

SECTION - A (for Tutorial -5)

1. True or False? Give justifications.

- (a) There exists distinct linear transformations  $S, T : \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$  such that  $\ker(S) = \ker(T)$  and  $\text{range}(S) = \text{range}(T)$ .
- (b) There exists a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that none of  $T, T^2, T^3$  is the identity transformation, but  $T^4 = I$  (identity transformation).
- (c) If  $T : \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$  is a linear transformation then  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  is LI in  $\mathbb{V}$  if and only if  $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_k)\}$  is LI in  $\mathbb{W}$ .
- (d) There exists a linear transformation  $T$  from  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $\text{range}(T) = \{[x, y, z, w]^T : x + y + z = 0\}$ .

**Solution:**

- (a) True. Take  $S, T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , such that  $S([x, y]^T) = [x, y]^T$  and  $T([x, y]^T) = [y, x]^T$ .
- (b) True. Rotate every element of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by 90 degrees, that is  $T([x, y]^T) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ +1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} [x, y]^T$ .
- (c) False. If  $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_k)\}$  is LI in  $\mathbb{W}$  then  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  is LI in  $\mathbb{V}$ , but the converse is not true, for example the  $\mathbf{0}$  transformation.
- (d) False. From the rank nullity theorem,  $\text{rank}(T) \leq 2$ , but if  $S = \{[x, y, z, w]^T : x + y + z = 0\}$ , then  $\dim(S) = 3$ .

2. Determine a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\text{range}(T) = \{[x, y, z]^T : x + 2y + z = 0\}$ . If possible give two more such linear transformations with the same range.

**Solution:** It is enough to define  $T$  in a basis.

Take any basis, say  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and consider the LT  $T$  such that  $T(\mathbf{e}_1) = [2, -1, 0]^T$ ,  $T(\mathbf{e}_2) = [0, -1, 2]^T$  and  $T(\mathbf{e}_3) = \mathbf{0}$ . Then  $\text{range}(T) = \text{span}\{T(\mathbf{e}_1), T(\mathbf{e}_2)\}$ .

Note that  $\{[2, -1, 0]^T, [0, -1, 2]^T\}$  is a basis of  $S = \{[x, y, z]^T : x + 2y + z = 0\}$ .

Hence  $\text{range}(T) = \text{span}\{T(\mathbf{e}_1), T(\mathbf{e}_2)\} = S$  and  $\text{Ker}(T)$  is the  $z$ -axis.

If  $T(\mathbf{e}_3) = \alpha(2, -1, 0)^T + \beta(0, -1, 2)^T$  then again  $\text{range}(T)$  is same but  $\text{Ker}(T)$  is different. For the same basis by making suitable choices one can also get  $\text{Ker}(T)$  as the  $x$ -axis or the  $y$ -axis.

By considering different basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , one can get many more  $T$ 's.

3. If  $\dim(\mathbb{V}) = \dim(\mathbb{W})$ , then show that a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$  is one-one if and only if it is onto.

**Solution:** If  $T$  is onto, then  $\text{range}(T) = \mathbb{W}$ , hence  $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(\mathbb{W}) = \dim(\mathbb{V})$ . Hence from the rank nullity theorem  $\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , or  $T$  is one-one.

If  $T$  is one-one, then  $\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , hence from the rank nullity theorem,  $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(\mathbb{V}) = \dim(\mathbb{W})$ . Since  $\text{range}(T)$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{W}$ ,  $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(\text{range}(T)) = \dim(\mathbb{W})$  implies  $\text{range}(T) = \mathbb{W}$ , or  $T$  is onto.

4. If possible find linear transformations  $S : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_2[x]$  and  $T : \mathbb{R}_2[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , such that,

(a)  $S \circ T = I$ .

(b)  $T \circ S = I$ .

(c)  $\text{range}(T \circ S)$  is a line.

(d) Neither  $S$  nor  $T$  is the zero transformation, but  $S \circ T = 0$  (zero transformation).

**Solution:**

(a)  $S \circ T : \mathbb{R}_2[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_2[x]$ .

Note that  $\text{range}(S \circ T) \subseteq \text{range}(S)$  and  $\text{rank}(S) \leq 2$  (from the rank nullity theorem), hence  $\text{rank}(S \circ T) \leq 2$ . An identity map from  $\mathbb{R}_2[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_2[x]$  will have rank 3, hence not possible.

(b)  $T \circ S : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ .

Define  $S([a, b]^T) = a + bx$  and  $T : \mathbb{R}_2[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  as  $T(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = [a_0, a_1]^T$ , then check that  $T \circ S = I$ .

(c) Define  $S([a, b]^T) = a + bx$  and  $T : \mathbb{R}_2[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  as  $T(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = [a_0, 0]^T$ , then check that  $\text{range}(T \circ S)$  is a line.

(d) Take  $T(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = [a_0, 0]^T$  and  $S([a, b]^T) = bx$ .

