

1. (3 pts for each) Answer True or False for the following statements. Give short explanations for your answers.

(a)  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $L(x) = (x_1 + x_2, x_1 - x_2)^T$  for  $x = (x_1, x_2)^T$  is a linear transformation.

$$L(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{So it is a linear transformation.}$$

True.

(b) Vectors  $\{(1, 0, 0)^T, (0, -2, 0)^T, (1, 2, -1)^T\}$  are linear independent.

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot (-2) \cdot (-1) \neq 0. \quad \text{So they are L.I.}$$

True.

(c) The angle between vectors  $(1, 2, -3)^T$  and  $(2, -1, 1)^T$  is  $90^\circ$ .

False.  $(1, 2, -3) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2 + (-2) - 3 = -3 \neq 0$

So they are not perpendicular.

(d) Rank of a  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  is 2.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 - 2R_1]{R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{has rank 2 (True)}$$

(e) Let  $A$  be a  $4 \times 3$  matrix. If  $\text{nullity}(A) = 1$ , then  $\text{rank}(A) = 3$ .

By Rank-Nullity Theorem:

$$\text{rank}(A) = 3 - \text{nullity}(A)$$

$$= 3 - 1 = 2 \neq 3 \quad (\text{False})$$



2. (7.5 pts for each) (a) Whether  $\{(1, 1, -2)^T, (2, 2, -1)^T, (3, -1, 2)^T\}$  forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Show all your work.

We just need to check if they are L.I. by solving

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & | & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 2 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 + 2R_1]{R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 8 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 8 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$$

They are L.I. Thus they form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- (b) Whether  $\{2x^2 - x - 1, x^2 - 1, x - 1\}$  forms a basis of  $P_3$ . Show all your work.

Check linear independence by setting up

$$c_1(2x^2 - x - 1) + c_2(x^2 - 1) + c_3(x - 1) = 0$$

$$2c_1x^2 - c_1x - c_1 + c_2x^2 - c_2 + c_3x - c_3 = 0$$

$$(2c_1 + c_2)x^2 + (-c_1 + c_3)x - (c_1 + c_2 + c_3) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} 2c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ -c_1 + c_3 = 0 \\ c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{c_1 \leftrightarrow c_2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[c_3 + c_1]{c_2 + 2c_1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad c_3 = \text{free variable}$$

Linear Dependence. So they do not form a basis of  $P_3$



3. (5 pts for each) Given  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 7 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Find a basis for the null space  $N(A)$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 7 & 10 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1, R_3 - 3R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -2 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{+2R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$x_3 = t, x_4 = s \rightarrow x_2 = -t - s$   
 $x_1 = -t - 2s$

$$N(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -t - 2s \\ -t - s \\ t \\ s \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

(b) Find a basis for the row space.

A basis of row space is

$$\{(1, 0, 1, 2), (0, -1, -1, -1)\}$$

(c) Find a basis for the column space.

A basis of column space is:

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

(d) Find nullity( $A$ ) and rank( $A$ ).

$$\text{nullity}(A) = 2 \text{ and } \text{rank}(A) = 2$$



4. (a) (5 pts) State the Rank-Nullity Theorem.

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Then we have  
 $\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n$

(b) (5 pts) Given an  $5 \times 7$  matrix  $A$  with  $\text{rank}(A) = 5$ . How many solutions are there for  $A^T y = 0$ .

$$\text{rank}(A^T) + \text{nullity}(A^T) = 5$$

$$\rightarrow \text{nullity}(A^T) = 0$$

$\rightarrow A^T y = 0$  has a unique solution

(c) (5 pts) Given an  $5 \times 7$  matrix  $A$  with  $\text{rank}(A) = 5$  and let  $b$  be any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ . Explain why the system  $Ax = b$  is consistent and has infinitely many solutions.

As  $\text{rank}(A) = 5$ , after using Gaussian elimination method we have

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccccc|c} * & & & & & & & * \\ 0 & * & & & & & & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & & & & & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

There is no zero row, no zeros

So  $Ax = b$  is consistent. Moreover

$\text{Nullity}(A) = 2$  means we have 2 free variables. Thus  $Ax = b$  has infinitely many solutions.

5. Define  $L : P_3 \rightarrow P_3$  by

$$L(p) = 2p - xp' \quad \text{for any } p \in P_3.$$

(a) (10 pts) Verify that  $L$  is a linear transformation.

$$\begin{aligned} L(\alpha p + \beta q) &= 2(\alpha p + \beta q) - x(\alpha p + \beta q)' \\ &= 2\alpha p + 2\beta q - x\alpha p' - x\beta q' \\ \alpha L(p) + \beta L(q) &= \alpha(2p - xp') + \beta(2q - xq') \\ &= 2\alpha p - \alpha xp' + 2\beta q - \beta xq' \\ \rightarrow L(\alpha p + \beta q) &= \alpha L(p) + \beta L(q) \end{aligned}$$

(b) (5 pts) Determine  $\text{Ker } L$  and its dimension.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solve } L(p) &= 0 \quad \text{Pick } p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c \\ L(p) &= 2ax^2 + 2bx + 2c - x(2ax + b) \\ &= bx + 2c = 0 \rightarrow b = 0 \text{ and } c = 0 \\ \rightarrow p &= ax^2 \rightarrow \text{Ker } L = \text{span}\{x^2\} \\ \dim(\text{Ker } L) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

(c) (5 pts) Determine the range of  $L$  and its dimension.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{range}(L) &= \{bx + 2c \mid b, c \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= \text{span}\{x, 2\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \dim(\text{range } L) = 2$$

(c) (5 pts) By using the standard basis  $E = \{x^2, x, 1\}$ , find the matrix representation of  $L$ .

$$(L(p))_E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \\ 2c \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } (p)_E = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \text{ So}$$

$$L(p)_E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} (p)_E$$



6. (10 pts) Let  $V = \text{span}\{(1, -1, 1, 1)^T, (1, 1, 3, -1)^T\}$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Find  $V^\perp$  and its dimension

$$V^\perp = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid (1, -1, 1, 1)^T \perp x \text{ and } (1, 1, 3, -1)^T \perp x\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1} \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xrightarrow{R_2/2} \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 + R_2} \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$x_3 = t, x_4 = s \rightarrow x_2 = -t, x_1 = -2t + s$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} -2t + s \\ -t \\ t \\ s \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow V^\perp = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$