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Exam I

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1. (a) Show that if  $V$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector space, then any linearly independent subset  $S$  of  $V$  is a part of a basis for  $V$ .

Let  $S_0 = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$  be linearly indep. subset of  $V$ . ( $k \leq n$ )

If  $k=n$ , then  $S_0$  itself is a basis and the statement is true.

Assume that  $k < n$ . Then  $S_0$  is not a spanning set for  $V$ ,

i.e.  $\text{Span}(S_0) \neq V$ . Let  $\alpha_{k+1} \in V \setminus \text{Span}(S_0)$ . Then

$S_1 = S_0 \cup \{\alpha_{k+1}\}$  is linearly indep. If  $\text{Span}(S_1) = V$ , then

$n = k+1$  and we are done. If  $\text{Span}(S_1) \neq V$ , then  $\exists \alpha_{k+2} \in V \setminus \text{Span}(S_1)$

Continue this process till we get  $\alpha_{k+1}, \dots, \alpha_n \in S_0 \cup \{\alpha_{k+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\}$

is linearly indep. and  $V = \text{Span}(S_0 \cup \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\})$ . Hence  $S_0 \cup \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ .

- (b) Let  $S$  be a linearly independent subset of a vector space  $V$ . Let  $\beta$  be a vector in  $V$  such that  $\beta \notin \text{span}(S)$ . Show that  $S \cup \{\beta\}$  is linearly independent.

We show that each finite subset of  $S \cup \{\beta\}$  is linearly indep.

Suppose that  $c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 + \dots + c_n\alpha_n + b\beta = 0$ ,  $c_i, b \in F$ ,  $\alpha_i \in S$ .

Then  $b\beta = -(c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_n\alpha_n)$ . If  $b \neq 0$ , then  $b^{-1} \in F$  and

$$\beta = -b^{-1}(c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_n\alpha_n)$$

$$= (-b^{-1}c_1)\alpha_1 + \dots + (-b^{-1}c_n)\alpha_n \in \text{Span}(S)$$

which is a contradiction. Hence  $b = 0$  and our assumption becomes

$$c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_n\alpha_n = 0. \text{ But } S \text{ is linearly indep.} \Rightarrow c_1 = \dots = c_n = 0$$

$$\therefore c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = b = 0. \text{ Hence } S \cup \{\beta\} \text{ is linearly indep.}$$

2. Let  $T : R^3 \rightarrow R^2$  given by

$$T(x, y, z) = (2x + y, x + y - z)$$

Let  $S$  and  $B$  be the standard bases for  $R^3$  and  $R^2$  respectively, and let  $S' = \{(2, 0, 0), (0, -1, 0), (0, 0, -2)\}$  and  $B' = \{(1, 1), (1, -1)\}$  be some ordered bases for  $R^3$  and  $R^2$  respectively.

2 (a) Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.

$$\text{Let } \alpha, \beta \in R^3, \alpha = (x_1, y_1, z_1), \beta = (x_2, y_2, z_2). \quad \text{Then}$$

$$T(\alpha + \beta) = T[(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2)] = (2(x_1 + x_2) + y_1 + y_2, x_1 + x_2 + y_1 + y_2 - z_1 - z_2)$$

$$= (2x_1 + 2x_2 + y_1 + y_2, x_1 + y_1 - z_1 + x_2 + y_2 - z_2)$$

$$\text{Also, if } c \in R, \quad T(c\alpha) = T(cx_1, cy_1, cz_1) = (2cx_1 + cy_1, cx_1 + cy_1 - cz_1) = T(\alpha) + T(\beta)$$

$$6 (b) \text{ Is } T \text{ singular, is it onto?}$$

$$T(c\alpha) = T(cx_1, cy_1, cz_1) = (2cx_1 + cy_1, cx_1 + cy_1 - cz_1) = c(2x_1 + y_1, x_1 + y_1 - z_1)$$

$$= c T(\alpha).$$

$$\text{Suppose } T(\alpha) = 0. \Rightarrow T(x, y, z) = 0 = (2x + y, x + y - z) = (0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x + y = 0 \\ x + y - z = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{This system has a non-trivial solution} \\ \text{i.e. } \alpha \neq 0. \text{ for example } \alpha = (1, -2, -1) \end{matrix}$$

thus  $T$  is non-singular.

Let  $(x, y) \in R^2$ . Check if  $\exists (a, b, c) \in R^3$  s.t.  $T(a, b, c) = (x, y)$ .

