MATH 54 – MOCK MIDTERM 2 – SOLUTIONS

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1. (10 points, 2 points each)

Label the following statements as **T** or **F**.

(a) **FALSE** If dim(V) = 3 and **u** and **v** are two vectors in V, then $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$ cannot be linearly independent!

(They *could* be linearly independent. For example, take $V = \mathbb{R}^3$, and $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$! What *is* true, however, is that they cannot span V)

(b) **TRUE** If T is a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R}^2 , and T is onto, then T is also one-to-one.

(This is the third miracle of Linear Algebra that I've been talking about! If you want to prove it, use the rank-nullity theorem!)

(c) |**FALSE**| If A is a $m \times n$ matrix, then Col(A) is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

(It's a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m . For example, take $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$, which is a 2×3 matrix, then $Col(A) = Span\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, which is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 . In general, it's always good to write down an example of what A looks like, so that you have an idea

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of what's going on!)

(d) **FALSE** If $C \stackrel{P}{\leftarrow} B$ is the change-of-coordinates matrix from $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b_1}, \mathbf{b_2}\}$ to $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c_1}, \mathbf{c_2}\}$ then $\mathcal{C} \stackrel{P}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{B} = [[\mathbf{c_1}]_{\mathcal{B}} \ [\mathbf{c_2}]_{\mathcal{B}}]$

(It's $\mathcal{C} \stackrel{P}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{B} = [[\mathbf{b_1}]_{\mathcal{C}} \quad [\mathbf{b_2}]_{\mathcal{C}}]$, you always take the old vectors (in \mathcal{B}) and evaluate them with respect to the new and *cool* basis \mathcal{C})

(e) **TRUE** The Span of any set of vectors is always a vector space.

(see example 10 on page 209 for example)

2. (20 points, 5 points each) Label the following statements as **TRUE** or **FALSE**. In this question, you **HAVE** to justify your answer!!!

This means:

- If the answer is **TRUE**, you have to explain **WHY** it is true (possibly by citing a theorem)
- If the answer is **FALSE**, you have to give a specific **COUN-TEREXAMPLE**. You also have to explain why the counterexample is in fact a counterexample to the statement!
- (a) **FALSE** The set V of 2×2 matrices such that det(A) = 0 is a vector space.

Take $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then det(A) = 0 and det(B) = 0 so A and B are in V. But $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$,

so $det(A + B) = 1 \neq 0$, so A + B is not in V. Hence V is not closed under addition, and hence is not a vector space.

(b) **TRUE** A 4×5 matrix A cannot be invertible

Hint: How big is Nul(A)?

By the rank-nullity theorem, dim(Nul(A)) + rank(A) = 5. But Rank(A) = number of pivots, which is at most 4 (since A has 4 rows). Hence $dim(Nul(A)) \ge 5 - 4 = 1$. So $Nul(A) \ne \{0\}$, hence A is not invertible.

(c) **TRUE** If
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
, the set V of 2×2 matrices B such that $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is a vector space.

Note: By O, I mean $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

First of all, V is a subset of $M_{2\times 2}$, the vector space of 2×2 matrices.

- 1) Zero-vector: AO = O, so the O-matrix is in V
- 2) <u>Closed under addition</u>: B and C are in V, then AB = O, and AC = O, so A(B+C) = AB + AC = O + O = O, so B + C is in V
- 3) Closed under scalar multiplication: If B is in V and c is $\overline{\text{in } \mathbb{R}, AB = O}$, and so A(cB) = cAB = c(O) = O, so cB in in V

Hence V is a subspace of $M_{2\times 2}$ and hence is a vector space.

(d) **TRUE** The set $\{1 - 2t + t^2, 3 - 5t + 4t^2, 2t + 3t^2\}$ is a basis for P_2

First of all, identifying polynomials with a number code, we see that all we need to show is whether:

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\-2\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\-5\\4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0\\2\\3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } \mathbb{R}^3$$

Linear independence: To show that \mathcal{B} is linearly independent, form the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & -5 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$. All we need to show is that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ implies that $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, where $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$. But if you row-reduce A, then you should get:

Γ	1	3	0	0		[1	0	0	0
	-2	-5	2	0	\rightarrow	0	1	0	0
	1	4	3	0		0	0	1	0

Which implies that x = 0, hence \mathcal{B} is linearly independent.

Span: Since $dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3$, and \mathcal{B} is a linearly independent with $\overline{3}$ vectors, we get that \mathcal{B} spans \mathbb{R}^3 (this is one of the shortcuts I've been talking about in class).

