

# LINEAR ALGEBRA

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## 1. VECTOR SPACES & SUBSPACES

### 1. (1a) 2020

Consider the set  $V$  of all  $n \times n$  real magic squares. Show that  $V$  is a vector space over  $R$ . Give examples of two distinct  $2 \times 2$  magic squares.

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### 2. (1b) 2017

Let  $V$  be the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over the field  $R$ . Show that  $W$  is not a subspace of  $V$ , where

- (i)  $W$  contains all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with zero determinant.
- (ii)  $W$  consists of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  such that  $A^2 = A$ .

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### 3. (1a) 2014

Find one vector in  $R^3$  which generates the intersection of  $V$  and  $W$ , where  $V$  is the  $xy$  plane and  $W$  is the space generated by the vectors  $(1, 2, 3)$  and  $(1, -1, 1)$ .

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### 4. (2a(i)) 2012

- (i) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over the field of real numbers. Let  $W$  be the set consisting of all matrices with zero determinant. Is  $W$  a subspace of  $V$ ? Justify your answer.

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### 5. (1b) 2012 IFoS

- (b) Show that the set of all functions which satisfy the differential equation,

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} + 3 \frac{df}{dx} = 0 \text{ is a vector space.}$$

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## 2. LINEAR COMBINATION, LINEAR DEPENDENCE AND INDEPENDENCE

### 1. (4b(ii)) 2020

- (ii) Express the vector  $(1, 2, 5)$  as a linear combination of the vectors  $(1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 1, 2)$  and  $(3, 2, 3)$ , if possible. Justify your answer.  $9+6=15$

### 2. (1b) 2018

Express basis vectors  $e_1 = (1, 0)$  and  $e_2 = (0, 1)$  as linear combinations of  $\alpha_1 = (2, -1)$  and  $\alpha_2 = (1, 3)$ .

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### 3. (4d) 2018 IFoS

If  $(n + 1)$  vectors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n, \alpha$  form a linearly dependent set, then show that the vector  $\alpha$  is a linear combination of  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ ; provided  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  form a linearly independent set.

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### 4. (3b) 2017 IFoS

- ) Given that the set  $\{u, v, w\}$  is linearly independent, examine the sets

- (i)  $\{u + v, v + w, w + u\}$   
(ii)  $\{u + v, u - v, u - 2v + 2w\}$

for linear independence.

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### 5. (1a) 2015

The vectors  $V_1 = (1, 1, 2, 4)$ ,  $V_2 = (2, -1, -5, 2)$ ,  $V_3 = (1, -1, -4, 0)$  and  $V_4 = (2, 1, 1, 6)$  are linearly independent. Is it true? Justify your answer.

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### 6. (2c(ii)) 2013

Show that the vectors  $X_1 = (1, 1+i, i)$ ,  $X_2 = (i, -i, 1-i)$  and  $X_3 = (0, 1-2i, 2-i)$  in  $C^3$  are linearly independent over the field of real numbers but are linearly dependent over the field of complex numbers.

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**7. (2c(i)) 2011**

- (c) (i) Show that the vectors  $(1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 1, 2)$  and  $(1, 2, 3)$  are linearly independent in  $\mathbb{R}^{(3)}$ . Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^{(3)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{(3)}$  be a linear transformation defined by

$$T(x, y, z) = (x + 2y + 3z, x + 2y + 5z, 2x + 4y + 6z).$$

Show that the images of above vectors under  $T$  are linearly dependent. Give the reason for the same.

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**8. (4a(i)) 2010**

- (i) In the  $n$ -space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , determine whether or not the set

$\{e_1 - e_2, e_2 - e_3, \dots, e_{n-1} - e_n, e_n - e_1\}$  is linearly independent.

