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1. (4 points each) Determine if each statement is TRUE or FALSE, and give a short justification.

(a) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $n \times n$  square matrices. If  $AB$  is an invertible matrix, then  $A$  and  $B$  must be invertible as well.

(b) If the determinant of a  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  is 0, then  $\dim \text{Nul}(A) = 0$ .

(c) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $n \times n$  square matrices. We have  $(AB)^T = A^T B^T$ .

(d) The set  $\{p(t) : p(0) = 0 \text{ or } p(1) = 0\}$  of polynomials  $p$  satisfying  $p(0) = 0$  or  $p(1) = 0$  with the usual addition and scalar multiplication forms a vector space.

(e) A set of  $n$  linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  must form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

2. (10 points each) Let

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

(a) Find a basis of the column space  $\text{Col}(A)$ .

(b) Find a basis of the null space  $\text{Nul}(A)$ .

3. (10 points) Recall that for any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , one can associate a linear transformation  $T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  that sends  $\vec{x}$  to  $A\vec{x}$ . Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find a matrix  $C$  such that  $T_B \circ T_C = T_A$  (i.e.  $T_B(T_C(\vec{x})) = T_A(\vec{x})$  for any  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ).

4. (10 points) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & b & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & c \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $a, b, c$  are real numbers. Suppose that the transformation  $T_A : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  sends the unit ball  $\mathbb{B} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1\}$  to certain three dimensional region  $T_A(\mathbb{B})$  with volume  $\text{Vol}(T_A(\mathbb{B})) = \frac{32}{3}\pi$ . What can you say about the numbers  $a, b, c$ ? Be as explicit as possible.

(Recall that  $\text{Vol}(\mathbb{B}) = \frac{4}{3}\pi$ .)

5. (10 points) Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{-1 + t, 1 - 2t\}$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{13 - 5t, 5 - 2t\}$  be two bases of the vector space  $P_1$  of polynomials of degree  $\leq 1$ . Suppose the coordinate vector of an element  $\vec{x} \in P_1$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$  is  $[\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find its coordinate vector  $[\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{C}}$  with respect to  $\mathcal{C}$ .

6. (5 points each)

- (a) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be its associated linear transformation. Suppose that  $T_A$  is injective. What can you say about the relation between  $m$  and  $n$ ? What can you say about the dimensions of the column space  $\text{Col}(A)$  and the null space  $\text{Nul}(A)$ ? Provide justifications for your answers.

- (b) Same problems as in part (a), but replace injective by surjective.

7. (10 points) Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be a linearly independent set in  $V$ . Suppose that  $w \in V$  and  $w \notin \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ . Prove that  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n, w\}$  is a linearly independent set.



8. (10 points) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  be an  $n \times n$  square matrix. Show that  $\dim \text{Nul}(AB) \geq \dim \text{Nul}(A)$ . What can you say about the relation between  $\dim \text{Nul}(AB)$  and  $\dim \text{Nul}(A)$  if  $B$  is invertible?  
(Hint: You may use the rank theorem.)