$\Rightarrow T(a, b, c) = (2a + b, a + b - c) = (x, y) \Rightarrow$  Solving for  $a, b, c$ , we get

2 (c)  $a = x - y, b = 2y - x, c = 0 \Rightarrow T(x-y, 2y-x, 0) = (x, y) \Rightarrow T \text{ is onto.}$

$$\text{Nullity of } T + \text{Rank } T = \dim R^3 = 3$$

By (b) above,  $T$  is onto  $\Rightarrow \text{range } T = R^2 \Rightarrow \text{rank } T = \dim R^2 = 2$

$$\text{Nullity of } T = 3 - 2 = 1$$

2 (d) What is the rank of  $T$ ?

From (c),  $\text{rank } T = 2$

3 (e) Find the transition matrix  $P$  from  $B'$  to  $B$ .

Recall,  $[\alpha]_{B'} = P [\alpha]_B$ , where  $P_j = [\beta'_j]_B$

$$[\beta'_1]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\beta'_2]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\} \\ = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\} = \{(1, 0, 0), \dots \\ S' = \{\alpha'_1, \alpha'_2, \alpha'_3\} \\ = \{(2, 0, 0), (0, -1, 0), (0, 0, -2)\} \\ B = \{B_1, B_2\} \\ = \{e_1, e_2\} = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\} \\ B' = \{\beta'_1, \beta'_2\} \\ = \{(1, 1), (1, -1)\} \end{array} \right.$$

3 (f) Find the transition matrix  $Q$  from  $S'$  to  $S$ .

$[\alpha]_S = Q [\alpha]_{S'}$ , where  $Q_j = [\alpha'_j]_S$

$$[\alpha'_1]_S = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\alpha'_2]_S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\alpha'_3]_S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore Q = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \{ \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \}$$

$$[T]_B = A[\alpha_i]_S$$

4 (g) Find  $[T]_B$ ; the matrix of  $T$  relative to the ordered bases  $S, B$ .

Note that the columns of this matrix are given by  $\begin{bmatrix} T(\alpha_1) \\ T(\alpha_2) \\ T(\alpha_3) \end{bmatrix}_B$ .

$$T(\alpha_1) = T(1, 0, 0) = (2, 1) = 2\ell_1 + \ell_2 \Rightarrow [T\alpha_1]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\alpha_2) = T(0, 1, 0) = (1, 1) = \ell_1 + \ell_2 \Rightarrow [T\alpha_2]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\alpha_3) = T(0, 0, 1) = (0, -1) = -\ell_1 - \ell_2 \Rightarrow [T\alpha_3]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

∴ the matrix of  $T$  relative to the ordered bases  $S, B$  is

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

4 (h) Find  $[T]_{B'}$ ; the matrix of  $T$  relative to the ordered bases  $S', B'$ .

Note that the columns of this matrix are given by  $\begin{bmatrix} T(\alpha'_1) \\ T(\alpha'_2) \\ T(\alpha'_3) \end{bmatrix}_{B'}$ .

$$T(\alpha'_1) = T(2, 0, 0) = (4, 2) = 3(1, 1) + 1(1, -1) \Rightarrow [T\alpha'_1]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\alpha'_2) = T(0, -1, 0) = (-1, -1) = -1(1, 1) + 0(1, -1) \Rightarrow [T\alpha'_2]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\alpha'_3) = T(0, 0, -2) = (0, 2) = 1(1, 1) + (-1)(1, -1) \Rightarrow [T\alpha'_3]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

∴ the matrix of  $T$  relative to  $S, B'$  is

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

2 (i) Verify that  $[T]_{B'} = P^{-1}[T]_B Q$

$$\text{From part (e), we have } P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P^{-1}[T]_B Q &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = [T]_{B'} \end{aligned}$$

3. 4 (a) Define what is meant by a linear functional on a vector space  $V$  and give an example for such function.

Let  $V$  be a vector space over the field  $F$ . A linear functional on  $V$  is a linear transformation  $f: V \rightarrow F$ . i.e.  $f(c\alpha + \beta) = cf(\alpha) + f(\beta)$   $\forall \alpha, \beta \in V, c \in F$ .

Example: Let  $F$  be a field and consider  $V = F^n$ . The func.  $f: V \rightarrow F$ , given by  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = a_i$  is a linear functional

- 5 (b) State, without proof, the Dual basis theorem.

Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over the field  $F$ , and let  $B = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$ . Consider  $V^* = L(V, F)$ . Then there is a unique basis  $B^* = \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$  for  $V^*$  such that  $f_i(\alpha_j) = \delta_{ij}$ .  $B^*$  is the dual basis for  $B$ .

- 5 (c) Let  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  be a basis for a vector space  $V$ , and let  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$  be its dual basis. Show that any vector  $\alpha \in V$  can be written as  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\alpha) \alpha_i$ .