### 3. BASIS & DIMENSIONS

#### 1. 2c 2021

Show that  $S = \{(x, 2y, 3x) : x, y \text{ are real numbers}\}$  is a subspace of  $R^3(R)$ . Find two bases of  $S$ . Also find the dimension of  $S$ . 15

#### 2. 2a 2021 IFoS

Express the polynomial  $f(x) = x^2 + 4x - 3$  over  $R$  as linear combination of polynomials  $e_1 = x^2 - 2x + 5$ ,  $e_2 = 2x^2 - 3x$ ,  $e_3 = x + 3$ . Also, show that the set  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  forms a basis of all quadratic polynomials over  $R$ . 10

#### 3. (3c) 2019

Let

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

- (i) Find the rank of matrix  $A$ .
- (ii) Find the dimension of the subspace

$$V = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \right\}$$

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#### 4. (3a) 2019 IFoS

3. (a) Consider the vectors  $x_1 = (1, 2, 1, -1)$ ,  $x_2 = (2, 4, 1, 1)$ ,  $x_3 = (-1, -2, 0, -2)$  and  $x_4 = (3, 6, 2, 0)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Justify that the linear span of the set  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , defined as

$$\{(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \xi_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : 2\xi_1 - \xi_2 = 0, 2\xi_1 - 3\xi_3 - \xi_4 = 0\}$$

Can this subspace be written as  $\{(\alpha, 2\alpha, \beta, 2\alpha - 3\beta) : \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ? What is the dimension of this subspace? 15

#### 5. (2d) 2018 IFoS

Show that the vectors  $\alpha_1 = (1, 0, -1)$ ,  $\alpha_2 = (1, 2, 1)$ ,  $\alpha_3 = (0, -3, 2)$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Express each of the standard basis vectors as a linear combination of  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ . 10

### 6. (2d) 2017

Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are distinct four dimensional subspaces of a vector space  $V$ , where  $\dim V = 6$ . Find the possible dimensions of subspace  $U \cap W$ . 10

### 7. (1b(ii)) 2016

If

$$W_1 = \{(x, y, z) \mid x + y - z = 0\}$$

$$W_2 = \{(x, y, z) \mid 3x + y - 2z = 0\}$$

$$W_3 = \{(x, y, z) \mid x - 7y + 3z = 0\}$$

then find  $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2 \cap W_3)$  and  $\dim(W_1 + W_2)$ . 3

### 8. (4b) 2015

Find the dimension of the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , spanned by the set

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

Hence find its basis. 12

### 9. (2a) 2015 IFoS

) Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are distinct four-dimensional subspaces of a vector space  $V$ , where  $\dim V = 6$ . Find the possible dimensions of  $U \cap W$ . 10

### 10. (2a) 2014

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be the following subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ :

$$V = \{(a, b, c, d) : b - 2c + d = 0\} \text{ and}$$

$$W = \{(a, b, c, d) : a = d, b = 2c\}.$$

Find a basis and the dimension of (i)  $V$ , (ii)  $W$ , (iii)  $V \cap W$ . 15

### 11. (1a) 2014 IFoS

) Show that  $u_1 = (1, -1, 0)$ ,  $u_2 = (1, 1, 0)$  and  $u_3 = (0, 1, 1)$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Express  $(5, 3, 4)$  in terms of  $u_1$ ,  $u_2$  and  $u_3$ . 8

### 12. (2a(ii)) 2013

Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space and  $T: V \rightarrow V$  be an invertible linear operator. If  $\beta = \{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$  is a basis of  $V$ , show that  $\beta' = \{TX_1, TX_2, \dots, TX_n\}$  is also a basis of  $V$ .

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### 13. (1a) 2013

Find the dimension and a basis of the solution space  $W$  of the system

$$x + 2y + 2z - s + 3t = 0, \quad x + 2y + 3z + s + t = 0, \quad 3x + 6y + 8z + s + 5t = 0$$

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### 14. (1c) 2012

(c) Prove or disprove the following statement : 12

If  $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^5$  and  $V$  is a two-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ , then  $V$  has a basis made of just two members of  $B$ .