5. Give three linear transformations from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{W} = \{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^5 | w_1 - w_2 + w_3 - w_4 + w_5 = 0\}$ . Give their coordinate matrices w.r.t the ordered basis  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and some ordered basis of  $\mathbb{W}$ .

**Solution:** A basis for  $\mathbb{W}$  is  $B' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

Take  $T_1 \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $[T] = \left[ [T(v_1)]_{B'}, [T(v_2)]_{B'}, [T(v_3)]_{B'} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Take  $T_2 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $[T] = \begin{bmatrix} [T(v_1)]_{B'}, [T(v_2)]_{B'}, [T(v_3)]_{B'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Take  $T_3 \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ y \\ 0 \\ -x \end{bmatrix}$ . Then

$$[T] = \begin{bmatrix} [T(v_1)]_{B'}, [T(v_2)]_{B'}, [T(v_3)]_{B'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}_{B'} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}_{B'} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}_{B'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \\ x_3 & y_3 & z_3 \\ x_4 & y_4 & z_4 \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \\ x_3 & y_3 & z_3 \\ x_4 & y_4 & z_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

In general this can be solved using GJE. Form the matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

RREF is

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

So

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \\ x_3 & y_3 & z_3 \\ x_4 & y_4 & z_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

the right-top matrix.

6. Let  $\mathbb{V}, \mathbb{W}$  be finite dimensional vector spaces with bases  $B$  and  $B'$  respectively. Take a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$ . Is it true that  $\text{rank}(T) = \text{rank}([T]_{B' \leftarrow B})$ ? Is it true that  $\text{nullity}(T) = \text{nullity}([T]_{B' \leftarrow B})$ ?

**Solution:** Yes. Let  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $B' = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$ . Note that  $A = [T]_{B' \leftarrow B} \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}$ .

Recall: Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{V}$  and  $a = [x]_B$ ,  $b = [y]_B$ . This means  $x = \sum a_i v_i$  and  $y = \sum b_i v_i$ . So  $\alpha x + \beta y = \sum (\alpha a_i + \beta b_i) v_i$ . So  $[\alpha x + \beta y]_B = \alpha a + \beta b = \alpha [x]_B + \beta [y]_B$ .

Let  $A = [A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n]$ . Then a set of columns  $A_{i_1}, \dots, A_{i_k}$  of  $A$  are linearly independent if and only if  $Tv_{i_1}, \dots, Tv_{i_k}$  are linearly independent. This is because

$$w = \sum \alpha_j Tv_{i_j} = 0 \text{ iff } [w]_{B'} = 0 \text{ iff } [\sum \alpha_j Tv_{i_j}]_{B'} = 0 \text{ iff } \sum \alpha_j [Tv_{i_j}]_{B'} = 0 \text{ iff } \sum \alpha_j A_{i_j} = 0.$$

So,  $\text{rank}(T) = \text{rank}(A)$ . Also, this implies  $\text{nullity}(T) = \text{nullity}(A)$ .

**Alternatively** since  $[Tv_1 \dots Tv_n] = [w_1 \dots w_m][T]_{B' \leftarrow B}$ ,

$$[Tv_1 \dots Tv_n] \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix} = [w_1 \dots w_m][T]_{B' \leftarrow B} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ for any scalars } \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n.$$

Since  $\{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  is LI,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i Tv_i = 0$  iff  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i A_i = 0$ , hence whatever is the linear independence and dependence relationship between the  $Tv_i$ 's, the same holds for the  $A_i$ 's.

## SECTION - B: ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS

1. True or False? Give justifications.

- A transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined as  $T([x, y]^T) = [x, y]^T$  for  $x \neq 0$  and  $T([0, y]^T) = [0, 0]^T$  satisfies  $T(c[x, y]^T) = cT([x, y]^T)$  but is not a linear transformation.
- Given vector spaces  $\mathbb{V}$  and  $\mathbb{W}$ , for any  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$  in  $V$  and  $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2$  in  $W$ , there exists a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$  such that  $T(\mathbf{v}_1) = \mathbf{w}_1$  and  $T(\mathbf{v}_2) = \mathbf{w}_2$ .
- There exists a  $2 \times 2$  matrix which transforms  $[2, 6]^T$  to  $[1, 0]^T$  and  $[1, 0]^T$  to  $[1, 5]^T$ .
- Given an invertible linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$  there exists basis  $B$  and  $B'$  in  $\mathbb{V}$  and  $\mathbb{W}$  respectively such that  $I$  (identity matrix) is the matrix of  $T$ .