Therefore \mathcal{B} is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 , and hence $\{1 - 2t + t^2, 3 - 5t + 4t^2, 2t + 3t^2\}$ is a basis for P_2 .

3. (5 points) Find the matrix of the linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ which first reflects points in \mathbb{R}^2 about the line y = x and then rotates them by 180 degrees (π radians) counterclockwise.

We have:

$$T\begin{bmatrix}1\\0\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}0\\-1\end{bmatrix}, T\begin{bmatrix}0\\1\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}-1\\0\end{bmatrix}$$

Hence the matrix of T is:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. (5 points) A 2×2 matrix is called **symmetric** if $A^T = A$. Find a basis for the vector space V of all 2×2 symmetric matrices. Show that the basis you found is in fact a basis!

Hint: What does a general 2×2 symmetric matrix look like?

A general 2 × 2 symmetric matrix has the form: $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$. Notice that:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We claim that:

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } V$$

<u>Span:</u> We just showed that! Any symmetric matrix $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$ is a linear combination of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Linear Independence: (this part is important) Suppose:

$$a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

And hence a = 0, b = 0, c = 0, and hence the set is linearly independent!

Therefore \mathcal{B} is a basis for V (and hence V is 3-dimensional, but you didn't have to write this).

5. (10 points) For the following matrix A, find a basis for Nul(A), Row(A), Col(A), and find Rank(A):

	3	-1	7	3	9		3	-1	7	3	9
Λ	-2	2	-2	7	6	\sim	0	2	4	0	3
$A \equiv$	-5	9	3	3	4		0	0	0	1	1
	-2	6	6	3	7		0	0	0	0	0
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$\frac{Nul(A)}{1}$ Since the right-hand-side is not in reduced row-echelon form, let's further row-reduce it:

3	-1	7	3	9		3	-1	7	0	6		3	0	9	0	$\frac{15}{2}$
0	2	4	0	3	`	0	2	4	0	3	,	0	2	4	0	$\tilde{3}$
0	0	0	1	1	\rightarrow	0	0	0	1	1	\rightarrow	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0

(I first subtracted 3 times the third row from the first row, and then added $\frac{1}{2}$ times the second row to the first row)

Now if
$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$
, where $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \\ s \end{bmatrix}$, then we get:
$$\begin{cases} 3x + 9z + \frac{15}{2}s = 0\\ 2y + 4z + 3s = 0\\ t + s = 0 \end{cases}$$

That is:

$$\begin{cases} x = -3z - \frac{5}{2}s\\ y = -2z - \frac{3}{2}s\\ t = -s \end{cases}$$

Hence we get:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \\ s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3z - \frac{5}{2}s \\ -2z - \frac{3}{2}s \\ z \\ -s \\ s \end{bmatrix} = z \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

And therefore:

$$Nul(A) = Span \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3\\ -2\\ 1\\ 0\\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{5}{2}\\ -\frac{3}{2}\\ 0\\ -1\\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

 $\frac{Row(A)}{hence}$ Notice that there are pivots in the first, second, and third row, hence:

$$Row(A) = Span\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3\\ -1\\ 7\\ 0\\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 2\\ 4\\ 0\\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 1\\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Col(A) Notice that there are pivots in the first, second, and fourth columns, hence:

$$Col(A) = Span\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3\\-2\\-5\\-2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1\\2\\9\\6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3\\7\\3\\3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(Notice that you had to go back to the matrix A to find a basis for Col(A))

Rank(A) There are 3 pivots, hence Rank(A) = 3.

- 6. (10 points) Let $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1\\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, and $\mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ be bases for \mathbb{R}^2 .
 - (a) Find the change-of-coordinates matrix from \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{C} , namely: $\mathcal{C} \stackrel{P}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{B}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{C} \mid \mathcal{B} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \to \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 12 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \to \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \to \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(first I added -4 times the second row to the first, then I divided row 2 by -3, then I substracted the second row from the first row)

Hence:

$$\mathcal{C} \stackrel{P}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Calculate
$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}}$$
 given $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

We have:

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = \mathcal{C} \stackrel{P}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{B} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

7. (10 points) Let $V = Span \{e^x, e^x \cos(x), e^x \sin(x)\}$, and define $T : V \to V$ by:

$$T(y) = y' + y$$

(a) Show T is linear

$$T(y_1+y_2) = (y_1+y_2)' + (y_1+y_2) = (y_1)' + (y_2)' + y_1 + y_2 = (y_1)' + y_1 + (y_2)' + y_2 = T(y_1) + T(y_2)$$

$$T(cy) = (cy)' + cy = cy' + cy = c(y' + y) = cT(y)$$

Hence T is a linear transformation.