### 15. (2a(ii)) 2012

(ii) Find the dimension and a basis for the space  $W$  of all solutions of the following homogeneous system using matrix notation : 12

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 - 2x_4 + 4x_5 &= 0 \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 + 8x_3 + x_4 + 9x_5 &= 0 \\ 3x_1 + 6x_2 + 13x_3 + 4x_4 + 14x_5 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

### 16. (1a) 2012

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\alpha_1 = (1, 1, 2)$ ,  $\alpha_2 = (0, 1, 3)$ ,  $\alpha_3 = (2, 4, 5)$  and  $\alpha_4 = (-1, 0, -1)$  be the elements of  $V$ . Find a basis for the intersection of the subspace spanned by  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$  and  $\{\alpha_3, \alpha_4\}$ .

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**17. (2b(i)) 2011**

Show that the subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  spanned by two sets of vectors  $\{(1, 1, -1), (1, 0, 1)\}$  and  $\{(1, 2, -3), (5, 2, 1)\}$  are identical. Also find the dimension of this subspace. 10

**18. (1a) 2011 IFoS**

Let  $V$  be the vector space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over the field of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $W = \{A \in V \mid \text{Trace } A = 0\}$ . Show that  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Find a basis of  $W$  and dimension of  $W$ . 10

**19. (2a) 2011 IFoS**

Let  $V = \{(x, y, z, u) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : y + z + u = 0\}$ ,  
 $W = \{(x, y, z, u) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x + y = 0, z = 2u\}$   
be two subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Find bases for  $V$ ,  $W$ ,  $V + W$  and  $V \cap W$ . 10

**20. (1a) 2010 IFoS**

Show that the set

$$P[t] = \{at^2 + bt + c \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

forms a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ . Find a basis for this vector space. What is the dimension of this vector space? 8

**21. (2a) 2010 IFoS**

Show that the vectors

$$\alpha_1 = (1, 0, -1), \alpha_2 = (1, 2, 1), \alpha_3 = (0, -3, 2)$$

form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find the components of  $(1, 0, 0)$  w.r.t. the basis  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$ . 10



## 4. RANGE SPACE & NULL SPACE, RANK AND NULLITY

### 1. (1b) 2020

Let  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$  be the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  real matrices. Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Suppose  $T: M_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{R})$  is a linear transformation defined by  $T(A) = BA$ . Find the rank and nullity of  $T$ . Find a matrix  $A$  which maps to the null matrix. 10

### 2. (3b) 2020

Let  $F$  be a subfield of complex numbers and  $T$  a function from  $F^3 \rightarrow F^3$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3, 2x_1 - x_2, -3x_1 + x_2 - x_3)$ . What are the conditions on  $a, b, c$  such that  $(a, b, c)$  be in the null space of  $T$ ? Find the nullity of  $T$ . 15

### 3. (3a) 2017

Consider the matrix mapping  $A: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & -2 \\ 3 & 8 & 13 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find a basis

and dimension of the image of  $A$  and those of the kernel  $A$ . 15

### 4. (2d) 2014 IFoS

Show that the mapping  $T: V_2(\overline{\mathbb{R}}) \rightarrow V_3(\overline{\mathbb{R}})$  defined as  $T(a, b) = (a + b, a - b, b)$  is a linear transformation. Find the range, rank and nullity of  $T$ . 10

### 5. (2a) 2013 IFoS

) Let  $V$  be the vector space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Let  $F: V \rightarrow V$  be the linear map defined by  $F(A) = MA$ . Find a basis and the dimension of

(i) the kernel of  $F$

(ii) the image  $U$  of  $F$ . 10

### 6. (3c) 2013 IFoS

Let  $F$  be a subfield of complex numbers and  $T$  a function from  $F^3 \rightarrow F^3$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3, 2x_1 - x_2, -3x_1 + x_2 - x_3)$ . What are the conditions on  $(a, b, c)$  such that  $(a, b, c)$  be in the null space of  $T$ ? Find the nullity of  $T$ . 10

