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1. [7 points] Please indicate whether the following statements are TRUE (T) or FALSE/NOT NECESSARILY TRUE (F) (no working needed, just circle the answer):

T An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det A \neq 0$ .

T The map  $T : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $T(\mathbf{p}(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{p}(3) \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear transformation. (Here,  $\mathbb{P}_2$  is the vector space consisting of polynomials of degree at most 2.)

T The space  $\mathbb{P}$  of all polynomials is infinite dimensional.

F The column space of an  $m \times n$  matrix is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

T Let  $A$  be any matrix with  $n$  rows. If there is such a matrix  $C$  such that  $CA = I_n$ , then  $A$  is invertible.

T Any set of  $n$  vectors that span  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

F Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 7$  matrix. It is possible that  $\dim \text{Nul} A = 3$ .

2. [12 points] Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 1 & -2 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find  $\det A$ .

$$\det A = 0 - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + 0 = -3(8 - 6) = -6$$

(b) Find  $\det(A^5)$ . You do not need to simplify your answer.

$$\det(A^5) = (\det A)^5 = (-6)^5$$

(c) Find  $A^{-1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 8 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ \longrightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 2/3 \end{array} \right] \\ & \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 1/3 \end{array} \right] \\ & A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(d) Suppose  $B$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that  $\det B = 5$ . Based on your answer for part (a), find each of the following.

i. the number of pivot positions of  $A$ .

3

ii.  $\text{rank}(BA^{-1})$ .

3

iii.  $\text{Span Col}(A^4)$ .

$\mathbb{R}^3$

iv.  $\dim \text{Nul } B$ .

0

3. [3 points] Let  $V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : x \geq 0, y \geq 0 \right\}$  be the set of vectors lying in the first quadrant of the  $xy$ -plane. Prove that  $V$  is not a vector space. State clearly which axiom does not hold and explain why.

$V$  does not satisfy the axiom “ $c\mathbf{u}$  is in  $V$ ” because  $-1 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ -y \end{bmatrix}$  so if  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  is in  $V$ ,  $x \geq 0$  and  $y \geq 0$ , i.e.,  $-x \leq 0$  and  $-y \leq 0$ , thus  $\begin{bmatrix} -x \\ -y \end{bmatrix}$  is not in  $V$ .

4. [12 points]

(a) Using the definition of a subspace (and no other theorems), show that the set  $W$  consisting of all vectors of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} s + 3t \\ 4t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a subspace of } \mathbb{R}^3.$$

•  $\mathbf{0}$  is in  $W$ :

$$\text{Let } s = 0 \text{ and } t = 0, \text{ then } \begin{bmatrix} 0 + 3(0) \\ 4(0) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in } W.$$

•  $W$  is closed under addition:

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 + 3t_1 \\ 4t_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} s_2 + 3t_2 \\ 4t_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ be in } W. \text{ Then}$$

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 + 3t_1 \\ 4t_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} s_2 + 3t_2 \\ 4t_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (s_1 + s_2) + 3(t_1 + t_2) \\ 4(t_1 + t_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is also in  $W$ .

•  $W$  is closed under scalar multiplication:

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} s + 3t \\ 4t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ be in } W \text{ and } c \text{ be a scalar. Then } c\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} (cs) + 3(ct) \\ 4(ct) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ which is also in } W.$$

(b) Find a basis  $B$  for the subspace  $W$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} s + 3t \\ 4t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $W$ . (They clearly span  $W$ , and are linearly independent because neither is a multiple of the other.)

(c) What is  $\dim W$ ?

$$\dim W = 2$$

(d) Geometrically, what does  $W$  represent?

$W$  is a plane through the origin

(e) Add an appropriate number of vectors to the set  $B$  from part (b) so that the new set is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } \mathbb{R}^3.$$

5. [9 points] Let  $V$  be a vector space with a basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\}$ . Prove that the coordinate map is one-to-one and onto.

**Solution.** We have the coordinate map

$$V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

One-to-one: Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$  such that  $[\mathbf{u}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then

$$\mathbf{u} = r_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + r_2 \mathbf{b}_2 + r_3 \mathbf{b}_3$$

$$\mathbf{v} = r_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + r_2 \mathbf{b}_2 + r_3 \mathbf{b}_3$$

so

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v},$$

and the transformation is one-to-one.

(Alternatively, we may want to show that  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \mathbf{0}$  only if  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Then

$$\mathbf{x} = 0\mathbf{b}_1 + 0\mathbf{b}_2 + 0\mathbf{b}_3 = \mathbf{0},$$

and the map is again one-to-one.)

Onto: Given any  $\begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , we want to find its preimage under the coordinate map. Let

$\mathbf{x} = t_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + t_2 \mathbf{b}_2 + t_3 \mathbf{b}_3$ , then  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and the map is onto.

6. [10 points] Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 & -3 & -2 & -4 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find a basis for  $\text{Nul}A$ . What is  $\dim \text{Nul}A$ ?

**Solution.**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 & -3 & -2 & -4 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + 3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We get

$$x_1 = -x_3 - 2x_4 - 4x_5$$

$$x_2 = -x_4 - 2x_5$$

$$x_3, x_4, x_5 \text{ free.}$$

Since there are 3 free variables,  $\dim \text{Nul}A = 3$ . Furthermore

$$\text{Nul}A = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and a basis is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

(b) Find a basis for  $\text{Col}A$ . What is  $\dim \text{Col}A$ ?

**Solution.** There are 2 basic variables, so  $\dim \text{Col}A = 2$ . Furthermore, a basis corresponds to the pivot columns in  $A$  and we have a basis

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

(c) Find a basis for  $\text{Row}A$ .

**Solution.** We have  $\dim \text{Col}A = \dim \text{Row}A = 2$ . Furthermore, a basis corresponds to the pivot rows in the echelon form of  $A$  and we have a basis

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

7. [5 points] Let  $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  be bases for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Find the change of basis matrices  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  and  $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}$ .

**Solution.** We have  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = [ [\mathbf{b}_1]_{\mathcal{C}} \quad [\mathbf{b}_2]_{\mathcal{C}} ]$ , so we row-reduce concomitantly

$$[ \mathbf{c}_1 \quad \mathbf{c}_2 \mid \mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2 ] \implies [ I_2 \mid P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} ]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow -R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

so

$$P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since

$$P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} = (P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}})^{-1}$$

we get

$$P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} = \frac{1}{-2 - (-3)} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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