(b) Find the matrix of T with respect to the basis $\mathcal{B} = \{e^x, e^x \cos(x), e^x \sin(x)\}$ for V.

Again, don't freak out! For every vector/function in \mathcal{B} , evaluate T of that function, and express your answer as a linear combination of the functions in \mathcal{B} .

$$T(e^{x}) = (e^{x})' + e^{x}$$

= $e^{x} + e^{x}$
= $2e^{x}$
= $2e^{x} + \mathbf{0}e^{x}\cos(x) + \mathbf{0}e^{x}\sin(x)$

$$T(e^{x}\cos(x)) = (e^{x}\cos(x))' + e^{x}\cos(x)$$

= $e^{x}\cos(x) - e^{x}\sin(x) + e^{x}\cos(x)$
= $2e^{x}\cos(x) - e^{x}\sin(x)$
= $\mathbf{0}e^{x} + \mathbf{2}e^{x}\cos(x) + (-\mathbf{1})e^{x}\sin(x)$

$$T(e^x \sin(x)) = (e^x \sin(x))' + e^x \sin(x)$$
$$= e^x \sin(x) + e^x \cos(x) + e^x \sin(x)$$
$$= e^x \cos(x) + 2e^x \sin(x)$$
$$= \mathbf{0}e^x + \mathbf{1}e^x \cos(x) + \mathbf{2}e^x \sin(x)$$

Hence the matrix of T is (just put the numbers in bold together **in columns**):

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

8. (5 points) Find the largest interval (a, b) on which the following differential equation has a unique solution:

$$\sin(x)y'' + \left(\sqrt{2-x}\right)y' = e^x$$

with

$$y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 4, y'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

First convert the equation in standard form:

$$y'' + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2-x}}{\sin(x)}\right)y' = \frac{e^x}{\sin(x)}$$

Now let's look at the domain of each term: The domain of $\frac{\sqrt{2-x}}{\sin(x)}$ is $(-\infty, 2] \cap \{x \neq n\pi\}$ (Basically $(-\infty, 2]$) without multiples of π , \cap means 'intersection'). The part of that domain which contains the initial condition $\frac{\pi}{2}$ is (0,2]

The domain of $\frac{e^x}{\sin(x)}$ is $\{x \neq n\pi\}$ (anything except multiples of π). The part of that domain which contains the initial condition $\frac{\pi}{2}$ is $(0, \pi)$

And if you intersect the two domains you found you get that the answer is (0,2)

Note: Make sure your answer is always an *open* interval! For example, here we got (0, 2], but since it is not an open interval, we chose (0, 2).

9. (10 points) Solve the following differential equation:

$$y''' - 12y'' + 41y' - 42y = 0$$

Hint: $42 = 2 \times 3 \times 7$.

The auxiliary equation is $r^3 - 12r^2 + 41r - 42 = 0$.

Now, by the rational roots theorem, we know that if the above polynomial has a rational root, then $r = \frac{a}{b}$, where a divides the constant term -42 and b divides the leading term 1.

The only integers which divide -42 are (by the hint): $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 7, \pm 6, \pm 14, \pm 21, \pm 42$.

And the only integers which divide 1 are ± 1 . Hence our guesses are: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 7, \pm 6, \pm 14, \pm 21, \pm 42$.

If you plug-and-chug, you eventuall figure out that r = 2 works, i.e. r = 2 is a root of the auxiliary polynomial.

Now all you have to do is use long division and divide $r^3 - 12r^2 + 41r - 42$ by r - 2:

$$\begin{array}{r} X^2 - 10X + 21 \\
 X - 2) \overline{\smash{\big)} X^3 - 12X^2 + 41X - 42} \\
 \underline{-X^3 + 2X^2} \\
 -10X^2 + 41X \\
 \underline{10X^2 - 20X} \\
 \underline{21X - 42} \\
 \underline{-21X + 42} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

In other words, $r^3 - 12r^2 + 41r - 42 = (r^2 - 10r + 21)(r - 2) = (r - 3)(r - 7)(r - 2) = (r - 2)(r - 3)(r - 7)$

It follows that the roots are: r = 2, 3, 7, which means that the general solution is:

$$y(t) = Ae^{2t} + Be^{3t} + Ce^{7t}$$

NOTE: There are **NO** shortcuts to this problem! In particular, if you don't show the long division step on the exam, you will lose points!!!

