpha, \beta$ :

$$\begin{aligned} L(\alpha A + \beta B) &= (\alpha A + \beta B) - (\alpha A + \beta B)^T \\ &= \alpha A + \beta B - \alpha A^T - \beta B^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha L(A) + \beta L(B) &= \alpha (A - A^T) + \beta (B - B^T) \\ &= \alpha A - \alpha A^T + \beta B - \beta B^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow L(\alpha A + \beta B) = \alpha L(A) + \beta L(B)$$

- (b) (4 pts) Find the kernel of  $L$  and its dimension.

$$\text{Ker } L = \{A \mid L(A) = 0\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Set } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow L(A) &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b-c \\ c-b & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow b=c \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Ker } L = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

- (c) (3 pts) Find the range of  $L$  and its dimension.

$$= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\rightarrow L(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b-c \\ c-b & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

2. Consider the following mapping  $L : P_3 \rightarrow P_3, L(p) = p(1) + x^2 p(0)$ .

(a) (4pts) Verify that it is a linear transformation.

For any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $p, q \in P_3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} L(\alpha p + \beta q) &= (\alpha p + \beta q)(1) + x^2 (\alpha p + \beta q)(0) \\ &= \alpha p(1) + \beta q(1) + \alpha x^2 p(0) + \beta x^2 q(0) \\ \alpha L(p) + \beta L(q) &= \alpha (p(1) + x^2 p(0)) + \beta (q(1) + x^2 q(0)) \\ &= \alpha p(1) + \alpha x^2 p(0) + \beta q(1) + \beta x^2 q(0) \end{aligned}$$

(b) (4 pts) With the standard basis  $E = \{x^2, x, 1\}$ , find the matrix representation of  $L$ .

Given  $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c \rightarrow [p]_E = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$   
 $p(1) = a + b + c, p(0) = c$

$$L(p) = a + b + c + x^2 c$$

$$\rightarrow [L(p)]_E = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ 0 \\ a + b + c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ a + b + c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$