### 7. (1d) 2012

(d) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation defined by

$$T(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (\alpha + 2\beta - 3\gamma, 2\alpha + 5\beta - 4\gamma, \alpha + 4\beta + \gamma)$$

Find a basis and the dimension of the image of  $T$  and the kernel of  $T$ . 12

### 8. (2b(ii)) 2011

(ii) Find the nullity and a basis of the null space of the linear transformation  $A: \mathbb{R}^{(4)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{(4)}$  given by the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad 10$$

### 9. (1b) 2011 IFoS

Find the linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  into  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which has its range the subspace spanned by  $(1, 0, -1), (1, 2, 2)$ . 10

### 10. (1b) 2010

(b) What is the null space of the differentiation transformation

$$\frac{d}{dx}: P_n \rightarrow P_n$$

where  $P_n$  is the space of all polynomials of degree  $\leq n$  over the real numbers? What is the null space of the second derivative as a transformation of  $P_n$ ? What is the null space of the  $k$ th derivative? 12

**\*ALGEBRA OF LTs**

**1. (4a(ii)) 2010**

- (ii) Let  $T$  be a linear transformation from a vector space  $V$  over reals into  $V$  such that  $T - T^2 = I$ . Show that  $T$  is invertible.

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## 5. TO FIND MATRIX OF A LT

### 1. 1b 2021

Find the matrix associated with the linear operator on  $V_3(R)$  defined by  $T(a, b, c) = (a + b, a - b, 2c)$  with respect to the ordered basis  $B = \{(0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0)\}$ .

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### 2. (2a) 2020

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be defined by  $T(x, y, z) = (2x, -3y, x + y)$ , and  $B_1 = \{(-1, 2, 0), (0, 1, -1), (3, 1, 2)\}$  be a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find the matrix representation of  $T$  relative to the basis  $B_1$ .

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### 3. (1c) 2019

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear map such that  $T(2, 1) = (5, 7)$  and  $T(1, 2) = (3, 3)$ . If  $A$  is the matrix corresponding to  $T$  with respect to the standard bases  $e_1, e_2$ , then find  $\text{Rank}(A)$ .

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### 4. (1a) 2019 IFoS

1. (a) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $T(x, y, z) = (2y + z, x - 4y, 3x)$ . Find the matrix of  $T$  in the basis  $\{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0)\}$ .

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### 5. (3c) 2018 IFoS

Let  $T : V_2(R) \rightarrow V_2(R)$  be a linear transformation defined by  $T(a, b) = (a, a + b)$ . Find the matrix of  $T$ , taking  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  as a basis for the domain and  $\{(1, 1), (1, -1)\}$  as a basis for the range.

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### 6. (2a(i)) 2016

If  $M_2(R)$  is space of real matrices of order  $2 \times 2$  and  $P_2(x)$  is the space of real polynomials of degree at most 2, then find the matrix representation of  $T : M_2(R) \rightarrow P_2(x)$ , such that  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = a + c + (a - d)x + (b + c)x^2$ , with respect to the standard bases of  $M_2(R)$  and  $P_2(x)$ . Further find the null space of  $T$ .

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### 7. (2a(ii)) 2016

If  $T: P_2(x) \rightarrow P_3(x)$  is such that  $T(f(x)) = f(x) + 5 \int_0^x f(t) dt$ , then choosing  $\{1, 1+x, 1-x^2\}$  and  $\{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$  as bases of  $P_2(x)$  and  $P_3(x)$  respectively, find the matrix of  $T$ .

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### 8. (1a) 2016 IFoS

Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be given by

$$T(x, y, z) = (2x - y, 2x + z, x + 2z, x + y + z).$$

Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^4$  (i.e.,  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$ , etc.). Examine if  $T$  is a linear map.

