

Question 1.¹ (1 mark each) Complete each of the following sentences with MUST, MIGHT, or CANNOT.

- Let $S = \{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$ be a set of vectors. If $\vec{w}$ is in $\text{Span}(S)$, then $\vec{w}$ might be in S .
- Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$, and $\vec{w}$ be distinct nonzero vectors in $\mathbb{R}^3$. If $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$ is linearly independent, then $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})$ cannot be equal to $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{w} \times \vec{v})$.
- If $\{\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}\}$ is a linearly independent set in $\text{Span}(\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\})$, then $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$ must be a linearly independent set.
- If B has no column of zeros, but AB does, then the columns of A cannot be linearly independent.
- If the column vectors of a square matrix A span all of $\mathbb{R}^3$, then the determinant of A cannot be zero.

Question 2.¹ (1 mark each)

- Suppose that $(3, -2, 7)$ and $(-2, a, b)$ is linearly dependent then $(a, b) = \underline{(4/3, -14/3)}$.
- The vector space of all symmetric $n \times n$ matrices has dimension $\underline{\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$.

Question 3.¹ Consider the subspace $H = \{A \mid A \in \mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^T = 0\}$.

- (1 marks) Find two vectors of H .
- (4 marks) Find a basis for H .
- (1 mark) State the $\dim(H)$.
- (2 marks) Express $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ relative to the basis found in part b., if possible.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } A &= \begin{bmatrix} -3b-3c-9d & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -3b & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -3c & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -9d & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} \\ &= b \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{M_1} + c \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{M_2} + d \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{M_3} \end{aligned}$$

Then $\beta = \{M_1, M_2, M_3\}$ spans H .

$$0 = c_1 M_1 + c_2 M_2 + c_3 M_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 = 0 \\ c_3 = 0 \end{matrix} \quad \therefore \beta \text{ is linearly independent}$$

$\therefore \beta$ is a basis

c) $\dim(H) = 3$

d) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \notin H$ since if $b=3, c=2, d=4$
then $a = -3(3) - 3(2) - 9(4)$
 $\neq 2$

$\therefore \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right)_\beta$ is undefined.

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a+3b \\ c+3d \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$a+3b+3(c+3d) = 0$$

$$a+3b+3c+9d = 0$$

$$\text{then } A = \begin{bmatrix} -3b-3c-9d & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in H$$

$$\text{a) let } b=c=d=0 \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in H$$

$$\text{let } b=c=d=1 \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} -15 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in H$$

Question 4.² Let $V = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}, b > 0\}$. And the addition in V is defined by $(a, b) \oplus (c, d) = (ad + bc, bd)$ and scalar multiplication in V is defined by $t \odot (a, b) = (tab^{t-1}, b^t)$

a. (1 mark) $(2, 3) \oplus (-2, 1) = (2(1) + 3(-2), (3)(1)) = (-4, 3)$

b. (1 mark) $-3 \odot (3, 1) = (-3(3)1^{-3-1}, 1^{-3}) = (-9, 1)$

c. (3 marks) Demonstrate whether the 5th axiom of vector spaces holds given that the $\vec{0}$ is $(0, 1)$. That is, do additive inverse exists for all vectors in V .

Let $\underline{v} = (v_1, v_2) \in V$ and let $\underline{w} = (w_1, w_2)$

$$\underline{v} \oplus \underline{w} = \underline{0}$$

$$(v_1, v_2) \oplus (w_1, w_2) = (0, 1)$$

$$(v_1 w_2 + v_2 w_1, v_2 w_2) = (0, 1)$$

① $v_1 w_2 + v_2 w_1 = 0$

② $v_2 w_2 = 1$

From ② $w_2 = \frac{1}{v_2}$ sub into ①

$$v_1 \frac{1}{v_2} + v_2 w_1 = 0$$

$$v_2 w_1 = -\frac{v_1}{v_2}$$

$$w_1 = -\frac{v_1}{v_2^2}$$

$$\vec{0} \odot \underline{w} = \left(-\frac{v_1}{v_2^2}, \frac{1}{v_2}\right) \in V \text{ since } -\frac{v_1}{v_2^2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

and $\frac{1}{v_2} > 0$ since $v_2 > 0$.

