

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Math 416 Practice Exam 1

1. Solve the system of linear equations.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 &= 6 \\ x_1 - x_2 + x_3 - x_4 &= -2 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 2 \\ x_2 + x_4 &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = t, \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = -t, \\ x_4 = 2 \end{cases}$$

2. Prove that $W = \{A \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{F}) \mid \text{tr}(A) = 0\}$ is a subspace of $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{F})$ the vector space of all 2×2 matrices over \mathbb{F} .

(a) $\bar{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in W$ (b) $\forall x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & -a_1 \end{bmatrix}, x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & -a_2 \end{bmatrix} \in W \quad x_1 + x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + a_2 & b_1 + b_2 \\ c_1 + c_2 & -a_1 - a_2 \end{bmatrix} \in W$

3. Consider $\beta = \{1, 1 - 2x, 1 + x^2\} \subset P_2(\mathbb{R})$. Here $P_2(\mathbb{R})$ is the vector space of polynomials of degree ≤ 2 over \mathbb{R} .

(1) Prove that β is linearly independent.

(2) Prove that β is a basis for $P_2(\mathbb{R})$ so that $\dim(P_2(\mathbb{R})) = 3$.

(1) $a_1 \cdot 1 + a_2(1 - 2x) + a_3(1 + x^2) = \bar{0}$

$\Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0 \Rightarrow$ linearly independent.

4. Consider a linear transformation $T: V \rightarrow W$.

$T(0) = 0$ (1) Prove that $N(T)$ (the null space) is a subspace of V . $T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y) = 0 \Rightarrow T(x) + T(y) = 0 \in \text{span}(R)$

(2) Prove that $R(T)$ (the range) is a subspace of W .

$T(0) = 0 \in R(T)$ (3) If $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$, then find a basis for $N(L_A)$. $T(cx) = cT(x) \Rightarrow T(cx) + T(cy) = c(T(x) + T(y)) = cT(x+y) = cT(x+y) \in R(T)$

Remember $L_A: \mathbb{F}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^3$ is the linear transformation defined by $L(v) = Av$ for every $v \in \mathbb{F}^3$.

5. Consider the linear map $T: P_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_2(\mathbb{R})$ defined by

$$T(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3) = a_2 + (a_1 - a_0)x + a_3x^2.$$

Let $\alpha = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$ and $\beta = \{1, 1 + x, 1 - x^2\}$ be bases of $P_3(\mathbb{R})$ and $P_2(\mathbb{R})$, respectively. Consider the polynomial $f(x) = 1 + x + x^3$.

(1) Compute the coordinate vector $[f]_\alpha$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2) Find the matrix representation $[T]_\alpha^\beta$ of T with respect to α, β .

(3) Find $[T(f)]_\beta$, and verify that $[T(f)]_\beta = [T]_\alpha^\beta [f]_\alpha$.

6. **True / False.** Justify your answer.

(a) If V and W are subspaces of a vector space, then $V \cup W$ is also a subspace. **F**

(b) A system of linear equations can have only two solutions. **F**

(c) The set $\{f \in C^0(I, \mathbb{R}) \mid f(1/2) = 0\}$ is a subspace of the vector space $C^0(I, \mathbb{R})$ of all continuous functions from $I = [0, 1]$ to \mathbb{R} . **T**

(d) If S is a linearly independent subset of a vector space, then the zero vector is **not** contained S . **T**

(e) If $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ and $B \in M_{n \times p}(\mathbb{F})$, then $L_A \circ L_B = L_{AB}$. **T**

(f) If $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$, then $[L_A]^\beta_\alpha = A$ for any ordered bases α of \mathbb{F}^n and β of \mathbb{F}^m . **F**

$$m=2, \quad n=2.$$

$$(L_A \circ L_B)(v) = L_A(L_B \cdot v) = ABv \\ = L_{AB} v.$$

$$\alpha = (1, 0), (0, 1)$$

$$\beta = (0, 1), (1, 0)$$

$$A = I_2 \quad [L_A]^\beta_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq I_2$$