

## Exam 2

**Directions:** Do all problems (100 points total). You must *show all steps and explain your reasoning* to receive full credit. No books, notes, or electronic devices are allowed.

1. (20 points) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces. Complete the definitions *as briefly as possible*:

(a) A collection of vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  are *linearly independent* if ...

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i v_i = 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad \alpha_i = 0 \quad \forall i.$$

(b) We say that the *dimension* of  $V$  is  $n$  if ...

$\exists$  a basis with  $n$  elements.

(c) A mapping  $L : V \rightarrow W$  between vector spaces is a *linear transformation* if ...

$$L(\alpha v_1 + \beta v_2) = \alpha L(v_1) + \beta L(v_2) \quad \begin{array}{l} \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \\ \forall v_1, v_2 \in V. \end{array}$$

(d) The *kernel* of a linear transformation  $L : V \rightarrow W$  is defined by

$$\ker L = \{v \in V \mid Lv = 0\}.$$

(e) For an  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , one has:

- $\det(AB) = \underline{\det A \cdot \det B}$
- $A$  is non-singular  $\Leftrightarrow \underline{\det A \neq 0}$ .

2. (14 points) Circle (T) for TRUE, circle (F) for FALSE.

(a) For any  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $L \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x+1 \\ x+y \end{pmatrix}$  defines a linear transformation  $L : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ . T (F)  
since  $L(0) \neq 0$

(b) If  $L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear transformation and  $Lx = Ly$ , then the vectors  $x$  and  $y$  must be equal. T (F)

e.g. the map  $Lx = 0 \forall x$  is linear

(c) Every set of 3 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  can be expanded to a basis. T (F)

(d) Any set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  of four linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . T (F)

YES, by the "Two-for-One" Lemma.

Tricky!  $\Rightarrow$

Any linearly independent set  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  can be extended to a basis. But  $\{v_1, 2v_1, 3v_1\}$  cannot be.

(e) The range of a linear map  $T: \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^9$  has dimension at least 5. T (F) Again consider  $T(x) = 0 \forall x$ .

(f) For every  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ ,  $\det(3A) = 3 \det A$ . T (F)

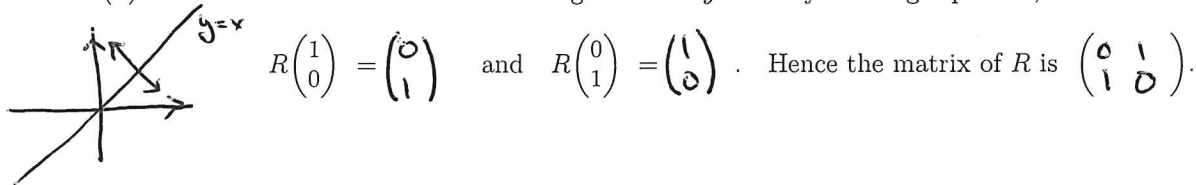
e.g.  $\det \begin{pmatrix} 3a & 3b \\ 3c & 3d \end{pmatrix} = 3 \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = 9 \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

(g) If the row echelon form of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  has a pivot in every column then  $\det(A) \neq 0$ . (T) F

3. (2+4+4+4 points) Quick answers:

(a) If a  $4 \times 7$  matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$  has rank 2, then its nullity is 5. rank + nullity = # of columns = 7

(b) Let  $R: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be reflection through the line  $y = x$ . By drawing a picture, one sees that



(c) Do the polynomials  $\{p_1, p_2, p_3\} = \{x^3 + x, x^2 - 2x, x\}$  span  $P_4$ ? Why or why not?

No,  $\dim P_4 = 4$ , so we need 4 vectors to span  $P_4$ .

(d) Are the functions  $\{f_1, f_2, f_3\} = \{x, x^2, e^x\}$  linearly independent in  $C[0, 1]$ ? Why or why not?