Question 5.³ (4 marks) Determine whether the set of all $n \times n$ matrices A such that $\text{trace}(A) = 0$ is a subspace of $\mathcal{M}_{n \times n}$.

Let's apply the subspace test and let $W = \{A \mid A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n} \text{ and } \text{tr}(A) = 0\}$

① Closure under addition

Let $A, B \in W \Rightarrow \text{tr}(A) = a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn} = 0$
 $\text{tr}(B) = b_{11} + b_{22} + \dots + b_{nn} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} A+B \in W \quad \text{since} \quad \text{tr}(A+B) &= \text{tr}([a_{ij}] + [b_{ij}]) \\ &= \text{tr}([a_{ij} + b_{ij}]) \\ &= a_{11} + b_{11} + a_{22} + b_{22} + \dots + a_{nn} + b_{nn} \\ &= a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn} + b_{11} + b_{22} + \dots + b_{nn} \\ &= \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B) \\ &= 0 + 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

② Closure under scalar multiplication

Let $A \in W \Rightarrow \text{tr}(A) = a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn} = 0$

and let $k \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} kA \in W \quad \text{since} \quad \text{tr}(kA) &= \text{tr}([ka_{ij}]) \\ &= ka_{11} + ka_{22} + \dots + ka_{nn} \\ &= k(a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn}) \\ &= k \text{tr}(A) \\ &= k(0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

²From <http://www.math.uwaterloo.ca/~jmckinn/Math225/Week1/Lecture1e.pdf>

³ From the assigned homework.

Question 6.³ (4 marks) Prove: If $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ is linearly independent and $\vec{v}_3$ does not lie in $\text{span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\})$, then $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is linearly independent.

Assume $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is linearly dependent. $\exists c_i$ s.t. $c_i \neq 0$ and $c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$

2 cases:

① $c_3 \neq 0$ then $c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$
 $\vec{v}_3 = -\frac{c_1}{c_3}\vec{v}_1 - \frac{c_2}{c_3}\vec{v}_2 \in \text{span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\})$ $\swarrow$

③ $c_3 = 0$ then $c_1 \neq 0$ or $c_2 \neq 0$ and
 $c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$
 $c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + 0\vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$
 $c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$

A non-trivial linear combination that gives zero vector $\swarrow$

$\therefore \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is linearly independent.

Question 7. (4 marks) Determine whether $\{p_1(x) = 1 + 2x - 3x^2 + 5x^3, p_2(x) = 2 - x + 7x + 3x^2, p_3(x) = 3 - x + 3x^2 + 5x^3\}$ is linearly independent.

$$0 = c_1 p_1(x) + c_2 p_2(x) + c_3 p_3(x)$$

$$0 + 0x + 0x^2 + 0x^3 = c_1(1 + 2x - 3x^2 + 5x^3) + c_2(2 - x + 7x + 3x^2) + c_3(3 - x + 3x^2 + 5x^3)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -3 & 7 & 3 \\ 5 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -3 & 7 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 3 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{array}{l} -2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ 3R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ -5R_1 + R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 13 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & -10 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{array}{l} 5R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ 5R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 65 & 60 & 0 \\ 0 & -35 & -50 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{array}{l} 13R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ -7R_2 + R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -31 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{array}{l} 3R_4 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ -7R_4 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -31R_4 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{array}{l} -\frac{1}{5}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 \leftrightarrow R_4 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{array}{l} -R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ -R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore$ only trivial sol.

$\therefore$ set is linearly independent.

Question 8. (4 marks) In any vector space V , for any $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in V$ prove that if $\vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{u} + \vec{w}$ then $\vec{v} = \vec{u}$. Show every step, justify every step, and cite the axiom(s) used!!!

$$\underline{v} + \underline{w} = \underline{u} + \underline{w}$$

$$\underline{v} + \underline{w} + \underline{w}' = \underline{u} + \underline{w} + \underline{w}'$$

$$\underline{v} + (\underline{w} + \underline{w}') = \underline{u} + (\underline{w} + \underline{w}')$$

$$\underline{v} + \underline{0} = \underline{u} + \underline{0}$$

$$\underline{v} = \underline{u}$$

the additive inverse of $\underline{w}$ exists
by axiom 5 (add $\underline{w}'$ on both sides)
associativity, axiom 3

axiom 5

axiom 4.

Bonus Question. (1+5 marks) State and prove the Exchange Lemma.