

## MIDTERM

1.

- (a) (10 points) Prove that there exists a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  with  $T((1, 1)) = (1, 2, 3)$  and  $T((1, 2)) = (0, 0, 1)$ .

**Proof:**

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) - T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{linearity}$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) - T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{linearity}$$

□

- (b) (10 points) If  $T$  is as defined in (a), then what is  $T((1, 0))$ ?

**Proof:**

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

□

2. Let  $V$  be the vector space of all sequences  $\{a_n\}$  with entries from  $\mathbb{F}$ . Define two functions  $L, R : V \rightarrow V$  by

$$\begin{aligned} L((a_1, a_2, \dots)) &= (a_2, a_3, \dots), \\ R((a_1, a_2, \dots)) &= (0, a_1, a_2, \dots). \end{aligned}$$

(a) (10 points) Prove that  $L, R$  are both linear.

**Proof:**

(1) Additivity

$$\begin{aligned} L((a_1, a_2, \dots)) + L((b_1, b_2, \dots)) &= (a_2, a_3, \dots) + (b_2, b_3, \dots) \\ &= (a_2 + b_2, a_3 + b_3, \dots) \\ &= L((a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots)) \\ &= L((a_1, a_2, \dots) + (b_1, b_2, \dots)) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} R((a_1, a_2, \dots)) + R((b_1, b_2, \dots)) &= (0, a_1, a_2, \dots) + (0, b_1, b_2, \dots) \\ &= (0, a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots) \\ &= R((a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots)) \\ &= R((a_1, a_2, \dots) + (b_1, b_2, \dots)) \end{aligned}$$

(2) Homogeneity

For  $i \geq 1$ , The  $i$ th term of  $L(c\{a_i\})$  is  $ca_{i+1}$  and the  $i$ th term of  $cL(\{a_i\})$  is also  $ca_{i+1}$ , so the two are the same.

Similarly, for  $i \geq 2$ , the  $i$ th term of  $R(c\{a_i\}) = R(\{ca_i\})$  is  $ca_{i-1}$  and the  $i$ th term of  $cR(\{a_i\})$  is also  $ca_{i-1}$ . For  $i = 1$ , the 1st term of  $R(x_i)$  is 0 for any sequence. So the two are the same.

□

(b) (5 points) Prove that  $L$  is surjective but not injective.

**Proof:**  $L$  is surjective: every sequence  $\{a_i\}$  can be outputted by  $L$  because  $L((0, a_1, a_2, \dots)) = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$ .

$L$  is not injective:  $L((0, a_1, a_2, \dots)) = L((1, a_1, a_2, \dots)) = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$ .

□

(c) (5 points) Prove that  $R$  is injective but surjective.

**Proof:**  $R$  is injective because if any two sequences  $\{a_i\}, \{b_i\}$  differ at position  $i$ , after applying  $R$  they must differ at position  $i + 1$ .

$R$  is not surjective because  $R$  cannot output sequences whose first term is not 0.

□

3. Let  $A, B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. Recall that the *trace* of  $A$  is defined by

$$\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii},$$

where  $A = (a_{ij})$ .

(a) (10 points) Prove that  $\text{Tr}(A) = \text{Tr}(A^t)$ , where  $A^t$  is the *transpose* of  $A$ .

**Proof:** We know that

$$\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

Because  $A^T$  is defined by  $a_{ij}^T = a_{ji}$ , we have

$$\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}^T = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} =$$

Which is the same as the trace of  $A$ . □

(b) (10 points) Prove that  $\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$ .

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(AB) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (AB)_{ii} && \text{definition of trace} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} b_{ji} && \text{def. of product} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n b_{ji} a_{ij} && \text{rearrangement} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n (BA)_{jj} && \text{def. of product} \\ &= \text{Tr}(BA) && \text{def. of trace} \end{aligned}$$

□

4. (20 points) If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix, prove that

$$(AB)^t = B^t A^t,$$

where  $M^t$  denotes the *transpose* of the matrix  $M$ .

**Proof:** We prove that for all  $i, j$  in bounds, entry  $ij$  of  $(AB)^T$  is the same as entry  $ij$  of  $B^T A^T$ .

Entry  $ij$  of  $(AB)^T$  is entry  $ji$  of  $AB$ . Entry  $ji$  of  $AB$  is the dot product of the  $j$ th row of  $A$  and the  $i$ th column of  $B$ , by the definition of matrix products.

Entry  $ij$  of the product  $B^T A^T$  is the product of the  $i$ th row of  $B^T$  and the  $j$ th column of  $A^T$ . Because transposition swaps the first and second indices, rows of  $M^T$  are the columns of  $M$  and vice versa. So row  $i$  of  $B^T$  is actually column  $i$  of  $B$  and column  $j$  of  $A^T$  is actually row  $j$  of  $A$ . So entry  $ij$  of  $B^T A^T$  is just the product of row  $j$  of  $A$  and column  $i$  of  $B$ , which is the same as entry  $ij$  of  $(AB)^T$ .

Symbolically,

$$\begin{aligned} (AB)_{ij}^T &= (AB)_{ji} && \text{def. of transposition} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n A_{jk} B_{ki} && \text{def. of product} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n B_{ik}^T A_{kj}^T && \text{swap indices for transpose} \\ &= (B^T A^T)_{ij} && \text{def. of product} \end{aligned}$$

□

5. (20 points) Let  $\beta$  be a subset of an infinite-dimensional vector space  $V$ . Prove that  $\beta$  is a basis for  $V$  if and only if for each nonzero vector in  $V$ , there exist unique vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  in  $\beta$  and unique nonzero scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  such that  $v = c_1u_1 + c_2u_2 + \dots + c_nu_n$ .

**Only if:**

**Proof:** Suppose  $\beta$  is a basis.

A basis has to span  $V$ , and it has to be linearly independent.

By definition of spanning, for each  $v \in V$ ,  $v$  can be expressed as some finite linear combination of  $n$  vectors in  $\beta$ , with coefficients  $c_1 \dots c_n$ . So

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i b_i$$

Now we prove that the scalars  $c_i$  are unique.

Suppose there are two ways to get  $v$  as finite linear combinations of vectors in  $\beta$ . Let

$$B = \{b_1 \dots b_n\}$$

be the union of the  $\beta$ -vectors used in each of the ways.

For the first way, there will be coefficients  $c_i$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i b_i = v$$

. Similarly, there exists  $d_i$  s.t.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n d_i b_i = v$$

Now, if the  $c_i$  and the  $d_i$  are different, for some  $i$ ,  $c_i - d_i \neq 0$ .

But that means that because  $\sum_{i=1}^n (d_i - c_i)b_i = v - v = 0$ ,  $B$  is linearly dependant, which means that  $\beta$  couldn't have been a basis.  $\square$

**If:**

**Proof:** Suppose that for each nonzero vector in  $V$ , there exist unique vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  in  $\beta$  and unique nonzero scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  such that  $v = c_1u_1 + c_2u_2 + \dots + c_nu_n$ . We prove that  $\beta$  is a basis: a linearly independent spanning set.

Because each  $v \in V$  can be expressed as a linear combination of vectors in  $\beta$ , we already know that it spans  $V$ .

Suppose that  $\beta$  is not linearly independent. Then some  $u_k \in \beta$  can be expressed as a linear combination of the other vectors in  $\beta$ . Then  $u_k \in V$  can be expressed as two different linear combinations of vectors in  $\beta$ :  $1 \cdot u_k$  and however  $u_k$  is expressed in terms of the other vectors, violating our assumption.  $\square$