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### 9. (2d) 2016 IFoS

Let  $T$  be a linear map such that  $T: V_3 \rightarrow V_2$  defined by  $T(e_1) = 2f_1 - f_2$ ,  $T(e_2) = f_1 + 2f_2$ ,  $T(e_3) = 0f_1 + 0f_2$ , where  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  and  $f_1, f_2$  are standard basis in  $V_3$  and  $V_2$ . Find the matrix of  $T$  relative to these basis.

Further take two other basis  $B_1[(1, 1, 0) (1, 0, 1) (0, 1, 1)]$  and  $B_2[(1, 1) (1, -1)]$ . Obtain the matrix  $T_1$  relative to  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ .

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### 10. (3a) 2015

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $T \in A(V)$ , for all  $a_i \in A(V)$ , be defined by

$$T(a_1, a_2, a_3) = (2a_1 + 5a_2 + a_3, -3a_1 + a_2 - a_3, -a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3)$$

What is the matrix  $T$  relative to the basis

$$V_1 = (1, 0, 1) \quad V_2 = (-1, 2, 1) \quad V_3 = (3, -1, 1) ?$$

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### 11. (1b) 2015 IFoS

Let  $G$  be the linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

$$G(x, y, z) = (2y + z, x - 4y, 3x)$$

Find the matrix representation of  $G$  relative to the basis

$$S = \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0)\}$$

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### 12. 4d 2014 IFoS

- Consider the linear mapping  $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given as  $F(x, y) = (3x + 4y, 2x - 5y)$  with usual basis.

Find the matrix associated with the linear transformation relative to the basis  $S = \{u_1, u_2\}$  where  $u_1 = (1, 2)$ ,  $u_2 = (2, 3)$ . 10

### 13. (2a(i)) 2013

Let  $P_n$  denote the vector space of all real polynomials of degree at most  $n$  and  $T : P_2 \rightarrow P_3$  be a linear transformation given by

$$T(p(x)) = \int_0^x p(t) dt, \quad p(x) \in P_2.$$

Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the bases  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  and  $\{1, x, 1+x^2, 1+x^3\}$  of  $P_2$  and  $P_3$  respectively. Also, find the null space of  $T$ . 10

### 14. (2b(i)) 2012

- (i) Consider the linear mapping  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$f(x, y) = (3x + 4y, 2x - 5y)$$

Find the matrix  $A$  relative to the basis  $\{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$  and the matrix  $B$  relative to the basis  $\{(1, 2), (2, 3)\}$ . 12

### 15. (2a) 2012 IFoS

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation defined by  $f(a, b, c) = (a, a + b, 0)$ .

Find the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  respectively of the linear transformation  $f$  with respect to the standard basis  $(e_1, e_2, e_3)$  and the basis  $(e'_1, e'_2, e'_3)$  where  $e'_1 = (1, 1, 0)$ ,  $e'_2 = (0, 1, 1)$ ,  $e'_3 = (1, 1, 1)$ .

Also, show that there exists an invertible matrix  $P$  such that

$$B = P^{-1}AP$$



**16. (3a) 2012 IFoS**

- Find the matrix representation of linear transformation  $T$  on  $V_3(\mathbb{R})$  defined as  $T(a, b, c) = (2b + c, a - 4b, 3a)$  corresponding to the basis  $B = \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0)\}$ . 10



## 6. TO FIND LT WHEN MATRIX IS GIVEN

### 1. (2c) 2016

If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is the matrix representation of a linear transformation

$T: P_2(x) \rightarrow P_2(x)$  with respect to the bases  $\{1-x, x(1-x), x(1+x)\}$  and  $\{1, 1+x, 1+x^2\}$ , then find  $T$ .

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### 2. (2a) 2010

2. (a) Let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find the unique linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  so that  $M$  is the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis

$$\beta = \{v_1 = (1, 0, 0), v_2 = (1, 1, 0), v_3 = (1, 1, 1)\}$$

of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and

$$\beta' = \{w_1 = (1, 0), w_2 = (1, 1)\}$$

of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Also find  $T(x, y, z)$ .

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