**Solution:**

- True.  $T(c[x, y]^T) = cT([x, y]^T)$  is easy to check. But for  $y \neq 0$ ,  $T([-1, y]^T) + T([1, y]^T) = [-1, y]^T + [1, y]^T = [0, 2y]^T \neq [0, 0]^T = T([-1, y]^T + [1, y]^T)$ .
- False. For example if  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$  is LD, say  $\mathbf{v}_1 = [1, 0]^T$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = [2, 0]^T$  and  $\mathbf{w}_1 = [1, 0]^T$  and  $\mathbf{w}_2 = [0, 1]^T$ , then there exists no LT  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $T(\mathbf{v}_1) = \mathbf{w}_1$  and  $T(\mathbf{v}_2) = \mathbf{w}_2$ .
- True. This is just the change of basis matrix.
- True. Since  $T$  is invertible it takes every basis of  $\mathbb{U}$  to a basis of  $\mathbb{W}$ . Consider any basis  $B$  of  $\mathbb{U}$ , then  $T$  takes the basis  $B$  to a basis say  $B'$  of  $\mathbb{W}$ . Then  $[T]_{B' \leftarrow B} = I$ .

2. Determine a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\text{Ker}(T) = \{[x, y]^T : 2x + y = 0\}$ .

**Solution:** Take an  $[x, y]^T$  satisfying  $2x + y = 0$ , for example  $[-1, 2]^T$  and take  $T$  such that  $T([-1, 2]^T) = \mathbf{0}$ . Since  $T$  has to be defined on a basis, take any other  $[a, b]^T$  such that  $\{[-1, 2]^T, [a, b]^T\}$  forms a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and define  $T([a, b]^T)$ , such that  $T([a, b]^T) \neq \mathbf{0}$ , then this will give a required  $T$ . For example take  $[a, b]^T = [1, 0]^T$  and  $T([1, 0]^T) = [1, 0]^T$ .

3. Show that there exists a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  such that none of  $T, T^2, T^3$  is a zero transformation, but  $T^4 = \mathbf{0}$ . Is it possible to get such a transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ ?

**Solution:**

(a) Note that for any LT  $T$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ,  $\text{nullity}(T) \leq \text{nullity}(T^2) \leq \text{nullity}(T^3) \leq \text{nullity}(T^4)$ .

If  $\text{nullity}(T) = 0$  then check that  $\text{nullity}(T^2) = \text{nullity}(T^3) = \text{nullity}(T^4) = 0$ . Then  $T^4$  becomes invertible.

If  $\text{nullity}(T) = \text{nullity}(T^2)$ , then check that  $\text{nullity}(T) = \text{nullity}(T^2) = \text{nullity}(T^3) = \text{nullity}(T^4)$ . Hence if  $T^4 = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $T = T^2 = T^3 = T^4 = \mathbf{0}$ .

Similarly if  $\text{nullity}(T^2) = \text{nullity}(T^3)$ , then check that  $\text{nullity}(T^2) = \text{nullity}(T^3) = \text{nullity}(T^4)$ . Hence if  $T^4 = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $T^2 = T^3 = T^4 = \mathbf{0}$ .

By similar argument we get  $\text{nullity}(T^3) \neq \text{nullity}(T^4)$ .

Hence in order to get the required LT we have to take a  $T$  such that  $1 \leq \text{nullity}(T) < \text{nullity}(T^2) < \text{nullity}(T^3) < \text{nullity}(T^4)$ , which will imply  $\text{nullity}(T^4) = 4$ , or  $T^4 = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$\text{For example take } T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \quad \text{or} \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This is not possible in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  since for the above to happen  $\text{nullity}(T) \geq 1$  and hence  $\text{nullity}(T^4) \geq 4$ , but since  $T^4$  is a LT from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\text{nullity}(T^4) \leq 3$ .

4. Let  $T : \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{R})$  be defined as:

$T(A) = A - A^T$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Find a basis for  $\text{range}(T)$  and for  $\text{null}(T)$ .

**Solution:** Since  $T$  is taking every  $2 \times 2$  real matrix to a skew symmetric matrix and

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & y - z \\ z - y & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{range}(T) = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right\}, \text{and } \text{null}(T) = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right\}.$$

5. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation given by,  $T(x, y, z)^T = (x + y, x + y - z)^T$ . Fix ordered

basis  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  and  $\{w_1, w_2\}$ , in  $\mathbb{V} = \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{R}^2$  respectively, where  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } w_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, w_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find the matrix of the linear transformation with respect to these ordered bases. Find the coordinates of  $(1, 2, 3)^T$  and  $T(1, 2, 3)^T$  with respect to the ordered bases.
- (b) Find the matrix of the linear transformation if the ordered basis in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is changed to  $\{v_2, v_1, v_3\}$ , the basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is as given.
- (c) Find the matrix of the linear transformation if the ordered basis in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is changed to  $\{3v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ , the basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is as given.

- (d) Find the matrix of the linear transformation if the ordered basis in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is changed to  $\{w_2, w_1\}$ , the basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is as given.
6. (\*) Suppose all vectors in the unit square  $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1$  are transformed to  $A(x, y)^T$ , where  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix.
- (a) For which  $A$  is the region square again and has area 1?
  - (b) For which  $A$  is the region square again?
  - (c) For which  $A$  is the region a line?
- (\*) means optional.