

Math 3333-001  
Spring 2016  
Exam 2

SOLUTIONS

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**Instructions:**

- Calculators are allowed. You can use your calculator to put matrices in rref, find inverses, and multiply matrices.
- You must show all of your non-calculator work to receive full credit, unless explicitly stated otherwise.
- Some problems are easier than others. Make sure to attempt all the problems before spending a lot of time on the hard ones.

1. (3 points) Find a basis for the null space of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the dimension of the null space of  $A$ ?

$$\text{rref}([A \mid \vec{0}]) = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 0 & .5 & 2.75 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 & .25 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$x_3, x_4$  free

$$x_3 = s, \quad x_4 = t$$

$$x_1 = -.5s - 2.75t$$

$$x_2 = -.25t$$

$$x_3 = s$$

$$x_4 = t$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} -.5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -2.75 \\ -.25 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{basis} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -.5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2.75 \\ -.25 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\dim = 2$$

2. (3 points) Find a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$  which contains the vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Explain why your answer is a basis.

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

because  $\text{rref} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = I_4$

3. (3 points) Consider the vector space  $P_2$  of all polynomials of degree less than or equal to 2. Let  $B$  be the basis

$$B = \{1, t+2, (t+2)^2\}.$$

Find the coordinate vector of  $1+t+t^2$  with respect to the basis  $B$ ; that is, find

$$[1+t+t^2]_B.$$

$$t^2 + t + 1 = 1 \cdot (t+2)^2 - 3 \cdot (t+2) + 3 \cdot 1$$

$$\text{So } [1+t+t^2]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. (3 points) Three different subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  are given in a), b), c). In i), ii), iii) are the same three subspaces listed in a different order and described in a different way. Match them up with a), b), c). You do not need to show your work.

$$\text{a) span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{b) span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -11 \\ 28 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{c) span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 10 \\ 11 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{i) span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \text{ this equals subspace } \underline{\text{c}}$$

$$\text{ii) span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \text{ this equals subspace } \underline{\text{a}}$$

$$\text{iii) span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 66 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 66 \\ 23 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 66 \\ 0 \\ -17 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \text{ this equals subspace } \underline{\text{b}}$$

5. (3 points) In each of the following items, a vector space  $V$  and a subset  $W$  is given. Circle Yes if the subset is a *subspace*; circle No if not. You do not need to show your work.

(a) (Yes / No)  $V = P$  (the vector space of all polynomials) and  $W = \{f \in P \mid f(1) = 0, f(2) = 0\}$ .

(b) (Yes / No)  $V = P$  and  $W = \{f \in P \mid f(-2) = -2\}$ .

(c) (Yes / No)  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a nonzero vector,  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, and  $W = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{b}\}$ .

(d) (Yes / No)  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, and  $W = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{0}\}$ .

(e) (Yes / No)  $V = M_{n,n}$  (the vector space of  $n \times n$  matrices) and  $W = \{A \mid A + 3A^T = I_n\}$ .

(f) (Yes / No)  $V$  a vector space,  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  vectors in  $V$ , and  $W = \{x_1\vec{v}_1 + x_2\vec{v}_2 + x_3\vec{v}_3 \mid x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ with } x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 \leq 1\}$ .

6. (3 points)  $V$  is a vector space and  $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ ,  $C = \{\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_n\}$  are two bases of  $V$ . Prove that the set

$$S = \{[\vec{w}_1]_B, \dots, [\vec{w}_n]_B\}$$

is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (Hint: You can use the fact  $x[\vec{v}]_B + y[\vec{w}]_B = [x\vec{v} + y\vec{w}]_B$  for any scalars  $x, y$  and vectors  $\vec{v}, \vec{w}$ .)

Suppose 
$$x_1 [\vec{w}_1]_B + \dots + x_n [\vec{w}_n]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = [x_1 \vec{w}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{w}_n]_B, \quad \text{so}$$

$x_1 \vec{w}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{w}_n = \vec{0}$ . Since  $\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_n$  is a basis,

this means that  $x_1 = 0, \dots, x_n = 0$ . So  $[\vec{w}_1]_B, \dots, [\vec{w}_n]_B$

are lin. ind. Since  $\dim \mathbb{R}^n = n$ , they form a basis.

7. (3 points) Let  $A$  be a  $10 \times 15$  matrix. If  $\dim\{A\vec{x} \mid \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{15}\} = 7$ , then:

(a)  $\dim(\text{col space } A) = 7$   
Explain why.

$$\text{col sp } A = \left\{ A \vec{x} \mid \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{15} \right\}$$

(b)  $\dim(\text{row space } A) = 7$   
Explain why.

$$\dim(\text{col sp } A) = \dim(\text{row sp } A)$$

(c)  $\dim(\text{null space } A) = 8$   
Explain why.

$$\dim(\text{null sp } A) + \dim(\text{col sp } A) = \# \text{ of cols. of } A$$



8. (3 points) If  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of the same size, is it always true that

$$\text{rank}(A + B) = \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B)?$$

If so, prove it. If not, give a counterexample.

$$\text{No: } A = [1], B = [-1]$$

$$\text{rank } A = 1, \text{ rank } B = 1$$

$$\text{but } \text{rank}(A + B) = \text{rank}([0]) = 0$$