10. (10 points)

(a) Solve $y'' + 4y' + 4y = e^{3t}$ using undetermined coefficients

Homogeneous solution: $r^2 + 4r + 4 = (r+2)^2 = 0$, which gives r = -2, a double root, hence $y_0(t) = Ae^{-2t} + Bte^{-2t}$.

<u>Particular solution</u>: Try $y_p = Ae^{3t}$. If you plug this into the differential equation, you get:

 $9Ae^{3t} + 12Ae^{3t} + 4Ae^{3t} = e^{3t} \Rightarrow 25A = 1 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{25}$ So a particular solution is: $y_p(t) = \frac{1}{25}e^{3t}$

General solution:

$$y(t) = y_0(t) + y_p(t) = Ae^{-2t} + Bte^{-2t} + \frac{1}{25}e^{3t}$$

(b) Solve $y'' + y = \tan(t)$ using variation of parameters

Note: You may need to use the fact that $\tan(t) = \frac{\sin(t)}{\cos(t)}$. Also you may use the fact that $\int \frac{\sin^2(t)}{\cos(t)} dt = \ln \left| \frac{\cos(t)}{\sin(t)-1} \right| - \sin(t)$.

Homogeneous solution: $r^2 + 1 = 0$, so $r = \pm i$, so $y_0(t) = \overline{A\cos(t) + B\sin(t)}$

<u>Particular solution</u>: The Wronskian matrix is $\widetilde{W}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) & \sin(t) \\ -\sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}$. Now $y_p(t) = v_1(t)\cos(t) + v_2(t)\sin(t)$, where v_1 and v_2 solve:

$$\widetilde{W}(t) \begin{bmatrix} v_1'(t) \\ v_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tan(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

That is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1'(t) \\ v_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \left(\widetilde{W}(t) \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tan(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

But:

$$\left(\widetilde{W}(t)\right)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) & \sin(t) \\ -\sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) & -\sin(t) \\ \sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence:

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1'(t) \\ v_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) & -\sin(t) \\ \sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tan(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1'(t) \\ v_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(t)\tan(t) \\ \cos(t)\tan(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

That is:

$$v_1'(t) = -\sin(t)\tan(t) = -\sin(t)\left(\frac{\sin(t)}{\cos(t)}\right) = \frac{-\sin^2(t)}{\cos(t)}$$

So:

$$v_1(t) = -\int \frac{\sin^2(t)}{\cos(t)} = -\ln\left|\frac{\cos(t)}{\sin(t) - 1}\right| + \sin(t)$$

(by the Hint, and ignore the constant) And

$$v_2'(t) = \cos(t)\tan(t) = \cos(t)\left(\frac{\sin(t)}{\cos(t)}\right) = \sin(t)$$

So:

$$v_2(t) = -\cos(t)$$

Therefore:

$$y_p(t) = v_1(t)\cos(t) + v_2(t)\sin(t)$$

= $\left(-\ln\left|\frac{\cos(t)}{\sin(t) - 1}\right| + \sin(t)\right)\cos(t) - \cos(t)\sin(t)$
= $-\ln\left|\frac{\cos(t)}{\sin(t) - 1}\right|\cos(t)$
General solution:

$$y(t) = y_0(t) + y_p(t) = A\cos(t) + B\sin(t) - \ln\left|\frac{\cos(t)}{\sin(t) - 1}\right|\cos(t)$$

11. (5 points) Suppose $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ are linearly dependent vectors (in V) and $T: V \to W$ is a linear transformation. Show that $T(\mathbf{u}), T(\mathbf{v}), T(\mathbf{w})$ are also linearly dependent.

Hint: Write down what it means for 3 vectors to be linearly dependent!

We know that for *a*, *b*, *c* **not all** 0:

$$a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v} + c\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$$

Now apply T to this equation:

$$T(a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v} + c\mathbf{w}) = T(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$$

But since T is linear, we have:

$$aT(\mathbf{u}) + bT(\mathbf{v}) + cT(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{0}$$

But since a, b, c are not all 0, this also means that the vectors $T(\mathbf{u}), T(\mathbf{v}), T(\mathbf{w})$ are linearly dependent! And we're done!