Since  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ , then we can write

$$\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \alpha_i, \quad c_i \in F. \quad \text{-----(*)}$$

$$\text{so, } f_j(\alpha) = f_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \alpha_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i f_j(\alpha_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \delta_{ij} = c_j.$$

Thus,  $f_i(\alpha) = c_i$ , and (\*) becomes

$$\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\alpha) \alpha_i.$$

4. Prove or disprove each one of the following statements:

- 5 (a) If  $T$  is a linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  and  $B, B'$  are ordered bases for  $V$ , then  $\det([T]_B) = \det([T]_{B'})$

$$\text{Let } A = [T]_B, C = [T]_{B'}.$$

Then  $A$  and  $C$  are similar.

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ a non-singular matrix } P \ni C = P^{-1}AP$$

$$\begin{aligned}\det(C) &= \det(P^{-1}AP) = \det(P^{-1})\det(A)\det(P) \\ &= (\det P)^{-1}\det(A)\det(P) = \det(A)(\det(P))^{-1}(\det(P)) \\ &= \det(A)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \det([T]_B) = \det([T]_{B'}).$$

- 5 (b) There is exactly one linear transformation  $T : R^2 \rightarrow R^2$  such that  $T(1,5) = (1,0)$  and  $T(5,1) = (0,1)$ .

This statement is true if  $(1,5), (5,1)$  are linearly indep.

$$c_1(1,5) + c_2(5,1) = (0,0) \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow (1,5), (5,1)$  are linearly independent and hence they form a basis for  $R^2$ . Thus, there is exactly one linear transformation  $T$  such that  $T(1,5) = (1,0)$   
 $T(5,1) = (0,1)$

- 8 (c) Consider  $P[X]$ , the vector space of all polynomials over the field of real numbers.

Let  $T : P[X] \rightarrow P[X]$  be a mapping defined by  $T(p(x)) = \int_0^x p(t) dt$ . Then  $T$  is a linear operator which is neither one-to-one nor onto.

- $T$  is linear since if  $p(x), q(x) \in P[X]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} T(p(x) + q(x)) &= T[(p+q)(x)] = \int_0^x (p+q)(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^x [p(t) + q(t)] dt \\ &= \int_0^x p(t) dt + \int_0^x q(t) dt = T(p(x)) + T(q(x)) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can show  $T(cp(x)) = cT(p(x))$  for any  $c \in R$ .

- Suppose that  $T(p(x)) = T(q(x))$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^x p(t) dt &= \int_0^x q(t) dt \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \int_0^x p(t) dt \right] &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \int_0^x q(t) dt \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = q(x)$$

$\Rightarrow T$  is 1-1

- $T$  is not onto since  $\text{Range}(T) \neq P[X]$ . This is clear if we consider constant functions in  $P[X]$ .

5. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces over the field  $F$ .

Show that  $\dim L(V, W) = (\dim V)(\dim W)$

See your notes

- 6.(a) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation and let  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4\}$  be an ordered basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , where

$$\alpha_1 = (1, 0, 1, 0), \alpha_2 = (0, 1, -1, 2), \alpha_3 = (0, 2, 2, 1), \alpha_4 = (1, 0, 0, 1).$$

Let  $\alpha = (3, -5, -5, 0)$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $T(\alpha) = (4, 7)$ .

If  $T(\alpha_1) = (1, 2)$ ,  $T(\alpha_3) = (0, 0)$ ,  $T(\alpha_4) = (2, 0)$ , find  $T(\alpha_2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= (3, -5, -5, 0) = c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + c_3 \alpha_3 + c_4 \alpha_4 \\ &= c_1(1, 0, 1, 0) + c_2(0, 1, -1, 2) + c_3(0, 2, 2, 1) + c_4(1, 0, 0, 1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 + c_4 = 3 \\ c_2 + 2c_3 = -5 \\ c_1 - c_2 + 2c_3 = -5 \\ 2c_2 + c_3 + c_4 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -5 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Row operations}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = 2 \\ c_2 = 1 \\ c_3 = -3 \\ c_4 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore d = 2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - 3\alpha_3 + \alpha_4$$

$$T(d) = T(2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - 3\alpha_3 + \alpha_4) = 2T(\alpha_1) + T(\alpha_2) - 3T(\alpha_3) + T(\alpha_4)$$

$$\begin{aligned}T(\alpha_2) &= T(d) - 2T(\alpha_1) + 3T(\alpha_3) - T(\alpha_4) \\ &= (4, 7) - 2(1, 2) + 3(0, 0) - (2, 0) \\ &= (0, 3)\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Let  $T$  be a linear operator on an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$  such that the range and null space of  $T$  are identical. Show that  $n$  is even.

Since range  $T = \text{nullspace of } T$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(T) = \text{nullity}(T)$$

$$\text{Now, } \text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T) = \dim V = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(T) + \text{rank}(T) = n$$

$$2 \text{rank}(T) = n$$

Hence  $n$  is even.