

MAS 3105 (Linear Algebra) - key  
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1. [20] Find a basis for the null space and a basis for the column space of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & -5 \\ 1 & 7 & 12 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

To find  $N(A)$ , find the RREF of  $A$ , and solve  $Ux = 0_{\mathbb{R}^3}$ ; the lead variables tell which column of  $A$  to use for a basis for the column space  $R(A)$  of  $A$ . Let's find  $U$ .

$$A \xrightarrow{\substack{2r_1+r_2 \\ r_1+r_3}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 8 & 14 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-2r_2+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-r_2/4+r_1 \\ r_2/4 \\ -r_1}} \begin{pmatrix} +1 & 0 & -1/4 & -11/4 \\ 0 & 1 & 7/4 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = U$$

Lead variables are  $x_1$  &  $x_2$ ; so  $R(A)$  has  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  as a basis.

$$Ux = 0_{\mathbb{R}^3} \rightarrow x_2 + \frac{7}{4}x_3 + \frac{x_4}{4} = 0 \rightarrow x_2 = -\frac{7}{4}x_3 - \frac{x_4}{4}$$

$$x_1 - \frac{x_3}{4} - \frac{11x_4}{4} = 0 \rightarrow x_1 = \frac{x_3}{4} + \frac{11x_4}{4}$$

$$N(A) = \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -7 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$\text{So } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -7 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } N(A).$$

2. [20] State whether each of the following statement is true or false. No explanations needed.

- If  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8$  are linearly independent, then they span  $\mathbb{R}^8$ . *True, by Theorem 3.4.3*
- If  $A$  is a  $9 \times 15$  matrix, then  $A$  and  $A^T$  have the same rank. *True, by Theorem 3.6.6*
- If  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_9$  are linearly independent vectors in a vector space  $E$ , then  $x_1, x_3, x_5$ , and  $x_8$  are linearly independent. *True, Homework pb 15 in 3.3*
- If  $U$  is the reduced row echelon form of a matrix  $A$ , then  $A$  and  $U$  have the same column space. *False, see note*
- If  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5$  span a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ , then they are linearly independent. *False as  $\dim(\text{subspace})$  may be less than 5*
- If  $A$  is a  $12 \times 10$  matrix, then  $A$  and  $A^T$  have the same nullity. *False, by rank-nullity theorem*
- If  $L$  is a linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $x \in \ker(L)$ , then  $L(x+z) = L(z)$ , for each  $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . *True as  $L(x) = 0_{\mathbb{R}^n}$*
- If  $U$  is the reduced row echelon form of a  $10 \times 14$  matrix  $A$ , then  $U$  and  $A$  have the same row space. *True, by Th. 3.6.1*
- If  $L$  is a linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^6$  with  $R(L) = \mathbb{R}^6$ , and  $A$  is the standard matrix for  $L$ , then  $A$  is nonsingular. *True as  $r_A = 6$*
- If  $A$  and  $C$  are  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $A$  is nonsingular and  $A$  is similar to  $C$ , then  $C$  is nonsingular and  $A^{-1}$  is similar to  $C^{-1}$ . *True*

$A = P^{-1}CP$  for some nonsingular  $n \times n$  matrix  $P$   
 $C = PAP^{-1}$ , so  $C$  is nonsingular as a product of nonsingular matrices  
 $C^{-1} = PA^{-1}P^{-1} \iff A^{-1} = P^{-1}C^{-1}P$ , so  $A^{-1}$  &  $C^{-1}$  are similar

3. [10] Let  $\mathcal{M}_2 = \left\{ A = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}; a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  be the space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices. Define on  $\mathcal{M}_2$  a mapping

$L$  by  $L(A) = A - A^T$ . a) Show that  $L$  is linear. b) Find a basis for  $\ker(L)$  and a basis for  $R(L)$ .

a) Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A, B$  in  $\mathcal{M}_2$ .

$$L(A + \alpha B) = A + \alpha B - (A + \alpha B)^T = A + \alpha B - A^T - \alpha B^T = A - A^T + \alpha(B - B^T) = L(A) + \alpha L(B); \text{ hence } L \text{ is linear.}$$

b)  $A \in \ker(L)$  iff  $L(A) = 0_{\mathcal{M}_2} \Leftrightarrow A = A^T$ , so  $\ker(L) = \{A \in \mathcal{M}_2; A \text{ is symmetric}\}$

$$\ker(L) = \left\{ A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}; a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}. A \in \ker(L) \text{ iff } A = \alpha E_{11} + b(E_{12} + E_{21}) + d E_{22}$$

Hence  $\{E_{11}, E_{12} + E_{21}, E_{22}\}$  is a basis for  $\ker(L)$ .

