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Quiz 2 (Make Up)- MAT345

Problem 1 (20 points; 4 points each). Decide if each of the following are true or false and provide a small proof or counterexample in each case. All vector spaces are assumed to be finite-dimensional here.

- (a) True Given a basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ for a vector space V of dimension n . There are only finitely many subspaces U of V so that U has a basis which is a subset of \mathcal{B} .

There are exactly 2^n subsets of \mathcal{B} and these correspond to all of the acceptable subspaces.

- (b) False Given a spanning set $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ for a vector space V and a subspace U of V . \mathcal{S} can be reduced (by throwing out some vectors) to a basis for U .

It is easy to produce an example where this is false. For example, $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\}$ spans \mathbb{R}^2 , but no subset of \mathcal{S} spans the subspace $U = \text{span}\{(1, 1)\}$, i.e., the line $x = y$.

We can use the previous. There are infinitely many subspaces of V , only finitely many of which have a basis from \mathcal{S} , so there are infinitely many subspaces that are not spanned by vectors from \mathcal{S} .

- (c) True If $\mathbf{v} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$, it is possible that there are distinct $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mathbf{v}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \mathbf{v}_i$.

There would be many (infinitely) ways to represent a single vector \mathbf{v} unless the given set of vectors were independent.

- (d) True If $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ spans a vector space V and $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\} \subseteq V$ is independent. Then $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ spans V .

That the \mathbf{v}_i 's span V tells us that $\dim(V) \leq n$. That the \mathbf{u}_i 's are independent tells us that $\dim(V) \geq n$. Together we know that $\dim(V) = n$, and hence both the given sets of vectors must be a basis.

- (e) False Given U and W subspaces of a vector space V so that $U + W = V$ ($U + W = \{\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{u} \in U \text{ and } \mathbf{w} \in W\}$), then for every $\mathbf{v} \in V$, there is a unique pair $\mathbf{u} \in U, \mathbf{w} \in W$ so that $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v}$.

U and W could be two planes in $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ that intersect in a line L , so $U \cap W = L$. Any $\mathbf{u} \in U$ can be written as $(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{l}) + \mathbf{l} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0}$ for any $\mathbf{l} \in L$. So there are infinitely many ways to write \mathbf{u} as an element of $U + W$.

Note: If $U \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$, then the decomposition becomes unique.

Problem 2 (10 pts). A square matrix A is called **anti-symmetric** if $A^T = -A$.

- Show that the anti-symmetric 3×3 matrices form a subspace of all 3×3 matrices.
- Give a basis, \mathcal{B} , for the 3×3 anti-symmetric matrices.
- Give representation $[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ for $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ with respect to the basis that you gave.

Denote by U the set of 3×3 anti-symmetric matrices. Clearly, $O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in U$. Next, we need to show that U is closed under scalar multiplication and addition. This is done by just taking arbitrary elements of U and computing:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ -b & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A & B \\ -A & 0 & C \\ -B & -C & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a+A & b+B \\ -(a+A) & 0 & c+C \\ -(b+B) & -(c+C) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ -b & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \alpha a & \alpha b \\ -\alpha a & 0 & \alpha c \\ -\alpha b & -\alpha c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A basis is clearly given by

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

With this basis, clearly

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = (1) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + (2) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + (3) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 3. Find a basis for $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5\}$ from the given vectors

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -4 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \\ 2 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & -4 & 0 \\ -2 & -4 & -2 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & -6 & 4 & 17 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 + 2R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_4 + 3R_1 \rightarrow R_4}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 8 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_3 + 2R_2 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_4 - 4R_2 \rightarrow R_4}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_4 + 3R_3 \rightarrow R_4} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_5\}$ is a basis. (This is all you need.)

In fact, from our CR decomposition, we know

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

So we know $\mathbf{v}_2 = 2\mathbf{v}_1$ and $\mathbf{v}_4 = -3\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_3$.