

**MATH 54 MIDTERM 2 (002)**  
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This exam consists of 5 questions. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

1. (25 points) (a) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -3 & 6 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Calculate bases for  $\text{Ker}(T_A)$  and

$\text{Range}(T_A)$ .

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -3 & 6 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Range}(T_A) = \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad \leftarrow \text{basis}$$

$$\text{Ker}(T_A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 + x_4 \\ x_2 \\ -x_4 \\ x_4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad \leftarrow \text{basis}$$

- (b) What is  $\text{Rank}(T_A)$ ? What is  $\text{Nullity}(T_A)$ ?

Solution:

$$\text{Rank}(T_A) = \dim(\text{Range}(T_A)) = 3$$

$$\text{Nullity}(T_A) = \dim(\text{Ker}(T_A)) = 2$$

2. (25 points) Let

$$B = \{1, 1+x, 1+x+x^2\} \subset \mathbb{P}_2(\mathbb{R}), \quad C = \{1, 1+x, x+x^2, x^2+x^3\} \subset \mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$$

be bases respectively. Let  $T$  be the following linear transformation:

$$\begin{aligned} T: \mathbb{P}_2(\mathbb{R}) &\rightarrow \mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R}) \\ p(x) &\mapsto xp(x) + p'(x) \end{aligned}$$

Determine the matrix of  $T$  with respect to bases  $B$  and  $C$ . Is  $T$  one-to-one? Justify your answer.

Solution:

$$T(1) = x = (-1) \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot (1+x) + 0(x+x^2) + 0(x^2+x^3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(1+x) &= x(1+x) + 1 = 1+x+x^2 \\ &= 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot (1+x) + 1 \cdot (x+x^2) + 0(x^2+x^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(1+x+x^2) &= x(1+x+x^2) + (1+2x) = 1+3x+x^2+x^3 \\ &= (-2) \cdot 1 + 3(1+x) + 0(x+x^2) + 1(x^2+x^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{B,C} = \left( T(\underline{b}_1)_C \quad T(\underline{b}_2)_C \quad T(\underline{b}_3)_C \right) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Pivot in every column} \Rightarrow T \text{ one-to-one}$$

3. (25 points) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & x & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . For what values of  $x$  and  $y$  is  $A$  diagonalizable? You

do not need to diagonalize  $A$ . Carefully justify your answer. Hint: Consider algebraic multiplicities.

Solution:

$A$  upper triangular  $\Rightarrow 1, 2$  are eigenvalues

algebraic multiplicity of  $2 = 1 = \dim(2\text{-eigenspace})$

algebraic multiplicity of  $1 = 3$ . Need  $x, y$  such that  $\dim(1\text{-eigenspace}) = 3$

$$A - 1 \cdot I_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & x & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & x & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 - \frac{1}{2}x & y - 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dim(1\text{-eigenspace}) = 3 \Leftrightarrow 3 \text{ free columns} \Leftrightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{2}x = 0$$

and  
 $y - 1 = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = 2, y = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow A \text{ diagonalizable} \Leftrightarrow x = 2, y = 1$$

4. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $C = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ . Find a basis  $B$  such that

$$A_{B,C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Solution:

$$A_{B,C} = \left( (A\underline{b}_1)_C \ (A\underline{b}_2)_C \ (A\underline{b}_3)_C \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A\underline{b}_1 = \underline{0}, \quad A\underline{b}_2 = \underline{c}_1 - \underline{c}_2, \quad A\underline{b}_3 = \underline{c}_1 + \underline{c}_3$$

$$\Rightarrow A\underline{b}_1 = \underline{0} \quad \leftarrow \text{in Nul}(A), \quad A\underline{b}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{3rd column} \\ \text{of } A \end{matrix}, \quad A\underline{b}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \text{2nd column of } A$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Nul}(A) = \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$\text{Choose } \underline{b}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{b}_2 = \underline{e}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{b}_3 = \underline{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

5. (25 points) Let  $W$  be the span of the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ .

Calculate the minimum distance between  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $W$ ?. Hint: This can be done without

using the Gram-Schmidt process.

Solution:

$$W^\perp = \text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow W^\perp = \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Min distance between } \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \left\| \text{Proj}_{W^\perp} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\| \\ \text{and } W &= \left\| \frac{5}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$