$B \in R(L)$  iff  $B = L(A)$  for some  $A \in \mathcal{M}_2 \Leftrightarrow B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c-b \\ b-c & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  if  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}$

Hence  $\{E_{21} - E_{12}\}$  is a basis for  $R(L)$ .  $E_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $E_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $E_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $E_{22} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

4. [30] Let  $v_1 = (-1, -2, 1)^T$ ,  $v_2 = (1, 3, 2)^T$ ,  $v_3 = (1, 1, 2)^T$ , and  $w_1 = (-1, -3, 1)^T$ ,  $w_2 = (2, 3, 1)^T$  and  $w_3 = (1, 1, 3)^T$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $L$  be the linear operator defined on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by

$$L(x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2 + x_3 w_3) = (x_1 - x_2 + x_3)w_1 + (x_2 - x_3 + x_1)w_2 + (x_3 - x_1 + x_2)w_3.$$

a) Find the matrix representation  $M$  of  $L$  relative to the ordered basis  $B = [w_1, w_2, w_3]$ . b) Find the transition matrix  $T$  from the ordered basis  $B$  to the ordered basis  $D = [v_1, v_2, v_3]$ . c) Write down the matrix  $P$  of  $L$  with respect to the ordered basis  $D$  in terms of  $M$ , but do not attempt to find the entries of  $P$ . d) If  $z = 2w_1 - w_2 + 3w_3$ , find the coordinates of  $L(z)$  in the ordered basis  $D$ .

a)  $L(w_1) = w_1 + w_2 - w_3$ , as  $w_1 = 1w_1 + 0w_2 + 0w_3$   
 $L(w_2) = -w_1 + w_2 + w_3$ ,  $w_2 = 0w_1 + 1w_2 + 0w_3$   
 $L(w_3) = w_1 - w_2 + w_3$ ,  $w_3 = 0w_1 + 0w_2 + 1w_3$ , so  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

b) Set  $V = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $W = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $T = V^{-1}W$ . To get  $T$ ,

start with  $(V|W)$  and get its RREF.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 & -3 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[r_1+r_3]{-2r_1+r_2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3r_2+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 3 & 6 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow[r_3/6]{-r_2+r_1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{7}{6} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[r_3+r_2]{-2r_3+r_1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{6} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{7}{6} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-r_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{6} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{7}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{7}{6} \end{pmatrix}$

c)  $P = TMT^{-1}$

d)  $L(z) = (2+1+3)w_1 + (-1-3+2)w_2 + (3-2-1)w_3$   
 $= 6w_1 - 2w_2 + 0w_3$  in  $B$

To get the coordinates of  $L(z)$  in  $D$ , apply to  $[L(z)]_B$

$$[L(z)]_D = T[L(z)]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{7}{6} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

5. [15] a) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $8 \times 5$  matrices. If rank of  $A$  is 5, what is the dimension of  $N(A)$ ? If the dimension of  $N(B)$  is 4, what is the rank of  $B$ ? (Explain each answer to get full credit.)

$$\dim N(A) = 5 - 5 = 0, \text{ by Rank-nullity Theorem}$$

$$r_B = 5 - 4 = 1, \text{ by Rank-nullity Theorem}$$

- b) Let  $u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$  be linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $A$  be a  $5 \times 3$  matrix with rank 3, and set  $v_1 = Au_1, v_2 = Au_2$ , and  $v_3 = Au_3$ . Are  $v_1, v_2$ , and  $v_3$  linearly independent? (Explain your answer or get no credit.)

$$r_A = 3 \rightarrow \dim N(A) = 0, \text{ by Rank-nullity Theorem; so } N(A) = \{0_{\mathbb{R}^3}\}$$

Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in \mathbb{R}: \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 = 0_{\mathbb{R}^5}$ . Do we have  $\alpha_1 = 0 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3$ ?

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 = 0_{\mathbb{R}^5} \Leftrightarrow \alpha_1 Au_1 + \alpha_2 Au_2 + \alpha_3 Au_3 = 0_{\mathbb{R}^5}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A(\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \alpha_3 u_3) = 0_{\mathbb{R}^5}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \alpha_3 u_3 \in N(A) = \{0_{\mathbb{R}^3}\}; \text{ so}$$

$\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \alpha_3 u_3 = 0_{\mathbb{R}^3}$ ; so  $\alpha_1 = 0, \alpha_2 = 0, \alpha_3 = 0$ , as  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  linearly independent.

- c) Complete the sentence: The vectors  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  when the following two conditions are met:

1)  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  are linearly independent, and

2)  $\mathbb{R}^n = \text{Span}(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ .

6. [10] Let  $u_1 = (-1, 1, 1)^T, u_2 = (1, 2, 3)^T$  and  $u_3 = (2, a, b)^T$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . For which values of  $a$  and  $b$  do we have  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \text{Span}(u_1, u_2, u_3)$ ? By Theorem 3.4.3, it is enough that  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  be linearly independent. Now

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & a \\ 1 & 3 & b \end{vmatrix} = -(2b - 3a) - (b - a) + 2(3 - 2)$$

$$= -3b + 4a + 2$$

So  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \text{Span}(u_1, u_2, u_3)$  for  $a, b$  with  $4a - 3b + 2 \neq 0$ .

7. [10] Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. Let  $r_A$  and  $r_B$  denote the rank of  $A$  and the rank of  $B$  respectively. Let  $n_A$  and  $n_B$  stand for the nullity of  $A$  and that of  $B$  respectively. Show that  $r_A + r_B - n = n - n_A - n_B$ .

$$r_A + r_B - n = r_A + r_B - (r_A + n_B), \text{ by Rank-nullity Theorem}$$

$$= r_A + r_B - r_B - n_B$$

$$= n - n_A - n_B \text{ by Rank-nullity Theorem once more.}$$