YES The Wronskian  $W = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & e^x \\ 1 & 2x & e^x \\ 0 & 2 & e^x \end{vmatrix} = x \begin{vmatrix} 2x & e^x \\ 2 & e^x \end{vmatrix} - 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & e^x \\ 2 & e^x \end{vmatrix}$

$= (2x^2 - 2x)e^x - (x^2 - 2)e^x = (x^2 - 2x + 2)e^x$  is  $\neq 0$ .

4. (16 points) Let  $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be the linear transformation given by the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Put in RRE form:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 9 & 18 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & 9 & 18 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) Write down a basis  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  for the column space of  $A$  (Caution: the column space is NOT preserved by row operations:

Pivots in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  take 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> columns of original matrix  $A$

$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$   $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

(c) What is the rank(A)? 2 [Column space = span of  $v_1, v_2$  above has dimension 2]

(d) Using the Rank-Nullity Theorem, what is nullity(A)? Show your computation.

$$\text{Rank } L + \text{Nullity}(L) = \# \text{ columns} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{nullity}(A) = 3 - 2 = \textcircled{1}$$

(e) Write down a basis for the null space  $N(A)$ : Solve  $A\vec{x} = 0$ . Using the RRE matrix,

$$\begin{array}{c} x \ y \ z \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x + 3z = 0 \\ y + 2z = 0 \\ z = z \end{cases} \quad \text{so} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence  $v = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a basis of  $N(A)$ .

5. (10 points) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 5 & 11 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . One can find  $\det A$  using row operations.

(a) Complete the calculation below. Fill in the constant (possibly 1) that appears in front at each step.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 5 & 11 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \underline{(-1)} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 5 & 11 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \underline{(-1)} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \underline{(-3)} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \underline{(-3)} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -20 \end{vmatrix} = \underbrace{(-3) \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot (-20)}_{\text{product of diagonal entries}} = \textcircled{60}$$

(b) Are the column vectors of the matrix  $A$  linearly independent? YES NO.

Since  $\det A \neq 0$ .

6. (12 points) Complete the following proof:

**Lemma 0.1.** If  $L : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation, then  $\text{image}(L)$  is a vector subspace of  $W$ .

*Proof.* For any  $x, y \in \text{image}(L)$  there are vectors  $v, w \in V$  with  $Lv = x$  and  $Lw = y$ . Then for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha x + \beta y &= \alpha Lv + \beta Lw && \text{substitution} \\ &= L(\alpha v + \beta w) && \text{because } L \text{ is a linear transformation} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\alpha x + \beta y$  is in  $\text{im } L$ , so  $\text{image}(L)$  is a vector subspace.  $\square$

7. (14 points) Let  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation

$$L \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x - y \\ x + 4y \end{pmatrix},$$

and let  $B = \{v_1, v_2\}$  be the basis consisting of  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) What is the matrix of  $L$  in the standard basis?

$$A = [L]_{EE} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) What is the matrix  $[L]_{EB}$  of  $L$  from the  $B$ -basis to the standard basis? (This is the easy case).

$$[L]_{EB} = \begin{pmatrix} | & | \\ Lv_1 & Lv_2 \\ | & | \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 30 & 17 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{since } \begin{cases} Lv_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 30 \end{pmatrix} \\ Lv_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 17 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

(c) What is the transition matrix  $U_{EB}$  from the  $B$ -basis to the standard basis?

$$U_{EB} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

(d) What is  $U_{BE}$ ?

$$U_{BE} = U_{EB}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{1} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -7 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(e) What is the matrix  $[L]_{BB}$  of  $L$  in the  $B$ -basis?

$$\begin{aligned} [L]_{BB} &= U_{BE} [L]_{EB} \\ &\quad \downarrow \text{from (d)} \quad \downarrow \text{from (b)} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -7 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 30 & 17 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -42 & -25 \\ 81 & 48 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, use  $[L]_{BB} = U_{BE} [L]_{EE} U_{EB}$   
 and matrices from (d) (a) (c)